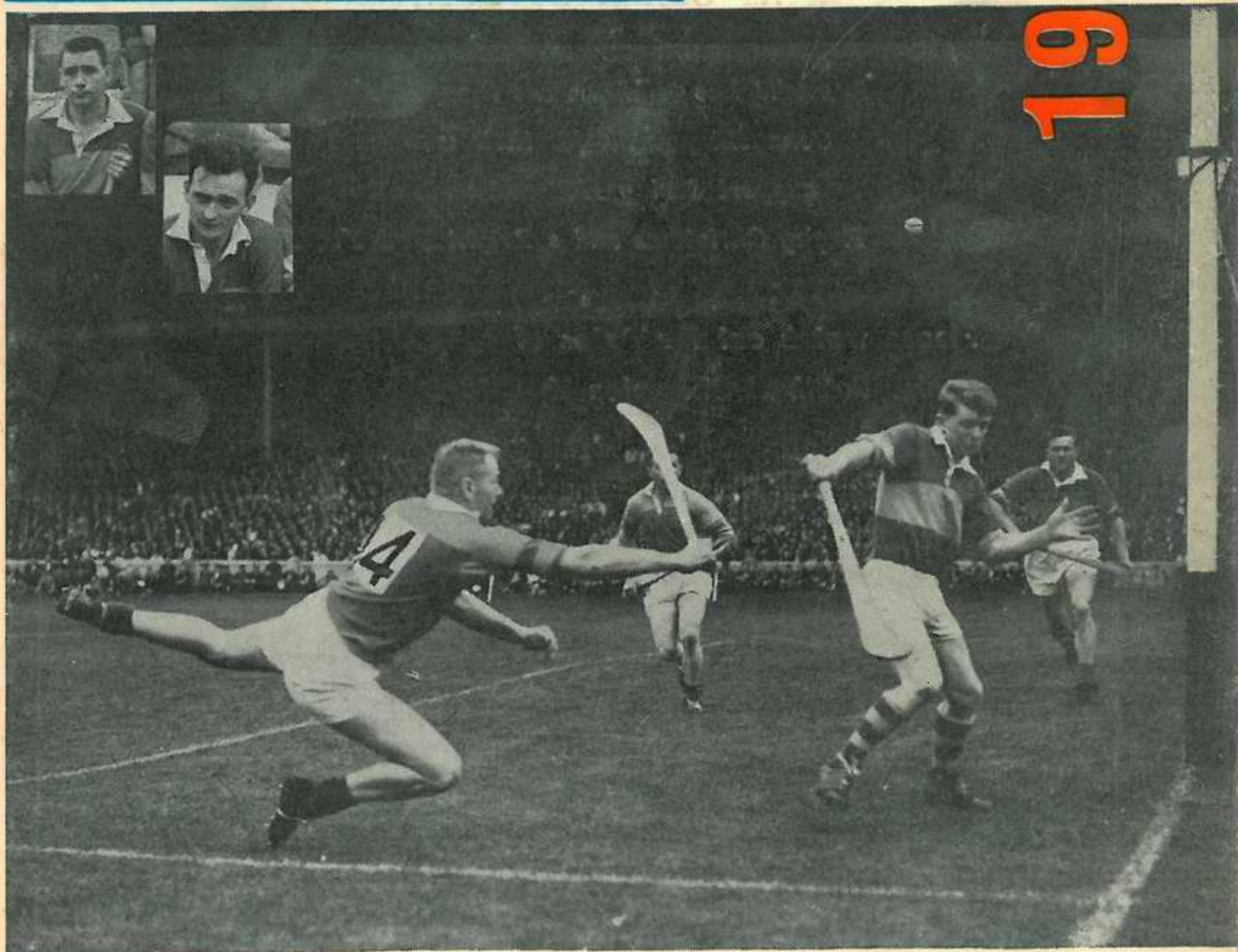


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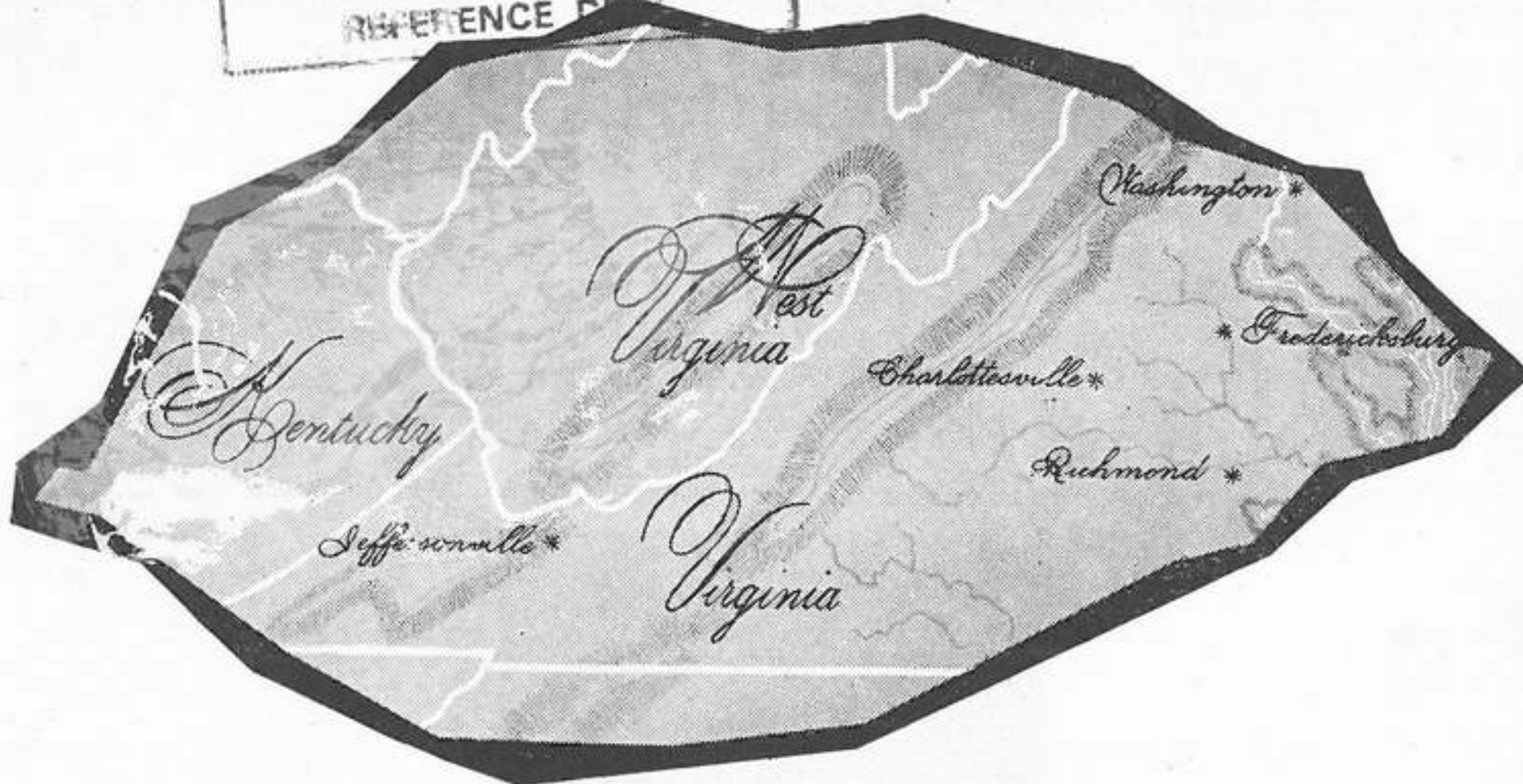
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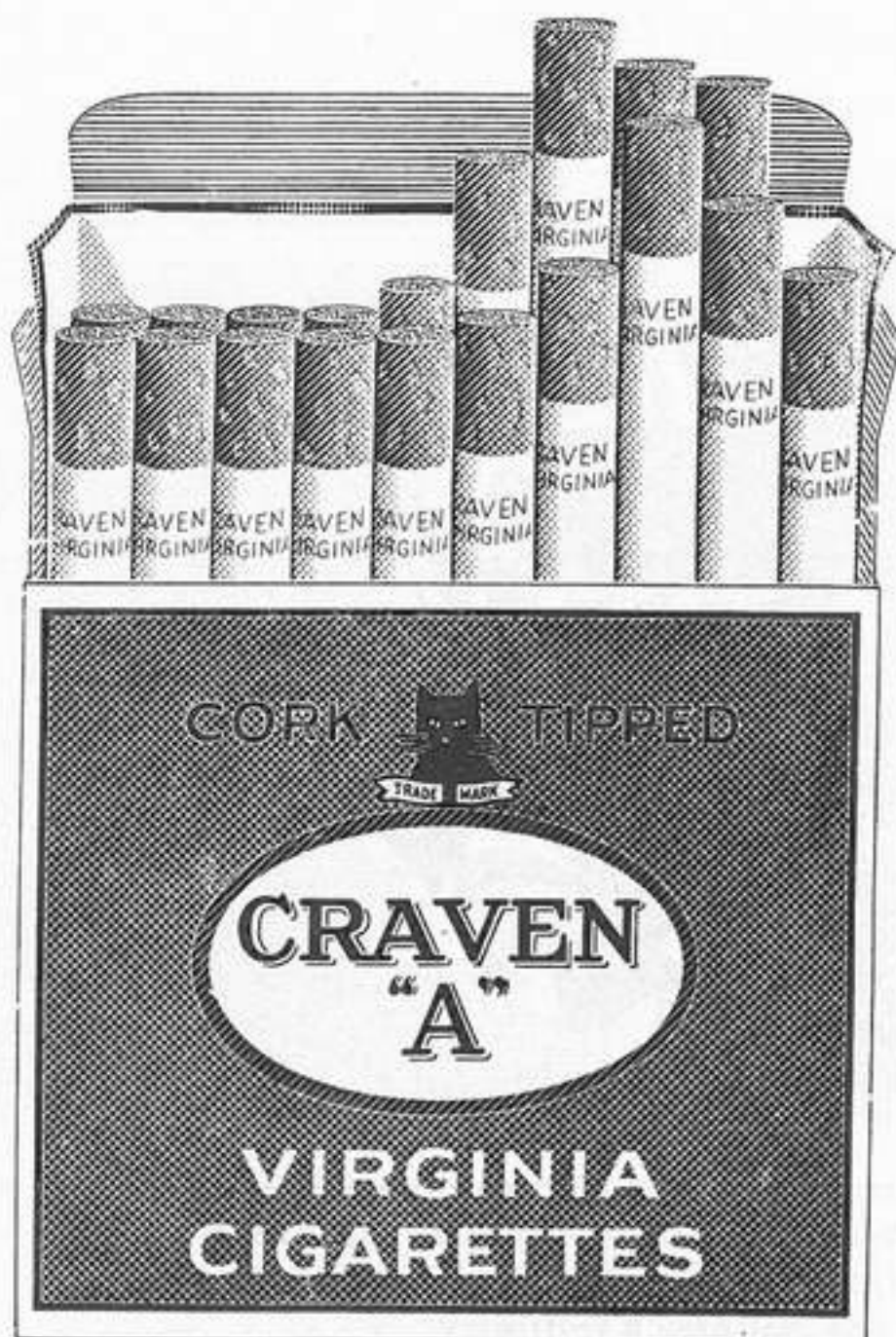
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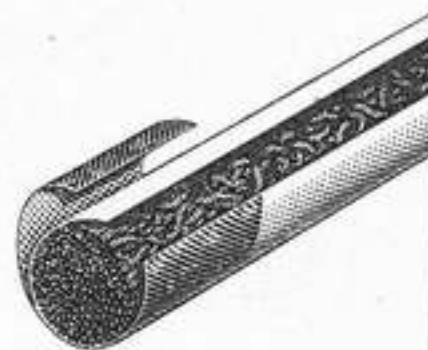
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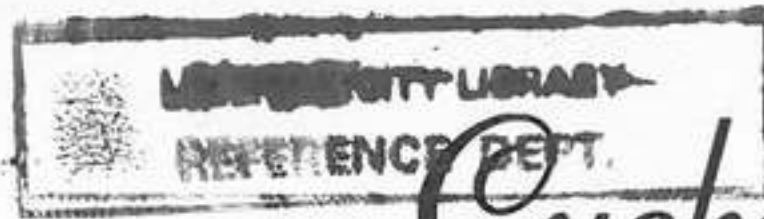
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Once again it is our pleasure and privilege to place before you the "Cuchulainn Annual", a publication which is by now firmly established in the Gaelic scheme of things. No effort has been spared to ensure a first-class production and I sincerely hope that it meets with the approval of the reading public.

1962, as far as activities on the playing fields of Gaeldom are concerned, has now passed into the realms of history and clubs, counties, hurlers and footballers are looking forward to 1963 with high hopes that they will be figuring in the honours list when "Cuchulainn Annual" time comes round again.

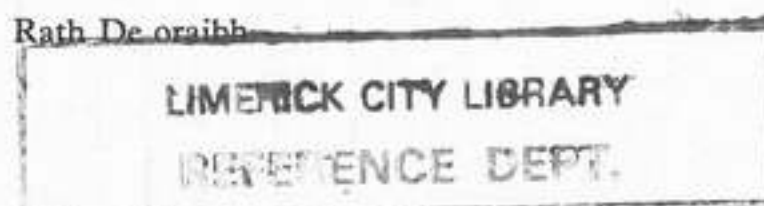
I congratulate the various champions of 1962, with a special word for the hurlers of Carlow and Kildare who made history by capturing All-Ireland titles and wish the best of luck to every player and team in the season soon to commence.

Grateful thanks is extended to our advertisers, contributors, readers and all who at any time helped us during the past year. Their assistance was invaluable and I can assure them it was appreciated.

To the General Secretary of the G.A.A., the various Provincial Council, County Board and club secretaries and the Sports Editors of the Dublin and Provincial newspapers I express a personal "Thank You" for their un-failing co-operation and courtesy.

To these, and to all players, followers and officials of Gaelic games at home and in exile I wish a happy and holy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

Rath De oraibh



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Maidir leis na cluichi, tríd is tríd, baineadh ard-chaighdeán amach agus ta ard-mholadh tuillte ag na himreoiri da bharr.

I MUST again thank the Editor of the "Gaelic Weekly" for providing me with the opportunity to send greetings and good wishes to all our members and supporters of the G.A.A. wherever they may be.

We are specially indebted to that loyal and capable band of officials and workers, who, year in and year out, continue to work unselfishly in the interests of the Organisation. Without their aid we could not hope to survive, much less make progress. That we have made and are making such spectacular progress is indeed a tribute to their worth.

Success in the past had resulted from a patriotic loyalty to the ideals of the Association and unselfish co-operation in the practical application of the principles which guide us in our work. This voluntary help has been a feature of our organisation since its foundation.

We hope that it shall remain immune to the allurements of a mercenary and selfish age, which is inclined to judge every activity from the standpoint of material gain.

During the year I had the privilege of visiting the many and far flung outposts of the Association. Privilege indeed it was to witness the enthusiasm and earnestness of those whose lot is cast in an environment which, to say the least of it, is far from being conducive to the fostering of a love of the homeland and its culture.

It is gratifying to observe the influence which our organisation exerts on our exiles and the interest they have in its progress and welfare. We wish to place on record our sincere appreciation of their work and loyalty and to wish them success and every blessing in their good work.



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Deinim comhghairdeas freisin leis na hoifigigh uilig as feabhas a gcuid oibre.

Gabhaim buiochas le baill na hArd-Chomhairle a chuidig chomh mor san agus a chomhoibrig chomh dilis liom i riarachan cursai an Chumann.

Ma ta aon rud thar a cheile go niarr-fainn oraibh, ar an ocaid seo, ise rud e go ndeanfadh gach aoine agaibh an usaid is mo is feidir a bhaint as pe meid Gaeilge ata aige.

Ta nios mo na focal molta tuillte ag "Nuachtan Gael" as Irisleabhar chomh thaithneamhach inspeise maisiul le Cuchulainn a chur ar fail da lucht leite.

The championship struggles were as keen as ever and provided very satisfying fare. Kerry, whose apparent somnolence has sometimes deceived even keen observers into writing them off as a football force, showed in no uncertain fashion that the traditional skill and determination of the Kerry teams of the past has been inherited in large measure by the players of the present generation.

Their great football double must have gladdened the hearts even of those followers who continue to pine for the great Kerry teams of other days.

To Meath, always a force in the championship, I extend congratulations on winning the junior All-Ireland after a strenuous campaign.

Lovers of hurling had much to enthuse about. The hurlers of Wexford and Tipperary provided us with a spectacle which made a tremendous impact, not alone on the Croke Park audience but on the viewing public. To both teams we extend our sincerest congratulations and thanks.

The rise of Carlow and Kildare in hurling was particularly gratifying and a cause of much rejoicing. In congratulating both I would like to pay tribute to all who had a hand in this welcome rise of standards.

Kilkenny have reason to be proud of success in again capturing the minor hurling championship. Their continual success in the sphere must soon result in another senior All-Ireland title.

To all who in any way contributed to the successful working of the Association during the past year, we offer sincere thanks and pray that their future efforts may also be crowned with success.

Guim beannachtai na Nollag oraibh, a Ghaela Eireann agus ath-bhlían fe shonas is fe mhaise dhibh uilig.

HOW KERRY WON THE TITLE

SINCE the All-Ireland final in September many people have asked me what was the hardest part of the day's play as far as I myself was concerned. They seem surprised when I reply: "Collecting the cup and making the speeches".

Great honour though it is to have captained Kerry to victory in an All-Ireland final, I must confess that for me the toughest task came when the match was all over and I had to make my way to the Hogan Stand to receive the Sam Maguire Cup from the President of the Gaelic Athletic Association and make the customary speeches in reply.

The game itself was a poor final and never really got going. Despite the score and what many spectators thought, it was not as easy as it looked.

Roscommon are a hard team to play against and never give up until the final whistle. I had some doubts about the result when they were pressing in the second half, for a goal at any stage would have cut our lead considerably.

However, Roscommon did not get that vital goal and Kerry went on to win their 20th. senior title.

What were the main reasons for our victory? Well, I suppose Mick O'Connell was the main one. I will never forget his accurate long-range free kicks which were responsible for seven points that day.

Mental Approach

Speed, fitness, perfect understanding of each other's play and the determination to follow in the footsteps of other great Kerry teams were also important factors in our success, but our mental approach to the game had a lot to do with it, too.

Whatever people may think, the Kerry team considered they were really up against it in the final. We had only to go back to Whit Sunday in Killarney and recall the hiding we got from Roscommon.

True, we were tired after a hurried

trip home from Wembley, but Roscommon played grand football that day in Killarney.

As a result, we took nothing for granted in the All-Ireland final and trained as hard as ever we could.

When did we know we had the makings of an All-Ireland team? I can honestly say that we realised this in Wembley on Whit Sunday, when we beat Offaly after a good game in which Kerry surprised everyone by the quality of their play.

I was delighted that the Gaels in exile saw us at our best and that we did not let them down after we had been invited to stand in for Down who were touring America at the time.

After our failure to Cork in the National League in March, Kerry were written off as a championship prospect. Wembley proved otherwise, to our satisfaction at any rate.

Master Move

Another important factor in Kerry's favour was the playing of Tom Long at full-forward. I don't know who first thought of it, but it was a master move.

Outsiders, and many of them were shrewd judges of football, said he would be wasted there and that it would be too easy to play him out of a game in the confined area of a full-forward's scene of operations.

Others suggested that even if Tom did make the grade in his new position Kerry wouldn't be able to get the ball in to him often enough.

Both schools of thought were wrong. Mick O'Connell and Jimmy Lucey took care of the supply lines, while Tom himself quickly proved his ability to get scores in what was for him, an unfamiliar position.

Not alone is he an outstanding footballer but his new placing improved the entire forward line.

With his great strength and football ability, Tom was a tremendous success and Kerry reaped rich dividends from what had seemed at first a desperate gamble.

Noel Lucey, too, was another man

He injected a lot of spirit into the team and his hard-hitting qualities were just what we needed in defence.

The match against Dublin was the big shock of the year. To be honest we weren't hopeful of our chances, although Dr. Eamonn said all the time that we'd win.

Some of us thought he was only saying that in order to bolster our confidence, but the result proved him right.

Insisted

On that occasion Dr. Eamonn insisted that we run out onto the field and get the feel of the ball. Some of us wanted to "slouch" out in the usual Kerry style, but our trainer maintained that, as we were always slow starters, a limb-loosener before the game would do us good.

Once again he was right!

Against Dublin we went out to get quick scores, and we got them. That was our only plan of campaign.

It had worked in the Munster final against Cork, and worked again in the All-Ireland final.

I don't think there is much else I can say about our victories during the year. Frankly, I'd much prefer to be playing football than talking about the game.

Less than eleven months after getting on the Kerry team, I was fortunate to follow in the footsteps of Thady Gorman, Dick Fitzgerald, Con Brosnan, "Gega" O'Connor, Paddy Kennedy, John Dowling and those other great footballers who have captained Kerry to All-Ireland triumphs.

I can still remember the thrill I got when I first wore the green and gold as a senior. It was against Kildare in a league game in Tralee in November, 1961.

At the time I didn't even dream of what honours lay in store, for I was more concerned with trying to keep my place on the team—and that wasn't an easy job.

All-Important

It is one thing to get on the Kerry team, but it is another matter altogether to prove yourself. The first

five or six matches are all-important, for you are very much on trial in each of them and one bad performance can end your inter-county career.

I have been luckier than most in having had the supreme honour of leading my native county to victory in an All-Ireland final. However, I would not have done so without the efforts of my team-mates, their achievements on the field of play and their complete dedication to training.

To every man who wore the Kerry jersey during the year, to Dr. Eamonn O'Sullivan, to the selectors, County Board Officers and members, may I express my humble gratitude for making it possible for me to accept the Sam Maguire Cup on their behalf.

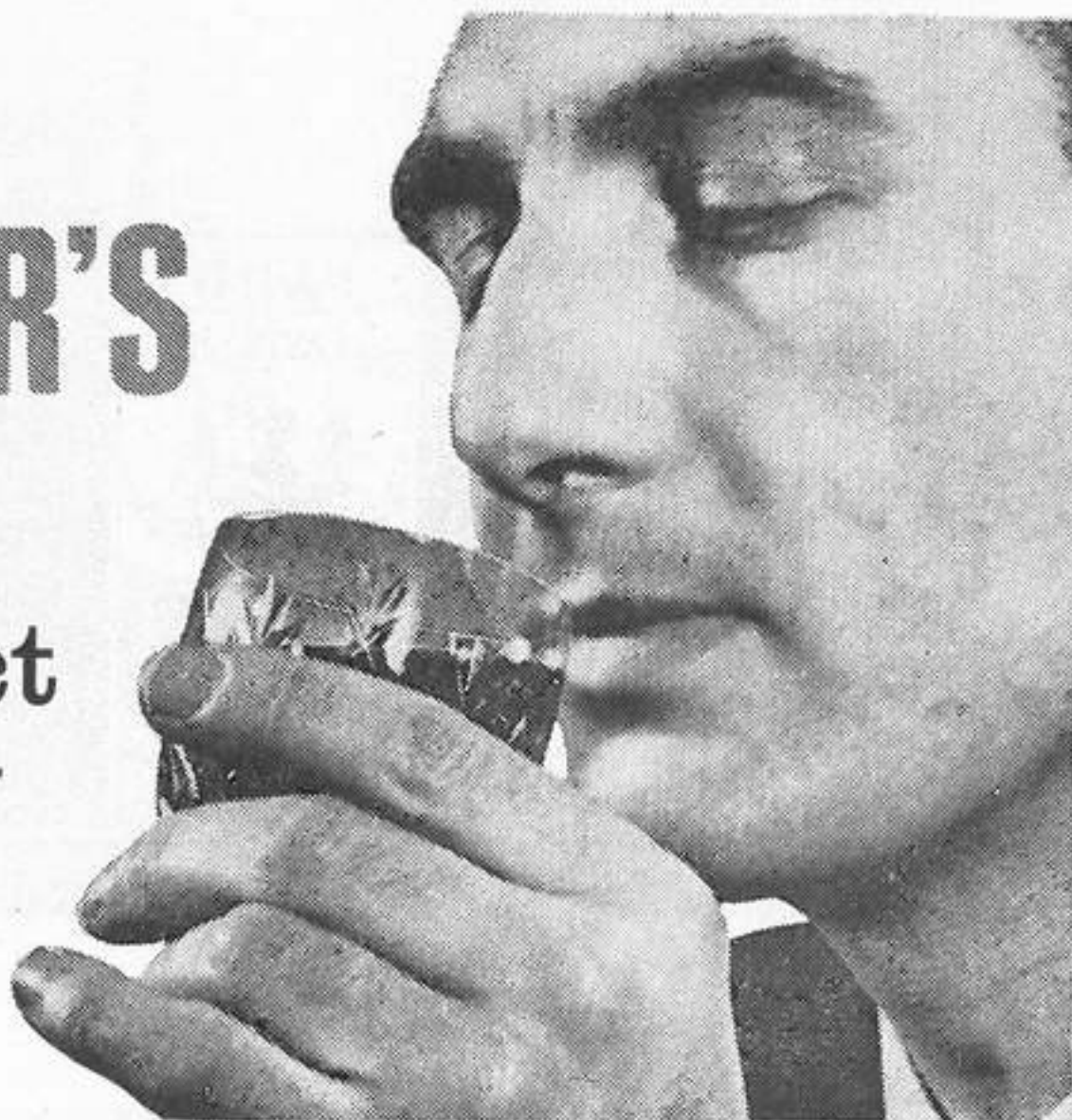
Our supporters, too, both at home and in exile, deserve the highest praise for the way they followed us, often at great expense.

I can assure them that the Kerry team was always supremely conscious of their presence and deeply grateful for their support. We know our victories mean so much to them, and for that reason alone always try our utmost to win further glory for our native county.



The footballing Sheehys of Tralee pictured with their trophies. John Joe (seated) and his four sons—(from left)—Paudie, Niall, Brian and Sean Og—have all played for Kerry, and each of them, except Brian, has captained the county senior team. John Joe and Sean Og are the only father and son in G.A.A. history to captain All-Ireland winning teams. Sean Og, Niall and Paudie were on the champion Kerry fifteen this year, and with their father have a total of eleven All-Ireland senior medals. Niall also holds an All-Ireland junior hurling medal. Brian played for Kerry last year and helped win the National Football League and Munster championship. All four boys figured on the Boherbee John Mitchels team that won the county senior football championship for the fourth time this year—a new record in Kerry Gaeldom.

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Appreciation of the late Frank Sheehy

ON the fourth day of November we heard with a deep sense of regret and loss that the Chairman of Gaelic Weekly Ltd. had died in far off Nigeria.

Frank Sheehy's untimely and unexpected passing came as a decided and unwelcome shock to his family, relatives and all who had the privilege of making his acquaintance.

To Gaeldom at large the news was equally surprising, for few could believe that a man who, up

to a short few years ago had graced the highest councils of the Gaelic Athletic Association, was now no more.

Frank Sheehy's life was dedicated to two causes — Gaeldom and Education. It was with his work in the former capacity that we are more familiar and it can be stated without fear of contradiction that few men devoted more time and energy to the promotion of all things Gaelic.

Footballer (he was a member of that all-Kerry Munster team that won the first Railway Cup competition), hurler (he won a Fitz-



gibbon Cup medal with U.C.D.), club chairman and Provincial Council President—thus did Frank Sheehy progress from the playing fields to fill one of the most important administrative posts in the G.A.A.

In his own way he symbolised the many men who work behind the scenes without monetary reward to foster the games of the Gael among the youth of Ireland.

As an educationalist, Frank Sheehy was highly respected and his worth acknowledged beyond the confines of his native country. It was in this capacity that he went to Nigeria, where he was Professor of Educational Science in one of the leading colleges.

To-day Frank Sheehy lies at rest far from the land that gave him birth and far from the green fields and towering mountains of his beloved Kerry.

He died while bringing the gift of education to some of the less fortunate of God's children and has joined the countless sons and daughters of Ireland who sleep their last long sleep in foreign soil.

To his sorrowing wife and sons we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Eireannach den chead scoth a bhi ann—fear a chlaoi go dluth le teagasc an Phiarsaigh. Bhi an Ghaeilge ar a thoil aige agus nior nair leis i a usaíd ar gach ocaid. Ba scríbhneoir cumasach Gaeilge é freisin.

Is deacair a chreidhiúint go bhfuil se imithe uainn; is deacair a chreidhiúint nach bhfeicimid a choiche é ar an saol so. Tá ar gcara Proinnsiáis ar shli na firinne ach an saothar a rinne se, an teagasc a thug se agus an caoineas a gheinn se fagfaidh siad rian nach scriosfar go deo.

Ar dheis lámh De go raibh a anam uasal.



It's the age that does it!

SOCIAL CHANGE HAS AFFECTED HURLING

HURLING is a game — and yet something more. It has become part of the Irish way of life, closely bound up with the emotions and deeply-felt interests of the people in many parts of the country.

To put the matter in more homely and intimate terms—how many a formidable drill of beet has been shortened with speculative talk of the coming game or keenly-argued analysis of the past one? How many an enthusiast has faced his everyday tasks with a heart made light or heavy by the previous Sunday's fortunes!

"Cork bet and the hay saved"! Hackneyed by annual repetition though the phrase may be, it still represents a genuinely revealing index of a common feeling in a really hurling-minded community.

Hurling then, being an integral part of Irish social life, can hardly expect to escape the efforts of social changes. Social change there certainly has been in Ireland in the past thirty years—and hurling has not escaped. It is no longer—with its sister game—the automatic relaxation of a sunny Summer evening.

The grass grows high now in many a cross-roads field where twenty or thirty of the lads of the townland, pucked about or made up impromptu games. And there was no need of a competitive game in the offing to persuade them to gather there. They played for that best of all reasons—their own entertainment.

Their hurleys weren't by any means prize examples of the caman-maker's art. Very often the crudest of "crooks" had to do—and they were no bad imitation at all, for their exceedingly narrow blades put quite a premium on precision of judgment. If a lad proved a consistent striker with one of those he really had the eye for the job!

Full Of Material

In the 'thirties the country seemed full of hurling material. Emigration wasn't then the ready escape valve it is at the present time. Jobs were as scarce in Britain as they were here.

There was nothing especially attractive in the prospect of joining the tail-end of a Lancashire dole-queue in those bleak and depressed days. So they stayed at home—and hurled.

Money was scarce then in most farming areas—and pocket-money was scarcer still. The cheapest way to spend an evening was to walk or cycle to some nearby centre and, to adapt a certain poem to my purpose, "tire the sun with hurling and send him down the sky".

Players being plentiful, most clubs had a wide selection to draw upon. There was real competition for places and consequent rivalry and keenness in training.

How sadly different is the situation now in most rural areas, where only the bare team is available and anyone of even moderate standard can be fairly sure of a place on the side whatever his attitude to training may be.

Rural areas then were really rural. The spread of the motor car has changed all that. And before some irate reader imagines that the writer is deploring the great advance in the standard of living that the ordinary man's ownership of a car indicates, it would be as well to state quite definitely that he is merely observing the facts from a narrow hurling point of view.

Any reasonable man must be glad of such improvement in living conditions. There are more important things than hurling. So much must be granted. But no one making an honest inquiry into the background of hurling can overlook the undoubted impact of these factors on the countryman's attitude to the game. For hurling sprang from the countryside, and its fortunes, for good or ill, are still largely decided there.

Wider Horizon

That simpler world of the 'thirties is no longer with us. The rural youngster has now a wider mental horizon than his father had.

He has become more sophisticated. He no longer automatically sees himself as the hero of the parish in some epic struggle of the future against their great rivals from the neighbouring area. Other ambitions and interests now claim their share in his outlook.

Better living, of course, is also softer living. There is, I think, now less willingness to take the hard knocks and minor injuries that can't be avoided in such a game as

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Mick O'Connell

Ratings

WHEN choosing the top ten players of any season, my greatest difficulty usually is to select the requisite number from a list of 30 or more candidates, all of whose claims for inclusion were remarkably compelling. On this occasion, however, the gap between those who deserve special mention in the year's roll of honour and those who could be listed among the "also rans" is abnormally wide.

When one makes this comparison, the picture of football and hurling standards throughout the season become starkly obvious. When three or four outstanding teams and as many memorable games have been excepted, the rest is clouded in a haze of mediocrity.

When reviewing such a year, therefore, it is pleasant to remember a player whose football displays were comparable with the greatest individual performances in

By Peter Carbery

living memory. That man is MICK O'CONNELL, Kerry's wonderful midfielder, who has no rivals for the No. 1 position in these rankings.

If one were to write, even briefly, about every one of the Valentia man's superb matches during the year, the space available would be totally inadequate. In many of his games with Kerry, and one remembers particularly the All-Ireland semi-final and final, he surpassed even his finest feats of former years.

There is no question whatever that his was the master role in Kerry's march to their 20th All-Ireland title.

Long's Claim

NOR, for that matter, is there any question about TOM LONG'S claim to the No. 2 spot behind his Kerry colleague. Indeed, one is forced to wonder how Sean Og Sheehy's men would have fared in the championship had Long not been at full forward to turn O'Connell's great midfield work to match-winning account.

The power and penetration of this brilliant partnership was never more evident than in the semi-final against Dublin on August 5, when they combined—ably assisted

by the rest of the team, it must be added—to demolish the Metropolitan challenge in the first half hour.

Tom Long, immensely powerful and devastatingly clever, certainly emerged from 1962 as the greatest full forward in current football, and one of the most outstanding half dozen in the history of the game.

The Tipperary hurling team was so nearly uniform in their triumphant progress throughout the Munster and All-Ireland championships, that it is difficult to pinpoint one or two men who stood out above their fellows. Yet, recalling their victory over Wexford in the All-Ireland final, the image that first springs to mind is that of DONIE NEALON ranging the field in a heroic second-half attempt to break the Slaneymen's grip on the game. The fact that Tipperary succeeded at the end of that colossal contest was due in liberal measure to Nealon's unconquerable hurling.

Rivalling Nealon for top rating among the most outstanding performers in the final is TOM NEVILLE of Wexford. Neville gave many outstanding displays at right full-back earlier in the year, notably in the Leinster final against Kilkenny, but his form in the decider against Tipperary far surpassed anything we had previously seen from this fine defender.

Consistent

TONY WALL has had more brilliant games than he produced in any of his appearances in the Tipperary jersey during 1962; but never was he more consistently sound than in the season just ended.

Fellow backs like Mick Burns or John Doyle may have been, at times, more spectacular, but for rock-like dependability under the heaviest pressure, Wall was Tipperary's best defender through the entire championship. Even in the Oireachtas final, when the Waterford forwards were ripping lanes through the men all about him, the Thurles Sarsfields' stalwart hurled heroically in the teeth of inevitable defeat.

Not since the days of Paddy Bawn Brosnan has Kerry produced a defender possessing the iron-hard physique and indomitable courage of TIM LYONS. So aptly nick-named "Tiger", this Cork-based agricultural instructor played the best football of his distinguished career in the season just closed.

Absolutely fearless and toweringly rugged, he is still, in the true Kerry tradition, scrupulously fair in everything he does. Lyons, in fact, merits comparison with the really great corner-backs ever to come out of the Kingdom.

How unfortunate it was that DES FOLEY'S hurling and football activities were interrupted in April when he

Tops The

fractured his right ankle in a Hurling League match against Galway. Up to that stroke of bad luck, the Dublin man's form indicated that he was heading for his most brilliant season to date.

However, he deserves a place among the top ten players of the year for his record-making feat on St. Patrick's Day, when he played a major role in Leinster's dual Railway Cup victories.

Accomplished Much

IF it weren't for his unaccountably poor performance up to the time of his injury in the All-Ireland football final, GERRY O'MALLEY of Roscommon would have received a much higher rating in this list. In spite of that sole failure, however, Gerry accomplished more than enough during the rest of the season to secure a place with the top players in both games.

His leadership and ability were among the chief factors in Roscommon's victories over Sligo and Galway in the Connacht championship, and again in the All-Ireland semi-final against Cavan.

It is one of the biggest regrets among neutral followers of the game that the supreme honour, an All-Ireland medal, once again eluded this exemplary sportsman.

Cavan scored one of the sweetest victories in their history when they toppled Down, the reigning All-Ireland football champions in the Ulster final at Casement Park, Belfast, at the end of July. To one man among fifteen first-class players must go the lion's share of the credit for that success.

RAY CAROLAN, the tall and stylish ex-Colleges player, controlled midfield so majestically on that July afternoon, that, one felt, even if Down had pitted four men directly against him, he would still have been capable of crushing the challenge and steering the Breffni men to the provincial title.

Carolan has failed to reproduce the splendour of that hour in many of his games since then, but for his mastery in that historic final, and for the greatness that it promised for the years ahead, he is undoubtedly entitled to mention in the 1962 roll of honour.

The last place goes to that prince of hurling goalkeepers, OLLIE WALSH of Kilkenny. Except for one lapse—in the Leinster final against Wexford—he proved with many superb performances throughout the year, that he is still the finest custodian in the game.

Even the dulllest hour is enlivened by a flash of genius when the Thomastown wizard is in action, and some of his saves, even on his off-days, are in themselves worth the price of admission.

Ollie Walsh, whatever the status of Kilkenny in the hurling world, is a crowd-puller in himself. He is one of the all too few really magnetic personalities playing Gaelic games to-day. Surely there can be no greater tribute to his ability.



Mick O'Connell . . . heads the list

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Every Time

KERRY seniors have often confounded the critics, but the palm for upsetting all predictions during 1962 must go to the Kingdom's minor footballers, who came out of nowhere to bring the All-Ireland trophy back to the county after a lapse of 12 years.

That long gap (for Kerry) in the record books had become a source of great worry to all who had the county's football future at heart.

"If we haven't the minors, where are the future seniors to come from?", was an oft-heard query wherever the county's football followers (and what Kerry man, woman or child isn't one?) gathered.

1961 and its first-round defeat by Clare was a grim spectre that haunted many a stalwart native of the Kingdom, and the start of the 1962 championship found many already resigned to a continuance of Cork's dominance of minor football in Munster.

When the All-Ireland champions routed a highly-thought-of Limerick fifteen it looked as if the Rebels were set for another title, and reports from the Leaside stated that their team was as good, if not better, than the 1961 side.

However, the Kerry selectors, inspired by the drive of the County Board Chairman, Jim Brosnan, did not despair. The county was sifted for talent and the team chosen for the first game was representative of the entire Kingdom.

The Munster semi-final against Waterford was the Kerry youngsters' first out-

ing and the unfamiliar acres of the Injuries Sportsfield the venue.

Waterford were not taken for granted, the Clare lesson of the previous year being fresh in memory, but from the start there was only one team in it—Kerry. A comfortable half-time lead was turned into a big victory, but the team had not given entire satisfaction.

Changes and a bout of training had the Kerry boys in better shape for the Munster final against Cork at the Cork Athletic Grounds.

In Minority

Optimists in the Kingdom, and they were in the minority, said Kerry would win; the pessimists held out no hope of success, claiming that, whatever chance there would be of beating Cork in Killarney, victory over the All-Ireland champions in their own back-yard was out of the question; those close to the team "had their own know" and felt that if the boys played up to form there was every chance of winning.

Events proved the last group correct. A stalwart defence, steady midfield and opportunist attack, plus a little luck, saw Cork's bid for four Munster titles in a row thwarted by six points and Kerry minors back in Croke Park for the first time since 1958.

THESE BOYS

By Pat Moynihan

Offaly, the Leinster champions, provided the opposition in the All-Ireland semi-final and their record was indeed impressive. Any team that could beat Dublin minors by double scores in Croke Park was good, and they had had the tremendous advantage of playing the Leinster semi-final and final at Croke Park.

What chance had Kerry? 'None', said the experts. "Wait and see", was the watch-word of Jim Brosnan and his youthful charges.

Kerry played in Munster's blue owing to a clash of colours and took the advantage of the breeze in the first half. When the interval arrived and the Southern champions led by only two points, 0-7 to 1-2, the outlook indeed looked 'blue'.

When Offaly were level six minutes after the restart even the most ardent Kerry supporter was resigned to defeat.

It was then that Kerry proved their worth. The defence "dug in" and never yielded an inch. Every ball was contested with fierce determination and for fourteen minutes there was no score.

Kerry hopes rose. If the boys could only raise a flag what a morale-booster it would be. Offaly, too, fought grimly for that vital lead, and the huge attendance realised that the next score would be decisive.

Ten minutes from time Derry O'Shea went down the Cusack Stand side-line on one of his dazzling solo runs, spotted two defenders out of position and floated a beautiful centre to Roddy O'Donnell, standing unattended in front of the Canal goal.

No Mistake

The big full-forward made no mistake. His boot swung and the ball was buried in the net for the all-important goal.

Though Offaly fought back gallantly and reduced the margin to a point, it was Kerry who were attacking when the final whistle blew.

It had been close, 1-7 to 1-6, but the boys had proved that they lacked nothing in spirit and determination, vital assets in the make-up of any team.

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DID US PROUD

There were still some raw edges to be polished before the big day, but we left the work in the capable hands of Jim Brosnan and Johnny Walsh.

Gerald O'Shea of Kenmare, who had resumed his clerical studies, was not available for the final, while Ballylongford's John McCarthy had to cry off at the last minute because of a family bereavement.

Again Kerry wore the blue of Munster and faced Mayo, defeated by Cork in the 1961 final, who came with a big reputation.

They were reputed to be far superior to the previous year's team; hadn't conceded a goal in three games in their own provincial championship and had finished strongly against Down to establish their superiority over the Northern title-holders in no uncertain manner.

Experience, too, was on Mayo's side, for several of them had played in 1961, and their quick-moving attack, which had perfected combination to a high degree, was rated the deadliest in the game.

Naturally, Kerry were outsiders, but those who gave them little chance had reckoned without the improvement effected from match to match.

The first half, however, gave little indication that pre-match forecasts would be confounded. Against the breeze, Mayo had most of the play. Their midfield exerted a distinct pull, but a stout Kerry defence and Mayo's over-use of the ball left but a point between the teams at half-time.

The Connacht boys' interval lead of 0-4 to 0-3 should have been greater on the run of play and many expected to see them establish their superiority after the interval.

Were Not Idle

Kerry's selectors, however, had not been idle during the 'break'. Jim Corridan was introduced at midfield and made a big difference, while the appearance of tiny Paddy Kennelly during the second half added punch to the attack.

The game underwent an unexpected transformation on the restart. The Kerry forwards saw more of the ball, clicked into gear and simply riddled the Mayo defence.

The goal that started the rot came after

a sweeping movement started by the Kerry goal-keeper.

Seamus Fitzgerald saved a hard shot and his clearance was secured by Denis O'Sullivan. He placed Tony Barrett, who in turn gave to Derry O'Shea. The Tralee boy set off on one of his famous solos, drew the defence, punched to Jimmy O'Mahony and the Kerry captain's rasping shot gave the goalman no chance.

Six minutes later O'Mahony again netted and Mayo's defence slowly began to collapse. Further goals from Roddy O'Donnell, O'Mahony again, Denis O'Sullivan and Paddy Kennelly completed the rout and the full-time whistle, with Kerry triumphant by 6-5 to 0-7, brought welcome relief to Mayo.

It was another victory for sensible direct football, but who would have believed at half-time that Kerry would win by 16 points?

Showed The Way

For the forwards it will always be a day to remember. Captain Jimmy O'Mahoney showed the way with those three goals; Tony Barrett on the '40' was very industrious and paved the way for many scores while Derry O'Shea's speed, ball control and clever centres sorely troubled the Mayo defence.

Big Roddy O'Donnell showed that size alone had earned the full-forward job, while John Flavin, Tom Mulvihill and Paddy Kennelly contributed their shares to the huge tally.

Mayo had a midfield null in the first half, but when Jim Corridan came on for Tom Doyle the tables were turned.

With Denis O'Sullivan, who really showed his paces in that devastating second 30 minutes, he gave his forwards plenty of the ball.

The defence, too, had its heroes. Seamus Fitzgerald was a superb goal-keeper, while Seanie Burrows, a minor for two more years, gave a brilliant performance fit to equal the greatest of Kerry corner-backs.

Seanie's brother, Bruddy, also left his mark on the game, while centre half-back Paudie O'Donoghue was big both in stature and performance.

Kieran O'Connor was a solid full-back who made no mistakes, while Declan Lovett on his right completed a line that offered an unyielding front to all assaults in both the Offaly and Mayo games.

Completing the defence was Ted Fitzgerald, a late replacement for John McCarthy, who certainly justified his selection.

Thus was written another glorious page in Kerry's football history. The boys who achieved it and the men who prepared them, Jim Brosnan, in particular, and Johnny Walsh, deserve the highest praise.

All combined to prove that the Kingdom is still producing the right material.

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CONNACHT CHAMPIONS

M.S.S.—M. Henry (Sligo). M.S.D.—M. Henry and N. Clarke (Sligo). M.H.S.—M. Kelly and J. Reid (Mayo). J.S.S.—M. Walsh (Mayo). J.S.D.—M. Walsh and P. McGee (Mayo). J.H.S.—P. McGee (Mayo). J.H.D.—P. Bollingbrook and M. Walsh (Mayo). S.S.S.—E. Connolly (Mayo). S.S.D.—D. Walsh and J. Finn (Sligo). S.H.S.—M. Kelly (Galway). S.H.D.—M. Kelly and S. Casey (Galway).

ANOTHER CROWN

AS I watched the Meath captain, Jimmy Walsh of Drumree, receive the All-Ireland junior football championship trophy at An Uaimh's Pairc Tailteann on the first Sunday in October, my thoughts strayed back over the long and gruelling campaign which had just been brought to a successful conclusion.

It all began at Ashford on that first day of April. On a wind-swept pitch in the Wicklow hills the boys from the Royal County vanquished what was practically the Wicklow senior team, but few of those present could have visualised that they were looking at the eventual All-Ireland champions

Courage and refusal to admit defeat were Meath's chief attributes that day, and these qualities rather than stylish football were responsible for victory.

Two home games at An Uaimh followed, and Carlow and Longford offered but token resistance to the men in green.

Meath had reached the Leinster final, almost unnoticed one might say except by the county's fanatical followers, but was the team good enough to capture a provincial title?

Except for the Wicklow game, victories had been clear-cut, and now we were without the services of the indomitable "Red" Collier, who had been promoted to the senior championship fifteen.

The Inspiration

"Red" Collier had been the inspiration in Ashford and also against Carlow and Longford. His loss, it was believed, would be a severe blow against a strong Wexford team, which came with a big reputation to Croke Park for the Leinster final.

BY VINCENT BLAKE

The game, however, proved disappointing, for Meath were never seriously troubled. Leading 1-6 to 0-2 at half-time, they went on to win by 2-11 to 1-4. We were still no wiser as to the team's real worth.

Neither did a trip to Ballinamore for the All-Ireland semi-final enlighten us. On a pitch rendered almost unplayable by heavy pre-match rain, Meath ran out comfortable winners over a fancied Leitrim fifteen that did little to excite their large home following.

On then to Ardee for the "Home" final against Cavan. The Breffni men had lost many of their Ulster final team to senior ranks, but the manner in which they crushed Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final had stamped them as a team to be respected. So it proved.

Weather conditions were bad, with a strong wind, accompanied by frequent showers blowing from goal to goal. Backed by the elements, Meath ran up a 1-7 to 1-0 interval lead, and were a further point ahead within a minute of the resumption, thanks to a mighty kick from a long-range free by Jim Ryan.

Then followed a lengthy spell of sustained Cavan pressure. The Ulster champions got control at midfield and slowly but surely reduced the arrears. They drew level twelve minutes from time, and went ahead for the first time three minutes later.

Proved Themselves

At this stage, when all seemed lost, Meath proved themselves. With their backs to the wall, they contested every ball as if their lives depended on it and held Cavan scoreless for the remainder of the hour.

For good measure they fought up-field against the gale and notched

two points from Jimmy Walsh and Tom Muldoon which gave them victory by the narrowest possible margin, 1-11 to 3-4.

The All-Ireland final at Pairc Tailteann saw a team from London visit An Uaimh for the third time in quest of a title. In 1948 the exiled hurlers lost to Meath and their footballers met with a similar fate in 1952. Would it be third time lucky for London?

Meath followers, as they watched their team line out in unfamiliar red owing to a clash of colours, were more than slightly apprehensive.

The final whistle saw London still awaiting a victory on the Pairc Tailteann pitch, but what a gallant fight they put up. Only two points, 1-13 to 3-5, divided the sides, but the margin was sufficient to give Meath its third All-Ireland title in junior football.

Ten minutes from time the Exiles led by a point, 3-3 to 1-8, but Meath's superior staying power and teamwork saw them notch five telling points before the end, to which London could only reply with two.

It was a fitting climax to a long and arduous campaign which lasted 27 weeks and during which Meath played seven games, more than any other All-Ireland winning team in 1962.

Man Of The Match

Man of the match against London was Ratoath's Bill Eiffe, who gave a tremendously forceful display at right-half-back. Also to the fore were his colleagues in the half line, Toss Gibney and Pete Price.

This trio excelled in every game in which they formed the outer bulwark of defence, and their ability to open up attacks with shrewd clearances to their forwards was of great assistance to hard-pressed midfield men.

Jim Ryan's experience was of immense value after he was called to the

FOR ROYAL MEATH

colours for the game against Leitrim. He lent great solidness to the defence when switched to full-back against Cavan, and also performed well there against London, and gave goalkeeper Joe Rochford ample cover.

Ryan's flankers, Sean McCormack and Jack Quinn, also played their parts, although Quinn had not his best hour in the final proper. Still, his performances over the whole campaign redound to his credit.

Three men figured at midfield against London and Tom Muldoon,

Tom Monaghan and Jack Kane all contributed to getting an even break in this vital sector. Each of the attack had his moments. Ollie Kealy for his vital goal, Jimmy Walsh for some nice points from frees and play, Paddy Christie and Patsy McCormack, a brother of Sean's, were most prominent, but Tom Mongey and Paddy Hanley never stopped trying despite close marking and rugged tackling.

Gerry Quinn, Jack's brother, and Peter Black, when called on in the

closing stages, did not let the side down.

Others, like "Red" Collier, John Carolan, Mick Clarke and Mick White, who played in earlier games deserve mention here. All contributed nobly to bringing an All-Ireland crown to Royal Meath.

It was an achievement of which every man who wore the colours during the campaign can feel proud, and was a triumph for courage, fitness, never-say-die spirit and no mean football ability.



KILKENNY hurlers, who brought the second National League title to their county. Kneeling (from left) —Dick Carroll, Sean Clohosey, Denis Heaslip, Tom Walsh, Willie Murphy, Nicky Power, Billy Dwyer, Mickey Walsh. Standing (from left)—Seamus Cleere, Jim Walsh, Eddie Keher, Andy Comerford, Martin Coogan, Alfie Hickey (captain), Ollie Walsh.

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RULES THAT MIGHT BE CHANGED

THE world is full of crusaders. Some work; others only talk. When Gerry McCarthy asked me to comment on rules that might be changed I was delighted, for now, instead of beating one unwilling listener into a corner, I can annoy an audience—unless the reader turns the page. Please don't; it won't hurt much.

In All-Ireland semi-finals the provincial colours will be worn if there's a clash. This should, and could, be changed. Players hate it, and Dan Murray, the former Cork left full-back, still remembers with sadness the two lost All-Ireland finals of '56 and '57, when he wore Munster's blue against Galway and Louth.

The colours did not affect the decision, but nobody likes the idea. Seniority of affiliation is one way to decide. There are others.

Years ago we imposed a ban on full time training, because someone lost money at cards and wouldn't play in a final unless he was given some more. Because one little boy is bold the teacher slaps the whole class. Could anything be more stupid?

Collective training is completely necessary for some counties, while others couldn't care less.

Some years ago we allowed players to place the ball for frees. In football this was a great advantage to the kicker, and I remember a long time ago when a ball I was trying to kick was placed in a rut.

When told, the referee, informed me gently, but oh, so firmly, that it indeed WAS in a rut (which I knew) and that I would kick it from the rut (which I feared).

Players were delighted with that rule-change and there was better kicking. Needless to say, they eventually abused the privilege, and we were bored to tears watching backs placing the ball on the nearest tuft of grass, until Congress told the referee to take over.

We should now compromise, I think. Allow all kicks and pucks within scoring distance (50 and 70 yards) to be placed by the player. There is no time-lag here, for the ref has to move goalwards to keep his eye on those dainty tricks the boys like to play on one another.

Strange but true, the man who takes the kick-out or

puck-out may play the ball more than once before anyone else. The rule is there a long time I think. In effect it allows the kicker to run out to the ball and dash away on a solo upfield before kicking.

Does anyone suggest it wouldn't be an advantage on a windy day? The only reason I didn't tell players to do it was fear of the ref. He'd blow for a foul, and when the flag was up there wouldn't be much use pulling out the rule-book.

Years ago the late Sean Og Murphy, who hurled for Cork for about 15 years winning glory at full-back, commented to me on the sideline puck. As we watched a player poised and ready, waiting for the whistle, Sean Og said:

"That's a waste of time. Neither player or spectator wants the delay, and letting him strike the ball won't interfere with the ref's control". I think we could effect that slight improvement.

The club is the unit of the organisation. How often we have heard it said, and indeed it's very true. Yet, in one important aspect of our administration we are downright unjust to the club.

The club which appeals to the provincial council against a decision of its own County Board cannot, under the present rules, get a fair deal. When the decision is being taken by the committee (of two delegates from each county and a few others) the two men who fought the case against the club remain in the room to vote while the club delegates are put outside the door.

The obvious solution (which many of the men in the saddle don't want) is the departure of both sides. The present set-up strengthens the hand of the administration—unjustly.

Cork proposed the motion in Congress; so did Kildare and both were beaten. Jim Brosnan, that manly chap from Moyvane, was vocal about it at the Munster Convention a few years ago without any success. He must have forgotten it since, for I wouldn't dream of suggesting that his sense of values has changed.

Lastly—and this one doesn't need much emphasis for it's getting enough before our eyes every day—we must change this rule about injured players. Every second one is NOT injured but told to come off.

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Hurling honours were shared

IN hurling, 1962 was the year of the big share-out—and the major honours were so evenly distributed that no team succeeded in taking more than one. In fact, out of all the hurling competitions only Kilkenny, triumphant in the National League and All-Ireland minor championship, got its name twice onto the year's roll of honour.

It was Kilkenny who provided the first shock of the hurling year. Coming out 2-3 to 1-1 behind at the start of the second half of their vital League game with Tipperary, they had a strong wind behind them and were a team transformed. Where they had wasted time and ground with picking and poking before, they then hurled with a compelling urgency and a new vigour.

Olly Walsh drove distance-devouring pucks from the goalmouth; Andy Comerford and Nick Power at mid-field were in top form, and Denis Heaslip created havoc among the Tipp defence. He had a hand in most of the scores that gave Kilkenny a deserved, late victory (3-5 to 2-5).

From the other sections in Division I Dublin, who had to have a play-off in Section C with Galway, and Cork came through to the semi-final made necessary by the introduction of a third section at the start of the 1961-'62 season.

Cork's victory in a hectic game at Dungarvan had come late in an hour that was dominated by Waterford, but it was possible because the homesters' dominance was thwarted of its dividends by the defiance of goalkeeper Mick Cashman and the scoring power of Christy Ring.

What a contrast the semi-final was! Dublin's resistance was negligible and Cork coasted to a 6-12 to 1-4 victory that was a personal triumph for Liam Dowling, who had been recalled after 18 months to play in the attack.

The final was a memorable game

By Liam Fox

with classically skilful hurling that equalled anything previously seen in Kilkenny-Cork clashes, and was played on a Croke Park pitch made treacherous by torrential rain.

The play opened at an almost crippling pace that was maintained through the hour. Kilkenny led early on, lost their lead and were 1-5 to 0-4 behind at the interval.



DES FOLEY . . . captured two Railway Cup medals on St. Patrick's Day.

Undaunted, however, they raided persistently in the second half—so constantly that the harried Cork defenders gave away many frees that Eddie Keher, after some early lapses, accurately converted into points.

Thus early in the year Kilkenny, winners of their second League title 29 years after winning the first, were installed as championship favourites . . . if not to win the All-Ireland title certainly to recapture the Leinster crown.

Their first appearance seemed to justify that rating, for they hammered holders, Dublin, in the semi-final by 4-16 to 1-10, and once again it was a Kilkenny-Wexford Leinster final when Wexford qualified by overcoming Laois easily in the semi-final.

The Slaney men greeted their Noreside rivals with a rare shock in Croke Park, for with sweeping teamwork and brilliant scores they dumbfounded the League champions in the first half, and, although Kilkenny

fought to save the game in the second, Wexford qualified for the All-Ireland title.

In Munster, the championship was prolonged when Limerick's young side shattered many forecasts by holding Tipperary to a draw, but they were heavily beaten in the replay.

In the other semi-final Waterford avenged their League defeat by Cork, when late in a sizzling game, that was in doubt almost to the end, they scored a three-point win.

Disappointment

The final turned out to be a bitter disappointment for the small crowd of 31,000 who went to Limerick. After holding Tipperary to three points at the interval, Waterford were submerged in a rush of second-half scores instigated and executed by Donie Nealon and Liam Devaney, who profitably switched places on the Tipp team.

The All-Ireland final—and, of course, the Oireachtas final later on—made up for it all.

On the first Sunday in September hurling followers were provided with an hour so full of stirring memories that the 1962 final will not be quickly forgotten. Packed with drama, alive with excitement, causing an almost unbearable tension and full of heart-warming hurling, it was an occasion to remember.

None will ever forget the startling beginning. For within one minute and 20 seconds Tipperary were two goals up, and then began the bravest fight-back that Croke Park has known, as Wexford rallied with almost super-human effort to pull down the lead.

Almost incredibly after 25 minutes they were level, but by half-time Tipperary had gone three points ahead (2-6 to 1-6).

Twice in the second half Wexford pulled back and even went in front, but towards the end youth was having its day and, with such as Donie Nealon, Tom Ryan "Mackey" McKenna now showing heels to the Wexfordmen, Tipperary had the victory which in the end they deserved.

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THE YEAR IN LEINSTER

WE started in March like March, roaring like a lion and devouring all before us. Our teams reached the Railway Cup finals without much difficulty, and down in Tullamore John Timmons had a field day for the footballers in the full-forward position. Munster were not regarded as a serious threat, but the manner in which they were over-run by Leinster was truly astonishing. Kerry for the All-Ireland at that stage—Poppycok we all said.

A great host of Leinster folk gathered in Croke Park on our National Feast Day to see their favourites in action, and they were not disappointed. As the cars speed homeward to Kilkenny, Wexford, Mullingar, Portlaoise and Drogheda Leinster hearts were gay, rejoicing at a wonderful double and one name, Des Foley, was spoken of again and again.

The fair-haired giant from Malahide made history on St. Patrick's Day. Fielding with the hurlers first, he contributed nobly to victory from the middle of the field, and while his football comrades were making their ceremonial march-around, his tireless limbs were being toned up for another hour.

Ulster footballers, like Munster hurlers, were doughty opponents, and the Down-backed team with the mercurial McCartan was fancied in many quarters.

Leinster Double

Once again Leinster and Des Foley rose to the occasion, and a lightning solo run followed by a smashing goal, executed by Mickey Whelan, set the seal on the Eastern double.

It was a special day of jubilation for Dublin, for Des Foley was the first man ever to win two Railway Cup medals on the same afternoon; the Foley brothers, Des and Lar, shared in the honours, for Lar was on the hurling team; Kevin Heffernan set a new record, winning his seventh football medal. Noel Drumgoole was the first Dublin man to captain Leinster hurlers to victory and ten Dublin men figured on the hurling selection.

The good work was continued when St. Mels, Longford and St. Peter's, Wexford, won the All-Ireland Colleges' titles in football and hurling respectively, and we looked to the closing stages of the National Leagues for further triumphs.

Kilkenny and Dublin hurlers were sailing smoothly along, but in the vital hurling game against Galway tragedy struck for Dublin. Their main hope for 1962 hurling and football honours, Des Foley, fractured an ankle and, ipso facto, the county hurlers were on the slide.

Galway were defeated, it is true, but then followed an agonising hour in Thurles, when the Metropolitans fell heavily to the Corkmen in the semi-final.

Tireless Ring

The balance of power was restored, however, in the other semi-final when Kilkenny, much to the delight of their large home following defied tradition and Tipperary to win a place in the League final. For most Kilkennymen that victory was sufficient for the year, for the long procession of Tipperary successes had been halted.

National Hurling League final day was inclement, but the spirit of the contestants could not be dampened. Kilkenny and Cork clashes have a magic all their own and hurling was seen at its best.

Cork were determined, but Kil-

kenny had grown tired of waiting, and men like Seamus Cleere, Martin Coogan and Billy Dwyer played like demons to bring the League title to the Nore for the first time since 1933.

Though Leinster hearts rejoiced, we could not but admire the effortless artistry of the incomparable Christy Ring, who proved once again Cork's best forward.

Three Leinster counties, Carlow, Meath and Dublin, emerged with Divisional honours in the football league. Down and Carlow presented a novel pairing in one semi-final and a most exciting game materialised.

Ned Doogue, their rangy full-forward, started Carlow off with a bang. Danger threatened whenever he secured possession, and that was often in the first half.

Dour Struggle

Carlow were ahead at the break, but Down, backed by the wind in the second half, just came through. The losers' great effort won national acclaim, and they immediately installed as likely Leinster championship prospects.

Old rivals Meath and Dublin contested the other semi-final in a dour, unrelenting struggle, and only a few courageous points by the Dublin captain, Kevin Heffernan, saw his team through.

The National League football final was the first competitive game of importance between Dublin and Down. Challenge matches had proved most satisfactory, but, as the fellow said, "this was for real".

Never have I seen a team dominate a game as Dublin did and still lose. An early injury to John Timmons and Cathal O'Leary switch to mid-field, and from then on Dublin dominated. The Army captain gave probably the finest performance of his career, and himself and Paddy Holden rained balls on the Down posts. In-

explicitly, Dublins forwards were off the target; Down hung on tenaciously, and a late Sean O'Neill penalty left them narrow but extremely lucky winners.

Summer and the championship. Hope springs eternal, and each county sets off with the firm conviction that this must be the year.

I couldn't help feeling that we would see a Dublin-Offaly football final in Leinster and Kilkenny versus Wexford in hurling. I was right, but I was so nearly wrong on several occasions as the football championship progressed.

I had considerable respect for Carlow's chances, but was dumbfounded when news came that they had just survived Kilkenny. Yes, it was football!

Laois took on Westmeath, who missed the services of a fit Mick Carley, and won. When they beat Longford in the next round we began to take notice. Jack Kenna and the boys were in form, and Danny Douglas was in charge.

Kildare overwhelmed Wexford, who continue in the football doldrums, while Louth, in characteristic fashion, opened up slowly and unimpressively against Wicklow but won.

The wheels of the championship were now really in motion, and the top seeds, Dublin and Offaly, moved into action.

Offaly, on happy and familiar territory in Portlaoise, met Carlow for the third year running. On the two previous occasions in Droichead Nua, Offaly had close shaves, and Carlow viewed this latest engagement as third time lucky for them. But the enigma that is Carlow remains.

Dreadful Day

On a really dreadful day (the worst of the year I would say) they had no answer to the virility and enthusiasm of an Offaly team on which Larry Coughlan, their new midfield man, made his championship debut.

To An Uaimh and it looked a formality for Dublin against Louth, but those red-shirted men rose to the occasion in style. What a game! What thrills and excitement as fortunes swayed!

A dazzling goal by Kevin Heffernan was the main difference between the two sides, and in the finish proved insurmountable to Louth, for whom Stephen White was as good as ever.



MICK DUNICAN (Meath)

No wonder Dermot O'Brien Louth's 1957 captain, said to me after the match. "Stephen has the heart of a lion".

The Meath and Kildare pairing looked wide open, and it proved a tough, grim struggle. Kevin Mac Namee and Paddy Moore shone on the respective "40's", but Kildare finished the stronger.

Now all was set for the semi-finals, Offaly v. Kildare, Dublin v. Laois with more heart-breaks coming up.

Laois surprised us all in Carlow and through a superb display by Tom Brown at midfield had Dublin in trouble. A point down with five minutes to go, a magnificent long-range point from John Timmons brought Dublin back in the game and paved the way for a narrow victory.

In the other semi-final Kildare, and not Offaly looked like Leinster champions. The Lily Whites looked secure in the second half, but Offaly availed of some defensive errors and came through.

The Leinster final and a fitting climax to a great championship. In a game which could have gone either way. Dublin got the breaks and recaptured the crown last held in '59. Lar Foley, Eamonn Burgess and Cathal O'Leary were superb for Dublin, with Greg Hughes, Larry Coughlan and Paddy McCormack in grand form for Offaly.

The Leinster hurling championship resolved itself into the usual three-horse race, although, in truth, Dublin hardly ran at all. Kilkenny beat them well in Kilkenny, and Wexford, not surprisingly, came out of the other half.

Kilkenny had done nothing wrong since their League victory, and, though mindful of Wexford's achievements of the past, I was thinking in terms of a double for the Noresiders.

But the men from Tir na n-Og did it again, and veterans Nick O'Donnell, Willie Rackard, Jim English, Padge Kehoe, Ned Wheeler and Tim Flood surprised us all.

Tom Neville was superb at right corner back, and Wheeler's display at full forward was a revelation. Only "The Link", Jim Walsh, really stood up to these Wexford stalwarts, while Willie Murphy in attack was the only source of worry to the Slaney defence.

Wexford's victory, though not a shock, was, to say the least, a mild surprise.

The rest of the story is history. How Dublin went down with a crash to Kerry was my biggest shock of the year, and how Wexford fought Tipperary for the hurling title was my thrill of the year.

Other notable achievements by Leinster teams were, of course, Kildare's junior All-Ireland hurling final, Carlow's intermediate All-Ireland hurling success and Kilkenny's third All-Ireland minor hurling title in a row. Add to this impressive list, Kilkenny's hurling league triumph and the valiant efforts of Wexford in the All-Ireland hurling final and Dublin in the football league final and we can truly say that it was a great year for Leinster.

My outstanding footballer of the year in the province was Cathal O'Leary of Dublin and my outstanding hurler Tom Neville of Wexford.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN

by

Seamus

O Ceallaigh

MANY stories are told of an old Dublin hurler, known to be "fond of the drop", who had a wife who was reputed to "wear the pants".

The convivial husband had a friend to stay with him one night. When the guest was being shown up to his room he noticed faint crosses on several of the steps.

He asked the reason. "Ah", whispered the host, "these come into operation after midnight. X means that the step creaks".

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JOHNNY, safely out of his wife's hearing for once, was letting himself go. To a friend, who complained of some domestic difficulty he said grandly:

"My dear friend, we never have trouble of that kind in our house. If I say a thing is to be done, I insist upon it being done".

"And is it?"

"Of course", replied Johnny, "even if I have to do it myself".

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ANYWAY, the two lads spent a merry evening together, arriving home in the early morning "with the milkman".

"My wife carried on something awful when I got home", Johnny confided the next day.

"Mine didn't say a word", replied the other, "but I found my slippers in the refrigerator".

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A first cousin, on a short visit to Johnny after a long spell in Australia was cornered by the wife who confided that "Johnny must have some terrible mental affliction".

"Sometimes, you know", she continued, "I talk to him for hours and then discover he literally hasn't heard a word I've said".

"That's not an affliction, Mary",

was the weary reply. "That's a divine gift".

Not Feeling Well

JOHNNY was not feeling too well on one occasion and was advised to go and see a doctor. He had a few "small ones" to "steady the nerves", as he said himself, and was rather intoxicated when he reached the consulting room.

After a thorough examination the doctor said: "Well, I can find nothing wrong with you. I'm afraid it's the drink".

"That's all right, doctor", said Johnny sympathetically, "I'll call again when you're sober".

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ON another occasion an obviously refreshed guest was brought into the dining room of a temperance hotel by Johnny. The manager, noticing his condition, came forward in alarm.

"Hey, you can't bring that man in here" he cried. "This is a temperance hotel".

"That's all right", says Johnny, "He's too tight to notice".

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This story brings to mind that of another former well-known player, who recently spent a holiday at a rather expensive hotel on the West Coast. As he was about to leave he said to the manager "I've just seen your sign, 'Have you left anything', and —"

Manager—"Oh, yes, sir; just tell me what you have forgotten, and I'll send a page boy right up for it".

Visitor: "No, no, it's not that: I merely wanted to tell you that the wording is wrong. It should read, 'Have you anything left?'"

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HUBBY and wife were spending the afternoon at a hurling match. During the half-time respite she fell to thinking of old times.

"Why, Bill dear" she suddenly exclaimed, "I've just remembered it was at a hurling match you proposed to me".

"Why bring that up?" he asked.

"Oh, Bill", she persisted romantically, "you were bol dthen".

"Caught, you mean", he replied.

Advice

A farmer asked a veterinary surgeon, a former prominent footballer, for advice: "I have a horse that at times appears normal, but at other times is lame to an alarming degree. What shall I do?"

The answer came: "The next time your horse appears normal, sell him".

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WELL, said the father to little Tommy, "How did you like the circus?"

"It was good" Tommy answered, "but I didn't think much of the man who threw the knives at the woman".

"Why?"

"He missed her every time!"

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AT a club dinner a man who was a long way down the table insisted upon proposing a toast.

"My taost is that of Our Absent Friends", he said, "coupled with the name of the waiter who has not been near this end of the table all evening".

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A little girl had been anxiously awaiting a visit from her favourite uncle, who was a champion handballer in his day. When her mother showed her a telegram "Missed train. Starting same time to-morrow". The little girl burst into tears and refused to be comforted.

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HURLERS and footballers in the armed forces certainly made their presence felt in inter-county competitions during 1962, for they figured prominently on four All-Ireland winning teams.

The Lucey brothers, Noel and Jimmy, of Kerry and Tipperary's Tony Wall won All-Ireland senior medals. Mick O'Brien collected an intermediate hurling award with Carlow, while no fewer than eight Army men helped Kildare junior hurlers during their history-making campaign.

On the domestic front, the All-Army Inter-Command and Inter-Unit championships provided excellent fare, with the Air Corps men from Baldonnell the top team of the year.

The Airmen won three of the four All-Army titles. They brought off the double in the Inter-Unit championships, taking the Medical Services Cup (football) and Chaplain's Cup (hurling).

They then dethroned the holders, Curragh Training Camp, by two points in the Inter-Command hurling final, and were bidding for a grand slam, a feat never previously achieved by any Command or Service, when they faced the same opposition in the Inter-Command football final.

That game, played at the Curragh, produced a hard-fought and thrilling encounter. Curragh Training Camp were attempting to regain a title last held by them in 1956, while the Air Corps, as well as seeking a new Army record, were chasing their sixth successive football title.

At the final whistle the Curragh men had thwarted the opposition's bid for fame, winning by 2-7 to 1-6.

Positions Reversed

Ray Swan, the former Kildare senior player, starred for the winners, scoring 2-4 of their total. Also outstanding for the Curragh were Jimmy Lucey (Kerry), Frank Colclough (Westmeath), Mick Bohan (Dublin), and Christy Leaney (Dublin).

Harry Donnelly, who was in New York with the Offaly party, was sorely missed by the Air Corps, who had outstanding performers in Pat Collier (Meath), Noel Lucey (Kerry), Mick Coughlan (Kildare)

and a third member of the Lucey clan, Vincent.

Positions were reversed in the All-Army hurling final, in which Curragh Training Camp surrendered their crown to Air Corps.

The Airmen led by 2-3 to 0-2 at the interval and added two more points early in the second half. Cur-

petitions and had a very good record in both.

Despite the loss of men like Charlie Wrenn (Offaly), P. J. McCaffrey (Cavan) and Gene McCarthy (Cork), the footballers occupied a prominent position in Division 1 of the senior league.

The hurlers, in their first year in

Army players were prominent

By CON DRISCOLL

ragh then rallied and slowly reduced the arrears, but the final whistle saw the Air Corps grimly defending a 2-6 to 1-7 lead.

O'Brien, Kiely, Barry, Hogarty and Goff were the chief architects of the Air Corps' victory, while Leaney, Hyland, Madigan, Bohan and O'Sullivan impressed most for the Curragh.

Incidentally, the All-Army championships are open to all branches of the armed forces, and teams from the Eastern, Western and Southern Commands, Curragh Training Camp, Air Corps and Naval Service take part.

On civilian playing fields hurlers and footballers from the forces figured prominently with county and club teams.

Metropolitan senior competition, failed by only one point to gain a place in the Top Four play-off for League honours.

They were runners-up in the Corn Ceitinn, reached the semi-final of the Dublin intermediate championship and supplied nine players to the Junior Board selection that reached the semi-final of the Dublin senior championship.

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Is cuid dar n-oidhreacht na cluichi Gaelacha. Ni mor duinn iad a chaomhnu mar ma chosctar iad ar shli ar bith is fanach bheith ag suil le hEire a bheith: "ni h-amhain saor ach Gaedhealach chomh maith".

Ta suil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as an Cuchulainn Annual. Ta ann scribhneoireacht den chead scoth.

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na hArd-Chomhairle a thug tacaiocht duinn i rith na bliana.

On behalf of the Directors of **The Gaelic Weekly**, I wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I, likewise, wish to thank our advertisers, writers and all those who in any way contributed to our growing success.

The appearance of the **Cuchulainn Annual** marks the close of yet another very successful year in the history of the G.A.A.

Since **The Gaelic Weekly** was established, it has proved itself a very effective bulwark against the ever-increasing tide of subtle propaganda which at times threatens to engulf

the country. In its role of defender of things Gaelic our flourishing Weekly has been vigorous, vigilant and constructive.

This year's **Cuchulainn Annual** is a very high-class production and all associated with it are to be congratulated.

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RECALLS

SOME ODD

THERE have been many odd happenings in the annals of the G.A.A., an Association now rapidly approaching its eightieth birthday, but surely few more remarkable than the All-Ireland football final replay of 1938 between Kerry and Galway, when, in unusual circumstances, Kerry put, roughly speaking, a team and a half on the field.

The two sides had played a wonderful game before a record crowd in the All-Ireland final proper, and everyone agreed that a draw was a right and fitting result, so that there was tremendous interest in the replay Arguments as to which was the better side could be heard even in parts of the country like Tipperary and Kilkenny, which normally have only an academic interest in football.

One of the reasons for all the arguments was undoubtedly the fact that, in the closing seconds of the drawn game, Kerry had a last-kick 'fifty', which Sean Brosnan dropped in the Galway goalmouth. It was fisted out to Purty Landers, who dropped it neatly over the bar for what looked like the winning score.

However, referee Tom Culhane of Limerick had already told Brosnan that time was up and he must score direct, and the long whistle had gone before the ball crossed the bar.

Unpopular

For once there were differences of opinions in the Kerry camp over the selection of the side for the replay, and many followers completely disapproved of the dropping of Joe Keohane and Purty Landers.

Maybe they were right, too. Though Kerry's replay luck is still

renowned, Galway's claim to be the only side that could upset that luck (they had proved it first in the All-Ireland semi-final of 1919) was well on the way to being proved again when they led the Kerry men by four points with only a couple of minutes of injury time to go. Then the referee blew a long blast on his whistle.

Thousands of spectators, thinking the game was over, swarmed onto the field, but the man in charge, (it was Peter Watters of Kildare this time), had really blown for a free to Kerry, as he quickly explained to officials and such of the teams as he could contact through the crowd.

Finally, stewards and Gardai got the field cleared again, but then there was another problem altogether. The referee was at the centre of the pitch, so were the Galway team, but there were only a few Kerry players present.

Dressed—Left

Referee Watters blew and blew, and then, just as it seemed that he must call off the game, out onto the pitch the Kerry men came running, but the cheers of the crowd were quickly hushed, as they strove to identify the players.

Many of the Kerry team, thinking the game was over, had dashed straight into the dressing room and out of it again for their hotel. So the Kerry men who came back consisted of what was left of the original side, plus the subs, together with a few spare players who had been with the team and for whom boots and jerseys had been procured as quickly as possible.

The two minutes left were disposed of in a somewhat unreal atmosphere, though Kerry added on a point, and that 1938 All-Ireland football final remains the most remarkable ever played because Kerry technically speaking, brought on about twenty-five players in the

course of the hour, and still lost.

Down the years, too, there have been at least three cases of teams who were beaten in the All-Ireland championship and yet won the title, and the first of all was probably the most remarkable case of the lot.

The first All-Ireland football champions were the Limerick Commercials, and that was in the days when only club teams who were the county champions could represent a county in the All-Ireland series.

Won Objection

Well, in the county final, the Commercials were beaten, but they objected and were awarded the game, and so qualified to represent Limerick in the All-Ireland games.

They won against Meath on their first inter-county outing, drew with Kilkenny in the second round, won the replay and were then beaten by Tipperary. However, they also objected to Tipperary, got another replay which they won, and so went on to meet Louth in the first All-Ireland final.

Commercials won, but Louth objected to the Limerick men, only for the objection to be thrown out, and Commercials took the title.

Incidentally the medals were not presented to Commercials until nearly thirty years later, and by then many of the team were either dead or in exile.

Around the turn of the century football was adorned by two great sides, the Clonmel Shamrocks in Tipperary and the Slate-quarry Miners in Kilkenny, both of which went on to win their respective county titles, and, with aid from other clubs, also went on to win their respective provincial crowns.

Eventually, they met at Carrick-on-Suir in the All-Ireland semi-final of 1900, and the Quarry Miners won, but Clonmel objected on a very interesting point.

HAPPENINGS

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The Slate-quarries, then a very thriving concern, was on the borders of the two counties, and employed men from Kilkenny and from Tipperary in almost equal numbers, so that several of the club's players were both natives of and still resident in Tipperary.

Their right to play with Kilkenny had not been previously questioned but, when the Shamrocks objected, the Central Council, in accordance with the rules, ordered a replay.

Kilkenny refused to play the game again, and Tipperary went on to win the Home final easily from Galway and then routed London-Irish in the final.

Oddest Of All

But the oddest thing of all was that, in the final against London-Irish, the Shamrocks included some of the men who had played against them in the semi-final at Carrick and to whom they then objected. The players had, in the meantime, transferred their allegiance from the Slate-quarries club to Grange-mockler.

The third case of a team beaten and yet becoming All-Ireland champions also concerns Kilkenny, but the other way around this time. This was in the hurling series of 1902 in which Cork beat Kilkenny in the final at Tipperary Town.

Kilkenny objected on the grounds that the Cork goalkeeper, Sonny Jim McCarthy, had been a militia man, and, as the rule prohibiting from the G.A.A. members of the British Forces was then very rigidly enforced, the Central Council again ordered a replay. This took place at Dungarvan, and Kilkenny won easily.

On the Cork team in both those matches was a man well-known to every generation of G.A.A. followers, that great raconteur and sports-writer, Paddy Mehigan, 'Carberry', who thus can claim the remarkable if un-

enviable distinction of having played on the winning side in an All-Ireland final and yet failing to win an All-Ireland medal.

Consolation

However, Paddy Mehigan had the consolation some few years afterwards of winning an All-Ireland medal of a slightly different kind, for he won the hop, step and jump championship of Ireland.

There is also, in football, the remarkable case of a team that won an All-Ireland title without playing in the All-Ireland series at all. This occurred in 1925, which was a remarkable year in that the number of objections, for some reason or other, reached record proportions.

Anyway, when All-Ireland semi-final time came round, Kerry, Cavan and Wexford had qualified to represent their respective provinces while, as the Connacht championship was unfinished, the 1924 holders, Mayo, were nominated to represent the West.

Kerry beat Cavan narrowly at Tralee in one semi-final, which was followed by an objection and counter-objection, and the Central Council ruled out both teams. Mayo beat Wexford, and survived an objection, so they seemed to be set for the All-Ireland title.

Indeed, they seem to have been

actually declared All-Ireland champions, but one fact had been overlooked. They still had to play Galway in the Connacht final.

Fat in Fire

That game was played at Tuam, and as Mayo were expected to win anyway, nobody paid a great deal of heed to it at the time. But Galway confounded the prophets by defeating the Mayomen, and then the fat was really in the fire.

Galway were champions of Connacht, but who now were champions of Ireland? That was what everyone wanted to know, and the only body which could give the answer was Central Council, which eventually ruled that Galway were All-Ireland champions for 1925.

The position was still, however, far from satisfactory, and the Council eventually organised a gold medal tournament in lieu of the All-Ireland.

Kerry refused to participate in this, but the other Provincial champions did. Galway won, thus substantiating their claim to the title.

But they had actually become champions on the day they beat Mayo at Tuam, and so must go on record as the only All-Ireland champions who have ever won a title without playing outside their own provincial competition.

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All-Ireland Junior Cross-Country

(At Tanagh House, Cootehill, February 25)

Team: 1,—**CORK** (W. Webb, W. Shine, J. Twomey, P. Cummins, M. Murphy, M. O'Donoghue); 2—**CLARE** (J. Danagher, J. C. Brogan, D. Halloran, T. Byrnes, S. McNamara, J. Lynch).

Individual: 1, W. Webb (Cork); 2, F. McDermott (Cavan); 3, J. Danaher (Clare).

All-Ireland Youths Cross-Country

(At Carrigaline, Co. Cork, March 25)

TEAM—1, **CORK** (T. Hogan, P. Coleman, P. Riordan, D. Forde, T. O'Leary, S. Walsh); 2, **KILDARE**—(E. Pelin, P. Murphy, N. McInerney, B. McCann, J. McHugh, J. Tobin).

Individual—1, J. C. Brogan (Clare); 2, T. Hogan (Cork); 3, J. O'Sullivan (Kerry).

All-Ireland Senior Cross-Country

(At Carrigaline, Co. Cork, March 25)

Team—1, **LIMERICK** (S. O'Sullivan, M. Maxwell, M. O'Sullivan, P. O'Regan, J. Houlihan and M. Fitzgerald). 2, **CORK**—(W. Webb, W. Shine, J. O'Brien, P. J. Cummins, W. Neenan, D. Duggan).

Individual—1, S. O'Sullivan (Limerick), 2, W. Webb (Cork), 3,—M. Rudden (Dublin).

Ten Miles Flat Championship

(At Iveagh Grounds, Dublin, May 23)

1,—Sean O'Sullivan (Kilmallock A.C.), 50 mins. 44.4 secs.; 2, Mick O'Sullivan (Kilmallock A.C.), 53 mins. 15.0 secs.; 3, H. Gorman (St. Augustine's A.C. Dublin), 53 mins. 42 secs.

All-Ireland Junior Athletic C'ships

(At Iveagh Grounds, Dublin, June 24)

100 Yards—1, W. Glynn (U.C.D.), 10.2 secs; 2, L. Power (Luke Wadding A.C., Waterford); 220—1, G. Slattery (Herbertstown), 23.6 secs.; 2, P. Byrne (St. James's Gate, Dublin); 440—1, B. O'Neill (St. John's A.C. Tralee), 52.5; 2, H. Conway (U.C.D.); 880—1, L. Gaughran (Dundealga A.C.), 2 mins. 6.6. secs; 2, A. Hackett (Raheny Shamrocks); Mile 1,—T. Phillips (Raheny Shamrocks), 4m. 36-1 secs.; 2, J. Murphy (Dowdallshill, Dundalk); 120 Hurdles—1, J. Sheehy (Macroom), 17.1 secs.; 2, S. Daly (St. John's, Tralee).

Medley Relay — 1, Raheny Shamrocks A.C., 3 mins. 53.6 secs.; 2, Dundealga A.C.; High Jump—1, J. Sheehy 6 feet; 2, L. Kelleher (Kilmacud), 5 feet 8 ins.; Long Jump—1, W. Glynn (Tuam), 22 feet 9½ ins.; 2, J. Farrell (St. James's Gate), 20' 11"; Hop, Step and Jump—1, J. Sheehy (Macroom), 43' 3½"; 2—L. Kelleher (Kilmacud), 42' 9"; Pole Vault—1, J. Lane (Celtic A.C., Dublin), 11' 3"; 2,—S. Murphy (Galway City), 11' 0"; 12 lb. Shot—1,—J. Sweeney (St. James's Gate), 49' 4"; 2,—L. Cheevers (Galway City), 48' 3"; Discus—1, B. Hartigan (Regional A.C.), 147' 5"; 2,—J. Sweeney (St. James's Gate), 147' 4"; 12 lb. Hammer—1,—J. B. Kelleher (U.C.D.), 126' 9"; 2,—S. Hogan (Ballinasloe), 115' 6"; Javelin—1, P. Callery (Ballinasloe), 175' 9"; 2,—B. Roughneen (Castleknock Col.), 158' 4".

All-Ireland Senior Field and Track Championships

(At Killarney, July 21-22)

60 Yards—1,—M. A. Lanigan (U.C.D.), 6.4 secs.; 2,—S. F. Naughton (Nenagh Olympic A.C.), 3,—W. Glynn (U.C.D.). 100—1,—G. McShane (Dowdallshill A.C.), 10.2 secs.; 2,—M. Lanigan; 3,—W. Glynn. 220—G. McShane, 23.5 secs.; 2,—W. G. Slattery (Herbertstown), 3,—S. English (Blackrock A.C.). 440—1,—J. C. Riordan (U.C.C.), 50 secs.; 2,—B. F. O'Neill (St. John's A.C., Tralee); 3,—B. Murray (U.C.C.). 880—1,—T. White (St. Augustine's A.C.), 59.5 secs.; 2,—A. Clarke (Inchicore A.C.); 3,—Lt. H. Quirke (Curragh A.C.); Mile—1,—T. O'Connor (Dublin City Harriers); 4 mins. 23.3 secs.; 2, M. Rudden (St. Augustines); 3,—T. Madden (Derrydonnell A.C.). Four Miles—1,—S. O'Sullivan (Kilmallock A.C.), 19 mins. 23.3 secs.; 2,—B. O'Gorman, (St. Finbarr's A.C.); 3,—J. Downes (Kilmallock A.C.). 120 Hurdles—1,—M. A. Lanigan (U.C.D.), 15.1 secs.; 2,—E. Thornton (U.C.D.); 3,—J. Sheehy (Macroom A.C.); Medley Relay—1,—S. Finbarr's A.C. Cork, 3 mins. 39.4 secs.; 2, U.C.C. High Jump—1,—J. Sheehy (Macroom), 6' 3"; 2—P. O'Shea (Millstreet A.C.), 6' 2"; 3,—T. Twomey (Rising Sun A.C., Kinsale), 5' 10". Long Jump—1, W. Glynn (U.C.D.), 23' 7"; 2,—S. O'Dwyer (Ardgroom A.C.), 23' 0"; 3,—S. Daly (St. John's A.C.), 21' 11".

Hop, Step and Jump—1,—S. O'Dwyer (Ardgroom), 49' 4"; 2,—R. O'Dwyer, (do), 46' 8½"; 3,—T. Twomey (Rising Sun A.C.), 46' 8½".

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A GREAT year for Leinster, Longford and Wexford. That just about sums up the 1961-62 Colleges' G.A.A. season, which brought All-Ireland titles in both hurling and football to the Eastern province.

St. Mel's, Longford won their first senior football title since 1948, when they beat St. Jarlath's, Tuam in a thrill-packed final at Ballinasloe, and thus reversed last year's result.

St. Peter's, Wexford took the hurling trophy for the first time ever when, after being held to a draw in Thurles, they decisively beat Ennis C.B.S. in the Croke Park final.

Away from the glamour and glare of these big championship events, we saw some heroic efforts by lesser-known schools like Enniscorthy C.B.S. who took their first ever Dr. Staunton Cup, after being held to a draw in the final by St. Joseph's, Fairview.

Wexford C.B.S. who completed a great treble for the south-eastern county when they won the Dr. Kyne Cup, and of course we cannot forget the feat of St. Mel's, Longford, who won the junior football title as well as the senior in Leinster.

Tuam's Three Trophies

Down South, Salesian College, Pallaskenry, in Munster competition for just six years, swept three titles. They won the senior hurling Division B trophy, beating 1959 Harty Cup champions, Tipperary C.B.S., in the final.

They defeated Midleton C.B.S. in the senior football Division B championship, but most satisfying victory of all, as far as the lads themselves were concerned, was in the junior hurling (Dr. Kyne Cup) championship.

Here again they beat Midleton C.B.S., but victory was all the sweeter, because twelve months previously Midleton had beaten them at the exact same stage of the competition.

Once again the famed Tuam College, St. Jarlath's, dominated football in the West, taking the three top titles for the third year running. Indeed, that defeat by Mel's in the All-Ireland final was only their second since March, 1959, when they were beaten in the Connacht final by St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderren.

Up North, St. Patrick's, Cavan,

trained by inter-county player, Jim McDonnell, took the premier trophy (MacRory Cup) by beating Abbey C.B.S., Newry at Ballybay. St. Colman's, Newry took the Ranafast Cup and Hardinge St. C.B.S. won the Corn na n-Og.

Once again in the senior football world, the same four teams, St. Jarlath's, Tuam, St. Patrick's, Cavan, St. Mel's, Longford and De La Salle, Waterford emerged as senior champions from their respective provinces.

The draw for the All-Ireland semi-finals produced the same pairings, and results as in 1961.

St. Jarlath's, Tuam and St. Patrick's, Cavan met in Athlone, and victory went to the Tuam side, for the second year in succession, by 2-8 to 1-3.

Seventy seven miles away, in Croke Park, on the same day St. Mel's just scraped home 2-5 to 2-3 over De La Salle, a goal in the last four minutes deciding the issue.

The Final

This brought us a final everyone had been wanting to see since the teams last clashed in Athlone twelve months previously.

This time the venue was Ballinasloe, the chips were down in earnest, and Tuam folk told us that their team was heading for its third in a row, fourth in five years and fifth All-Ireland title, and would not be beaten. However, there was an air of quiet confidence about the Longford lads, who trained like demons to avenge the previous year's defeat.

The game was an all-the-way, five-star thriller, and what a tremendous finish Mel's put in as they turned a 2-11 to 2-5 deficit into a 3-11 to 2-12 victory!

St. Mel's capture their second Hogan Cup

By Bill Stenson

This was a personal victory for men like Ciaran Ryan, Mickey Reilly, Noel Earley and the brainy J. V. Costelloe, not to mention Dermot Gannon, Alec Carolan, who retired injured and promoted junior James Hanify.

They got a wonderful fight from Tuam's John Cleary, Oliver Hughes, Ernie Deacey and Michael O'Malley, who literally fought their hearts out for yet another title. It was not to be, however, and victory went to the better side on the day's play.

When All-Ireland champions St. Kieran's, Kilkenny were surprisingly beaten by Kilkenny C.B.S. in the first round of the Leinster senior championship, and many people told us that the team to watch in Munster was Ennis C.B.S. the year looked most promising in hurling circles.

Exciting Game

Kilkenny failed to live up to their reputation, for after holding St. Peter's, Wexford to a draw with a last-minute point, 1-6 each, they went down 4-3 to 1-4 in the replay.

Meanwhile, Ennis had battled their way through to a Harty Cup final with old rivals and fellow townsmen St. Flannan's, in a game that had Ennis wild with excitement.

Determination, enthusiasm and the will not to be beaten were the main factors in the victory of the C.B.S. side, but it was only after a rip-roaring hour of top-class hurling that they eventually got through by 4-2 to 2-7.

St. Peter's easily defeated St. Molaisse's, Portumna in the All-Ireland semi-final and that left the way clear to the final, between St. Peter's and Ennis, two teams which had never won the title before.

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The myth of first-time pulling

"PULL. Pull first time. You can't beat first-time pulling"—These and similar exhortations seem to be the doctrine of newspaper reporters, trainers and followers of the game of hurling all over the county.

Teams from the weak counties seem to do nothing else but first-time pulling. When they get beaten, their mentors blame the lack of pulling and then go home and advocate even more first-time pulling.

Let us approach it this way. Select the best players of the past decade and see how many were "first-timers".

Start with Wexford. Nicky Rackard loved to get the ball into his hand and go for the goal. Tim Flood loves to dodge and twist and get in his shot. Bobby Rackard seldom if ever pulled first-time on the ball. Up went the hand followed by a dash out through a forest of hurleys.

Nick O'Donnell is the same and Willie Rackard is no different, while Jim English rarely seems to pull first-time.

Waterford had a fine team in 1959. How many of them were first-time pullers?

Remember the way John Barron used to come dashing out from his corner-back position juggling with the ball? Phil Grimes and Seamus Power were most effective when they got the ball into their hands. Tom Cheasty's jinking runs were a far cry from first-time pulling.

Jimmy Smith has been Clare's best hurler for many a year, and he never favoured the first-time pull, although he could use it to perfection.

On to Kilkenny. Ollie Walsh? Johnny McGovern? Sean Clohosey? Paddy Buggy? Jim Langton? None of these favoured the first-time pull.

The Master

What about Cork? Yes, Cork have had a fair share of pullers. Willie John Daly, Matt Fuohy and Josie Hartnett did their share of it. Yet it was by no means their only gambit.

Cork also had grand ball players like John Lyons, Vince Twomey and Paddy Barry who, more often than not, did a bit of placing on the ball before sending it where they wanted it to go.

Christy Ring, of course, is master of the pull and has used it more than usual in later years. Probably the best goals he ever scored, however, were the three against Limerick in Thurles in 1956. If I remember rightly, he scored them by dropping the hurley and palming the ball to the net.

Back to Tipperary. Pat Stakelum was one hurler who really did nearly all first-time pulling, but beside him

you had John Doyle, Jimmy Finn, the Kennys and Jimmy Kennedy, all of whom preferred other methods.

Do The Unexpected

Take the present Tipp team. Jimmy Doyle does not depend on first-time pulling; neither does Liam Devaney. If that is not enough, Tipp would not have won this year's All-Ireland if "Mackey" McKenna had not gone completely against the doctrine of first-time pulling.

At the crucial stage he got the ball in his hand and ran forty yards with it balanced on his hurley.

Let us have less talk about first-time pulling and not delude the weaker counties any longer.

HURLING IS A GAME IN WHICH FIRST-TIME PULLING PLAYS A PART, BUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GOOD AND THE BAD, THE WINNER AND THE LOSER, IS THE ABILITY, TO RISE AND STRIKE, TO TWIST AND TURN WITH THE BALL, TO DO THE UNEXPECTED.

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Knocknagow Lives

MORE than most other years the words of the poet are applicable to the Tipp team of 1962. During 1961 Tipperary had swept the boards, but here we were well into 1962 and we had hardly had a worthwhile victory.

First Kilkenny, in fighting mood on their home ground, had swept Tipperary unceremoniously out of the League. Then the Rest of Ireland beat us in the home ground at Thurles.

BY TONY WALL

A month or so later Cork, in a tournament game, did the same at Tipperary town, and soon afterwards Wexford, in a tournament at Carrick-on-Suir, performed a similar feat.

It was a long time since Tipp had suffered so many defeats. No wonder they thought that Knocknagow was gone!

In the gloom of those defeats there were only a few glimmers of hope. First there was a victory over Dublin at Wembley, followed by another over Waterford at Waterford. These, however, were of little account compared to defeats by the three great rivals—Cork, Kilkenny and Wexford.

It was with this background that Tipperary went to Cork for that first-round championship game with Limerick. The Shannonsiders were trained to the ounce, yet it was Tipp who shot into the lead. During the second half, however, Tipp seemed to fade a little, and the eager Limerick men shot home four goals to take the lead in the crucial dying minutes.

Lucky Limerick

When all seemed lost Tipperary sparked by advent of Killenaule's Tom Ryan, clicked into gear once again, and it was the Limerick goal which bore a charmed life during those hectic minutes between the two final whistles.

Tipperary had had but a few nights training for this game, but for the replay preparation never stopped. This was three weeks away and that time was put to good use. The result was evident to all.

In the replay Tipp moved with a vigour and design which had not been evident for 12 months. The reorganised defence, with Matt O'Gara included in place of Matt Hassett (who had broken a finger) and John Doyle at corner back, was a compact unit which did not give Limerick a score for 45 minutes.

The forwards, too, were reorganised with "Mackey" McKenna operating for the first time at centre forward. He distributed the ball adroitly and aided by a great display by Tom Ryan of Killenaule the attacking unit ran up score after score.

This resounding victory was the first real sign that Knocknagow was back—but more was yet to come. The

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Munster final was only two weeks away, and Waterford, conquerers of Cork, were the opponents.

The story of that game is now history—The way the Tipp defence contained that all-out first-half Waterford

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JIMMY DOYLE . . .

Tipperary's captain

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onslaught—Jimmy Doyle's golden goal just before half-time—the switch between Liam Devaney and Donie Nealon—a great display by Theo English—and Waterford's collapse.

All this, of course, would be to no avail without the All-Ireland crown. Wexford were the opponents and 1960 was still fresh in our memories. There were but a few changes on the sides, and a Wexford victory was a distinct possibility.

Glorious Goal

Came the big day of which the events are also history. Those early goals by John McLoughlin and Tom Moloughney were very welcome. Wexford's fight-back was frightening and Jimmy Doyle's injury was heart-breaking.

When things seemed blackest, however, came Tipp's greatest effort. Theo English hand passed to "Mackey" McKenna, who was away like his Limerick namesake of former days. "Mackey" passed to Tom Ryan, whose glorious shot shook the net, Croke Park and Wexford.

The winning point had yet to come, and Donie Nealon's fifty-yard solo effort before he tapped it over will long be remembered.

Those are but the highlights of a campaign in which Donal O'Brien, Matt Hassett, Mick Maher, Kieran Carey, Mick Burns, Tom Ryan of Toomevara, Liam Connolly and those already mentioned played a glorious part.

What were the reasons for victory? Tipp's hurling tradition; the skill, enthusiasm and determination of the players; shrewd selectors; Ossie Bennett's skill in training the team for the big days; luck; the anger aroused in the players at newspaper reports; the prayers of supporters; the skill of the medical attention given to the team.

Those are the reasons. Place them in whatever order you wish. The fact remains that it requires a combination of all to produce victory.

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In the lull after all the activity, memories of the year's highlights come crowding back. Great games, great names and their displays, unusual incidents; all will be recalled according to the individual taste.

As the supply of outstanding events becomes exhausted, our thoughts, inevitably turn to the working of the Association, to how things are on the administrative side, to the move-with-the-times approach at top-level, to the effect on the games of various rule

BY CHRIS

changes, and to the aspects of the Association still crying out for improvement.

Here, our thoughts stand still and immediately the question of refereeing crops up.

The year gone by, best remembered for Gerry O'Malley's failure to get that deserved medal, showed up the standard of refereeing as being very poor indeed.

On recollection, I recall far too much hesitancy in calling back play for very obvious fouls, which caused resentment among spectators.

Advantage Rule

I remember, too, several instances of the advantage rule being completely misapplied, and, reluctantly, I recollect consistently dirty players being allowed a "tenure of office" which really good referees would have ended at the very first offence.

Where is the player, official or spectator who can honestly say that the standard of refereeing is as high as it should be in an Association as great as the G.A.A.? Emphatically, I say it is not.

Several reasons have been advanced for this state of affairs, the chief one being the flexibility of the rules which allows referees to adopt a "do-as-I-like" policy.

A contributory factor is of course, the susceptibility of most officials to side-line influence. How often has a shout from the "tough" seats not affected the trend of a game?

We have referees, too, who never seem to know when a game is rougher than stipulated by the rule book, and those who depend too much on their own eye-sight, forgetting the presence of equally sure-sighted umpires.

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Generally, though, I admire any man who presumes to handle thirty players, record the scores, keep the time, watch substitution and be up with the play. His is an onerous task, a thankless one, often a dangerous one and certainly an unrewarding one.

Taking into account the magnitude of his undertaking, surely a referee should be allowed the courtesy of minor error. Such a consideration would eliminate the "get-a-jersey", "open 'em ref.", and other unwanted advice shouted at referees from time to time.

A Disgrace

But insulting and unwelcome as that attitude is, there should be no room whatsoever in the Association for the loud-mouthed and pugilist-minded thugs, who swarm onto playfields, like swallows after flies, to impose their vicious and savage will on a defenceless official he gave a ruling against their team. I say shame, shame!

The perpetrators of such cowardly deeds are a disgrace to the name of Ireland, but words fail me in condemnation of those crawl-thumping officials who come to Board meetings and fall over themselves in an effort to make excuses for this type of hooliganism.

Some would have us believe such people do not exist. These must never have passed through a turnstile or attended a Board meeting. They should "pull back the wool from over their eyes".

To the defenders of attacks on referees I would say: "drag yourselves away from an Association for MEN".

Some of our players, too, might, with profit, revise their attitude to the man in the middle. They should remember, even under provocation, that his whistle and finger are the voice of authority.

In an effort to hold on to the few who are willing to be whistlemen, and in an attempt to induce young



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people to join their ranks, it is imperative that the referee be made the "spoiled child" of the household. His decisions must be upheld by all.

His importance to the Association cannot be over-stressed, for without him there would be no games and no G.A.A.

The more referees we have, the greater the chance of the standard of games control improving. And it must improve.

Apart from the introduction of more referees, the present number can be helped in a big way if . . .

Uniform Interpretation

If the powers-that-be word the rules in such a way that there must be absolute uniformity of their interpretation. That, to my mind, is where most of the trouble lies.

Players will, naturally, get irked if one referee blows them for something they got away with under another ref.

For instance, the rule governing 21-yard frees could be improved. Surely a player standing inside the end line—he can't stand outside it—is not the required distance from the ball on the 21-yard line.

Take the double-catch in hurling. If a player reaches for a falling ball, which hops off his hand, and he catches it before it hits the ground, he can hardly be guilty of the double-catch. Yet, how often do we not see referees blowing for it.

What really baffles me, however, is the continued retention of the one-month automatic suspension rule. This, I believe, is a gross injustice to any referee. It requires him to be judge and jury. He must not only determine a player's offence, but also impose the penalty. It will, no doubt, be argued that confirmation of the sentence must come from a Board meeting, but who ever heard of such a meeting quashing the penalty?

It would be tragic if it did, because while the rule exists it must be observed. And, of course, this rule ties a referee's hands regarding putting players to the line.

Position Static

To my mind, the problem of refereeing is no nearer a satisfactory solution than it was many years ago, and the sooner the top brass of the G.A.A. sit down seriously to find an answer, the better.

As the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, so also does the teacher in the school-room mould the character of the man.

Might I respectfully suggest a visit to our schools of a G.A.A. representative, who would instruct our youth on the need for obedience to referees and, more important, on toleration of their decisions.

Like everything, if repeated often enough it might impress. As a long-term policy it is worth a trial.

Camogie Made Good Progress

1962 may not have been a vintage camogie year, but it did mark the spread of the game in the East and South and, with a revival on the way in Ulster, was full of bright promise for the future.

It was again heartening to see the progress made in the schools and colleges, particularly in Leinster and Ulster, while there is every hope that we shall see a Munster Colleges' championship played this winter.

Leinster, however, again had the widest entry on the schools front, and for the first time the Stuart Cup was won by a country team, a brilliant side from Convent of Mercy, Callan.

The Callan girls, coached by former All-Ireland hurling captain of Kilkenny, Mick Kenny, were, however, very hard-pressed in a rain-swept final at Croke Park, and only just got through against the great challenge from Maryfield College, the Dublin standard-bearers.

The Annual Congress in Dublin in March elected a new President, Miss Chris O'Connell of Limerick, and the Secretary's report showed that a total of 226 clubs had affiliated, ten more than in the previous year.

The championship season began soon afterwards. All six counties, for the first time in many years, competed in Munster, and all counties entered in Leinster, though Carlow, Longford and Westmeath, for various reasons gave early walk-overs.

Disappointing

In the North and West the championship turn-out was, however, more than disappointing. Antrim beat Armagh in the opening game in the North, but then found that the only remaining opposition, Derry, did not field and had a bloodless victory in the final as a result.

Only Galway and Mayo fielded in the West, where Galway retained their title without undue difficulty for the third successive year.

However, the Munster and Leinster championships more than compensated for disappointments elsewhere.

In the South Kerry, staging a return after a long absence, went down heavily to Limerick; Clare sprang a first-round surprise by defeating Waterford, while Cork caused some-

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thing of a sensation by ousting Tipperary, who had gone so close to All-Ireland honours in 1961.

Limerick then beat Clare in the semi-final and were not favoured with the best of luck when failing narrowly to Cork in a hard-fought provincial decider at Rathkeale.

Meanwhile, Leinster had gone ahead with the rather ambitious project of running not one but three championships—in junior, intermediate and senior grades. As the intermediate champions were to meet Dublin in the senior final, this latter competition was first away and produced some lively games, particularly between Laois and Wexford and Wexford and Kilkenny, before Wexford had a hard-earned win over Louth in the final.

First Title

The senior final came next and Dublin had little difficulty in defeating a rather disappointing Wexford side, that never seemed to reach their best form.

The junior final, an unusual pairing between Offaly and Meath, drew a good crowd to Tullamore, where the Offaly girls won their very first camogie title after a close game and amid scenes of wonderful enthusiasm.

The All-Ireland semi-finals were close affairs. Cork, fancied to get back into the All-Ireland limelight after their displays in Munster, were

surprisingly but deservedly beaten by Galway at Fermoy, while Antrim, with a young, stylish and effective side, seemed certain to run rings round Dublin when they built up an early lead at Parnell Park.

However, a shower seemed to take much of the effectiveness out of the stick-work of the Northern girls, and Dublin staged a remarkable rally to snatch the verdict.

The final was played at Croke Park in mid-August, but not even a good day drew the big crowd that might have been expected. The game got a fair share of publicity, but one could not help but feel that the public just would not believe that Dublin could be beaten.

And the public were right. Though the Galway defence fought a stubborn rear-guard action all through, with Eileen Naughton brilliant in goal, they had not the out-field power to seriously trouble the Dublin girls, who thus took the O'Duffy Cup and the All-Ireland title for the twenty-first time, and still stay ahead of even the Kerry footballers in the matter of All-Ireland senior titles won.

Unlucky

Antrim I thought the unlucky team of the season, and they certainly looked wonderful when defeating a Wexford club side in the curtain-raiser to the All-Ireland final.

Galway, after their victory over Cork, did not come up to expectations against a Dublin side that did not look anything like as polished as some of the great city combinations of the past.

Incidentally, Dublin's Una O'Connor won her ninth All-Ireland medal, a feat which puts her second to Kathleen Mills in the number of trophies won.

The Gael-Linn Cup semi-finals were played in September and provided two wonderfully even struggles. At Carrickmacross, where the arrange-

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ments were excellent and where, I believe, we would have seen a great crowd but for the deluge that descended, Ulster were very hard-pressed to beat Connacht, and the showing of the Western girls proved decisively that they had not been downhearted by their All-Ireland defeat but had, on the contrary, learned much from that set-back.

The second semi-final, played at Parnell Park, Dublin, between the holders, Munster, and Leinster, was one of the most memorable camogie games I have ever seen.

Perhaps at times the exchanges were over zealous, but, generally speaking, it was a magnificent exhibition, in which Munster, after running up a big early lead, gradually lost their cohesion and were overhauled by Leinster shortly before the end of the regular fifty minutes.

Twenty minutes of extra time were then played, and again there was nothing at all between the sides until Leinster pulled out with a couple of quick scores in the closing minutes to snatch a four-point victory.

What a pity that the crowd was so small. One feels that if Central Council had played this game at a Leinster provincial venue, say Gorey or Wexford, since there were so many Wexford girls involved, a far bigger attendance would have turned up.

In addition, the game would have got a tremendous fillip in the area, for anyone who saw it could not but have been impressed. As it was, the game when played in Dublin failed to attract as many as patronise a Dublin league match of note on any Sunday morning.

Extra Time

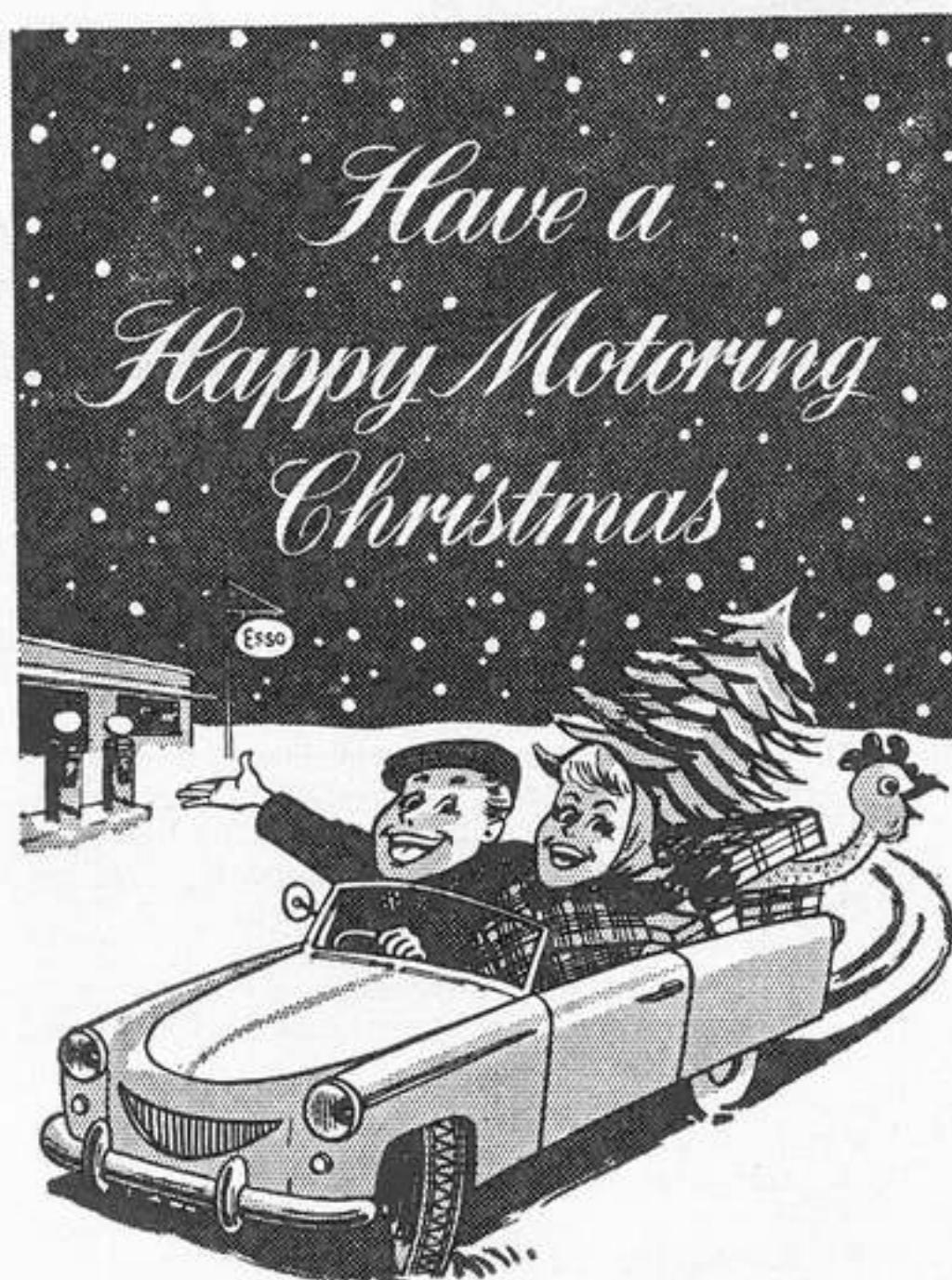
The last big match of the year, the Gael-Linn Cup final between Leinster and Ulster, was the best of all. Leinster won a wonderful game by a five-point margin, but were a trifle flattered by the score-board when taking the trophy for the fifth time in six years of the competition.

Full-back Mary Sinnott was outstanding for the winners, whose forwards also gave a polished display, but Ulster made a gallant attempt to take this trophy North for the first time.

This was a historic occasion, as it was the first time that a winning

Leinster team in this competition was captained by a non-Dublin, the captain this time being Lily Parle, who took the trophy home in triumph to Wexford.

It was a fitting ending to a good year on the playing fields.



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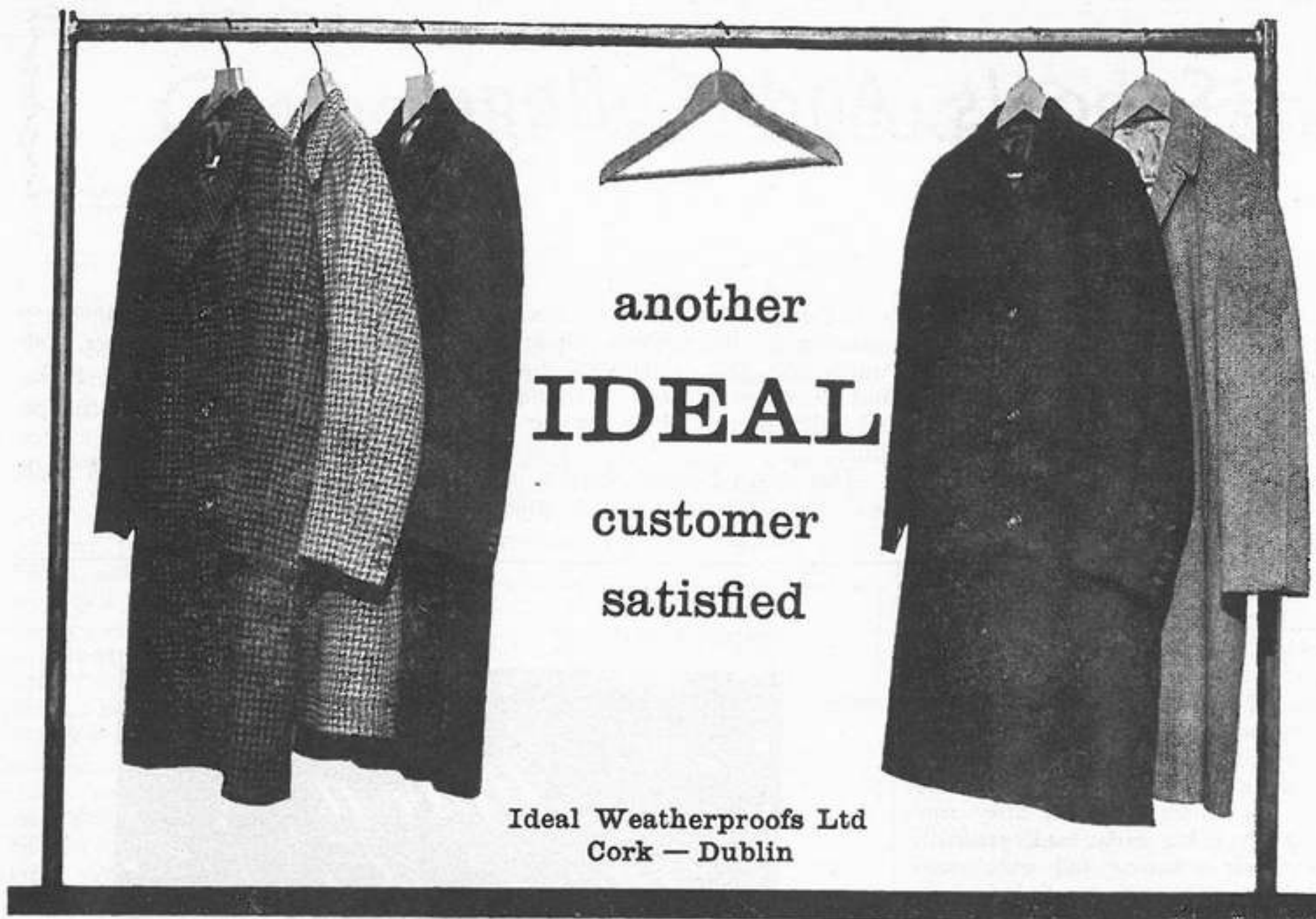
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SNAPSHOTS OF THE YEAR

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This incident in the All-Ireland semi-final resulted in a 14 yards free and a point for Dublin. Pictured here are, from left—Johnny Culloty (Kerry), Mick O'Dwyer (K.), Kevin Heffernan (Dublin, on ground), Tim Lyons (K.), Paddy Farnan (D., partly hidden by Lyons), Paddy Delaney (D.) and Donie O'Sullivan (K.).

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Eddie Mooney, the Meath goalkeeper, makes a vain effort to stop this Kildare point in the Cuchulainn Cup final at Croke Park. Kildare's John Loughlin (left) watches proceedings, while Willie McGuirk (No. 4) holds off Paddy Moore.

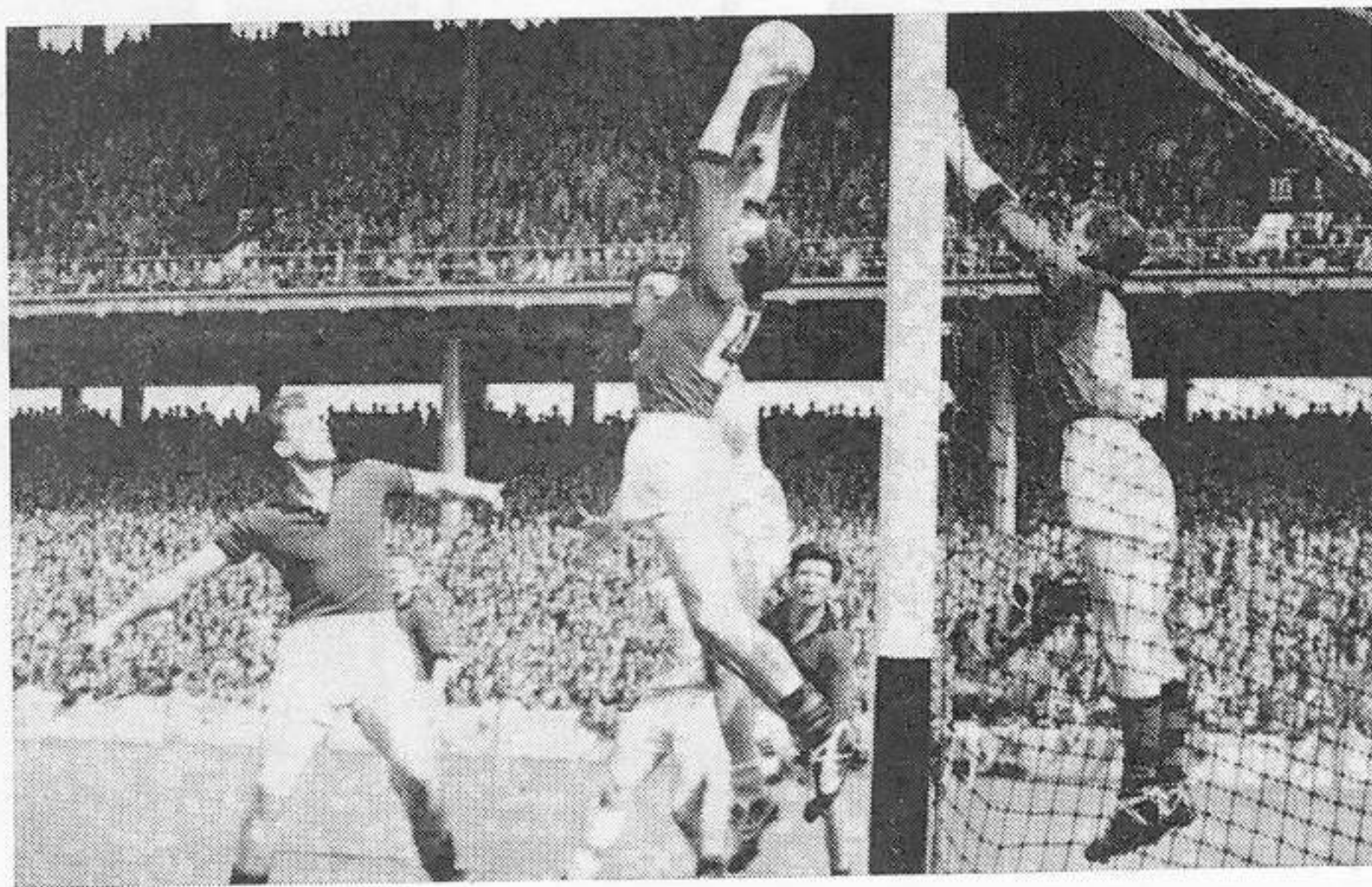




Above:—Kildare's left full-back, Toss McCarthy (No. 4), goes high to halt a Meath attack in the Cuchulainn Cup final despite the challenge of Pat Collins (No. 13).

Left:—Tommy Furlong (Offaly, No. 14) fields near the Dublin goal in the Leinster senior football decider at Croke Park. Others in picture are, from left—Leo Hickey and Lar Foley (Dublin) and Tommy Cullen (Offaly).

Below:—This Dublin "50" in the National Football League final ended in the safe hands of Pat Rice, who outjumped Dublin's Johnny Joyce to effect a spectacular save. The Down goalkeeper, Eamonn McKay, has the ball covered also, while Leo Murphy (left) and George Lavery watch anxiously.



BELOW: Jack Lynch, the present Minister for Industry and Commerce, pictured with the McCarthy Cup after he had captained Cork to victory over Dublin in the All-Ireland senior hurling final of 1942.



* RIGHT: Greg Hughes, Leinster's football captain, holds the Railway Cup after his team's defeat of Ulster on St. Patrick's Day.
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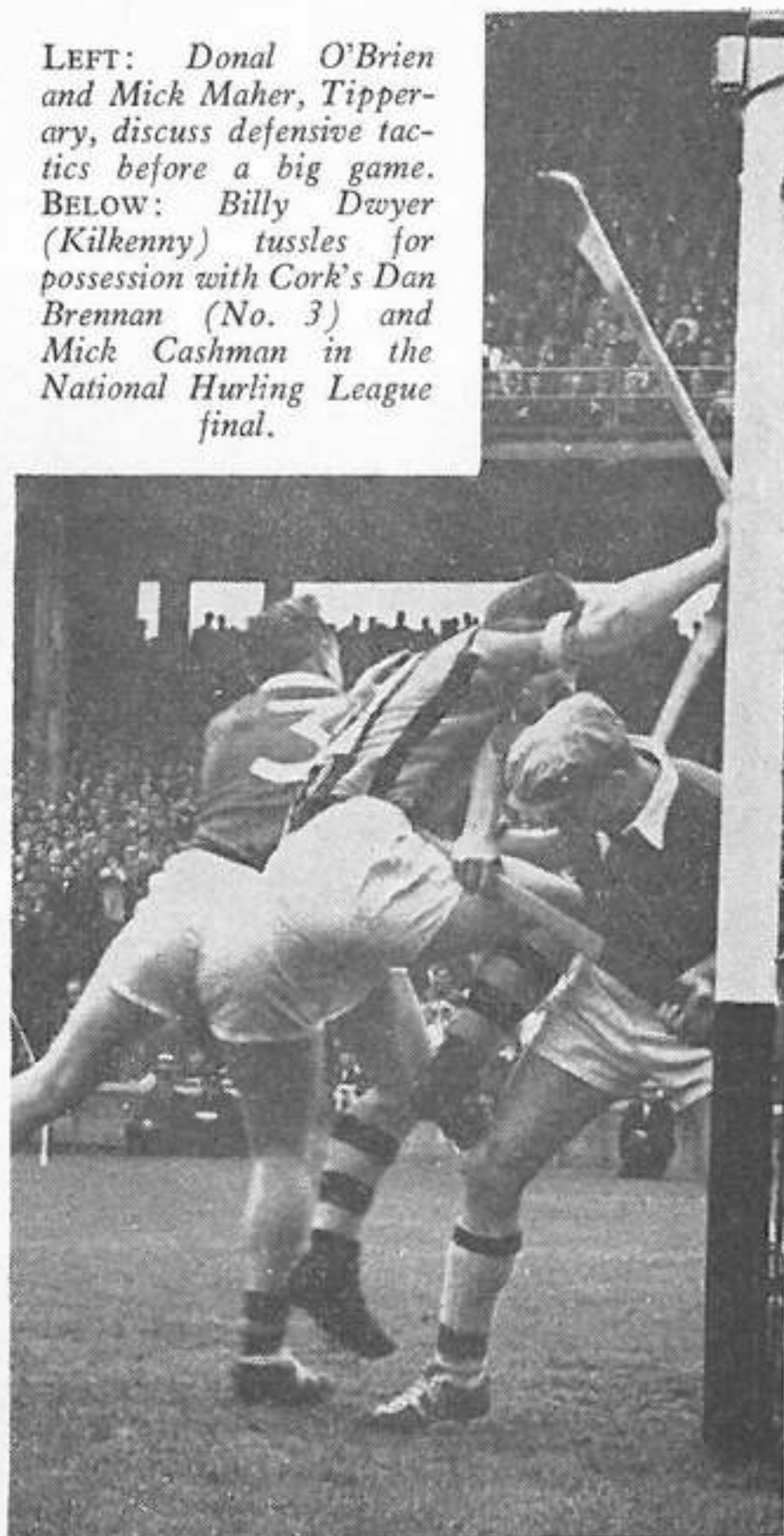
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Joe Dunphy, the Kilkenny minor captain, holds the Irish Press Cup in triumph as he is chaired from the field by team-mates and supporters. It was the second year running for Joe, who is the son of a former Kilkenny All-Ireland hurler, Eddie Dunphy, to lead his county's minor team to victory.





LEFT: Donal O'Brien and Mick Maher, Tipperary, discuss defensive tactics before a big game. BELOW: Billy Dwyer (Kilkenny) tussles for possession with Cork's Dan Brennan (No. 3) and Mick Cashman in the National Hurling League final.



Down, National Football League champions. Kneeling (from left)—Jarlath Carey, Kevin Mussen, Kevin O'Neill, Paddy Doherty (capt.), Sean O'Neill, Brian Morgan, George Lavery, Eamonn McKay. Standing (from left)—Jim McCartan, Joe Lennon, Tony Hadden, Leo Murphy, Dan McCartan, Pat Rice, Patsy O'Hagan.





Seamus Fitzgerald, the Kerry goalkeeper, brings off one of his many fine saves in the All-Ireland minor football final. Running in to challenge him is Christy Dolan (No. 12), of Mayo.

Action in the offaly goalmouth as the ball beats Johnny Joyce (Dublin), Willie Nolan (Offaly, hidden by Joyce), Greg Hughes (O.), and drops wide in the Leinster S.F. final.



Munster's Mick Cashman goes high to save this shot despite the attention of Willie Jackson and Christy O'Brien, of Leinster, in the Railway Cup final.



Tom McArdle (No. 16), the Ulster goalkeeper, is surrounded by Leinster forwards Padraic Gearty (left), Kevin Heffernan (No. 15), and Frank Lynch as he makes a save in the Railway Cup football final, while fellow defenders Leo Murphy and Gabriel Kelly (No. 2) stand by.

Pat Nolan, the Wexford goalman, looks disconsolately at the ball in the back of net for Tipperary's second goal in the All-Ireland senior hurling final.



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Wexford's Willie Rackard holds the O'Keeffe Cup after their defeat of Kilkenny in the Leinster senior hurling final.

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Kerry's only goal in the All-Ireland football final followed this incident. The ball beats John Oliver Moran (Roscommon), John Lynch (R.), Tom Long (Kerry), and Garry McMahon (K., extreme left) had an easy task in scoring. Running in are Gerry O'Reilly (R.) and Dan McAuliffe (K.).

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THE PATHS

TIPPERARY

Tipperary, 3-12; Limerick, 4-9.

Half-time: 2-7 to 0-4.

Scorers—Jimmy Doyle (2-4), L. Devaney (0-3), D. Nealon (0-3), T. Moloughney (1-0), M. Burns (0-1), T. Ryan (Killenaule) (0-1).

D. O'Brien; M. Hassett, M. Maher, K. Carey; M. Burns, A. Wall, John Doyle; T. English, T. Ryan (Toomevara); Jimmy Doyle, L. Devaney, D. Nealon; J. McKenna, T. Moloughney, S. McLoughlin. Subs.—T. Ryan (Killenaule) for Ryan, R. Slevin for Hassett.

Referee—J. Smith (Clare).

Attendance—21,998.

Tipperary, 5-13; Limerick, 2-4.

Half-time: 2-9 to 0-1.

Scorers—Jimmy Doyle (1-6), T. Moloughney (2-1), D. Nealon (1-0), S. McLoughlin (1-0), T. Ryan (K.) (0-2), J. McKenna (0-2), L. Devaney (0-1), M. Burns (0-1).

D. O'Brien; John Doyle, M. Maher, K. Carey; M. O'Gara, A. Wall, M. Burns; T. English, L. Devaney; Jimmy Doyle, J. McKenna, T. Ryan (K.); D. Nealon, T. Moloughney, S. McLoughlin. Sub.—R. Slevin for Maher.

Referee—P. Cronin (Cork).

Attendance—24,300.

Tipperary, 5-14; Waterford, 2-3.

Half-time: 2-3 to 1-3.

Scorers—Jimmy Doyle (1-10), L. Devaney (2-1), S. McLoughlin (1-0), J. McKenna (1-0), D. Nealon (0-1), T. Moloughney (0-1), T. Ryan (K.) (0-1).

D. O'Brien; John Doyle, M. Maher, K. Carey; M. O'Gara, A. Wall, M. Burns; T. English, L. Devaney; Jimmy Doyle, J. McKenna, T. Ryan (K.); D. Nealon, T. Moloughney, S. McLoughlin.

Referee—G. Fitzgerald (Limerick).

Attendance—31,000.

Tipperary, 3-10; Wexford, 2-11.

Half-time: 2-6 to 1-6.

Scorers—S. McLoughlin (1-2), Jimmy Doyle (0-4), D. Nealon (0-3), T. Ryan (K.) (1-0), T. Moloughney (1-0), L. Connolly (0-1).

D. O'Brien; John Doyle, M. Maher, K. Carey; M. O'Gara, A. Wall, M. Burns; T. English, L. Devaney; Jimmy Doyle, J. McKenna, T. Ryan (K.); D. Nealon, T. Moloughney, S. McLoughlin. Subs.—L. Connolly for O'Gara, T. Ryan (Toomevara) for Jimmy Doyle.

Referee—J. Dowling (Offaly).

Attendance—75,039.



DONAL O'BRIEN



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MICK MAHER



KIERAN CAREY



MATT O'GARA



TONY WALL



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TOM RYAN



DONIE NEALON



T. MOLOUGHNEY



SEAN McLOUGHLIN





TO GLORY

KERRY

Kerry, 2-18; Waterford, 2-6.

Half-time: 2-4 to 1-6.

Scorers—D. McAuliffe (0-4) P. Sheehy (0-4), D. Geaney (0-3), M. O'Connell (0-3), S. Roche (1-0), S. Og Sheehy (1-0), T. Long (0-2), M. O'Dwyer (0-1), S. Murphy (0-1).

J. Culloty; A. Conway, N. Sheehy, T. Lyons; S. Og Sheehy, N. Lucey, M. O'Dwyer; M. O'Connell, J. Lucey; D. Geaney, S. Murphy, S. Roche; D. McAuliffe, T. Long, P. Sheehy. Sub.—J. Healy for Conway.

Referee—M. Colbert (Limerick). Attendance—4,000.

Kerry, 4-8; Cork, 0-4.

Half-time: 3-4 to 0-2.

Scorers—D. McAuliffe (1-2), T. Long (1-1), M. O'Connell (1-1), E. O'Driscoll (1-1), D. Geaney (0-1), P. Sheehy (0-1), J. Lucey (0-1).

J. Culloty; D. O'Sullivan, N. Sheehy, T. Lyons; S. Murphy, N. Lucey, M. O'Dwyer; M. O'Connell, J. Lucey; D. Geaney, E. O'Driscoll, S. Og Sheehy; D. McAuliffe, T. Long, P. Sheehy.

Referee—M. Colbert (Limerick). Attendance—25,000

Kerry, 2-12; Dublin, 0-10.

Half-time: 2-9 to 0-3.

Scorers—T. Long (1-3), M. O'Connell (0-4), G. McMahon (1-1), P. Sheehy (0-2), T. O'Sullivan (0-1), D. Geaney (0-1).

J. Culloty; D. O'Sullivan, N. Sheehy, T. Lyons; S. Og Sheehy, Seamus Murphy, M. O'Dwyer; Mick O'Connell, J. Lucey; Dan McAuliffe, Timmy O'Sullivan, J. O'Riordan; G. McMahon, T. Long, P. Sheehy. Subs.—D. Geaney for McAuliffe, S. Roche for T. O'Sullivan.

Referee—L. Maguire (Cavan). Attendance—60,396.

Kerry, 1-12; Roscommon, 1-6.

Half-time: 1-8 to 1-1.

Scorers—M. O'Connell (0-7), G. McMahon (1-0), T. O'Sullivan (0-2), P. Sheehy (0-2), T. Long (0-1).

J. Culloty; S. Murphy, N. Sheehy, T. Lyons; S. Og Sheehy, N. Lucey, M. O'Dwyer; M. O'Connell, J. Lucey; D. McAuliffe, T. O'Sullivan, J. O'Riordan; G. McMahon, T. Long, P. Sheehy. Subs.—K. Coffey for McAuliffe, J. J. Barrett for Lyons.

Referee—E. Moules (Wicklow). Attendance—75,771.



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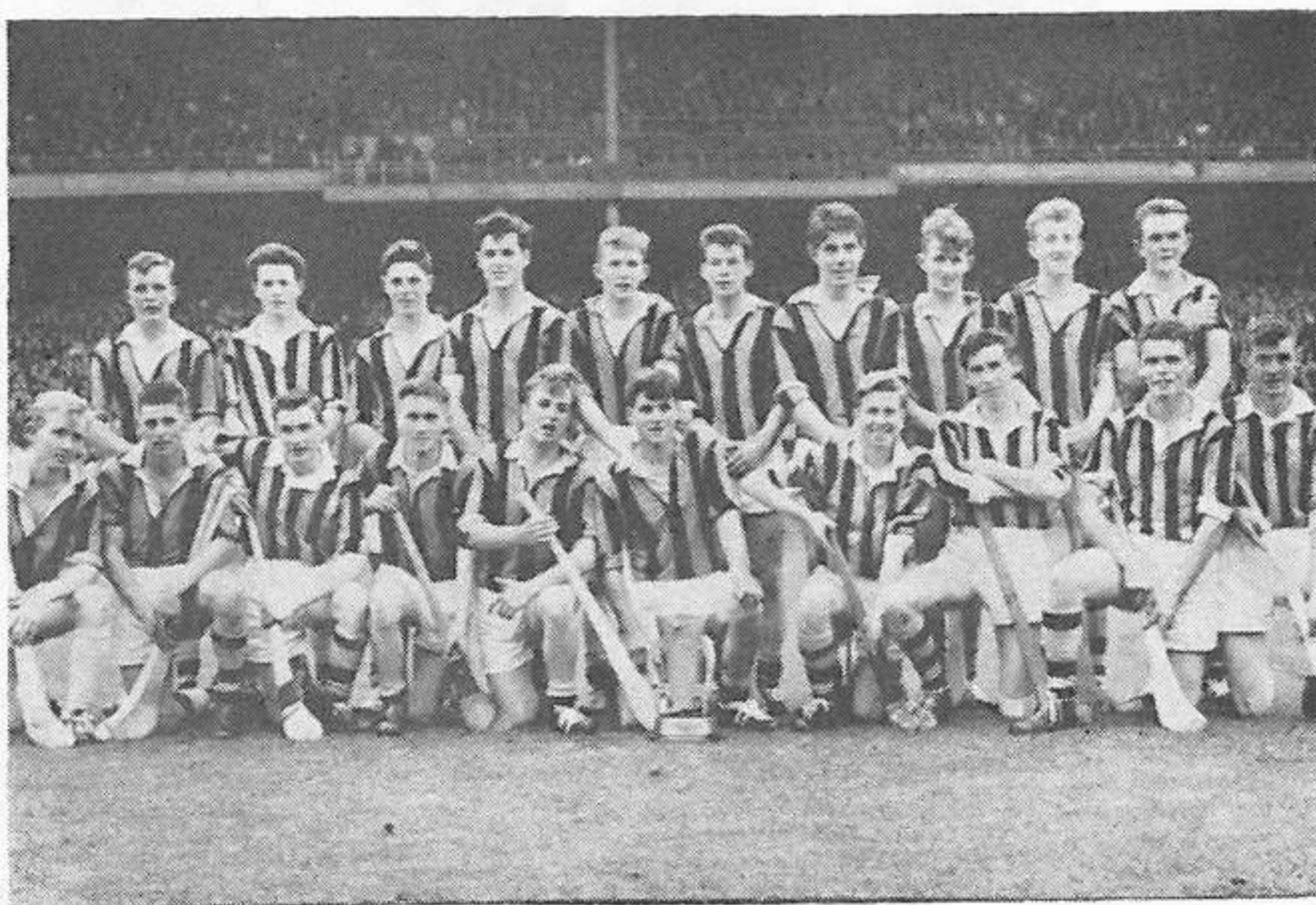


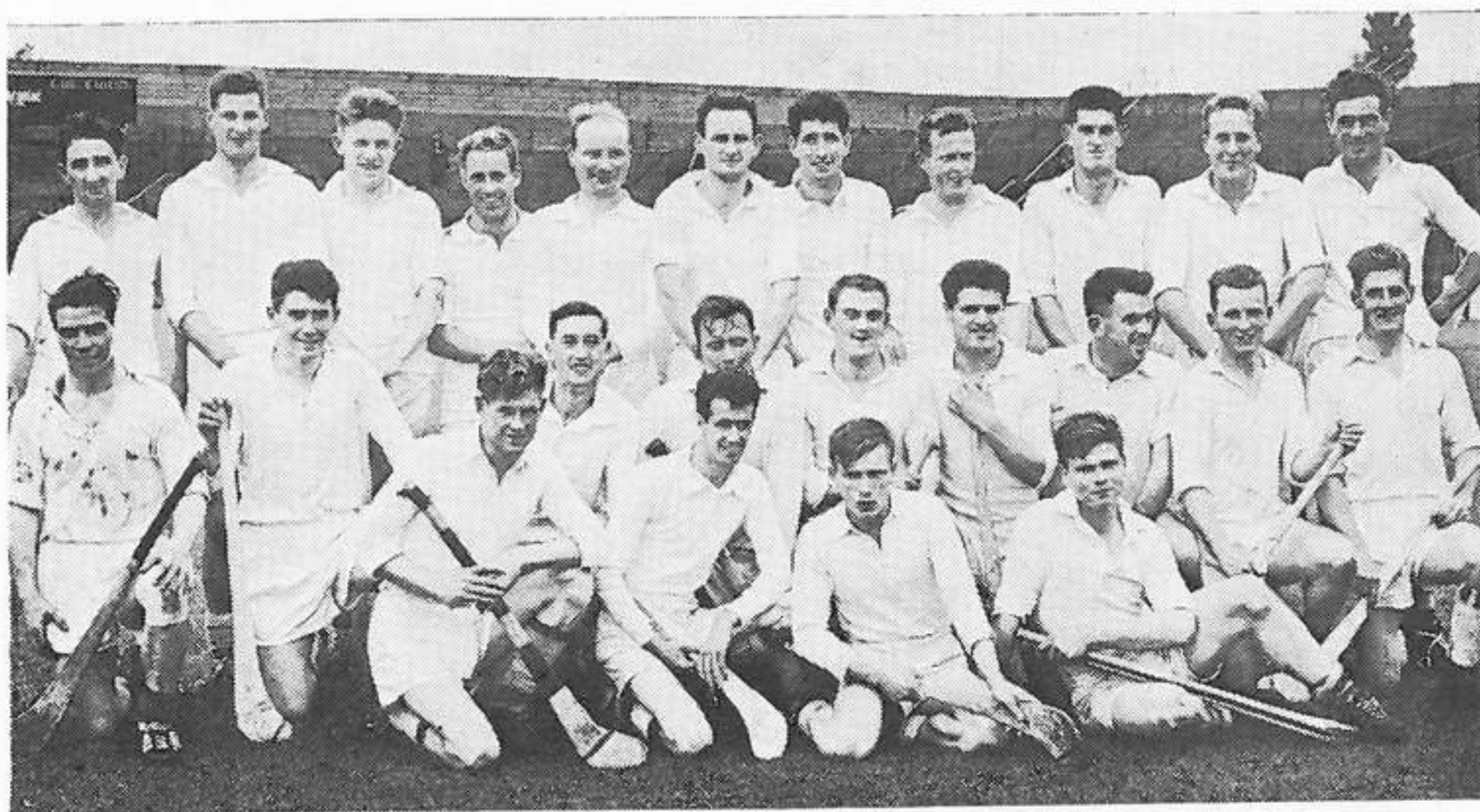


Kerry . . . All-Ireland Minor football champions. Kneeling (from left)—A. Barrett, P. Kennelly, D. O'Sullivan, Substitute, B. Burrows, J. O'Mahony (captain), J. Corridan, S. Fitzgerald, J. Flavin, T. P. O'Connor, D. O'Shea. Standing (from left)—Official, Substitute, D. Lovett, K. O'Connor, T. Mulvihill, T. Fitzgerald, E. Browne, R. O'Donnell, P. O'Donoghue, T. Doyle, E. Scully, S. Burrows, Dr. Jim Brosnan.

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Kilkenny . . . All-Ireland Minor hurling champions. Kneeling (from left)—T. Walsh, M. Aylward, S. Shortall, S. Cooke, P. Walsh, J. Dunphy (capt.), N. Skehan, M. Twomey, J. J. Kinsella, J. Walsh. Standing (from left)—S. Muldowney, T. Ryan, S. Treacy, S. Hanrahan, P. Drennan, S. Byrne, S. Walsh, J. Delaney, T. Phelan, W. Burke.





Kildare . . . All-Ireland Junior hurling champions. Front row (from left)—F. Morrissey, C. Ruffley, O. Kenny, P. Dunny. Centre (from left)—M. Wall, M. Leahy, J. Barker, T. Connell (capt.), S. Schwer, P. Cummins, P. Curley, N. Kelly, L. Kiely. Standing (from left)—D. Noonan, A. Whelan, P. Morris, T. Bolger, J. Dunne, K. O'Malley, N. Cummins, F. Fogarty, A. O'Sullivan, P. Sharpe, P. O'Neill.

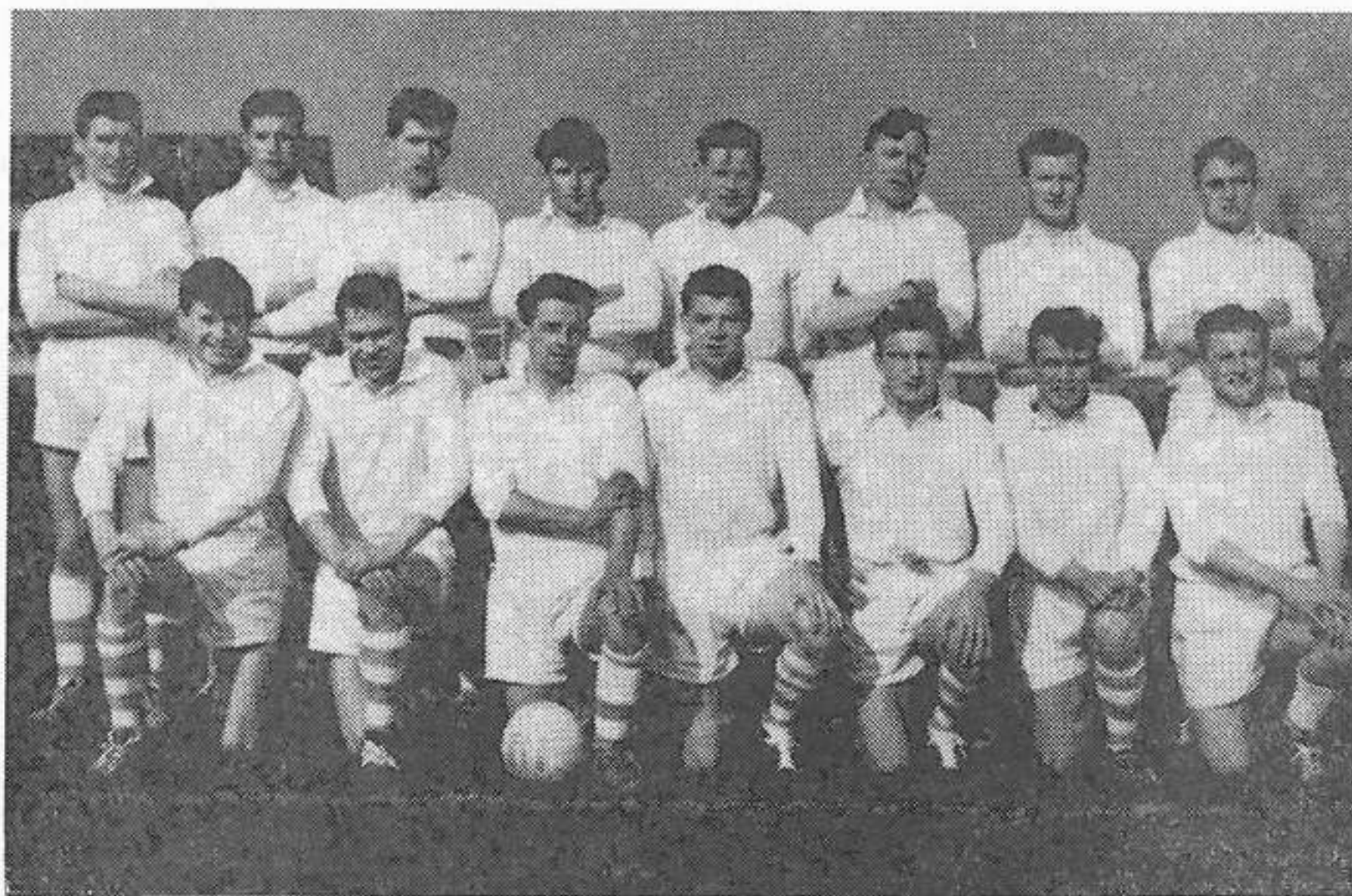
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The Carlow team (and subs.) who defeated London in the All-Ireland Intermediate hurling championship final. Kneeling (from left)—Liam Walsh, Mick O'Brien, Jackie O'Connell, Billy Walsh, Christ Hynes, Benny Mulhall, Tommy Nolan, Noel Gorman. Standing (from left)—Willie Hogan, Peter McGovern, Willie Walsh, Paddy O'Connell, Pat Somers, Martin Hogan, Moling Morrissey, Tony Fortune, Brendan Hayden, Dick Hickey, Ned Gladney.



Leinster—Railway Cup hurling champions, 1962. Kneeling (from left)—Jim English, Willie Jackson, Noel Drumgoole (capt.), Billy Dwyer, Ollie Fennell, Hopper McGrath, Des Ferguson. Standing (from left)—Fran Whelan, Willie Rackard, Christy O'Brien, Lar Foley, Des Foley, Mick Kennedy, Ollie Walsh, Achille Boothman.



The Combined Universities footballers who defeated Ireland. Kneeling (from left)—S. O'Neill, G. Kane, S. Murray (capt.), M. Newell, S. Donnelly, D. Geaney, B. Geraghty. Standing (from left)—K. O'Neill, J. Finn, F. McKnight, B. O'Callaghan, J. McDonnell, G. O'Malley, P. Kelly, J. B. McDermott.

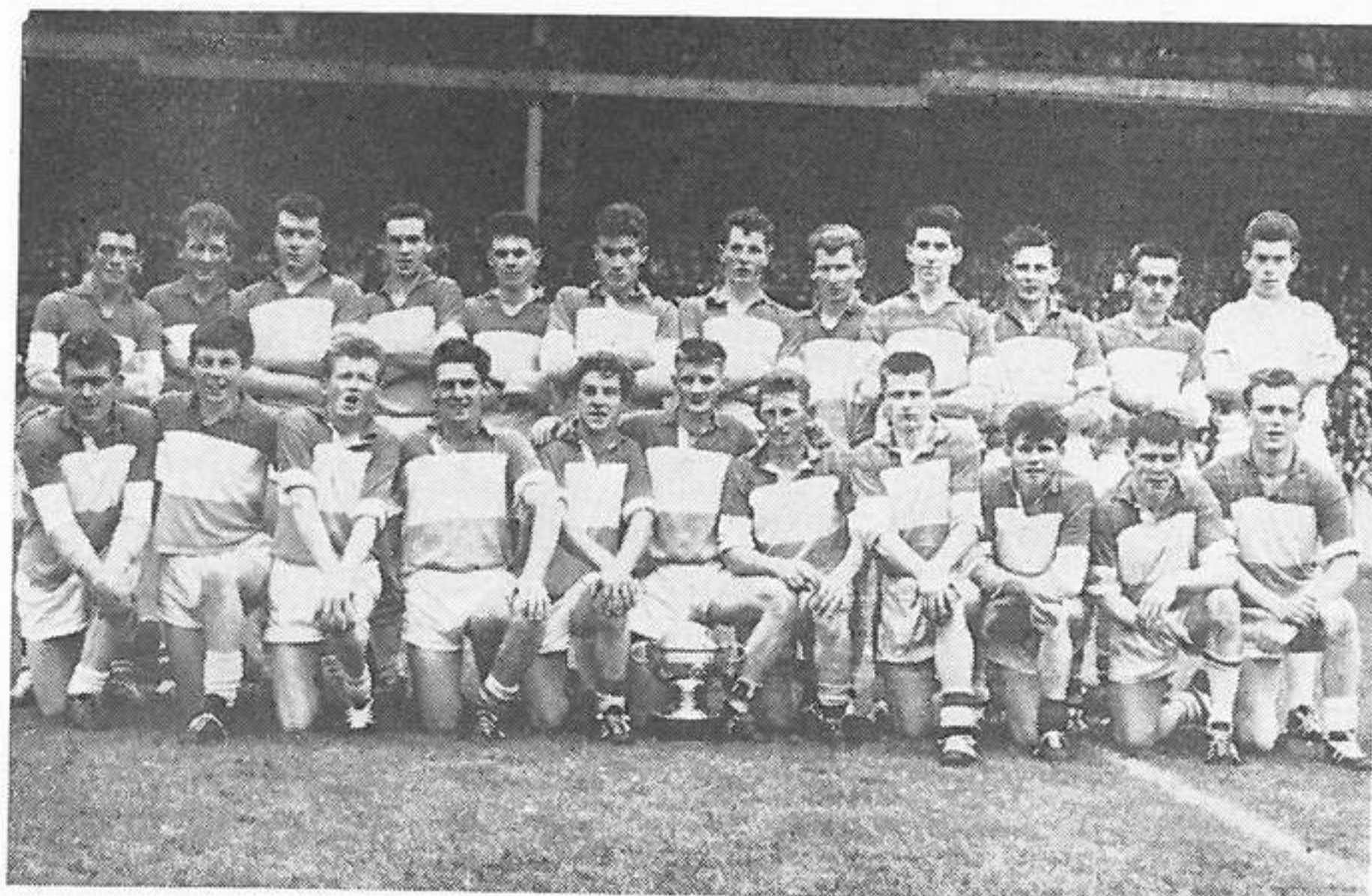
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BELOW: Offaly . . . Leinster Minor football champions, 1962.

* ABOVE: The Wexford team, gallant and sporting
* losers in the All-Ireland senior hurling final.
* Kneeling (from left)—Jim English, Martin Lyng,
* Pat Nolan, Jimmy O'Brien, Paul Lynch, Phil Wil-
* son, Hopper McGrath. Standing (from left)—Tim
* Flood, Willie Rackard (capt.), John Nolan, Tom
* Neville, Ned Colfer, Nick O'Donnell, Padge Kehoe,
Ned Wheeler.



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The Good Shepherd football team, New York, who toured Ireland this year. Pictured below are: Front row (from left)—Buddy McGee, Jimmy O'Shea, Pat McIntyre, John McSweeney, Terry Connaughton, Brian Smith, Bernie Kearins, Mike Foley, John O'Donaghue. Back row (from left)—Jerry McAree, Pat Tangney, John Brady, John Cunningham, Bob Myles, John Sullivan, Tom O'Hara, Sean Sheridan, Brian McCann, Jack Coffey, John Shannon, Mike Cassidy.

ABOVE: Laois footballers, defeated by Dublin in the Leinster semi-final at Carlow. Kneeling (from left)—Fintan Walsh, Liam Doran, Sean Brennan (capt.), Peter Keenan, Jack Kenna, Ollie Fennell, Paddy Bracken. Standing (from left) — Jim Hughes, Bob Miller, Noel Delaney, Teddy Delaney, Eddie Dunne, Mick O'Donnell, Danny Delaney, Tom Browne.





ABOVE: *St. Peter's College, Wexford, All-Ireland Senior Colleges' title-holders.*



Ennis C.B.S. — captured their first-ever Dr. Harty Cup when they beat St. Flannan's College, Ennis, in the final.

BELOW: *St. Mel's, Longford, All-Ireland Colleges' senior football champions.*





ABOVE: Roadstone (Dublin), who won the
 Leinster Inter-Factory Football League,
 Div. I, for the third successive year.
 Kneeling (from left)—J. Farrell, P. Nally,
 J. O. Moran, P. Clarke, Joe Timmons
 (capt.), J. Lynch, R. Creaven, F. Brady,
 N. Roche, T. Keogh, P. Somers. Standing
 (from left)—John Timmons, P. Holden,
 Pa Connolly, C. Mullally, T. Dunbar, N.
 Delaney, G. Cromwell, G. Murphy, Bob
 Murphy.

BELOW: Crossmaglen Rangers . . . Armagh
 senior football champions, 1962. Kneeling
 (from left)—J. O'Reilly, T. Loye, J. Mc-
 Entee, S. Morgan, H. Casey, G. Larkin
 (capt.), E. Casey, O. McShane, P. Duffy,
 G. Hanratty, J. Martin (Sec.). Standing
 (from left)—J. Quigley (Trainer), O. Mc-
 Coy, K. Halpenny, G. Duffy, F. Kernan,
 P. Cowan, T. McCreesh, M. Rushe, J.
 Flynn (V.-Chairman), M. McCreesh, P.
 Fitzpatrick, B. Nugent, B. Morgan.





WHITHER ULSTER ?

By Hugh Daly, Gaelic Sports Editor, "Donegal Democrat"

WHITHER Ulster? Well might many ask this question when we look in retrospect at the features of the year drawing to its close on the Gaelic fields.

Less than twelve months ago the province of the Red Hand held every title, national and international, that could be won. To-day we are no longer All-Ireland football champions, but let no one think for a moment that the pulse of the Association throbs less briskly, or that we have receded from the position we held at our last review.

Victory we must always regard as glorious, but results we must wisely analyse as transient things, useful sometimes in themselves to help sapping morale, but never really the answer we seek in our fundamental problems.

On the football fields of Ulster, 1962 brought its surprises. I held the view for the past two seasons that Down would either win three All-Ireland titles in a row, or be beaten in their attempt for their third before the provincial competition was over. That is exactly what happened on the last Sunday of July.

As we wiped off sweat trekking the last mile to Casement Park by foot, most of us thought that Down would survive, and go on to Croke Park to bring back their third All-Ireland in a row.

Champions Defeated

Cavan, heroes of hundreds of past battles for the Ulster crown, had not looked over impressive against Antrim, but there could be no question of their superiority that day before another record-breaking attendance of over 40,000 people, who "invaded" the occupied capital of the Sundered Six.

As the game wore on, the Breffnimen's stranglehold grew more pronounced, and long before the final whistle it became evident we were watching the death agony of the champions, of a team that had carved for itself a special niche in the annals of the Association.

Following their record-breaking American tour, in which they travelled over 12,000 miles and swept aside the best opposition that could be provided on the other side of the Atlantic, Down had passed on, but I would not say "out" for some years to come.

Cavan, who also won the junior football championship in the province, made a bold bid for national honours, defeating Leitrim in the All-Ireland semi-final before going under by a small margin to Meath in the "Home" final. Down minor footballers won the Ulster championship, but yielded to Mayo in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Donegal won the Ulster minor football league for the first time, defeating Down in the final at Magherafelt. Donegal contested two other Ulster finals, junior and minor hurling, but lost both to Down and Antrim respectively.

Derrygonnelly's New Park

A Warning: Cavan issued a warning to Down when they defeated them in the Dr McKenna Cup, but when Down later went on to win the National League title, it seemed that the status quo would be maintained for another year.

Hurling Impact: It is gratifying to be able to say that hurling has a much more definite grip in the province than even two years ago. The one black spot for the game, Fermanagh, has been making efforts to get hurling started in the schools, and we can look forward to seeing all nine counties attaining the standard of Antrim, Donegal and Down.

During the year, new parks have been opened or grounds purchased with that end in view in each of the nine counties. One of the big events of the year was the opening at Derrygonnelly of the Canon Maguire Memorial Park, named after the patriot Parish Priest of Newtownbutler, who is a native of Derrygonnelly.

Our games, both hurling and football, continue to flourish in our schools and colleges, and it was gratifying to see St. Columb's, Derry returning to the colleges' competitions in which they have made a marked impact.

As we look forward to 1963, the question may, with speculation, be asked. Whither Ulster? Down, Cavan, Antrim or Donegal?

It could well happen that a new name will be added to the honours list next year, and I can almost hear Fermanagh readers say: "Why were we not included in the possibles?"

Well, you are now. From these five I expect we will see the 1963 champions, of the province, at least, emerge.

PROVINCIAL TRIALS

LEINSTER FOOTBALL

Rest of Leinster, 4-5; Offaly, 1-8.

REST OF LEINSTER — A. Phillips (Wicklow); P. Connolly (Kildare), W. Canavan (Carlow), M. Carolan (Kildare); K. McNamee (Meath), M. Dunican (Meath), B. Barden (Longford); P. Cooney (Westmeath), M. Meally (Kilkenny); T. Browne (Laois), F. Lynch (Louth), M. Carley (Westmeath); K. Beahan (Louth), John Timmons (Dublin), P. Gearty (Longford). Subs.—M. Whelan (Dublin) for Timmons, S. Keevans (Wexford) for Meally.

OFFALY—W. Nolan; F. Higgins, G. Hughes, A. Wrenn; P. O'Reilly, P. McCormack, C. Wrenn; S. Foran, F. Weir; S. Brereton, D. O'Hanlon, T. Greene; M. Casey, S. Ryan, H. Donnelly. Subs.—T. Cullen for O'Hanlon.

HURLING

Dublin, 4-8; Rest of Leinster, 1-11.

DUBLIN — J. Gray; D. Ferguson, N. Drumgoole, L. Foley; L. Ferguson, M. Bohan, S. Lynch; D. Foley, M. Kennedy; A. Boothman, L. Shannon, F. Whelan; B. Boothman, P. Croke, W. Jackson. Subs.—C. Hayes for Lynch, Lynch for Bohan.

REST OF LEINSTER — O. Walsh (Kilkenny); T. Neville (Wexford), N. O'Donnell (Wexford), P. Jackson (Westmeath); D. Molloy (Offaly), W. Hogan (Carlow), O. Fennell (Laois); M. Coogan (Kilkenny), A. Comerford (Kilkenny); D. Heaslip (Kilkenny), J. O'Brien (Wexford), E. Keher (Kilkenny); O. McGrath (Wexford), C. O'Brien (Laois), S. Clohosey (Kilkenny). Sub.—W. Dwyer (Kilkenny) for O'Donnell.

ULSTER FOOTBALL

Down, 2-4; Rest of Ulster, 1-5.

DOWN — E. McKay; G. Lavery, L. Murphy, P. Rice; K. Mussen, J. Smith, K. O'Neill, J. Lennon, E. Lundy; S. O'Neill, T. O'Hare, P. Doherty; A. Hadden, P. J. McElroy, B. Morgan. Subs.—P. O'Hagan for Mussen, J. McCartan for Lennon.

REST OF ULSTER — T. McArdle (Monaghan); G. Kelly (Cavan), F. McKnight (Armagh), B. Murray (Derry); B. Mone (Monaghan), A. McRory (Tyrone), J. McDonnell (Cavan); S. Ferriter (Donegal), G. Larkin (Armagh);

P. T. Treacy (Fermanagh), J. McGeary (Armagh), J. McKeever (Derry); M. Donaghy (Tyrone), J. Whan (Armagh), L. O'Neill (Derry). Subs.—T. Scullion (Derry) for McRory, S. Mulligan (Monaghan) for McGeary.

MUNSTER FOOTBALL

Rest of Munster, 2-5; Kerry, 1-6.

REST OF MUNSTER — S. Tanner (Cork); P. J. Kennedy (Clare), L. Dooley (Tipp), J. O'Mahoney (Cork); M. Connolly (Waterford), P. Harrington (Cork), J. Flynn (Cork); M. Queally

(Clare), E. McCarthy (Cork); M. Moroney (Tipp), J. Keating (Tipp), V. Barrett (Cork); M. Guiry (Waterford), G. White (Cork), E. Ryan (Cork). Sub.—T. Power (Waterford) for Moroney.

KERRY—T. Guerin; A. Conway, Jack Dowling, T. Lyons; S. Og Sheehy, K. Coffey, M. O'Dwyer; J. D. O'Connor, M. O'Connell; T. O'Sullivan, T. Long, S. Doherty (Clare); D. McAuliffe, J. Burke, John Dowling. Subs.—J. Healy for O'Dwyer, P. Ahern for McAuliffe, L. Nolan for Jack Dowling, G. Clifford for Long, D. Geaney for O'Sullivan.

Representative Games

HURLING

Rest of Ireland 3-12; Tipperary 2-9.

Rest of Ireland—J. Gray (Dublin); J. Brohan (Cork), A. Flynn (Waterford), L. Foley (captain), (Dublin); T. McGarry (Limerick), W. Rackard (Wexford), J. O'Sullivan (Cork), Joe Condon (Waterford), J. Salmon (Galway); A. Boothman (Dublin), S. Power (Waterford), B. Boothman (Dublin); O. McGrath (Wexford), W. Dwyer (Kilkenny), C. Ring (Cork). Sub. Jim English (Wexford) for Salmon. Condon replaced D. Foley (Dublin), who cried off.

Tipperary—D. O'Brien; M. Hassett, M. Maher, K. Carey; M. Burns, A. Wall, John Doyle; T. English, M. O'Gara; Jimmy Doyle, L. Devaney, D. Nealon; J. McKenna, W. Moloughney, T. Moloughney. Subs.—M. Murphy for O'Gara, S. McLoughlin for T. Moloughney, T. Ryan (K.) for Murphy.

FOOTBALL

Combined Universities 1-10; Ireland 0-6.

Universities—J. Finn (U.C.D. and Tipperary); B. O'Callaghan (U.C.C. and Cork), F. McKnight (U.C.D. and Armagh), S. Murray (captain), (U.C.D. and Longford); K. O'Neill (U.C.D. and Down), G. O'Malley (U.C.G. and Roscommon), M. Newell (U.C.G. and Galway); J. McDonnell (U.C.D. and Cavan), J. B. McDermott (U.C.G. and Galway); S. O'Neill (Queen's and Down), B. Geraghty (U.C.G. and Galway), P. Kelly (U.C.D. and Donegal); G. Kane (U.C.D. and Westmeath), S. Donnelly (U.C.G. and Longford), D. Geaney (U.C.C. and Kerry).

Ireland—J. Culloty (Kerry); J. Lynch (Roscommon), L. Murphy (Down), P. McCormack (Offaly); M. O'Dwyer (Kerry), D. McCartan (Down), C. Wrenn (Offaly); D. Foley (Dublin), J. Carey (Down), A. White (Roscommon), J. McCartan (Down), P. Doherty (captain), (Down); S. Brereton (Offaly), J. Timmons (Dublin), B. Morgan (Down). Subs.—J. Whan (Armagh) for White, E. McCarthy (Cork) for Carey. D. McCartan and Carey replaced G. Hughes (Offaly) and M. O'Connell (Kerry).

All-round balance kept minor hurling crown in Kilkenny

By PETER HOLOHAN, 'Kilkenny People'

IF it is not too presumptuous for a Kilkenny man to claim that in the matter of finesse and style Kilkenny have the edge on the other hurling counties, no one will be quicker than a Kilkenny man to concede that finesse and style are not the only or the most essential attributes for success. If they were, Kilkenny would surely have won more All-Ireland senior titles.

While brawn, rather than brain, may have something to do with winning a senior title, it is, I believe, of less importance in minor grade and that is one reason I am putting forward for Kilkenny's rise to the top in this grade in recent years.

Finesse is a Kilkenny tradition, and boys not long out of the toddler stage, when they take their hurleys to the Fair Green or to Nowlan Park for a spot of hurling during the interval show that trait which comes to them automatically.

At the same time, it is true to say that style is not the only factor in Kilkenny's recent minor triumphs. The most important factor I think is that we have been fielding better balanced teams.

The reason why we have not won more minor titles is that while we always had really brilliant minors we never had enough of them at the same time until late years. That, more than anything else, explains why we have taken over from our famed rivals, Tipperary.

There is another explanation which many people are inclined to overlook. The re-introduction of the colleges' All-Ireland championship has impelled that great nursery of hurling, St. Kieran's College, to greater effort, and we place great dependance on the boys who develop their hurling genius under the watchful eye of Rev. Father Thomas Maher in the St. Kieran's playing fields.

Nowadays nothing could be more incongruous than a Kilkenny minor hurling team without St. Kieran's players.

On Way Back ?

Strange as it may seem, St. Kieran's were put out of the colleges' championship this year by Kilkenny C.B.S., and that may be taken as an indication that another once-famous source of minor stars is coming back again. The 1936 Kilkenny team, which I hold was the best minor side ever to grace the Croke Park sod, was very largely composed of C.B.S. boys.

With a small slice of luck, this year should have been our fourth successive time to have conquered Tipperary in the All-Ireland minor final. I do not want to detract in any way from Tipperary's triumph in 1959, but that 1959 game was a shape of things to come, and this year's victory was our third in succession over Tipp.

How good was this year's team compared with its immediate predecessors? Frankly, I think there was little difference, though we certainly had two different opinions about it at different times.

In training before they met Dublin, and in their overwhelming defeat of the Metropolitans, we were inclined to rate them as our best minor side ever, but we got such a rude shock from Wexford that our opinions were re-cast and hopes of winning the final dwindled almost to zero.

We probably overlooked the fact that St. Peter's College, Wexford, won the colleges' All-Ireland title, and that is one good reason why I think the importance of the colleges' championship can be often overlooked or underestimated.

While we felt that St. Kieran's supremacy meant a good Kilkenny minor side, we did not bother to think that what was true of St. Kieran's and Kilkenny could also be true of St. Peter's and Wexford.

Anyway, we survived the Wexford storm, difficult though the passage may have been, and for the second year in succession we beat Tipperary without conceding them a single goal. It took a good team to do that.

It takes a good team to beat the Tipp minors at any time, and we can therefore feel proud that in two successive All-Ireland finals they were unable to get a goal against us.

Better Balanced

Even though we only beat Wexford by three points, we had to make up a fairly sizeable portion of ground to do so and had to wipe out a half-time deficit of nine points. That achievement should have allayed some of the pessimism, but it didn't and we were very much afraid that Michael Keating would lead his Tipperary boys to victory.

This year's team had one thing in common with the 1960 and '61 combinations. It was better balanced than our teams have been generally.

From the time we brought on the Graigue junior goalie as left corner forward before the Dublin game the selectors made little or no change in personnel.

The switching of Seamus Hanrahan from centrefield to the half-back line was a wise one. Noel Skehan was the equal of any minor goalie we have had, and Sean Treacy earned his place on the side at right full-back for the final, having been brought on from the subs.

Paddy Drennan kept his best hurling for the final and was a sound centre back, while Billy Burke, son of former senior star, Billy, proved himself a useful centre half.

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★ **UNUSUAL**

IT WAS the fact that the three Sheehy brothers played together for Kerry right through the football final this year that sent me to the newspaper files and the record books to see had such a feat ever been performed before, and led me on to so many unusual G.A.A. facts that I persuaded the Editor to let me string a few of them together in an article.

Well, as far as I can ascertain, Paudhie, Niall and Sean Og Sheehy were the first three brothers to play together from start to stop on an All-Ireland winning football side, but they are not the only three brothers to win All-Ireland football medals together in the same year, nor are they the first three ever to play together through a final.

The three Landers brothers won All-Ireland medals with Kerry as far back as 1932, when Tim and John Joe played for the full hour and Bill came on to join them at the interval.

The three Egan brothers from Ballinasloe won All-Ireland medals with Galway in 1925, a year in which no final was played, but only two of them took part in the decisive Connacht final against Mayo at Tuam.

Three O'Connor brothers played together for Wexford in the 1893 final and won medals together that day, but it may be claimed that they did not play a full hour on a winning All-Ireland team either, as the game was called off after ten minutes of the second half and was subsequently awarded to Wexford by Central Council.

Remarkable

By far the greatest number of footballers ever to play together in a senior final were the five Delaneys, Mick Chris, Bill, Tom and Jack, who lined out for Laois in the All-Ireland final of 1936, but were unfortunately on the losing side.

Probably the most remarkable circumstances in which three brothers played in an All-Ireland final was in 1952, when Liam and Dessie Maguire played for Cavan and their brother, Brendan, played against them with Meath.

In hurling, the winning of All-Ireland medals by three brothers together is not new. The Doyles of Mooncoin, Dick, Mick and Ned, did so four times, and the Killanne Rackards, Nick, Bobby and Billy, did so twice.

In addition, in 1951 four Rackards, brother Jimmy was in goal, won a Leinster senior title together.

Another matter that takes a deal of sorting out is the question of who has won the greatest number of senior All-Ireland medals.

According to the athletic record books, Tom Kiely, the champion from Ballyneale, during his career won thirty-five All-Ireland athletic titles under G.A.A. Rules, and that gives him thirty-five All-Ireland medals no matter what way you look at it.

However, if we are to leave athletics out of, next in

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line comes the Kilkenny handballer, John Joe Gilmartin, who, between singles and doubles, hardball and softball, collected twenty-two in a career that was three times interrupted, twice by broken collar-bones and once by a sojourn in England.

Garda Paddy Perry and John Ryan, of Roscommon and Wexford respectively, won thirteen handball medals apiece, but even they have been surpassed by a player in a team game, Kathleen Mills, who won fifteen All-Ireland camogie medals with Dublin between 1941 and 1962.

Nine In A Row

Next in line in team games comes another camogie player, Una O'Connor of Dublin, with nine medals won, followed by Christy Ring in hurling and Sophia Brack (Dublin) and Eileen Duffy (Dublin) in camogie, all with eight senior medals apiece.

Christy Ring, of course, has nine All-Ireland medals. He won another as a minor in 1938, but Sophia Brack holds a team-game record all her own, for she is the only person who has ever won All-Ireland medals in eight successive years. (Even Kathleen Mills has not a comparable sequence).

Actually, Miss Brack played in nine successive camogie finals, a record unlikely ever to be equalled, especially in view of the manner in which other counties are now challenging Dublin's camogie supremacy.

There is no really comparable record in hurling or football, though Jack Lynch of Cork won six successive All-Ireland medals, hurling in 1941, '42, '43, '44, football in 1945 and hurling again in 1946, and played in finals in seven successive years, for he was also on the Cork hurling team that lost narrowly to Kilkenny in 1947.

For dual endeavour, however, the palm must go to the late Jack Grace of the Kickhams, who died while still a young man nearly fifty years ago. Between 1901 and 1908 he played in six All-Ireland football finals with Dublin, winning five, and played also in three hurling finals and two hurling final replays during the same period, but never won a hurling medal.

He is also, I think, the only man who has ever captained a county in both hurling and football finals.

In addition, Jack Grace holds a record that is never likely to be equalled nowadays, for in four Sundays he played in three All-Ireland senior finals.

On July 3, 1904, he played on the Dublin side that drew with Tipperary in the All-Ireland (Home) hurling final. On July 17 he played in the replay, which Tipperary won and, on July 24, he played and won the Home football final, also against Tipperary.

On the 'spare' Sunday, July 10, he won a Dublin championship medal with the Kickhams, presumably just to keep his eye in!

Another matter that I have heard argued lately was the question of when side-line seats were first provided at Croke Park. Well, there were side-line seats there before Croke Park ever became Croke.

F. B. Dineen, when he held the ground before that, was the man who made the innovation, and sideline seating, made up of ordinary chairs, was first provided at the Jones's Road ground at the All-Ireland hurling final of 1910 between Wexford and Limerick.

The attendance brought in the then record gate of £288. Admission to those sideline seats was half-a-crown, a pretty stiff figure for the time, considering that the return rail-fare from Enniscorthy was the same price, but so great was the demand that extra chairs had to be procured from nearby houses.

It is on record that the first occupant of those seats was the champion steeplechase jockey, Jack Lynn, who had broken a leg at Liverpool a few days before, but insisted on leaving hospital and crossing the Irish Sea to see the game.

In the Walsh Cup final between Kilkenny and Wexford at Croke Park on September 30 of this year, Ollie Walsh (Kilkenny) took a free around the forty-yard mark at the Canal End and landed the ball well up in the seats of the Nally Stand to the right of the Canal goalposts.

The ball carried something more than 120 yards, and must have been very near the recorded record for a lift and strike, which is credited to Tom Murphy of Three Castles (Kilkenny), who drove a ball 129 yards in a long-puck contest as far back as 1906.

Long Pucks

The most remarkable Croke Park record, however, is still held by the late Pat 'Cocker' Daly of the Dublin Parnells, who, some years after he had retired from inter-county football, sent the ball not only over the Railway Wall, which was lower then than now, but over the Railway embankment beyond.

He did this from about thirty yards out from the Railway posts in the course of a Dublin senior championship game.

'Cocker' retired from inter-county football at the end of the first decade of this century, but did not play his last club game until 1929, although he had won his first All-Ireland medal with Dublin in the 1901 final. By the time Cocker retired, his sons had been playing senior football for years.

Long pucks from goal, of course, are part of the legends of hurling. In the 1955 All-Army final the Cork-born Galway player, Lieut. Billy O'Neill, was credited with scoring a goal from a puck-out. Fifty years before, in the 1905 All-Ireland final, Jamesy Kelleher of Dungourney was credited with scoring a point against Kilkenny from a goal-puck.

That score was not direct, but went over first-hop. The only recorded instance of a point direct from a puck-out is down to the credit of John Hennessy of Emly, playing against Kilmallock in the Limerick championship of 1894.

The length of the ground in these three instances, of course, remains the vital factor.

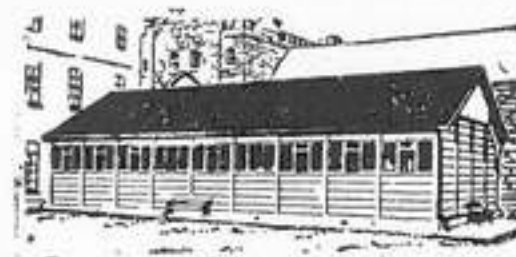
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FOOTBALL

Semi-finals — LEINSTER, 2-17; MUNSTER, 0-6.

LEINSTER — A. Phillips (Wicklow); P. McCormack (Offaly); G. Hughes (captain) (Offaly); M. Carolan (Kildare); K. McNamee (Meath); P. Holden (Dublin); C. Wrenn (Offaly); D. Foley (Dublin); M. Carley (Westmeath); S. Brereton (Offaly); M. Whelan (Dublin); T. Greene (Offaly); P. Gearty (Longford); John Timmons (Dublin); K. Heffernan (Dublin).

MUNSTER — J. Culloty (Kerry); P. J. Kennedy (Clare); N. Sheehy (Kerry); J. O'Mahony (Cork); J. D. O'Connor (Kerry); P. Harrington (Cork); J. Flynn (Cork); M. O'Connell (Kerry); C. O'Sullivan (Cork); J. Keating (Tipperary); E. McCarthy (Cork); V. Barrett (Cork); D. McAuliffe (Kerry); J. Burke (Kerry); G. White (Cork). Subs.—M. Connolly (Waterford) for O'Connor, M. Queally (Clare) for O'Sullivan.

ULSTER, 5-6; CONNACHT, 1-7.

ULSTER — E. McKay (Down); G. Kelly (Cavan); L. Murphy (Down); P. Rice (Down); B. Mone (Monaghan); J. McDonnell (Cavan); P. O'Hagan (Down); J. Carey (Down); J. Lennon (Down); S. O'Neill (Down); J. McCartan (Down); P. Doherty (Down); S. O'Connell (Derry); J. Whan (Armagh); B. Morgan (Down). Subs.—A. Hadden (Down) for Carey, S. Ferriter (Donegal) for Lennon.

CONNACHT — J. Foye (Mayo); J. Lynch (Roscommon); S. Meade (Galway); S. O'Reilly (Mayo); J. Donnellan (Galway); G. O'Malley (Roscommon); M. Newell (Galway); B. McAuley (Sligo); M. McDonagh (Galway); A. White (Roscommon); E. Curley (Roscommon); P. McGarty (Leitrim); J. Hannon (Sligo); M. Ruane (Mayo); C. Flynn (Leitrim). Sub.—F. O'Leary (Mayo) for Ruane.

Final — LEINSTER, 1-11; ULSTER, 0-11.

LEINSTER — A. Phillips; P. McCormack; G. Hughes; M. Carolan; B. Barden (Longford); P. Holden; C. Wrenn; D. Foley; M. Carley; S. Brereton; M. Whelan; T. Greene; P. Gearty; J. Timmons; K. Heffernan. Sub.—F. Lynch for Greene.

ULSTER — T. McArdle (Monaghan); G. Kelly; L. Murphy; P. Rice; B. Mone; D. McCartan (Down); J. McDonnell; J. Carey; G. Larkin (Armagh); S. O'Neill; J. McCartan; P.

Doherty; S. O'Connell; J. Whan; B. Morgan. Subs.—A. Hadden for Carey, M. Donaghy (Tyrone) for O'Connell.

HURLING

Semi-finals — MUNSTER, 6-11; CONNACHT, 1-3.

MUNSTER — M. Cashman (Cork); J. Brohan (Cork); M. Maher (Tipp); K. Carey (Tipp); J. O'Sullivan (Cork); M. Og Morrissey (Waterford); M. Burns (Tipp); T. English (Tipp); L. Devaney (Tipp); Jimmy Doyle (Tipp); P. J. Keane (Limerick); D. Nealon (Tipp); J. Smith (Clare); C. Ring (Cork); S. Power (Waterford).

CONNACHT (all Galway) — J. Hegarty; A. Gorman; E. Derrivan; T. Conway; J. Duggan; J. Murray; J. Conroy; J. Salmon; P. J. Lally; T. Sweeney; M. Cullinane; S. Devlin; M. Regan; S. Gohery; P. J. Lawless. Sub.—J. Conway for Gorman.

LEINSTER, 11-4; ULSTER, 6-3.

LEINSTER — O. Walsh (Kilkenny); D. Ferguson (Dublin); N. Drumgoole (Dublin); L. Foley (Dublin); J. English (Wexford); W. Rackard (Wexford); O. Fennell (Laois); D. Foley (Dublin); M. Kennedy (Dublin); A. Boothman (Dublin); C. O'Brien (Laois); F. Whelan (Dublin); O. McGrath (Wexford); W. Dwyer (Kilkenny); W. Jackson (Dublin). Sub.—A. Comerford (Kilkenny) for Kennedy.

ULSTER — R. McDonnell (Antrim); E. McMullen (Antrim); J. Phelan (Down); H. McVeigh (Antrim); E. Gallagher (Antrim); H. O'Prey (Down); P. Denny (Monaghan); D. Gallagher (Donegal); C. McMullan (Down); S. Gallagher (Antrim); J. McVeigh (Antrim); E. Nolan (Donegal); R. Mullaney (Antrim); B. McGuirk (Armagh); F. Cullinane (Monaghan). Subs.—L. McGarry (Antrim) for Phelan, J. McLoughlin (Donegal) for Denny, D. Crawford (Down) for Nolan.

Final — LEINSTER, 1-11; MUNSTER, 1-9.

LEINSTER — O. Walsh; D. Ferguson; N. Drumgoole; L. Foley; J. English; W. Rackard; O. Fennell; D. Foley; M. Kennedy; A. Boothman; C. O'Brien; F. Whelan; O. McGrath; W. Dwyer; W. Jackson. Sub.—D. Heaslip (Kilkenny) for Jackson.

MUNSTER — M. Cashman; J. Brohan; M. Maher; K. Carey; J. O'Sullivan; M. Og Morrissey; M. Burns; T. English; L. Devaney; Jimmy Doyle; T. Kelly (Cork); D. Nealon; J. Smith; C. Ring; S. Power. Subs.—P. J. Keane for Kelly, A. Wall (Tipp) for English, F. Walsh (Waterford) for Devaney.

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Progress In Handball Circles

BOTH from a playing and an administrative angle, the season just ended must surely rank as one of the most successful in the annals of the Irish Handball Council.

The game continues to flourish in the recognised strongholds, but more gratifying still is the re-awakening of interest in some counties, where handball was considered to be a lost art.

Present-day officials are ever-mindful that the game will have to undergo certain modifications to keep in line with the attitude of the spectator, who plays such an important role in helping the progress of the sport.

Therefore, it was not surprising that a record 32 motions appeared on the agenda for Annual Congress.

The most sweeping of these was that sponsored by Kildare, which attempted to revolutionise the structure of the game, by abolishing the "rubber system" and instituting a "time basis" instead.

The arguments in favour of the motion, suggested, that to-day's spectator prefers a concentrated effort by a player over a short period, rather than a long drawn-out affair, which borders on monotony, and is, in fact, a test of stamina, rather than skill.

Many counties were in favour of the Kildare idea, but tradition dies hard, and it was defeated by a narrow margin.

Two and a half hours

However, while we all may have different views on the time-basis system, there can be no doubt, whatever, that the "rubber of seven", for senior handball is much too long, and cries out for modification.

For instance, during the past year, many games went the full distance, and while, they may have produced in attendance, was of the opinion, that

it was impossible to maintain interest, for the full duration of the match.

One such example was the Leinster singles final between Paddy Winders of Kildare and Dubliner Des Dillon which lasted for two and a half hours.

When it is also considered that two other matches could last two hours, we find that a normal three games programme could be spread over approximately five hours.

In an age, when people base, nearly all their calculations on time, the day is imminent when serious consideration must be given to a time of a match, without detracting from it, either as a spectacle or from a players viewpoint.

New Official Guide

For many years it had been mooted that the general rules and laws governing Irish Handball needed a complete overhaul.

At Congress in 1961, this matter was spotlighted to such a degree that it was decided to form a special sub-committee for the purpose of formulating proposed amendments to the Handball Guide as it stood then.

The men assigned to this task were Joe Lynch (Dublin), Jimmy O'Brien (Kilkenny), Steve Casey (Galway) and T. B. Kennedy (Kerry). The amount of work it entailed can be gauged from the fact that rules were involved, so obviously the duties of this committee were not to be envied.

They set about the work on hand with admirable determination, and at Congress this year presented a draft of their recommendations. With very few exceptions their findings were ratified and the go-ahead was given for the printing of the new guide.

The task is now completed and the guide has made its appearance. It is a magnificent piece of work, a well laid-out informative manual, which any member should be proud to possess.

It includes a list of All-Ireland winners in all grades, together with a summary of the rudiments of handball suitable for beginners. This is a novel idea and should be instrumental in attracting new members to the game.

Gael Linn Thriller

On the playing courts the season was equally successful, and some tremendous games were played in the various championships.

The Gael-Linn competition which is ideal for filling the void between the end of one championship and the beginning of the next, was again a great attraction and the entry reached the record total of 976.

From this huge number the two finalists to emerge were Joe Maher from Louth and Mick Kirby from Clare, and the pair served up a game that will always be cherished by those who were fortunate enough to see it.

Kirby was the holder of the trophy but the hard-hitting Maher rose to great heights and pipped the Tuamgraney star in a dramatic finish.

Memorable Campaign

The All-Ireland series were memorable in so far as there was a complete upheaval of form, while some counties won titles for the first time ever. Ten of the twelve championships won in 1961 found homes in different counties this year.

On a provincial basis, Munster, with only three wins in 1961, now took nine; Leinster's seven wins last year dropped to one; Connacht retained one of the two titles held by the province, while Ulster chalked up a victory in the All-Ireland campaign for the first time in thirteen years.

Perhaps, the achievement of Monaghan's Seamus McCabe in taking the junior soft singles title was the best tonic Ulster handball has received in a very long time.

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TITLE HOLDERS, 1962

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.H.—Tipperary (Winners); Wexford (Runners-up).
 I.H.—Carlow; London.
 J.H.—Kildare; London.
 M.H.—Kilkenny; Tipperary.
 S.F.—Kerry; Roscommon.
 J.F.—Meath; London.
 M.F.—Kerry; Mayo.

CONNACHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.F.—Roscommon; Galway.
 J.F.—Leitrim; Mayo.
 M.F.—Mayo; Galway.
 J.H.—Roscommon; Leitrim.

LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.H.—Wexford; Kilkenny.
 I.H.—Carlow; Kilkenny.
 J.H.—Kildare; Wicklow.
 M.H.—Kilkenny; Wexford.
 S.F.—Dublin; Offaly.
 J.F.—Meath; Wexford.
 M.F.—Offaly; Dublin.

MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.H.—Tipperary; Waterford.
 I.H.—Galway; Cork.
 J.H.—Kerry w.o.
 M.H.—Tipperary; Cork.
 S.F.—Kerry; Cork.
 J.F.—Cork; Limerick.
 M.F.—Kerry; Cork.

ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.F.—Cavan; Down.
 J.F.—Cavan; Down.
 M.F.—Down; Armagh.
 J.H.—Down; Donegal.
 M.H.—Antrim; Donegal.

CHAMPIONSHIPS OF BRITAIN

I.H.—London w.o.
 J.H.—London; Warwickshire.
 J.F.—London; Warwickshire.

Leagues, Tournaments, etc.

National League (H.)—Kilkenny (Winners); Cork (Runners-Up).
 National League (H.) (Div. 2)—Kerry, Meath.
 National League (F.)—Down, Dublin.
 Dr. Lagan Cup (F.)—Down, Derry.
 Dr. McKenna Cup (F.)—Cavan, Armagh.
 Gael-Linn Cup 1961 (F.)—Roscommon, Galway.
 Gael-Linn Cup 1962 (F.)—Leitrim v. Roscommon. or Galway in final.
 Walsh Cup (H.)—Kilkenny, Wexford.
 Wembley Tournament (H.)—Tipperary, Dublin.
 Wembley Tournament (F.)—Kerry, Offaly.
 Connacht M.F. League—Mayo, Galway.
 Cuchulainn Cup (F.)—Meath, Kildare.
 Ulster M.F. League—Donegal, Down.
 Player Cup (F.)—Carlow, Dublin.
 Oireachtas Cup (H.)—Waterford, Tipperary.
 Grounds' Tournament (F.)—Kerry, Dublin.
 O'Byrne Cup (F.)—Louth and Kildare in final.

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HANDBALL

Softball Singles—Pte. S. Doyle (Curragh); Hardball Singles—Pte. S. Doyle; Soft Doubles—Sgt. W. Cockburn and Pte. M. Hoare (Eastern); Hard Doubles—Sgt. R. Maher and Pte. S. Doyle (Curragh).

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CHAMPIONS DOWN THE YEARS

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR HURLING

CORK (19)—1890, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1902, 1903, 1919, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1952, 1953, 1954.
TIPPERARY (19)—1887, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1906, 1908, 1916, 1925, 1930, 1937, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1958, 1961, 1962.
KILKENNY (14)—1904, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1922, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1939, 1947, 1957.
DUBLIN (6)—1889, 1917, 1920, 1924, 1927, 1938.
LIMERICK (6)—1897, 1918, 1921, 1934, 1936, 1940.
WEXFORD (4)—1910, 1955, 1956, 1960.
WATERFORD (2)—1948, 1959.
CLARE (1)—1914.
GALWAY (1)—1923.
KERRY (1)—1891.
LAOIS (1)—1915.
LONDON (1)—1901.

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL

KERRY (20)—1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959, 1962.
DUBLIN (16)—1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958.
WEXFORD (5)—1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.
CAVAN (5)—1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.
TIPPERARY (4)—1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.
KILDARE (4)—1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.
GALWAY (4)—1925, 1934, 1938, 1956.
CORK (3)—1890, 1911, 1945.
MAYO (3)—1936, 1950, 1951.
LOUTH (3)—1910, 1912, 1957.
LIMERICK (2)—1887, 1896.
ROSCOMMON (2)—1943, 1944.
MEATH (2)—1949, 1954.
DOWN (2)—1960, 1961.

ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE HURLING

WEXFORD (1)—1961.
CARLOW (1)—1962.

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR HURLING

CORK (8)—1912, 1916, 1925, 1940, 1947, 1950, 1955, 1958.
TIPPERARY (7)—1913, 1915, 1924, 1926, 1930, 1933, 1953.
KILKENNY (4)—1928, 1946, 1951, 1956.
LIMERICK (4)—1935, 1941, 1954, 1957.
LONDON (4)—1938, 1949, 1959, 1960.
DUBLIN (3)—1932, 1937, 1952.
MEATH (2)—1927, 1948.
OFFALY (2)—1923, 1929.
WATERFORD (2)—1931, 1934.
CLARE (1)—1914.
GALWAY (1)—1939.
WESTMEATH (1)—1936.
KERRY (1)—1961.
KILDARE (1)—1962.

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL

KERRY (8)—1913, 1915, 1924, 1928, 1930, 1941, 1949, 1954.
DUBLIN (5)—1914, 1916, 1939, 1948, 1960.
LOUTH (4)—1925, 1932, 1934, 1961.
CORK (3)—1951, 1953, 1955.
MAYO (3)—1933, 1950, 1957.
MEATH (3)—1947, 1952, 1962.
TIPPERARY (2)—1912, 1923.
GALWAY (2)—1931, 1958.
ARMAGH (1)—1926.
CAVAN (1)—1927.
DOWN (1)—1946.
FERMANAGH (1)—1959.
LONDON (1)—1938.
LONGFORD (1)—1937.
ROSCOMMON (1)—1940.
SLIGO (1)—1935.
WESTMEATH (1)—1929.
WICKLOW (1)—1936.
MONAGHAN (1)—1956.

ALL-IRELAND MINOR HURLING

TIPPERARY (12)—1930, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1947, 1949, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959.
KILKENNY (7)—1931, 1935, 1936, 1950, 1960, 1961, 1962.
CORK (6)—1928, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1951.
DUBLIN (3)—1945, 1946, 1954.
WATERFORD (2)—1929, 1948.
LIMERICK (2)—1940, 1958.

ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL

DUBLIN (7)—1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959.
KERRY (6)—1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950, 1962.
ROSCOMMON (3)—1939, 1941, 1951.
CAVAN (2)—1937, 1938.
GALWAY (2)—1952, 1960.
LOUTH (2)—1936, 1940.
MAYO (2)—1935, 1953.
TYRONE (2)—1947, 1948.
ARMAGH (1)—1949.
CLARE (1)—1929.
TIPPERARY (1)—1934.
MEATH (1)—1957.
CORK (1)—1961.

NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE

TIPPERARY (10)—1928, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961.
LIMERICK (6)—1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1947.
CORK (6)—1926, 1930, 1940, 1941, 1948, 1953.
DUBLIN (2)—1929, 1939.
WEXFORD (2)—1956, 1958.
GALWAY (2)—1932, 1951.
KILKENNY (2)—1933, 1962.
CLARE (1)—1946.

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PROGRESS IN HANDBALL CIRCLES

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This Clones, left-hander was in tremendous form right through the championship and had spine-tingling victories over Paddy McGrath (Tipperary) in the semi-final and Mayo's Michael Walsh in the final.

After 31 Years

Tipperary's senior handballers also had reason for celebration, as the county won a title in this grade after a lapse of 31 years.

Mick Shanahan from Horse and Jockey and the Turnpike man, John Ryan, were the heroes in this victory, when they scored a somewhat surprising win over the renowned Bobby Grattan and his partner, Paddy Winders from Kildare.

In fact, 1962 proved to be a happy one for Tipperary, as the county took five of the championships, including

a double in junior hard singles and doubles.

For Clare, it was also a case of first time ever, when Dan and Joe Kirby won the minor soft doubles and added further lustre to this Tuamgraney family, who have been the backbone of handball in Clare for many years.

The only Leinster success was achieved by the popular Kilkennyman, Joe Delaney who won his first-ever soft singles title. His clash with Cork's Mick Griffin produced a memorable struggle, with in the closing stages to score a remarkable victory.

Mayomen Peter McGee and Michael Walsh took the junior soft doubles title to the county for the fourth time, and also won for Connacht it's only All-Ireland title in 1962.

However, the efforts of Sligo and Mayo in reaching four All-Ireland

finals were admirable and speak volumes for the progress the game is making in the West.

Television

During the season, handball was highlighted on Telefis Eireann sports programmes on a few occasions, and one came to the conclusion that it is an ideal subject for this medium.

At times, it was hard to follow the flight of the ball, but as a special one was never used this fault could be rectified by having coloured handballs, manufactured for television purposes.

Since these initial efforts were so successful one must be optimistic that regular "shots" on their weekly programmes in the coming season.

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A Successful Year For Munster

A PROVINCE that can boast two All-Ireland winning senior teams at the end of a season can surely be said to have experienced a successful year. So it was with Munster in 1962.

It was, of course, no surprise to see the hurling title coming south again, for that is a common occurrence. But at the beginning of the season the odds were at least a hundred to one against the return of the Sam Maguire trophy to the province.

The Munster team that played Leinster in the Railway Cup football semi-final cut a sorry spectacle indeed. Off-hand, I cannot recollect the score, but I can certainly remember the inquest that followed as the question was posed: "If Munster football has fallen to such a low ebb, when can we hope to have a team with a chance in the All-Ireland championship again?"

In the opinion of the critics and followers generally, Kerry were no longer a major force. Several members of the team that had lost to Down in the 1961 semi-final were gone from the scene and the selectors seemed unable to unearth any talented new material.

Neither did Cork hold out a great hope of supplanting the Kingdom as a top football county. The Corkmen were earnest and possessed several good players, but the team generally lacked the balance and experience needed to reach the top of the ladder.

As well as that, there was no other football team in Munster worthy of the name.

Bleak Outlook

When the National League saw Carlow emerge winners in a group in which Cork and Kerry were also engaged the outlook for Munster football looked bleak indeed.

By John Joe Brosnan

However, the championship often brings out the best in teams that fail to impress in the League. So it proved in this case. By Munster final time Kerry had recovered much of their old brilliance, and their victory over Cork was a convincing one, although the score greatly flattered them.

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As we left the Athletic Grounds that Sunday in July, I was convinced that we would soon see the Kingdom back at the very top of the Gaelic football scene.

This viewpoint was not generally shared. Kerry were not given a chance against Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final, but in a memorable game—the best in the 1962 series—they emerged decisive winners.

The fact that Kerry's bogey team, Down, had been eliminated from the championship made the outcome of the All-Ireland final a foregone conclusion in the opinion of most followers. Roscommon, who were to provide the opposition, had not been very impressive when beating Down's conquerors, Cavan, in the other semi-final.

As the big game approached the critics began to qualify their earlier statements by saying that Roscommon had a much better chance than had been thought at first. As it happened, the Westerners were not really in the hunt with a Kerry side that jumped into a goal lead inside the first minute and stayed well in front afterwards without ever touching their semi-final form.

A Prediction . . .

The Roscommon men seemed to suffer from nerves, for they settled for jostling and obstructing the Kerry men at every turn rather than playing open football. This ruined the game as a spectacle.

Kerry's victory gave them twenty senior football titles, all won this century. They have been champions one year out of every three since 1903, when they won their first crown.

Needless to say they got a tremendous reception when they returned to the Kingdom with the Sam Maguire and Tom Markham trophies, the latter won by the minors, who decisively beat Mayo in the final.

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Complete List Of N.A.C.A. Champions, 1962

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Pole Vault—1,—L. F. Gleeson (Nenagh Olympic A.C.), 12 feet; 2,—A. Stanley (Carlow), 11' 6"; 3,—S. Murphy (Galway City), 11' 0".

16 lb. Shot—1,—H. O'Callaghan (U.C.C.); 48' 3"; 2, K. Prendergast (U.C.D.), 47' 10½"; 3,—N. Hegarty (Derry City), 43' 5½".

Discus—1,—H. O'Callaghan, (U.C.C.), 136' 4"; 2,—K. Prendergast (U.C.D.), 136' 1"; 3,—M. C. Hehir (Ballinasloe A.C.), 117' 2½".

Javelin—1,—D. Toomey (U.C.D.), 204' 2"; 2, H. O'Callaghan, 168' 7"; 3, L. F. Gleeson, 158' 2".

16 lb. Hammer—1,—P. Crehan (St. James's Gate A.C.), 138' 10"; 2,—W. J. Clarkson, (do.), 123' 0½".

56 lb. Over Bar—1,—M. C. Hehir (Ballinasloe), 14' 6"; 2,—M. Kelly (Portarlington), 14' 3"; T. Twomey (Rising Sun A.C.), 13' 9".

56 lb. For Distance—1,—T. Twomey, 27' 7"; 2, M. C. Hehir, 25' 8"; 3,—P. Ruddle (Kilmallock), 25' 1".

Marathon—1,—S. Kearns, (Newry Shamrocks A.C.), 2 hrs. 37 mins. 7 secs.; 2,—J. Dooley, (Cardinal Griffin A.C., London), 2 hrs. 38 mins 7 secs; 3,—J. O'Brien (Ballymore A.C., Cobh).

Decathlon Championships

(At Eamonn Ceannt Stadium, Dublin)

1,—D. Toomey (U.C.D.), 5,179 points; 2—H. O'Callaghan (U.C.C.), 5,122 points; 3—L. Kelleher, (Kilmacud A.C.), 3,728 points.

Track Championships

(Decided at other venues)

300 Yards (Fermoy)—1, J. C. Riordan (U.C.C.); 2,—G. Slattery (Herbertstown A.C.).

1,500 Metres (Cork)—1,—T. O'Connor (Dublin City Harriers); 2,—W. Neenan (Millstreet).

2 Miles (Donegal)—Official result not supplied by Promoters.

3 Miles (Ballinree)—Official result not supplied by Promoters.

8,000 Metres—1, S. O'Sullivan (Kilmallock A.C.); 2, John Downes (do.).

6 Miles (Kilmallock)—1,—Sean O'Sullivan (Kilmallock A.C.); 2,—John Downes (do.).

5 Miles (Gorey)—1,—Sean O'Sullivan; 2, John Downes

15 Miles Road Race (Derrydonnell)—1, Mick Molloy (Derrydonnell A.C.); 2—Mick Sullivan (Kilmallock A.C.).

RULES THAT MIGHT BE CHANGED

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Let's be honest and allow subs for uninjured men.

As well, let us get rid of that damnable automatic suspension. Only for it the rowdy would be put off like a shot, and if we want to keep the game alive for the spectator we can allow a sub to replace him, that sub counting as two.

You think it wouldn't work? I've seen the ten minutes "cooler" on the side-line work several times in football and that's regarded as far more revolutionary. The amendment would give the ref adequate control, which now he hasn't got.

Well, there you are. Thanks for struggling though it. As the old woman down the country said: "Sure we must be talking about something".

ST. MEL'S CAPTURE THEIR SECOND HOGAN CUP

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When they clashed in Thurles, it was the opinion of many that the Wexford side threw it away through sheer carelessness and were lucky to get away with a 0-10 to 2-4 draw.

Obviously St. Peter's learned most from this lesson, for they came out in the replay and had a most convincing 4-11 to 2-4 win in a game that never rose to any great heights.

An interesting point about this replay was that though it was staged in Croke Park, six of the Ennis lads had never seen the vast stadium and none of them had played there before.

They showed little of the form which earned them a draw at Thurles and did little to stop the Wexford side.

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S.H. (Croke Cup)—St. Peter's, Wexford; Ennis C.B.S. (beaten after replay).

Leinster

S.F.C.—St. Mel's, Longford; Franciscan College, Gormanston.

J.F.C. (Miller Cup)—St. Mel's, Longford; O'Connell Schools.

S.F. (Clonard Cup)—Don Bosco, Ballinakill; Carmelite College, Moate.

J.F. (Special)—Col. Mhuire C.B.S.; St. Joseph's, Freshford.

Juvenile F.—O'Connell Schools; St. Josephs, Fairview.

S.H.C.—St. Peter's, Wexford; Kilkenny C.B.S.

S.H. (Dr. Staunton Cup)—Enniscorthy C.B.S.; St. Joseph's, Fairview.

J.H. (Dr. Kyne Cup)—Wexford C.B.S.; Portlaoise C.B.S.

Munster

S.H. (Dr. Harty Cup)—Ennis C.B.S.; St. Flannan's, Ennis.

J.H. (Dean Ryan Cup)—St. Flannan's, Ennis; St. Finbarr's, Farrenferries.

J.H. (Dr. Rogers Cup)—Sullivan's Quay C.B.S.; Nenagh C.B.S.

S.H. (Div. B)—Salesian College, Pallaskenry; Middleton C.B.S.

J.H. (Div. B) (Dr. Kinnane Cup)—Salesian College, Pallaskenry; Middleton C.B.S.

S.F. (Corn na Mumhan)—De La Salle, Waterford; Limerick C.B.S.

J.F. (Frewen Cup)—De La Salle, Waterford; St. Brendan's, Killarney.

S.F. (Div. B)—Salesian College, Pallaskenry; Rochestown College.

J.F. (Div. B)—Clonakilty College; Mitchelstown C.B.S.

Ulster

S.F. (MacRory Cup)—St. Patrick's, Cavan; Abbey C.B.S., Newry.

J.F. (Ranafast Cup)—St. Colman's, Newry; Abbey C.B.S.

Juvenile F. (Corn na n-Og)—Hardinge St. C.B.S.; Abbey C.B.S., Newry.

S.F. (Dr. McLarnon Cup)—St. Malachy's, Belfast; St. Mary's, Dundalk.

McMahon Cup (C.B.S. Competition)—Abbey C.B.S., Omagh C.B.S.

S.H.—St. Mary's, Belfast; St. McNissis, Garronpoint.

Connacht

S.F.—St. Jarlath's, Tuam; St. Muredach's, Ballina.

J.F.—St. Jarlath's, Tuam; St. Mary's Galway.

Juvenile F.—St. Jarlath's, Tuam; St. Nathy's, Bal-laghaderreen.

S.F. (Div. B.)—Ballinrobe C.B.S.; St. Colman's, Claremorris.

J.F. (Div. B)—St. Colman's, Claremorris; St. Gerald's Castlebar.

Juvenile F. (Div. B.)—St. Colman's, Claremorris; Tuam C.B.S.

S.H.—St. Molaisse's, Portumna; St. Joseph's, Garbally Park.

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A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR MUNSTER

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In the course of the victory celebrations Dr. Eamon O'Sullivan, the trainer of the team, predicted that they would win the championship during the next two years as well. Whether they do or not remains to be seen, but it appears certain that they will be well in the picture for some time to come.

Apart from the satisfaction of having a team of Kerry's standard in the province, there is not much else to enthuse about in the matter of football in Munster. Cork are always there with a fair team, but the other counties seem to be unable to rise above a very moderate standard.

In the hurling sphere Tipperary once again emerged as All-Ireland champions, and their game against Wexford will go into the annals as one of the best ever played. It had everything—brilliant hurling, high drama in the shape of a Wexford

come-back after having conceded two goals in the first minute, and two manly teams who concentrated on the ball all the time.

Tipp's win gave them nineteen titles—the same number as Cork. It was indeed a great triumph for them, as they had been written off by some people early in the year as a team that had gone past its best.

This was because of the public's tendency to exaggerate the importance of certain results. When Tipp failed to Kilkenny in a League tie people predicted the end of the road for the Premier County stalwarts. How wrong they were!

A Shock

Kilkenny went on to win the League, beating Cork in the final. They basked in the glory of that win—being favoured to add the All-Ireland championship to their League title—until Wexford defeated them in the Leinster final.

The Munster championship provided a shock when Limerick held Tipp to a draw in the first round. On the run of the play Limerick should have won that game. But they lost their chance through picking and poking at vital times, and Tipp handed them a severe trouncing in the replay.

Waterford got the better of Cork in the other semi-final, and the scene seemed set for a great final. However, the unpredictable Waterford men collapsed in the second half of a game watched by only 31,000—about half the previous year's attendance—at Limerick.

Without doubt, a year of ups-and-downs ended on a very happy note for Munster Gaeldom. Tipp and Kerry won prestige for the province and though some of the other counties could not hope to distinguish themselves in the same way it was a cause of satisfaction that the games were being played with enthusiasm almost everywhere in the province.

All-round balance kept minor hurling crown in Kilkenny

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In spite of his size, Shem Muldowney was a good centrefield man, where he had as partner Seamus Byrne, who had senior experience with his club, Castlecomer.

A Team Victory

John Delaney played so well against Dublin that we felt he would cut roads through any defence but that was his best game, and it was the consistent Tom Walsh who played a major part in winning the final.

Captain Joe Dunphy, Maurice Ayrdward and Paddy Walsh constituted the best full-forward line we have had for quite some time, while Senan Cooke, another player with senior experience with his club, St. Senan's, also made a valuable contribution.

However, on looking back over the year, it would be invidious to single out any player for special mention. All played their parts in keeping the All-Ireland minor hurling title in Kilkenny. Had there been any weak links, rest assured that Tipperary's star-studded fifteen would not have been beaten.

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le Éamonn Ó Faoiláin

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Is tearma é sin nach bhfuil le fáil sa **Treoraí Oifigiúil**. Is téarma, leis, é a ceapadh d’aon ghnó ag náimhde an Chumainn. Tá na téarmaí sin flúirseach go leor in Eirinn imeasc daoine nach bhfuil d’aidhm acu ach muintir na hEireann a dhísbeagadh. Téarma eile den tsaghas céanna is ea “Gaeilge éigeantach”.

RIAIL A 27

Bíodh sin mar atá, do rinneadh iarracht ar Riail a 27 a leasú. Theip ar an iarracht. Nuair a tháinig an rún ós comhair na Cómhhdála bhí Ostán an Gresham lán go doras. Díospóir-eacht bhreágh bhríomhar a bhí ann.

Go deimhin, dúradh rudaí i rith na díospóireachta a raibh séala na h-ard-óráidaíochta orthu — seodanna cainte a mbeadh trácht orthu dá ndearfaí in aon Pharlaimint iad. Fé mar adúirt mé cheana, cailleadh ar an rún.

Mar sin, seasann Riail a 27 sa **Treoraí Oifigiúil** gan leasú. Is maith an rud é agus tá súil agam go seasfaidh sé go deo gan leasú. Tá daoine ann adeir nach cóir an riail a leasú go dtí go mbeidh saoirse iomlán na tíre bainte amach againn. Ní duine den dream sin mise.

Dá mbeadh saoirse againn maidin amárach do mholfainn gan an riail a leasú. Tá gá leis an riail céanna,

agus an lá a leasaítear é mairg do na cluichí Gaelacha!

Cad faoi na cluichí féin i rith na bliana seo caite? Bhíodar ar fheabhas mar is gnáthach ach sé an rud ba shuntasáí, b’fhéidir ná a fhéile a dail-eadh na h-onóracha.

Bliain na n-iontas a bhí inti gan agó, bliain inar éirigh le dhá Chontae a bhfuil cáil an pheil orthu Craobh-Chomórtas san iomáint a bhaint amach, Ceatharloch agus Cill Dara.

Ní amháin sin, ach theaspáin Ceatharloch an minach a bhí iontu le déanaí nuair a bhuadar ar Chorcaigh sa tSraith Náisiúnta. Tá gach seans ann go ndéanfaidh Ceatharloch aithris ar Loch gCarman.

Tá tosach maith déanta acu pé scéal é, agus is cinnte go gcaithfidh Cill Chainnigh bheith ar san airdeall más mian leo bheith ina gcuráí Uile-Eireann nó a dteideal sa tSraith Náisiúnta a choimhead.

Bhí tréith eile ag baint leis an mbliain seo caite nach miste tagairt a dhéanamh di—an dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le caighdeán na h-iománaíochta. Shrois an iománaíocht caighdeán an-árd ar fad, go h-áirithe sa chluiche úd idir Loch gCarman agus Thiobraid Arann.

Tá an scéal céanna le h-innsint mar gheall ar an gcluiche idir Chill Chainnigh agus Tiobraid Arann sa tSraith Náisiúnta agus idir Phort Láirge agus Thiobraid Arann i gCraobh-Chomórtas an Oireachtais.

Má tá feabhas cho mór ar chúrsaí imeasc na sóisear, tá cuid mhaith den chreidiúint ag dul dóibh siúd a bhfuil cúram na ndaoine óga orthu sna scoileanna agus na coláistí ar fuaid na hEireann. Os ag trácht ar na buachailli óga atá mé, an bhfuil sárú le fáil ar mhionúirí Chill Chainnigh, foireann a rug Craobh na hEireann trí h-uaire as a chéile ó Thiorbaid Arann?

Faid atá daoine den tsaghas seo

cois Feorach, ní baol go mbeidh thiar ar an dubh agus omra.

MO ROGHA

Tríd is tríd, ní raibh an caighdeán sa pheil leath chomh h-ard le caighdeán na h-iománaíochta. Bhí cluichí maithe ann mar sin féin—an ceann ab fhearr, b’fhéidir, an cluiche idir An Cabhán agus Ros Comáin. Measadh go raibh seans maith ag Ros Comáin buachaint ar Chiarraí sa chluiche ceannais, ach, faraoir, ní mar sin a bhí. Bhuaigh curai na Mumhan go h-éascaí.

Anois, cérbh iad na h-imreoirí ab fhearr a chonnaic mé fein ar pháirc an imeartha i mbliana? Ceist an-acrannach í sin, go mór mhór más don iománaíocht a thagraítear. Ar aon nós, seo chugaibh mo roghnú féin:—

1. Olly Breathnach (Cill Chainnigh)
2. M. O Conaill (Ciarraí).
3. Cathal O Laoghaire (Ath Cliath),
4. R. O Cearbhalláin (An Cabhán).
5. P. Mac Liam (Loch gCarman).
6. S. de Barun (Port Láirge).
7. D. O Nialláin (Tiobraid Arann).
8. T. Breathnach (Mionúir Chill Chainnigh).
9. Deasúin O Foghlú (Ath Cliath).
10. Tomás O Luing (Ciarraí).

AN TELEFIS

I mbliana freisin is ea a rinneadh na cluichí Gaelacha a thelefishiú don chéad uair agus cuireadh i bhfeidhm rún a ritheadh ag an gComhdháil Bhliantiúil, i.e., go gcaithfeadh leath na tráchtairachta a bheith i nGaeilge.

Is iad Seán O Ceallacháin agus Micheál O Muircheartaigh an dís a bhí i mbun na trachtairachta agus má deirim gur éirigh go seoigh leo ní bréag ar bith é.

Do chonnaic níos mó daoine Craobh-chluichí na hEireann i mbliana ná in aon bhliain eile go dtí seo. Is cinnte go raibh muintir na hEireann uilig sásta, agus tá moladh mór tuillte ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gaedheal agus ag Radio Eireann-Telefise Eireann.

HURLING HONOURS WERE SHARED . . .

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With the All-Ireland crown retained Tipperary went confidently in search of another Oireachtas title. They overcame Kilkenny in the semi-final and qualified to meet Waterford, who had shocked Wexford.

Revenge

This was Waterford's day of revenge for that Munster final defeat. I have long maintained that when Waterford play well they play most attractive hurling, but their display of effective combination was so splendid in the second half of the Oireachtas final that it surpassed anything I have seen in hurling.

As they swept through the Tipperary defence for spectacular goals this was precision on the hurling field.

Two other events in the year's hurling cannot go unnoticed. Leinster won back the Railway Cup as one half of a St. Patrick's Day double, and Carlow won their first All-Ireland title, when they were triumphant in the intermediate championship.

That latter success by a county, until recently known almost exclusively for football, should be a lesson to all "weak" counties. Now that Carlow team goes senior in the 1963 championship, and with a League win over Cork they have already shown that they intend holding their own with the best.

Neither can Kildare's success in the All-Ireland junior hurling championship be forgotten, while Kerry's victory in Division 2 of the National

FACTORY AFFAIRS . . .

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Predictions were upset, however, when a strong Public Authorities team knocked out "Clover" in the first round. Authorities were then strongly-fancied to capture the title, but caught a tartar in the final, when an enthusiastic Waterford Glass fifteen proved too good.

On the factory G.A.A. front plans are already laid for next season. In Dublin it is intended to run a second division hurling competition for weaker teams, while Limerick Gaels hope to re-organise the former very successful hurling and football leagues, now that the grounds position in the city area has improved.

League made it a memorable year for football counties on the hurling fields.

Kilkenny minors continued on their all-conquering way with their third All-Ireland title in a row and their

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JANUS H18

IN LIGHTER VEIN

by

Seamus

O Ceallaigh

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"But mammy", she managed to sob out at last, "if uncle starts at the same time to-morrow, he'll miss the train again".

* * *

"GO on! Shoot, Joe!", yelled a spectator at the football match. "Why pick on Joe?" queried his neighbour. "Why not shoot them all?"

* * *

HE had had a Chinese cook for many years, and one day, after a particularly good dinner, decided to raise the man's wages. When the Chinese received the increased money at the end of the week he was surprised.

"Why you paying me more?" he asked.

"Because you have been such a good cook" replied his employer, with a smile.

"Oh", the Oriental said thoughtfully, "then you have been swindling me for years, eh?"

Puzzling

O'NEILL'S wife had been unusually silent during the opening term of the concert, but it was obvious something was puzzling her.

"By the way" she asked when the piece came to an end, "what's that book the conductor keeps looking at?"

"That's the score of the overture", he replied.

"Oh", she exclaimed, "and who's winning?"

* * *

HOT words had passed between the two youngsters so rapidly that finally they both halted for want of fresh ideas. Then one of them had a brainwave.

"Garn!" he sneered, "your mother takes in washing!"

"Course she does" restored the other "Do you think she'd leave it out with your father out of jail?"

A man who had dined rather too well saw a sign: "Please ring the bell for the caretaker". He walked up and gave the bell a hearty tug. Presently an angry man appeared at the door.

"Are you the caretaker?" asked the bell-puller.

"Yes, what do you want?"

"Well, what I want to know is why you can't ring the bell yourself?"

* * *

THE O'Briens were quarrelling. "You women" said O'Brien contemptuously "are only happy before a glass".

"Yes" replied the wife, "and you men are only happy after one".

* * *

MRS. Moore took her husband to a mannequin show. An evening gown, worn by a ravishingly pretty girl, attracted her attention.

"That would look nice at our party next week", she said, hoping her husband would buy the dress.

"Yes" agreed hubby, "why not invite her?"

* * *

IT was the first match of the season on the new club pitch. The star performer for the home side was the local doctor, who had the reputation of being a reckless hurler. Near the end of the game one of the parish gossips came along.

"How's doctor doing?" he asked his neighbour.

"Oh, he's doing fine", came the reply. "He's scored five points and has four new patients already".

* * *

THE little girl, taken to see the opera "La Bohème", was fascinated by the scene in which the leading lady, playing the part of "Mimi", dies. Coming out of the theatre she remarked quite cheerfully to her mother.

"How do they keep getting a fresh lady to die every night?"

* * *

A small boy, out in the street, was crying bitterly. An old lady passing by, asked him what he was crying about.

"We're having apple tart for supper" sobbed the child.

"But, surely, that's nothing to cry about" commented the kind lady, somewhat puzzled.

"Well, but I can't find my way home" explained the small boy between sobs.

In Ireland, Too

AN American was giving some illustrations of the size of his country. "You can board a train in the State of Texas at dawn" he said impressively, "and twenty-four hours later you'll still be in Texas".

"Yes" said the Miltown Malbay star footballer of other days, "we've got trains like that at home too".

* * *

JACK: "What did your wife say when you got in from the club dinner last night?"

Bill: "She never said a word. I was going to have my two front teeth pulled out in any case".

* * *

JIMMY, aged seven, sat patiently through the first number of the symphony concert. The next number on the programme was a coloratura solo.

"Mama", asked Jimmy, "why is that man shaking his stick at the lady?"

"Hush, Jimmy", she said, glancing around apologetically. "He's not shaking it at her".

"Then why", retorted Jimmy, "is she screaming like that?"

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JOHN DOYLE (Tipperary)

TIPPERARY (S.H.)

D. O'Brien (Knockavilla Kickhams); **John Doyle** (Holycross), **M. Maher** (Holycross), **K. Carey** (Roscrea); **M. O'Gara** (Toomevara), **A. Wall** (Thurles Sarsfields), **M. Burns** (Nenagh); **T. English** (Marlfield), **L. Devaney** (Borrisoleigh); **Jimmy Doyle** (Thurles Sars.) (capt.), **J. McKenna** (Borrisokane), **T. Ryan** (Killenaule); **D. Nealon** (U.C.D.), **T. Moloughney** (Kilruane), **S. McLoughlin** (Thurles Sarsfields). Subs.—**L. Connolly** (Coolmoyne), **T. Ryan** (Toomevara).

WEXFORD (S.H.)

P. Nolan (Oylegate-Glenbrien); **T. Neville** (New Ross Geraldine-O'Hanrahans), **N. O'Donnell** (Enniscorthy St. Aidans), **E. Colfer** (Geraldine-O'Hanrahans); **J. English** (Rathnure), **W. Rackard** (Rathnure) (capt.), **J. Nolan** (Oylegate-Glenbrien); **P. Wilson** (Oylegate-Glenbrien), **M. Lyng** (Geraldine-O'Hanrahans), **J. O'Brien** (Geraldine-O'Hanrahans), **P. Kehoe** (St. Aidans), **P. Lynch** (Enniscorthy Shamrocks); **O. McGrath** (Faythe Harriers, Wexford), **E. Wheeler** (Faythe Harriers), **T. Flood** (Cloughbawn).

KERRY (S.F.)

J. Culloty (Killarney); **Seamus Murphy** (Camp), **N. Sheehy** (Tralee John Mitchells), **T. Lyons** (Castleisland Desmonds); **S. Og Sheehy** (John Mitchells) (capt.), **N. Lucey** (Air Corps, Dublin), **M. O'Dwyer** (Waterville); **M. O'Connell** (Valentia Young Islanders), **J. Lucey** (Caragh Lake), **D. McAuliffe** (Duagh), **T. O'Sullivan** (Castleisland), **J. O'Riordan** (Glenbeigh); **G. McMahon** (Listowel), **T. Long** (Ventry and Killarney), **P. Sheehy** (John Mitchells). Subs.—**K. Coffey** (Clanna Gael, Dublin), **J. J. Barrett** (Tralee Austin Stacks).

ALL-IRELAND

ROSCOMMON (S.F.)

A. Brady (Elphin); **J. J. Breslin** (Kilina), **J. Lynch** (Tuam Stars), **J. O. Moran** (Dublin Sean McDermotts); **R. Creaven** (Dublin Sean McDermotts), **G. O'Malley** (Kiltoom St. Brigid's) (capt.), **G. O'Reilly** (Newtown Blues, Drogheda); **B. Kyne** (Padraig Pearses), **J. Kelly** (Elphin); **G. Geraghty** (Garryowen, London), **E. Curley** (Padraig Pearses), **A. Whyte** (Clan na Gael); **Don Feely** (Kiltoom), **C. Mahon** (Roscommon Gaels), **Des Feely** (Kiltoom). Subs.—**T. Turley** (Padraig Pearses), **A. Kenny** (Clan na Gael).

CARLOW (I.H.)

J. O'Connell (Clonmore); **W. Walsh** (Erin's Own, Waterford), **M. Hogan** (Muinebeag), **A. Fortune** (Carlow); **P. McGovern** (Erin's Own, Waterford), **P. Somers** (Carlow) (capt.), **T. Nolan** (St. Mullins); **M. Morrissey** (St. Mullins), **M. O'Brien** (Air Corps, Dublin); **W. Walsh** (St. Mullins), **W. Hogan** (New Irelands, Dublin), **P. O'Connell** (Carlow); **L. Walsh** (St. Mullins), **E. Gladney** (St. Mullins), **C. Hynes** (Courtnellan). **P. Brophy** (Tullow) and **N. O'Gorman** (Carlow) played against Galway in the "Home" final.

LONDON (I.H.)

W. Barnaville (Tipperary); **S. Kerins** (Wexford), **C. Whelan** (Kilkenny), **B. Neville** (Limerick); **P. Dwyer** (Tipp), **P. Ryan** (Tipp) (capt.), **M. Carmody** (Limerick); **S. Daly** (Limerick), **R. O'Leary** (Wexford); **S. Tiernan** (Tipp), **T. Clery** (Offaly), **W. Dargan** (Laois); **P. Harney** (Dublin), **T. Morrissey** (Cork), **M. Devereaux** (Wexford). Subs. **M. Collins** (Cork), **P. Spillane** (Galway).

GALWAY (I.H.)

M. Howley (Ardrahan); **W. Fogarty** (Beagh), **T. Dolly** (Abbeyknockmoy), **J. Lyons** (Leitrim); **P. Shaughnessy** (Kinvara), **M. Connaughton** (Clostoken), **A. Furey** (Oranmore); **K. Shaughnessy** (Castlegar), **S. Gleeson** (Liam Mellowses); **P. Egan** (Castlegar), **S. Devlin** (Gort), **C. Stanley** (Woodford); **J. Donohoe** (Killimor), **P. Fahy** (Turloughmore), **M. Curtin** (Kinvara). Sub.—**L. Marmion** (Loughrea).

KILDARE (J.H.)

P. Dunny (Prosperous); **P. Morris** (Athy), **A. Whelan** (Military College),

P. Sharpe (Eire Og); **D. Noonan** (Suncroft), **T. Connell** (Moorefield) (capt.), **A. O'Sullivan** (Military College); **P. Curley** (Military Col.), **F. Fogarty** (Suncroft); **K. O'Malley** (Ardclough), **M. Wall** (Castledermot), **J. Barker** (Moorefield); **M. Leahy** (Eire Og), **L. Kiely** (Military College), **S. Schwer** (Moorefield). Sub.—**P. Cummins** (Broadford).

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KERRY (J.H.)

W. Maguire (Ardfert); **W. Shanahan** (Listowel), **W. Moloney** (Listowel), **Jas. McCarthy** (Crotta); **T. Kearney** (O'Dorney), **T. McElligott** (Ardfert); **J. Healy** (do.); **S. Guerin** (Listowel), **B. O'Connell** (Causeway); **P. Sheehy** (John Mitchels), **J. Murphy** (Killarney), **D. Lucid** (Ballyheigue); **R. McCarthy** (Ballyduff), **M. Wharton** (Kenmare), **P. Healy** (Kilgarvan).

MEATH (J.F.)

M. Clarke (Curraha); **S. McCormack** (Kilmainhamwood), **J. Ryan** (Trim), **J. Quinn** (Kilbride); **W. Eiffe** (Ratoath), **T. Gibney** (Ballinlough), **P. Price** (Castletown); **T. Muldoon** (Ballinlough), **T. Monaghan** (Kilmainhamwood), **P. McCormack** (Kilmainhamwood), **P. Hanley** (Clonard), **J. Walsh** (Drumree) (capt.); **P. Christie** (Rathmolyon), **O. Kealy** (Newtown Blues), **T. Mongey** (Slane). **Subs.**—**G. Quinn** (Kilbride), **J. Kane** (Kilmessan).

LONDON (J.F.)

J. Kelly (Cuchulainns and Cork); **P. McLarnon** (Sean McDermotts and Derry), **S. Hendry** (St. Vincents and Monaghan), **S. Mulderrig** (Naomh Mhuire and Mayo); **P. Russell** (St. Monicas and Mayo), **J. Jennings** (Parnells and Mayo), **W. Flaherty** (St. Vincents and Roscommon); **S. McCowell** (St. Vincents and Longford), **N. O'Reilly** (Naomh Mhuire and Mayo); **P. Long** (Parnells and Kerry), **B. Holohan** (Round Towers and Dublin), **D. Sheehan** (Parnells and Kerry); **D. Mullins**

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CAVAN (J.F.)

P. Lyons (Drumalee); **E. O'Grady** (Redhills) (capt.), **V. Cahill** (Castlerahan-Ballyjamesduff), **F. O'Reilly** (Ballynagh); **P. Clarke** (Bailieboro'), **J. Quinn** (Ballyconnell), **A. Given** (Ballyhaise); **B. Kennedy** (Kingscourt), **D. O'Grady** (Ballyhaise); **P. Boyle** (Crosserlough), **L. Mulvaney** (Maghera-Mullagh), **M. Kelly** (Bailieboro'); **M. Sheridan** (Killinkere), **J. J. O'Reilly** (Crosserlough), **P. Murray** (Cavan Gaels).

KILKENNY (M.H.)

N. Skehan (Bennettsbridge); **S. Treacy** (Tullogher), **T. Phelan** (St. Canices), **S. Walsh** (Thomastown); **S. Hanrahan** (Danesfort), **P. Drennan** (Gowran Y. Irelands), **W. Burke** (St. Canices); **S. Byrne** (Castlecomer), **S. Muldowney** (Conahy); **S. Cooke** (Kilmacow), **T. Walsh** (Thomastown), **J. Delaney** (Thomastown); **J. Dunphy** (Mooncoin) (capt.), **M. Aylward** (Knockmoylan), **P. Walsh** (Graigue).

TIPPERARY (M.H.)

P. Fleming (Carrick Swan); **W. Smith** (Na Fianna, Templemore), **P. O'Rourke** (Roscrea), **M. O'Meara** (Lorrha); **O. Killoran** (Roscrea), **L. Gaynor** (Kilruane), **E. Loughnane** (Borrisoleigh); **P. Delaney** (Roscrea), **M. O'Brien** (Ballinahinch); **W. Nolan** (Moycarkey-Borris), **M. Keating** (Ballybacon-Grange) (capt.), **F. Loughnane** (Roscrea); **D. Moloney** (Roscrea), **R. Buckley** (Moycarkey-Borris), **T. Brennan** (Ballingarry). **Subs.**—**S. Nash** (Killenaule), **J. Darmody** (Cashel King Cormacs), **P. Hayes** (Capwhite).

KERRY (M.F.)

S. Fitzgerald (Ballyferriter); **D. Lovett** (Kilmoyley), **K. O'Connor** (Tarbert), **S. Burrows** (Tralee John Mitchels); **T. Fitzgerald** (John Mitchels), **P. O'Donoghue** (Ballylongford), **B. Burrows** (John Mitchels), **D. O'Sullivan** (Tralee Kerins-



TOM LONG (Kerry)

O'Rahillys, **T. Doyle** (Castleisland); **J. O'Mahoney** (John Mitchels) (capt.), **A. Barrett** (Ballyduff), **D. O'Shea** (John Mitchels); **J. Flavin** (Ballylongford), **R. O'Donnell** (John Mitchels), **T. Mulvihill** (Moyvane). **Subs.**—**J. Corridan** (Listowel), **P. Kennelly** (Ballylongford).

MAYO (M.F.)

L. McEllin (Kiltimagh); **A. Brett** (Castlebar Mitchels), **J. Earley** (Ballyvary), **D. O'Leary** (Louisburgh); **N. Golden** (Ballycastle), **M. Brennan** (Claremorris), **E. Carroll** (Ballaghaderreen); **M. Connaughton** (Claremorris), **M. O'Malley** (Claremorris); **F. McDonald** (Castlebar Mitchels), **P. Costello** (Kiltimagh), **C. Dolan** (Garrymore); **N. Maguire** (Belmullet), **D. McSweeney** (Ballinrobe), **J. J. Cribben** (Ballyhaunis). **Sub.**—**T. Staunton** (Partry).

DUBLIN (Camogie)

E. Leech (Celtic); **G. Hughes** (Celtic) (capt.); **N. Murney** (U.C.D.), **A. Hussey** (Celtic), **K. Lyons** (Eoghan Ruadh); **K. Ryder** (Naomh Aoife), **M. Sherlock** (Austin Stacks), **M. Ryan** (Austin Stacks); **P. Timmons** (Naomh Aoife), **B. Keenan** (Austin Stacks), **J. Doyle** (C.I.E.); **U. O'Connor** (Celtic).

GALWAY (Camogie)

E. Naughton (St. Marys); **P. Colclough** (St. Marys); **R. Flaherty** (Castlegar), **V. Henegan** (Castlegar), **S. Tonry** (Castlegar) (capt.); **K. Higgins** (Athenry), **K. Quinn** (Castlegar), **C. Furey** (Castlegar); **F. Fox** (St. Marys), **K. Clancy** (St. Marys), **K. Flaherty** (Castlegar); **E. Walsh** (Castlegar).

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

MAYO (10)—1934, 1935, 1936, 1937,
1938, 1939, 1941, 1948, 1949, 1954.

KERRY (6)—1928, 1929, 1931, 1932,
1959, 1961.

DUBLIN (3)—1953, 1955, 1958.

MEATH (3)—1933, 1946, 1951.

CORK (2)—1952, 1956.

GALWAY (2)—1940, 1957.

DOWN (2)—1960, 1962.

LAOIS (1)—1927.

DERRY (1)—1947.

NEW YORK (1)—1950.

ST. BRENDAN CUP HURLING

TIPPERARY (4)—1955, 1957, 1959,
1960.

CORK (1)—1954.

NEW YORK (1)—1958.

FOOTBALL

DUBLIN (2)—1955, 1958.

GALWAY (1)—1957.

KERRY (1)—1959.

DOWN (1)—1960.

NEW YORK (1)—1954.

RAILWAY CUP HURLING

MUNSTER (27) — 1928, 1929, 1930,
1931, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939,
1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946,
1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953,
1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961.

LEINSTER (8) — 1927, 1932, 1933,
1936, 1941, 1954, 1956, 1962.

CONNACHT (1)—1947.

FOOTBALL

LEINSTER (17)—1928, 1929, 1930,
1932, 1933, 1935, 1939, 1940, 1944,
1945, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1959,
1961, 1962.

CONNACHT (7)—1934, 1936, 1937,
1938, 1951, 1957, 1958.

MUNSTER (6) — 1927, 1931, 1941,
1946, 1948, 1949.

ULSTER (6)—1942, 1943, 1947, 1950,
1956, 1960.

OIREACHTAS CUP

WEXFORD (4) — 1951, 1953, 1955,
1956.

KILKENNY (4) — 1940, 1947, 1957,
1959.

TIPPERARY (4) — 1945, 1949, 1960,
1961.

GALWAY (3)—1950, 1952, 1958.

DUBLIN (2)—1944, 1948.

LIMERICK (1)—1939.

CLARE (1)—1954.

WATERFORD (1)—1962.

CUCHULAINN CUP

MEATH (2)—1961, 1962.

KERRY (2)—1959, 1960.

GALWAY (1)—1958.

TYRONE (1)—1957.

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BUSY YEAR ON FACTORY FRONT

DURING the past twelve months there was considerable activity in factory hurling and football circles. In fact, it can be stated without fear of contradiction that more players represented their firms in Gaelic competition during 1962 than in any previous season.

Leinster is the only province where factory leagues are organised to embrace all counties. However, the other provinces and cities were not idle either.

In Dublin and Waterford very successful hurling competitions were concluded, while the Cork Inter-Firm Board is now firmly established and its hurling and football league arouse tremendous interest and enthusiasm.

Ulster has its own inter-firm football competition, but teams are permitted to strengthen their forces with guest players, who are not employed by the firms they represent.

The E.S.B. and Bord na Mona run competitions for their own staff members, with teams drawn from various areas, while the Post Office Gaels are catered for in similar manner.

In places where there is no organised factory competition, teams from certain firms engage club sides in challenge games or organise outings which feature matches against teams from sister firms.

Showpiece

The Leinster Inter-Factory Hurling and Football Leagues are undoubtedly the showpiece of this type of competition. Despite the many calls on players for club and county engagements, the efficient and painstaking committee under Chairman Sean Walsh (Roadstone) got through a very heavy programme without a hitch.

Three separate competitions are

staged for Leinster factory footballers, and teams are grouped according to their strength. The Third Division, inaugurated only this year, was an immediate success.

There is but one hurling competition. Teams are divided into three groups — Wexford, Kilkenny and Carlow-Offaly—with the group winners playing off for the title.

Leinster's First Division football competition attracted seven entries, with Roadstone (Dublin) and Irish Ropes (Droichead Nua) qualifying for the final.

The game took place at Droichead Nua, and these great rivals served up a thrilling hour of top-class football.

A late rally won the day for Roadstone by a margin of four points. As a result, they retained the Roadstone Cup and became the first factory to win this title three years in succession.

The Timmons brothers, John and Joe, Paddy Holden and Mickey Whelan of Dublin, Roscommon's Ronan Creaven and John Oliver Moran, Pa Connolly (Kildare), Gerry Cromwell (Meath) and Jim Lynch (Leitrim) back-boned a star-studded Roadstone fifteen. They got a rare fright, however, from a spirited Irish Ropes team, who had their own stars in Kildare's Toss McCarty, Paddy Moore and "Ba" Dowling, and the former Wicklow stalwart, Harry Fay, who showed that he had lost none of his sharp-shooting ability by notching eleven points from play and frees.

All-Kildare

The Third Division final took place as curtain-raiser to the First Division decider and was an all-Kildare affair between Naas Cotton Mills and I.V.I. Foundry (Athy).

The more-fancied Naas team made the running until the last quarter, when two snap goals swung the issue in favour of Athy, who became the first holders of the Lyons Tea Company Cup.

Five teams competed in this division.

Roadstone completed a great double when their "B" team won the Second Division title and Irish Ropes Cup, defeating Clover Meats (Wexford) by two points at Fr. Maher Park, Graiguecullen after a close and thrilling game.

15 teams took part in this division and all games were contested with championship fervour.

For the fifth time in succession Clover Meats (Waterford) are factory hurling champions of Leinster. However, this powerful team, whose players are drawn from Kilkenny and Waterford, did not retain the Smithwick Cup.

Winners of the Kilkenny group, they met the Carlow-Offaly group representatives, Banagher Tiles, in the semi-final at Castlecomer and had a much closer call than expected before advancing to the final.

Surprise Winners

This took place at New Ross against Clover Meats (Wexford), the surprise winners of the Wexford group. Contrary to expectations the Waterford side had to battle all the way before the final whistle saw them four points in front.

It was only the experience of men like John Barron and Martin Og Morrissey (Waterford) and Mickey Walsh (Kilkenny) that stood between the champions and defeat.

The Dublin Inter-Firm hurling championship attracted nine entries and the holders, McInerneys, and Bolands reached the final.

This took place at O'Toole Park and a large attendance witnessed a great game, in which Bolands became the new champions.

In Waterford, an enthusiastic committee re-organised the local Inter-Factory hurling championship. Eight teams took part, with the Leinster title-holders, Clover Meats, hot favourites to take the honours.

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Cumann Lúicléas Saebal

Cuize Laijean

1963 CLÁR NA SCUICÍ

Iomáint Sinnsir

- (1) Ceatharloch v. Ua bhFháili—Portlaoise 28/4/'63?
 - (2) Iar-Mhí v. Laois—Tulach Mór 21/4/'63
 - (3) (1) v. (2)—Portlaoise no Biorra no Tulach Mór 19/5/'63.
 - (4) Ath Cliath v. (3)—Cill Choinnigh no Loch Garman 30/6/'63 no 7/7/'63.
 - (5) Foirne leighthe ar (4).
- An Craobh (4) v. (5)—21/7/'63.

Iomáint Mionúir

(Lughaí a dul isteach freisin).

- (1) Iar-Mhí v. An Mhí — M. Cearr, 14/4/'63.
 - (2) Cill Dara v. Cill Mhanntáin—D. Nua, 31/3/'63.
 - (3) (1) v. (2)—Duais speisialta ar buathoirí, 28/4/'63.
 - (4) Ceatharloch v. Ua bhFháili—Portlaoise, 28/4/'63.
 - (5) Laois v. (3).
 - (6) Ath Cliath v. (4).
 - (7) Loch Garman v. (5).
 - (8) Cill Choinnigh v. (6).
- Bealthaine, 1963.
- (9) (7) v. (8)—An Craobh 21/7/'63.

Iomáint Idir-Mheanach

- (1) Laois v. Cill Dara—Ath-I, 7/4/'63.
 - (2) Ua bhFháili v. An Mhí—M. Cearr, 14/4/'63.
- N.B.—Ceatharloch agus Iar-Mhí go Comórtais Soisir.
- (3) Aondroma v. Ath Cliath—Ath Cliath, 7/4/'63.
 - (4) Cill Choinnigh v. (1).
 - (5) Loch Garman v. (2).
 - (6) (3) no (4) no (5).
 - (7) (6) v. F. leighthe ag (6) An Craobh.

Iomáint Soisir

- (1) Cill Manntain v. Cill Dara—Eachdruim Uí Broin, 7/4/'63.
 - (2) Ceatharloch v. (1)—21/4/'63.
 - (3) Lughaí v. An Mhí—Droichead Atha, 7/4/'63.
 - (4) Iar-Mhí v. (3) — 21/4/'63.
- An Craobh—(2) v. (4).

Peil Soisir

- (1) Cill Dara v. Laois—Ath-I, 7/4/'63.
 - (2) Longport v. Ua bhFháili—M. Cearr, 7/4/'63.
 - (3) An Mhí v. Lughaí—Droichead Atha, 7/4/'63.
 - (4) Iar-Mhí v. Ath Cliath — M. Cearr, 7/4/'63.
 - (5) Loch Garman v. Ceatharloch—I. Córtaidh, 7/4/'63.
 - (6) Cill Choinnigh v. Cill Mhanntáin—Eachdruim Uí Broin, 7/4/'63.
 - (7) (1) v. (2) ar 21/4/'63.
 - (8) (3) v. (4) ar 21/4/'63.
 - (9) (5) v. (6) ar 21/4/'63.
- An leath-craobh idir (7) no (8) no (9).

Peil Sinnsir agus Mionúir

- (1) Ceatharloch v. Cill Choinnigh—i gCeatharloch, 28/4/'63.
 - (2) Laois v. (1)—Ath-I no Ceatharloch, 12/5/'63.
 - (3) Longport v. Iar-Mhí — 5/5/'63.
 - (4) Ua bhFháili v. (3)—M. Cearr no ———, 19/5/'63.
 - (5) Lughaí v. Cill Mhanntáin — P. an Chrócaigh, 19/5/'63.
 - (6) Cill Dara v. (5)—P. an Chrócaigh no Ceatharloch, 2/6/'63.
 - (7) An Mhí v. Loch Garman — P. an Chrócaigh, 26/5/'63.
 - (8) Ath Cliath v. (7) — 9/6/'63.
- Leath-craobhacha idir (2), (4), (6), (8)—16/6/'63 agus 23/6/'63.
- An Craobh — 14/7/'63.

Corn Uí Broin

31/3/'63 :

- (1) Ceatharloch v. Cill Dara — D. Nua.
 - (2) Loch Garman v. Laois — Inis Córtaidh.
 - (3) An Mhí v. Iar-Mhí — An Uaimh.
 - (4) Ath Cliath v. Lughaí — Droichead Atha.
 - (5) Ua bhFháili v. Longport — Longport.
 - (6) Cill Choinnigh v. Cill Mhanntáin—Cill Choinnigh.
- 14/4/'63 no 21/4/'63 no 28/4/'63 :
- (7) (1) v. (2).
 - (8) (3) v. (4).
 - (9) (5) v. (6).
 - (10) (7) v. (9).
 - (11) (8) v. (10).
- An Craobh.

UNIVERSITY TITLE-WINNERS

HURLING (Fitzgibbon Cup)
University College, Dublin (22)—
 1912, 1915-17, 1923-24, 1927,
 1931-32, 1934-36, 1938, 1941,
 1944, 1948, 1950-52, 1957,
 1959-60.
University College, Cork (19)—
 1913-14, 1918, 1921-22, 1925,
 1928-30, 1933, 1937, 1939-40,
 1943, 1947, 1955-56, 1958,
 1961.
University College, Galway (7)—
 1919, 1926, 1942, 1945-46,
 1949, 1954.
Queen's University, Belfast (1)—
 1953.
FOOTBALL (Sigerson Cup)

University College, Dublin (25)—
 1915-18, 1920, 1923, 1926-32,
 1935, 1944-47, 1949, 1953,
 1955-57, 1959, 1961.
University College, Galway (15)—
 1912, 1921, 1933-34, 1936-42,
 1948, 1950, 1954, 1960.
University College, Cork (10)—
 1911, 1913-14, 1919, 1922,
 1924-25, 1943, 1951-52.
Queen's University, Belfast (1)—
 1958.
ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES'
CHAMPIONS
HURLING (Croke Cup)
St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny (4)
 —1948, 1957, 1959, 1961.

St. Flannan's College, Ennis (3)
 —1946-47, 1958.
North Monastery C.B.S., Cork (1)
 —1960.
St. Peter's College, Wexford (1)
 —1962.
FOOTBALL (Hogan Cup)
St. Jarlath's College, Tuam (4)
 —1947, 1958, 1960-61.
St. Mel's College, Longford (2)
 —1948, 1962.
St. Patrick's College, Armagh (1)
 —1946.
St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen (1)—1957.
St. Joseph's C.B.S., Fairview, Dublin (1)—1959.

Camogie Honours List

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

Connacht—Galway (Winners); Mayo (Runners-Up).
Leinster Senior—Dublin; Wexford.
Intermediate—Wexford; Louth.
Junior—Offaly; Meath.
Munster—Cork; Limerick.
Ulster (Senior)—Antrim; Armagh.
Ulster (Junior)—Tyrone; Donegal.
Ashbourne Cup—U.C.D.; Queen's University, Belfast.
Gael-Linn Cup—Leinster; Ulster.
Leinster Colleges' (Stuart Cup)—Mercy Convent, Callan.
Dublin Colleges' Championship—Holy Faith, Clontarf.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Dublin—U.C.D.
Antrim—Deirdre (Belfast).
Louth—Kilkerley.
Wexford—St. John's.
Tipperary—Elmville (Clonmel).
Cork—Glen Rovers.
Laois—St. Anne's (Ballylinan-Killeslin).
Kildare—Ballyroe.
Galway—Castlegar.
Dublin League—Celtic.

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ON WESTERN FIELDS

AT Christmas, though we are far removed in person from the playing fields, we are there in spirit, debating the pros and cons of this and that team, arguing the merits and demerits of different players; bemoaning or extolling the state of our Association; condemning referees en bloc or sympathising with their sad lot.

My review starts at Christmas, 1961, which as far as Connacht was concerned, found a noticeable increase in the social side of G.A.A. activities. Annual dinners were the order and even junior clubs like Garrymore (Mayo football champions, 1961), who travelled all the way to Castlebar for their get-together, celebrated in style.

We hope the trend continues, until the time is reached when the annual dinner will be a must on every club's calendar, be it an occasion to celebrate success or one to rouse morale for the future tests.

The Leagues

Galway were the only Connacht football team to reach the Christmas recess with full points in their division of the League. A series of challenge games in the New Year with a Connacht Clerical Students' Selection, Westmeath and Mayo, had them

in good fettle for the vital clash with Offaly at Tullamore.

Here, in wretched conditions, Galway's young side surprised even their own supporters with a wholehearted fighting display, that brought them a thoroughly deserved draw, and their young midfielder, Bosco McDermott, had his greatest hour.

All present yearned for a repeat performance, but next came Galway's big flop to Dublin at Pearse Stadium, Salthill, on the score of 6-7 to 1-4. So ended Connacht's interest in the National Football League.

In the Hurling League, Dublin, after their great All-Ireland final performance in 1961, were expected to carry far too many guns for Galway in the divisional decider at Croke Park, but the Westerners' hard-hitting backline completely bottled up the opposing attack and Galway drew, to the consternation of all the critics.

The replay was another close encounter, with Dublin very lucky to earn the spoils.

Galway hurling seemed to be on the upgrade, but Dublin's subsequent semi-final hammering by Cork upset our ratings.

From these league games emerged another goalkeeping star in the person of youthful Jimmy Hegarty, whose displays brought back memories of the great days of Sean Duggan's glory.

Railway Cups

St. Patrick's Day brought with it the first-ever live telecast of Gaelic

games from our own television station, Telefís Éireann. Connacht was not represented on this historic occasion, and their spiritless semi-final showings against Ulster (F.) and Munster (H.) scarcely merit mention.

It is worth noting, though, that Gerry O'Malley of Roscommon was selected for the 13th successive year on the Connacht football selection—a record equalled only by Galway's Sean Purcell.

Colleges

Once again, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, brought off the grand slam in Connacht Colleges' football, winning all three titles—senior, junior and juvenile. Their only real tests in the West came from St. Joseph's College, Ballinasloe, in an early senior game and in the junior decider against St. Muredach's College, Ballina.

Their attempt at winning the Hogan Cup for the third successive year was thwarted by doughty opponents, St. Mel's College, Longford, in a ding-dong final at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, played in blustery conditions and featuring a very high standard of football and thrills galore. The score was 3-11 to 2-12 in St. Mel's favour at the end of an hour that seemed like a minute to those lucky enough to be present.

This was College football at its very best and it is our hope that the same teams will meet soon again, perhaps in the 1963 Hogan Cup final!

Hero of this Longford triumph

was a Connacht boy, Dermot Gannon from Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim. More will be heard of his name in football, I am sure.

For St. Jarlath's no one strove harder than their "veteran", Peter Crisham, who never relaxed his efforts in an attempt to win his third successive Hogan Cup medal.

On the college hurling fields St. Molaisse's, Portumna, retained their Connacht senior title—another fine achievement for a small college—while St. Mary's, Galway, emerged supreme in the other two grades, serving notice that they are on the way back to their former greatness.

After winning the Connacht senior title, St. Molaisse's fell to the eventual Croke Cup winners, St. Peter's College, Wexford, in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Prior to the Connacht senior football championship, Roscommon, the 1961 title-holders, showed great promise with victories in tournament games over Galway and Kerry. These encounters produced two real finds in Bernie Kyne, a lanky, high-fielding midfielder, and Cyril Mahon, a prolific goalscorer at full forward.

The Championships

Then came the championships proper. Galway, with Purcell, Leydon and McDermott in great form, were fortunate enough to beat Leitrim in Ballinasloe. On that occasion we witnessed a fast, clever and wholehearted display of wing football from Leitrim half-forward Paddy Dolan.

Sligo drew with Mayo and laid an old bogey when beating them in the replay at Sligo. Interest in football in Sligo reached fever pitch at this stage and a big hosting came to Charlestown for the game with Roscommon.

Sligo, after a poor start, rallied, then took over and seemed in full control, until Roscommon in typical fashion, came back in a desperate last effort and were very lucky to register a win. So near but yet so far for lowly Sligo!

So to the Connacht final and again Roscommon's phenomenal luck held out. Galway seemed home and dried, and yet Roscommon won with the last kick of the game.

One, however, could not but admire the champions' dogged fighting qualities, their unyielding never-say-die spirit, fashioned so much by their

lionhearted captain, Gerry O'Malley, and the judicious switching effected by their team manager, Donal Keenan.

The junior crown went to Leitrim, who surprised many critics, including myself, in decisively beating a star-studded Mayo side. They disappointed afterwards in losing to Meath in the All-Ireland semi-final.

In the minor grade, Mayo careered through all Western opposition with consummate ease, their star supreme being midfielder Michael Connaughton, of Claremorris.

Their victory over Down was not too impressive, but nobody expected their annihilation by Kerry in the All-Ireland final.

In the senior All-Ireland semi-final, Roscommon, with John Oliver Moran brilliant in defence, deservedly overcame Cavan in a dreary game, and we all remembered their poor display in the All-Ireland final versus Kerry.

Their luck in Connacht deserted them in this instance, and Don Feely, in particular had a nightmare hour, having a number of incredible misses to his credit.

All true sportsmen were sorry that Gerry O'Malley did not climax a great career with an All-Ireland senior medal, but maybe Gerry, despite his age, and Roscommon, despite their final form, will be there again next year.

The Hurlers

In the championships, Galway achieved their first Munster final success, when their intermediate hurlers beat Cork in a great decider. In this history-making team three men stood out—Paddy Egan, Killimor's Jim O'Donoghoe and Gort's Sean Devlin, who has since taken up a teaching appointment in Nigeria.

Galway's senior and minor hurlers fell to Limerick in the first rounds of the championships, while the fancied intermediate side were unfortunate to meet a great Carlow fifteen, who beat them fairly and squarely and advanced to win the final proper in convincing style.

On Club Front

Many exciting games were played in the various county championships. Tuam Stars regained the Galway senior football title, dethroning the holders, Dunmore McHales, very narrowly after two games.

Kinlough Melvin Gaels (Leitrim) and Ballisodare (Sligo) retained their counties' senior football crowns, while in Mayo Castlebar Mitchels were lucky to beat the champions, Claremorris, in a dull decider.

The Roscommon senior football final has not been decided at the time of writing.

Turloughmore, with Mickey Cullinane again their inspiration, whipped Castlegar in the Galway senior hurling championship final replay, while Four Roads are once more senior hurling title-holders in Roscommon after their victory over the holders, Roscommon Gaels.

Camogie

Galway came through in the West again and followed up with a great victory over Cork at Fermoy.

However, the Connacht champions were once again overawed by Dublin in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park and but for a heroic display of goal-keeping by Eileen Naughton would have suffered a far heavier defeat.

And so we come to the close of Connacht Review for 1962. As I write, Galway and Mayo top their divisions in the National Football League, and Western hopes are high that both will be represented in the semi-finals next April.

In looking forward to 1963 we hope that Sligo football will benefit from the 1962 experience, and who would not be pleased if the county came out of Connacht next year? They have some outstanding players and I expect to hear more about Noel Mullaney, Hugh McGonigle, Padraic Keane, Brendan McAuley, Cathal Cawley, Joe Hannon, Mickey Kearns, Padraic Kilgannon and Bill Shannon.

It is time, too, that we had a resurgence in Mayo, although recent League results indicate that this may be closer than expected. Of course Mayo, Sligo, Roscommon, Galway and Leitrim cannot all be Connacht champions in 1963! Your guess as to who will be the eventual winners is as good as mine.

It is time too that a Connacht Railway Cup team appeared again in Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day, and for that matter, it is high time that we brought another All-Ireland in some grade to the province. Let us end on that note.

A happy Christmas to all, and may you reap all the blessings of the Holy Season.

CARLOW BROKE THE

WHEN Carlow folk in future generations recall 1962, they will not refer to it as the year Larkspur won the Epsom Derby or the year of the Cuban crisis. Despite the many events of universal and national importance that made the headlines in the past twelve months, 1962 will always be remembered in this corner of South Leinster as the year Carlow finally broke through the title barrier and captured an All-Ireland crown.

All-Ireland Champions! How sweet those words sound and how proudly they roll off the tongue. For years Carlow Gaels had been hoping to see one of their teams achieve this highest honour, but always, when hopes were brightest, defeat had been our lot.

Until recently our footballers had been the county's "banker" when title prospects were being discussed, yet it took fifteen hurlers to finally achieve what generations of footballers had failed to accomplish.

Therefore, to the men who brought the All-Ireland intermediate hurling title to Carlow in 1962 may I extend

the sincerest thanks of their fellow county men at home and in exile for inscribing the word "Ceatharloch" on the All-Ireland roll of honour.

In a normal year Carlow folk would have given top rating to the county's senior football team, who had quite a successful season.

They won their division of the National League, defeating such opposition as Kerry, Cork and Kildare, and gave Down a great game and a rare fright in the semi-final.

Later in the year they captured the John Player Cup at Finglas with victories over two provincial champions, Cavan and Dublin.

All in all, our footballers did us proud, yet their deeds pale into significance when compared to the hurlers' triumphal march to glory.

Hard To Assess

Strangely enough, the start of the championship found Carlow's hurling prospects very hard to assess. The skill and spirit that carried the team into the All-Ireland junior final in 1960, in which they failed to London after two thrilling games seemed to have been dissipated by 1961, when Wexford had an easy victory in the newly-formed intermediate grade.

People said after that defeat that Carlow's hurling resurgence was over, but they had to eat their words in no uncertain manner late in 1961 when the might of Waterford was very lucky to take two league points away from Dr. Cullen Park.

Yet, that form was not reproduced in the remaining league outings, and we waited more in hope than confidence for the commencement of the 1962 championship.

Westmeath's second string provided the opposition in the opening engagement at Dr. Cullen Park, but the visitors offered but token resistance.

Carlow ran up a huge score but this was no real test and we awaited the next game against Dublin with lingering doubts still in our minds.

We need not have worried. Showing that Croke Park held no terrors for them, Carlow swept the Metropolitan challenge aside with contemptuous ease, much to the amaze-

ment of the Dublin mentors, who thought highly of their team.

Walking down Jones' Road afterwards I heard a very shrewd judge of hurling remark: "That Carlow team is one hundred per cent better than in 1960. It will take a great team to stop them winning the intermediate championship". The future was to prove how right he was!

The Leinster final against our neighbours, Kilkenny, was next on the list, and we journeyed to New Ross quietly confident of the outcome.

What matter if Kilkenny had made no secret of their determination to bring off a hurling treble in Leinster. Why worry about Noreside tradition and their senior midfield pairing of Mick Brophy and Andy Comerford?

Carlow skill and Carlow bone and muscle could equal anything the black and amber would produce. And so it proved.

Confidently

Hurling confidently from the start, our boys taught the opposition a trick or two and ran out convincing and worthy winners. Carlow were Leinster champions!

Late in August we travelled to Birr to face Galway in the All-Ireland Home final. The Connacht men had made their own special bit of hurling history by winning their county's first-ever Munster title, and their victories over Waterford and Cork showed them to be a side well above the ordinary.

August 25 was a wet, miserable day in Birr. Weather and ground conditions were not conducive to good hurling, yet they did not prevent Carlow continuing their onward march.

Galway contested every ball stubbornly. Their tenacious defence gave our forwards little "rope", yet in the end the men in maroon had to admit defeat to superior hurling skill and team-work.

Now for another crack at London in the All-Ireland final! September 9 was the date; Croke Park the venue and Limerick's Gerry Fitzgerald the referee.

'Tis history now how Carlow

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TITLE BARRIER

**By Garrett
Kehoe**

achieved a long-sought ambition by exacting sweet revenge for that 1960 defeat at the hands of the Exiles.

After a hard-fought first half our hurlers led by 3-2 to 2-2, but clicked into gear on the resumption to swamp the opposition to the tune of 6-15 to 3-3.

It was good to be a Carlow man that day, and what a reception the champions got on their return home! Night was turned into day in Carlow Town as thousands paid tribute to the men who had upheld the county's honour in such splendid fashion.

Looking back on the campaign it would be hard to single out one player for particular mention. All had their moments in what was essentially a team victory.

Fitting Example

Pat Somers led his men from the centre half-back berth and set a fitting example by deed and exhortation. His was truly a captain's part.

Guarding the net was Jack O'Connell and his confident style and fine saves left an imprint on every game.

The full line of defence against London consisted of Willie Walsh, the townsman; Martin Hogan and Tony Fortune. All three proved themselves in admirable fashion.

Flanking Pat Somers were Peter McGovern and Tom Nolan, two men who shone brightly even in a team of stars. Nolan's long-range points that day in Croke Park were a treat to watch.

Moling Morrissey and Mick O'Brien gave us a vital pull at mid-field and provided a free-scoring attack with plenty of opportunities to prove their worth.

In this department the Walshes, Red Willie and Black Willie formed a dealy right wing from which came goals and points with glorious regularity; Willie Hogan was as astute leader on the "40" and had his share of scores into the bargain; big Ned Gladney was a thorn in London's side at full-forward and later at mid-field; Pat O'Connell on the left completed a really potent half-line of attack, while Christy Hynes inside him showed no trace of nerves on his

"big-time" debut in Croke Park.

Not forgotten either are the substitutes. Pat Brophy, Brendan Hayden, Ben Mulhall, Noel Gorman and Dick Hickey. All proved themselves when called on during the year and were vital links in the victory chain.

Officials, Too

No team, however great their individual skill, can reach the top without expert handling and preparation. In this respect Carlow were not found wanting, and the men behind the scenes also deserve their places in the list of accolades.

Trainer Jimmy Phelan, the old Kilkenny All-Ireland hurler, and his assistants, Dicky Sheppard and Jack Timmons, produced their charges in peak condition and fit to battle for their lives.

Coupled with them must be the selectors — Ned Long (Chairman) Jimmy Phelan, Rev. Fr. Murphy, John Monaghan, Paddy Lawlor, John Mulhall, Willie O'Toole and County Board Secretary Willie O'Connor—who put the material at their disposal to the best possible use.

What next for Carlow hurlers? Well, their sights are now set on the Leinster senior championship, in which they will compete in 1963.

Already they have proved that the higher grade holds no terrors for them. That League victory over Cork was greeted with almost the same satisfaction as their All-Ireland triumph.

At club level our hurlers can compete with the best, too. Willie (the townsman) Walsh and Peter McGovern are leading lights on the Erin's Own team in Waterford; Mick O'Brien and Willie Hogan are respected names in Dublin club circles, while Tom Nolan proved his worth in many a hectic hour with University College, Dublin.

In 1962 the hurlers of Carlow proved that they were no "flash-in-the-pan" team. The county is now an established force at the caman game and the officials responsible for this position intend to keep it at the top.

So here's to 1963, more victories and to the day when the green, red and yellow jerseys dance out onto the Croke Park pitch on the first Sunday of September.

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GAEL LINN CAMOGIE CUP LINE-OUTS

SEMI-FINALS

Ulster 2-9; Connacht 3-4.

ULSTER—T. Jordan (Armagh); M. C. Mallon (Armagh), P. McKeever (Armagh), C. Hughes (Antrim), M. Kane (Antrim), M. McAtamney (Antrim), S. Ward (Antrim), L. Carabine (Antrim), M. Kearns (Antrim), M. P. Jameson (Antrim), M. Gilroy (Antrim), L. Reynolds (Armagh).

CONNACHT—E. Naughton (Galway), P. Colclough (Galway), R. Flaherty (Galway), B. Newell (Galway), M. Kelly (Mayo), J. Ruane (Mayo), K. Quinn (Galway), C. Furey (Galway), V. McDonald (Mayo), K. Clancy (Galway), K. Flaherty (Galway), E. Walsh (Galway).

Leinster 7-3; Munster 5-5.

(After extra time. Full-time score 5-1 to 4-4).

LEINSTER—A. Brennan (Louth), M. Sinnott (Wexford), G. Hughes (Dublin), S. Lennon (Louth), J. Murphy (Wexford), K. Ryder (Dubline), M. Hearne (Wexford), R. McMahon (Louth), G. Callinan (Laois), U. O'Connor (Dublin), J. Doyle (Dublin), L. Parle (Wexford, captain).

MUNSTER—D. Sutton (Cork); B. Ryan (Limerick), B. Shine (Cork), C. Shine (Limerick), J. Clancy (Cork), T. Griffin (Tipperary), L. Howlett (Waterford), T. Murphy (Cork), M. Moloney (Limerick), K. Griffin (Tipp.), T. Moloney (Tipp.), E. Neville (Limerick).

FINAL

Leinster 7-2; Ulster 5-3

LEINSTER—A. Brennan, M. Sinnott, N. Murney (Dublin), S. Lennon, G. Hughes, K. Ryder, M. Hearne, J. Murphy; G. Callinan, U. O'Connor, J. Doyle; L. Parle (Captain).

ULSTER—T. Jordan; M. C. Mallon; P. McKeever, C. Hughes, M. Kane, M. McAtamney, S. Ward, L. Carabine, M. Kearns, M. P. Jameson, M. Gilroy, L. Reynolds.

All-Ireland Title-Holders (O'Duffy Cup)

DUBLIN (21) — 1932-'33, 1937-'38, 1942-'44, 1948-'55, 1957-'62.

CORK (6) — 1934-'36, 1939-'41.

ANTRIM (4) — 1945-'47, 1956.

THE youngest of the family had heard much about his little cousin, Donald, although he had never seen him. At long last, he was told Donald was coming for a visit and he registered great excitement.

Nobody could understand it when he took one look at his little cousin and burst into tears.

When he was able to make himself understand, he was heard to gulp between sobs: "I thought Donald was a duck".

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BIOLOGY teacher: "Tell me Tommy, why do women live longer than me?"

Tommy: "I don't know, sir, unless its because paint is a great preservative!"

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A mother was talking with her small daughter about worldly matters.

"There's one thing I want to know, mamma", said the little girl. "When I grow up will my husband be a man like daddy?"

The mother nodded.

"And if I don't marry, asked the youngster, "do I grow to be like auntie?"

"Exactly", came the mother's response.

"Then, mamma" said the precocious miss, "I'm in a devil of a fix".

IN LIGHTER VEIN

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Too Late

AFTER the specialists had examined the patient, they retired to another room to discuss diagnoses. The patient was curious and sent his small son to listen at the door.

"Could you hear what they said?" he asked as the boy returned.

"I listened awfully hard but I couldn't catch the big words", replied the boy, "but I did hear one of them say. "Oh, well, we'll find out at the post-mortem".

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A motorist was busily engaged with a spade trying to release his car from the mud, when a stranger hailed him cheerfully.

"Stuck in the mud?", he asked.

"Oh no!" exclaimed the motorist. "My engine died and I'm digging a grave for it!"

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THE wife had returned from a holiday. That evening she said: "John, I see there are dozens of empty bottles in the pantry. How did they get there?"

"I don't know, my dear", he replied. "I never bought an empty bottle in my life".

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SOME time ago, during the smallpox scare, people rushed by the hundred to be vaccinated.

One of the local doctors simply couldn't cope with the crowds in his rather small surgery, so he cleared a room in the basement of his house and converted that into an additional surgery for the injections.

The nurse came into the crowded waiting room and said: "Some of you will have to be vaccinated in the basement".

"No blooming fear!" cried a working man. "I'll be done on the arm or I won't be done at all".

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MRS. Nolan had friends to tea; among them a professor's wife who prided herself in her correct use of English.

"I wish I knew where George was", remarked the hostess, referring to her husband.

The professor's wife drew herself up. "I presume, my dear" she said primly, "that you wish you knew where he is".

"No, no, I don't" replied Mrs. Nolan sweetly, "I know where he is. He's upstairs in bed with a black eye and a fearful headache. I want to know where he was".



The Donegal senior football team who have won their way into the semi-final of the Dr. Lagan Cup with impressive wins over Armagh, Derry and Fermanagh. Standing (from left)—Des Houlihan, John Hannigan, Finn Gallagher, Frankie McFeely, Paul Kelly, P. J. Flood, Bernard Brady. Kneeling (from left)—Donal Breslin, Cormac Breslin, Mick Griffin, Sean Ferriter (captain), P. J. McDermott, Harry Lavery, Sheamus Hoare, Noel O'Donnell.

This was Donegal's first success in their section since the Lagan Cup was reorganised in the 1959-'60 season. Derry and Armagh qualified for the semi-finals of the competition in the three previous years.

Sean Ferriter, the Donegal captain, also captained the team that won the county's only Ulster minor football title in 1956. John Hannigan, Paul Kelly and P. J. Flood were also on that winning side.

Twelve of the fifteen players have graduated directly from minor ranks.

The average age of the team is 21. Frankie McFeely (19) and Bernard Brady (20), who assist University College, Dublin, are the youngest members.

Paul Kelly and Bernard Brady helped U.C.D. win the Sigerson Cup last year. Kelly has been honoured by the Combined Universities' selectors for the past two years.

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CASTLEBAR MITCHELS, senior football champions of Mayo. Kneeling (from left)—Mick Stewart, Pierce Conway, J. J. Flannery, Tommy Quigley (captain), Tommy O'Boyle, Mick Clarke, Ray Clarke, Sean McEllin. Standing (from left)—Joe Foye, Paddy Bollingbrook, Liam Malone, Mick Ruane, Patsy Horkan, J. J. Gibbons, Mick Kennedy, Jim Devaney, Paddy Dolan, Vincent Nally, Jerry Mc Donald (Sec.).

Social Change Has Affected Hurling

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hurling. More and more prefer the security of the ditch—where all the best hurlers are traditionally found.

I don't presume to criticise them for that. It is a melancholy fact that many a veteran hurler isn't all that keen on having his sons follow in his footsteps when he takes a look at his own bent and gnarled fingers.

The decline in the casual get-together for amusement has had, though, quite an influence on the standards of the current game. Not that hurling can't still reach the heights in glamour and excitement, as the Tipp-Wexford final and the Oireachtas game have shown us so recently.

But the standard of skill—which consists mainly in ball-control, sureness in doubling on the ground or in the air, neat stickwork, poise and rhythm in movement—is an accurate index of the amount of time each individual has given to the game as a growing boy.

The best of hurlers have developed instinctive skill by battering an old sponge ball around the farmyard, driving it against the barn wall and doubling the quick rebound time and again till the inevitable miss comes! That's what trains the eye and wrists.

From the repeated tussles with playmates out in the front field, where the goals are marked out with stones, come the gifts of anticipation, balking and tackling; the art of the well-timed side-step and all the know-how that is not contained in any text-book.

Looks In Vain

The writer has noted a certain deft neatness in some of the old-timers that one looks for in vain in most of our modern players. He thinks of Jim Hurley of Cork, Martin Kennedy of Tipp and that fine backman, Johnny Ryan of Moycarkey-Borris and Tipp, in this connection.

The chief feature of these real craftsmen's mastery was a tidy and compact swing of the stick. Far too often nowadays one sees an otherwise fine hurler handicapped by a sweeping roundhouse swing that practically invites easy hooking and is almost useless in a tight corner.

Another facet of the game in which there has been a definite decline is in ground play. Undoubtedly the stroke from the hand, as perfected by the Wexford men, makes for thrilling and attractive play. But there's a time when the prompt grounder is the quickest way out of trouble and also the best passing medium.

How many of even our best modern players would spring to mind as sure and lengthy ground-hitters? Very few indeed. To the writer's mind Tony Wall is far and away the leader in this valuable art and has too few rivals.

The keynote of good groundwork has always seemed to me to be instinctive timing added to the knack of getting the body into position close in over the ball. This

guarding of the leather with the body is a sure sign of class.

Pat Stakelum, Alan Lotty, Paddy Donovan, the late Tom Purcell, Jim Devitt, Jim Young, Jimmy Finn—All these had the knack.

Rouses Crowd

There is an economy and purpose about a sustained bout of ground-play that raises the temperature of a game and always rouses the crowd. One of the few lasting memories of the last Munster final was a first-half sequence in which five Waterford men in quick and thrilling succession doubled on the sod in one glorious movement.

We have, too, nowadays far too many one-handed, one-sided players who have to do an amount of dodging and manoeuvring to get into striking position. This, in many cases, is a natural physical handicap.

In others, though, it could have been cured to a large degree by more intensive practice and concentration on strengthening the weaker side in early youth. But then not enough youngsters are thoughtful enough to realise how much trouble they can save themselves by perfecting the basic skills of the game at an early age.

The handy player, who can take the ball with ease however it may come, high or low, left or right, can avoid many a gruelling ruck by getting out of it in a flash.

I have always liked the wing-back or, indeed any player who can put the stick to the oncoming ground ball so as to make it rise up into the air for prompt striking without handling it at all. The split second this saves so often makes all the difference. Matt Fuohy of Cork was a fine exponent of this technique.

Consideration of specific tactics always brings the thought—why after almost eighty years of organised play are we still relying on the unaided instinct of the individual player?

Other sports have been able to reduce their basic moves and tactics to a teachable system. Surely hurling lends itself equally well to an analysis that would help players to avoid the most glaring tactical errors seen week after week.

To take a single, simple instance: How many teams ever left their dressing room with a definite plan of which players will man the goal-line—and in what position—to face a twenty-one yards free?

Surely it would make for a cooler and less ruffled approach if such things were settled in advance.

How often do we see the backs obviously flustered, glancing anxiously from one to another, uncertain of their position and badly poised while the shot whizzes through to the net?

Teilipísiú na gCluicí

Le pádraig mac Con mho

I mbliana rinneadh na cluicí seo leanas a teilipísiú 'beo' — cluicí leat — ceannais peile lúnasa 5 agus 19, cluicé-ceannais iomána Meán Fómhair 2 agus cluicé-ceannais peile Meán Fómhair 23. Glacadh leis an clár seo ag cruinniú den Árd-Comhairle lúil 14. Rinneadh socrú le Teilipís Éireann go mbeadh 50% den cuntas reatha ar gach cluicé acu i nGaeilge agus bí an riail céanna i bfeidhm ar taispeánadh ar bit san oíche com mait.

Ag cruinniú den Árd-Comhairle Meán Fómhair 14 labhair cuid mait ball in éadan an tsocraithe a rinne siad féin lúil 14. Ag an cruinniú seo dúradh gur cuir an teilipísiú go n-áiríte ar na cluicí leat-ceannais, gur cuir sé isteach go mór ar an tinreamh ag na cluicí féin.

Tugadh na píogúirí dúinn, agus ba léir óna huimheacha go raib laghdú ar an tinreamh ag na cluicí leat-ceannais i mbliana i gcomparáid le 1961. Ac le barúil ceart a fáil ar an ceist, is éigin smaointiú ar na fóirne a bí páirteach sna cluicí. Níl mise ag fáil loícta ar bit ar na fóirne a bí sa coimlint i mbliana, ac níl séanadh ar bit go raib níos mó suime sna cluicí anuraid ná bí i mbliana.

Sa céad cluicé leat-ceannais lúnasa 6, 1961 bí Co. an Dún ag imirt in éadan Co. Chiarraí agus gac gael sa tír ar cipíní le fáil amach, an mbainfeadh na hUltaigh arís nó an dtiocfaid an ríocht ar ais. Siocair an bua beir acu i 1960, bí luí leanúna níos mó ag Co. an Dún na bí ag contae ar bit eile ariamh. Iad san a tug an Corn lí is Urdra treasa na teorainn don céad uair ariamh! An dtiocfaid leo é a baint don dara bliain inídiar a céile?

Agus an dara cluicé leat-ceannais Ros Comáin v. Ua Bfáilí, bí gac duine ag cuimniú ar cluicí 1960 nuair a síl a lán daoine go raib

foireann ag Ua Bfáilí com mait is bí in éirinn. Nár éiríais siad sin sa cluicé leat-ceannais in éadan an Dún? Bíomar uilig ag dréim le cluicé ceannais idir an Dún agus Ua Bfáilí. Is cinnte nac raib an díograis céanna sna cluicí i mbliana agus san teilipísiú ar bit. Bí sé soléir go mbeadh laghdú ar an tinreamh.

Ac na daoine ar an Árd-Comhairle a bí in éadan teilipísiú na gcluicí leat-ceannais, déirfidh siad go raib cuid den laghdú ar a laghd le cur i leit an teilipísithe. Tá an fírinne sa méid sin, siocair gur rud úr, beo-teilipísiú ar gcluicí i mbliana, agus bíonn tarramgt ar leit ag rud úr i gconai: bua na nuacta, ac imíonn sin san mórán moille. Is féidir gur fan roimh beag sa baile le hamarc ar an cluicé ar teilipís in ionad dul go páirc an Chrócaigh.

Tarla an rud ceannan céanna nuair a tugadh cuntas ar na cluicí ar an radio don céad uair agus dúradh na rudaí céanna a dúradh i mbliana faoi'n teilipís go gcuirfeadh an cuntas isteach ar an tinreamh. Rinneadh rud beag ar dtús ac in ídiar bliana bí méadh mór ar an tinreamh. Cad éirge? Ceann as go dtáinig na sluaite le hamarc ar na cluicí inídiar beir ag éisteach le cuntas reatha ar an radio. Agus tá sé lán com cinnte go dtarláid an rud céanna le teilipísiú.

Agus íf fiú smaointiú ar an taobh seo den scéal. Bí a lán lán daoine ag amarc ar ár gcluicí i mbliana ar teilipís—daoine nac raib eolas acu ar na cluicí nó suim acu iontu, agus na daoine seo an mbeid siad sásta amarc ar na cluicí ar teilipís an bliain seo éirginn? Ní beir: más féidir ar dóig ar bit, beir gac duine acu i bpáirc an Chrócaigh le na fóirne agus na cluicí a feiceáil.

Agus cuimnimis fosta ar daoine nac bfuil ar a gcumas teacht go hionad

na gcluicí—daoine breóite, sean-daoine, páistí. Ní dtiocfaid leo dul go páirc an Chrócaigh ac tíg leo an cluicé a feiceáil sa baile. Cé beadh ina ídiar ortú, má bíonn faill acu an cluicé a feiceáil ar teilipís? Agus caint ar na páistí, an síleann duine ar bit go bpanfaid siad sa baile le hamarc ar teilipís an bliain seo éirginn, má bíonn áimear acu teacht go páirc an Chrócaigh.

Tá gearán ag oifigis i gcontae áiríthe go gcuireann teilipísiú na gcluicí móra isteach go mór ar an tinreamh ag na cluicí áitiúla. Arís is dóca go bfuil cuid den fírinne sa méid seo, agus tarla sin arís toisc go rud úr an teilipís, ac imeóir sin agus fanfaid an tsuim sna cluicí, agus beir an tsuim sin ina cuirid le na cluicí; idir cluicí (idir-éirgeacha) agus cluicí áitiúla agus ní amháin lena cluicí ac le Cumann Luitcleas Gael go hiomlán mar beir níos mó ball gníomac le cuirid le hobair agus le heagraíocht an Cumainn.

Ní sílim go mbeadh sé ag iarraidh barráiocta ar na contaete uilig san cluicí tabaícta sa contae a socrú ar na dátaí a mbíonn cluicí leat-ceannais dá n-imirt i bpáirc an Chrócaigh. I gceann cúpla bliain glacfar le teilipísiú na gcluicí mar cuid d'obair an Cumainn.

Mar focal scoir ba mait liom tagairt do Cuige Ulaó. Tá a fíos agam féin go pearsanta gur éirig le roimh daoine i mbéal feiriste an cluicé a feiceáil ar teilipís gíó gur doilig Teilipís Éireann a fáil sa catair sin. Tá mé ag caint anois ar Ultaigh nac bail de Cumann Luitcleas Gael iad. Múscleadh spéis sna cluicí iontu anuraid ó tarla an bua beir ag Co. an Dún. Leanadh don spéis i mbliana agus cuir siad saotar mór ortú féin lena cluicí a feiceáil. Nár bfuil ár gcluicí a taispeáint dóib agus san am céanna ceacht a tabairt dóib ar an teanga.

FROM LONDON TO

THE year just ending saw Gaelic football activities extend from London to San Francisco. Rarely, indeed, was there such activity on the international front. New York visited London and Killarney at Whit; Down made a coast-to-coast tour of the United States in May and June, and Offaly went to New York for a fortnight in October.

At home it cannot be said that 1962 was a memorable year for the game, yet it was nonetheless a highly satisfactory one.

True, we did miss the colour and crowds which Down bring to Croke Park on All-Ireland occasions, but to say that Kerry are not very worthy champions is to do less than justice to the men who brought the Sam Maguire Cup back once more to the Reeks.

Kerry were undoubtedly the team of the year and the county wound up with the All-Ireland and Munster senior titles, the Wembley Tournament and Central Council Grounds' Tournament. Throw in the All-Ireland and Munster minor crowns and it will be seen that the Kingdom's share of the honours was indeed the lion's one.

Little of Note

The senior championship produced little of note until the provincial final stage. Kerry retained the Munster title with consummate ease, administering a severe trouncing to Cork in the process.

Roscommon once more came out of the West. They were rated lucky to defeat Sligo and Galway, but any team that rallied like Gerry O'Malley's men on both occasions to

By Gerry McCarthy

snatch victory from the very jaws of defeat deserved any "breaks" that were going.

In Leinster, Offaly, Kildare, Dublin and Laois reached the last four—Kildare and Dublin after close games with Meath and Louth respectively.

Kildare and Offaly clashed at Croke Park, and even the most partisan Offaly supporter had to admit when it was all over that, only for three goals that literally crawled into the net, the Lily Whites would have gained the day.

A lively hour at Carlow saw Dublin come from behind in the closing stages to snatch a point victory and repulse a spirited Laois challenge.

Offaly and Dublin drew a record Leinster final attendance to Croke Park, and at the end of a hard-fought hour the title was back by the Liffey after an absence of three years.

The Midlanders went down in true champion style, but their old forward weakness had once again been their undoing.

Derry and Donegal set the ball rolling in Ulster and there was nearly a shock result, a depleted Tirconail team failing narrowly on "enemy" territory in Magherafelt.

No Credit

Cavan beat Armagh at Breffni Park after an incident-packed afternoon that reflected no credit on the Association, the counties concerned or the players on both sides.

Yet, in the first forty minutes, while football was being played, Cavan were unquestionably superior. ...

Tyrone created that first big surprise when conquering Derry, but were next vanquished by Down, victors over Fermanagh in the first round.

A Cavan win over Antrim cleared the way for a showdown between

Breffni and Mourne that set a new attendance record for Casement Park and an Ulster final.

The result, a sweeping victory for Cavan and the return of the Ulster title to the county for the first time since 1955, stunned Gaeldom and set the wise-acres nodding their heads and offering Down's American tour as the reason for the champions' defeat.

Had a Bearing

While that trip to the States possibly had a bearing on the result, I, for one, do not subscribe to the theory that it was solely responsible for their utter subjection by a rampant Cavan.

Their form in the Dr. Lagan Cup and National League semi-final and final had been none too impressive, and the signs were there, for those who wanted to read them, that the great champions from the Mournes were not the team of 1960 and '61.

Too much had also been made of convincing victories over sub-standard opposition in the United States.

Dublin and Kerry met in the first All-Ireland semi-final and the men in green and gold were rank outsiders. Once again, however, it was proved that Kerry in Croke Park are a law unto themselves.

In the first thirty minutes they produced the best display of football seen during 1962 and when they retired at half-time with a 2-9 to 0-3 lead it was all over.

True, Dublin rallied gamely after the interval, but the goal which might have brought them into the game with a chance never came.

Kerry won, 2-12 to 0-10, to confound all Gaeldom, and were immediately installed hot favourites for the All-Ireland.

The other semi-final was disappointing, for neither Cavan or Roscommon ever seemed to get going. The Connacht champions put in a storming last quarter to gain the day by two points, but Breffni followers

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are still bemoaning the appalling inaccuracy of an attack that squandered enough chances from kickable frees to win two games.

Never In Trouble

The All-Ireland final will not take its place with the memorable Kerry-Roscommon clashes of the 1940's. After Garry McMahon's first-minute goal, Kerry were never in serious trouble, and Mick O'Connell's phenomenal long-range frees, which soared monotonously over the bar, really broke the hearts of the western champions.

So, the Sam Maguire went "home" once again, and it is worth recording that Kerry's games against Cork, Dublin and Roscommon were all over at the interval if the figures on the scoreboard were any criterion.

Speed to the ball, quick kicking and six or seven outstanding exponents of Gaelic football were Kerry's recipe for success.

The minor title also went to the Kingdom, and few present will ever forget the amazing collapse of Mayo in the All-Ireland final.

The Kerry boys, as in the Munster final against Cork and the All-Ireland semi-final versus Offaly, were outsiders, and the trend of play in the first half gave no indication that calculations would be upset.

Mayo led by 0-4 to 0-3 at half-time after playing against a slight breeze, but Kerry ran riot on the resumption, rammed in six goals and two points, had another goal disallowed and wound up with a 6-5 to 0-7 victory.

It was the most amazing transformation I have even seen in a game.

Thrown Away

The National League title went to Down, but if ever a team threw a game away it was Dublin in the final of the competition.

It would not be an exaggeration to

say that the Metropolitans enjoyed 75 per cent. of the play, but the shooting of their forwards was so wild that it had to be seen to be believed.

In the end, a goal from a Sean O'Neill penalty snatched the spoils from the city men, and even Dublin followers in their disappointment had to admit that any team who squandered so many chances deserved to be beaten.

The League semi-finals were practically all-Leinster affairs, with Carlow, Dublin and Meath involved.

Carlow impressed very much against Down, and had Ned Doogue been better supported in attack the Barrowsiders might have turned a narrow deficit into a winning margin.

Dublin defeated Meath in the other semi-final after a dour encounter, in which Kevin Heffernan's point-kicking was the decisive factor.

The Railway Cup stayed in Leinster, and this competition was featured by the complete annihilation of Munster at Tullamore. Who would have put even one penny on Kerry for the All-Ireland at that stage?

The All-Ireland junior crown went to Meath, who had to overcome spirited challenges from Cavan and London before inscribing their name on the roll of honour.

Game Fifteen

This was a game fifteen from the Royal County who never knew when they were beaten. However, I cannot help wondering what the outcome would have been had Cavan their Ulster final team intact for the All-Ireland series.

October saw Offaly wend their way to New York, where they took on the home team for the Irish Airlines Trophy. The outcome was decided on aggregate scores in two games, a most unusual procedure in G.A.A. competition.

New York won the first game by a

point, but Offaly turned the tables by five points the following Sunday to take the trophy and medals.

The end of the year saw Kerry confirm their high rating with victories over Cavan and Dublin in the Grounds' Tournament. It took them two hours to overcome the Cavan challenge—and highly entertaining games they were.

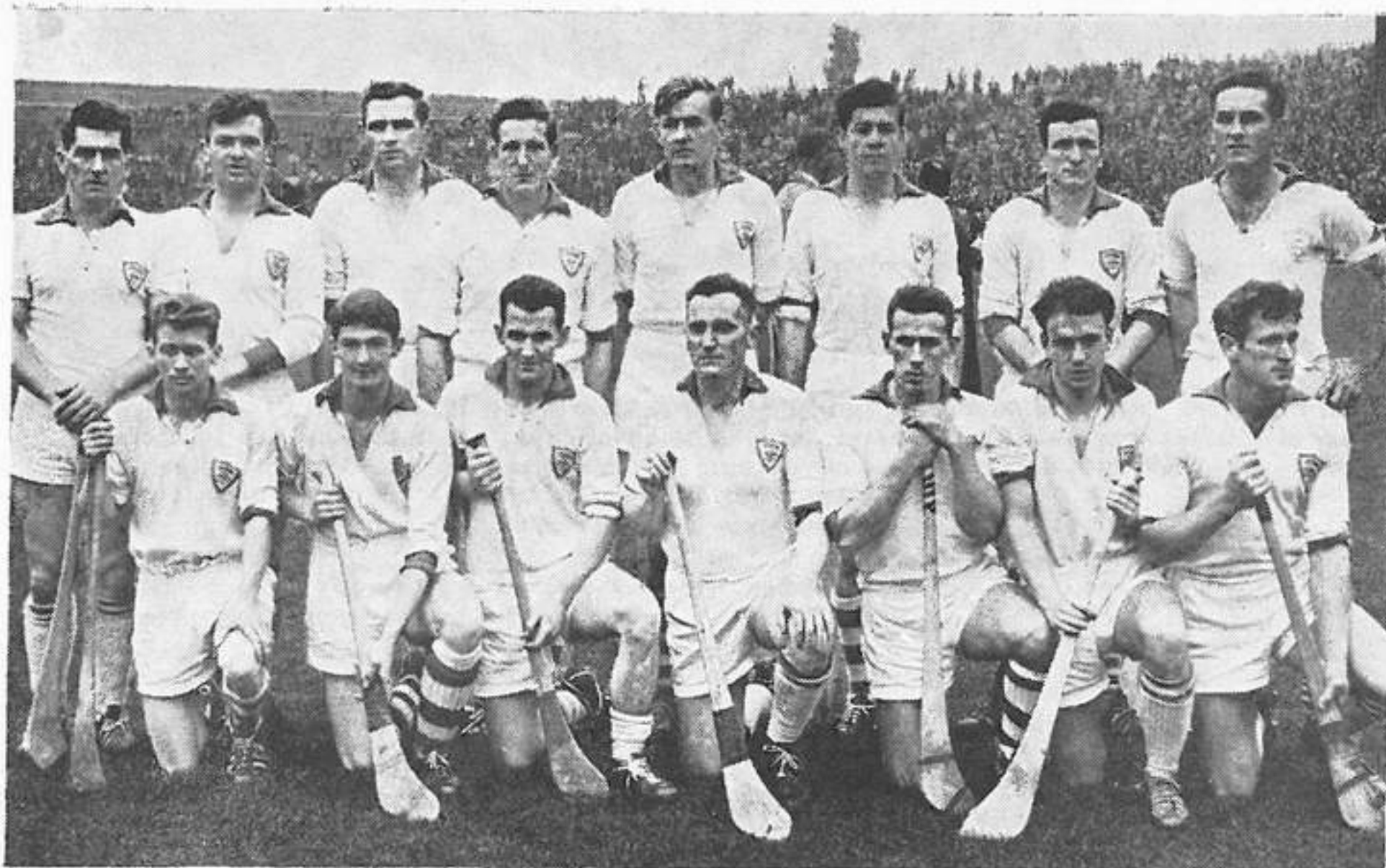
Donegal reached the Dr. Lagan Cup semi-finals with victories over Armagh, Derry and Fermanagh and await the New Year with high hopes, while Mayo's form in the National League has been most encouraging.

Looking back over the year I recall with pleasure the displays of Kerry's Mick O'Connell, Tom Long, Seamus Murphy, Tim Lyons, Johnny Culloty, Timmy O'Sullivan and Sean Og Sheehy, John Oliver Moran (Roscommon), Bill Casey and Cathal O'Leary (Dublin) and Cavan's Ray Carolan, Jim McDonnell and Gabriel Kelly of the All-Ireland semi-finalists.

Left Imprint

Others who left a definite imprint on Gaelic football during 1962 were: Ned Doogue (Carlow), Gene McCarthy (Cork), Martin Newell, Seamus Leydon and John Donnellan (Galway), Joe Hannon (Sligo), Sean Ferriter and Mick Griffin (Donegal), George Lavery, Leo Murphy, Pat Rice and Sean O'Neill (Down), Frank Lynch (Louth), Kevin McNamee (Meath), Georgie Kane and Mick Carley (Westmeath), Pa Connolly and Mick Carolan (Kildare), Tom Browne (Laois) and Offaly's Paddy McCormack and Greg Hughes.

I conclude on a note of regret and wish all the best to Kevin Heffernan (Dublin), Paudie Sheehy (Kerry), Jim McKeever (Derry), Kevin Beahan and Stephen White (Louth) and Jack Kenna (Laois), all of whom have retired from the inter-county scene.



WATERFORD hurlers, winners of the Oireachtas Cup—Kneeling (from left): Mick Flannelly, Jim Irish, Frankie Walsh, Seamus Power, Larry Guinan (captain), Mick Dempsey, Tom Cheasty. Standing (from left): Martin Og Morrissey, Tom Cunningham, Austin Flynn, Ned Power, John Barron, Jimmy Byrne, Joe Condon, Phil Grimes.

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THURLES SARSFIELDS, still supreme in Tipperary senior hurling circles. This picture was taken before they won the county final. Kneeling (from left): Mickey Byrne, Kevin Houlihan, Patsy Dorney, Paddy Doyle, Martin, ('Musha') Maher, Mick McElgunn (captain), Michael ('Blackie') Keane, Bobby Mockler. Standing (from left): Jos. Connors (official), Noel Murphy, Larry Keane, Sean McLoughlin, Tim Walsh, Tony Wall, Benny Maher, Mick Murphy, Gerry Doyle (official)



Hard Work Paid Dividends

BY
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1958-'62

APRIL 1 — September 30, 1962, is a half-year that will be remembered for all time by the followers of the ancient game of hurling on the plains of Kildare. It was a period of hard work and, at times, heart-ache, of real joy, near disaster, criticism and achievement.

In that six months of the year just past some thirty odd players and seven or eight officials toiled for a success that was beyond the wildest dreams last Christmas Day. That success, which came so unexpectedly, is not likely to slacken the pace of Kildare's hurling development but will, very likely, give it a wonderful impetus.

Thanks to sound, long-term planning, a tremendous potential of interested boys are fired with ambition to repeat the All-Ireland victory in the very near future.

Considerable space would be required to record in detail how this first All-Ireland hurling title came to the "Short Grass" county. Much more would be necessary to pay full tribute to the officials closely connected with the achievement.

It gives me great pleasure to record a few memories, at the invitation of the Editor of Nuachtan Gael, for young readers of the "Cuchulainn Annual" 1962. In doing so it is my very earnest wish that readers from the "weaker hurling counties" will be consoled in the knowledge that hard work for hurling will bring success; the speed of that success being proportional to the hard work.

Early in 1962 Kildare and the 1961 All-Ireland junior champions, Kerry, met in the National Hurling League. Kildare did not turn in a great performance, but a few players impressed.

In the opening game of the Leinster championship Louth travelled to Droichead Nua to take on a rather confident home team. The visitors just did not have the experience, and Kildare won rather easily.

It was an occasion for celebration in Kildare, for the junior hurlers had won a first-round game even if they had not looked a great team.

Leinster Final

The next engagement was, in fact, the Leinster final, and careful watch was kept on the progress of Meath, Carlow and Wicklow. At home the championships were in full swing, a series of trial games were organised and much useful talent discovered.

By June 16 training had started and everything was geared towards victory at Croke Park on July 29. Careful check was kept on periods of training and performances in local matches. By July 22 a panel of twenty five players was ready.

A storm of criticism swept the county when the team was announced. The selectors, however, were happy. A young, fit and fast team with lots of hurling had been nominated to do duty.

The morning of the Leinster final did not cause any traffic jam in Naas, Kill or Maynooth. Everything was peaceful and local football games went ahead. A late change in the team did not set any problem, since we had twenty-four players in the dressing-room and only fifteen could go on the field.

Pre-match preparation had been detailed, the physical condition of the players was excellent and morale was high. Kildare was due a win against Wicklow, who had been making a habit of winning at our expense lately. Everything pointed to a great game.

The first half provided a small crowd with some excellent hurling. No pick and poke stuff from two good

teams and no running after the ball. First time pulling was the order with the ball doing the work and only a few points between the teams at the interval.

The Kildare half-time advice to players was very simple—"Keep it up lads". They did and with five minutes remaining for play it was obvious that Kildare were going to hold out and win the Leinster title for the first time since 1934.

Worth It

The many hours of training had been worth it, and much thanks was due to the hurling teams of Castle-comer (Co. Kilkenny), Portlaoise and Civil Service (Dublin) for their co-operation in arranging practice games.

The All-Ireland semi-final with Roscommon is not something that Kildare would pass lightly or quickly. It is not a case of less said quickest forgotten. It would not be correct or proper for me to deal with the 'facts' here, since the matter has already been properly and adequately dealt with by the proper authority.

The awkward situation would never have arisen but for the action of certain officials of the Roscommon Hurling Board and the thoughtless action of the Connacht Council contrary to Rule 85 (II) b of the Official Guide.

Every reasonable effort was made by Kildare to avoid the necessity for objection or investigation with prior notice of intention to object. This was done, not to win a game but in an effort to have the rules of competition obeyed.

It is now part of hurling history that Roscommon won the game on August 26, but paid the penalty for not observing the rules, and Kildare went on to meet Kerry in the 'Home' final.

It was a very hopeful Kildare team that lined out against Kerry. Having
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One of the many champion teams fielded by Mount Sion, the famous Waterford hurling club. Kneeling (from left)—Willie Gallagher, Jim Hurley, Tommy Hennessey, Frank Walsh, Mick Flannelly, Dick Roche, Jimmy Byrne, Seamus Power. Standing (from left)—Phil Grimes, Fred O'Brien, Sean Flavin, Larry Guinan, Martin Og Morrissey, Mick Dempsey, Tom (Doc) Walsh.

WELL, Paddy, and how did you like the zoo?" asked his fond mother.

"It was very good, Mum" replied the little lad, "but I did not see it all. When we came to the notice saying 'The Red Lion' daddy went in to see it all by himself".

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AN American Judge, failing to be re-elected was made cashier of a local bank. A man presented a cheque to be cashed.

"Don't know you", said the new cashier.

The customer produced his passport, a credit card and a bundle of letters addressed to himself.

"Not sufficient identity", said the cashier pushing the cheque back.

"Why, Judge" protested the man, "I've known you to hang a man on less evidence than that".

"Maybe so" said the ex-Judge, "but when you're paying out money you have to be careful".



Pat Fitzgerald of Midleton, Cork hurlers' defender-cum-midfield man.



Drogheda's Joe Maher, holder of the Gael-Linn Handball Trophy

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The Dublin team which defeated Offaly in the Division 3 decider of the National Football League in March. Kneeling (from left)—Paddy Farnan, Kevin Heffernan, Mickey Whelan, Bob McCrea, Aidan Donnelly, Johnny Joyce. Standing (from left)—Cathal O'Leary, Paddy Holden, Christy Kane, Des Foley, Lar Foley, Pascal Flynn, Bill Casey, Des McKane, John Timmons.

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ROSLEA SHAMROCKS, who regained the Fermanagh senior football championship title which they last held in 1958. Kneeling (from left)—D. O'Rourke, M. O'Rourke, E. Cosgrove, T. Beggan, O. Callaghan (captain), T. McDermott, P. Murray, G. Slowey, P. Corrigan, J. Conlon. Standing (from left)—F. Quigley, J. Goodwin, T. Mulligan, M. Mularkey, T. Callaghan, J. Creighan, J. P. Prunty, F. Mulligan, R. Smyth.

County Senior Champions

HARD WORK PAID DIVIDENDS

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run their first team to twelve point in the League it was reasonable to expect to win against their juniors. Victory was achieved more easily than we expected, and with history made with a 'Home' All-Ireland won for the first time excitement was high.

On September 12 the team got down to serious training for the All-Ireland final in London. The twenty-five players selected for Leinster final duty still remained as a happy family. Training was serious and every little detail planned. Coaching played a very important part in the training programme.

It was a very confident party of twenty-five—including officials—that left Dublin Airport at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 29. The team proved itself good and brought the Dr. Herbert Mackay Cup to Kildare for the first time. The date was September 30, 1962.

The players deserved their reward, for they had been training since June 16.

Encouragement

This achievement in a county of strong football tradition, following on the success of Kerry in 1961, must be great encouragement to people interested in the promotion of hurling. Even at this level, the near future may see a 32-county competition.

The players and officials are, naturally, delighted with this success and hold out great hope for many more in the future.

The programme of work carried out every year is heavy and makes a great claim on the free time of many.

The growth of the popularity of the game in Kildare has been spectacular. With competitions at Under-12, Under-14, Under-15, Under-16 and minor as well as two adult competitions the future is assured. Almost 100 teams took part in our competitions in 1962.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity of sending a very sincere expression of thanks to the loyal and enthusiastic players, hard-working officials and voluntary helpers who made this victory possible. All contributed to an achievement that will never be forgotten in Kildare.

COUNTY

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HURLING

WATERFORD	...	Kill	Mount Sion or Erin's Own
CORK	...	viaacroom	Glen Rovers
KERRY	...	Boherbee John Mitchels	St. Brendans (Ardfert) v. Kilmoyley or Tralee
CLARE	...	Kilrush Shamrocks	Ruan
LIMERICK	...	Old Christians	Western Gaels
TIPPERARY	...	Ardfinnan	Thurles Sarsfields
GALWAY	...	Tuam Stars	Turloughmore
MAYO	...	Castlebar Mitchels	—
SLIGO	...	Ballisodare	—
LEITRIM	...	Kinlough Melvin Gaels	—
ROSCOMMON	...	St. Brigids (Kiltoom) or Roscommon Gaels	Four Roads
DONEGAL	...	Seán MacCumhaills	—
DERRY	...	Ballymaguigan	—
ANTRIM	...	St. Johns	St. Johns
DOWN	...	Glenn	—
ARMAGH	...	Crossmaglen Rangers	—
CAVAN	...	Bailieboro' or Virginia	—
MONAGHAN	...	Ballybay v. Donaghmoyne or Castleblayney	—
TYRONE	...	Stewartstown Harps	—
FERMANAGH	...	Roslea Shamrocks	—
LOUTH	...	Newtown Blues	—
MEATH	...	Trim	Kilmessan
WESTMEATH	...	St. Marys (Rochfortbridge)	Mullingar Pearses
LONGFORD	...	Clonguish	—
DUBLIN	...	St. Vincents	St. Vincents
KILDARE	...	Kilcullen v. Moorefield or Kilcock	Military College
LAOIS	...	The Heath	Clonad
OFFALY	...	Daingean v. Clara or Killeigh	Coolderry
WICKLOW	...	Kilbride	Forestry College (Arklow)
WEXFORD	...	Ballyhogue	Faythe Harriers
CARLOW	...	Eire Og (Carlow)	St. Mullins
KILKENNY	...	Tullagher v. Railyard or Muckalee	Bennettsbridge
LONDON	...	Parnells	Brian Borus
WARWICKSHIRE	...	John Mitchels (Birmingham)	Fr. Murphys (Birmingham)
HERTFORDSHIRE	...	St. Vincents (Luton)	Eoghan Ruadh (Luton)
YORKSHIRE	...	Padraig Pearses (Huddersfield)	Padraig Pearses (Huddersfield)
GLOUC'SHIRE	...	St. Josephs (Cheltenham)	St. Patricks (Gloucester)
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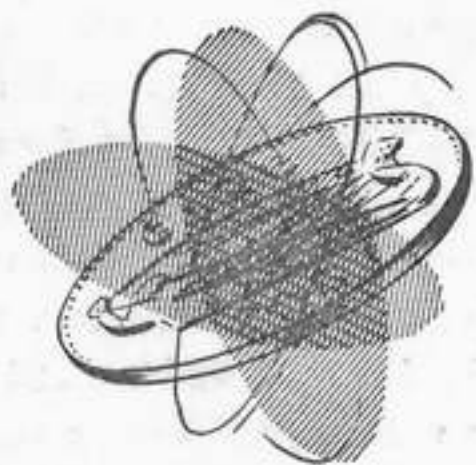
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