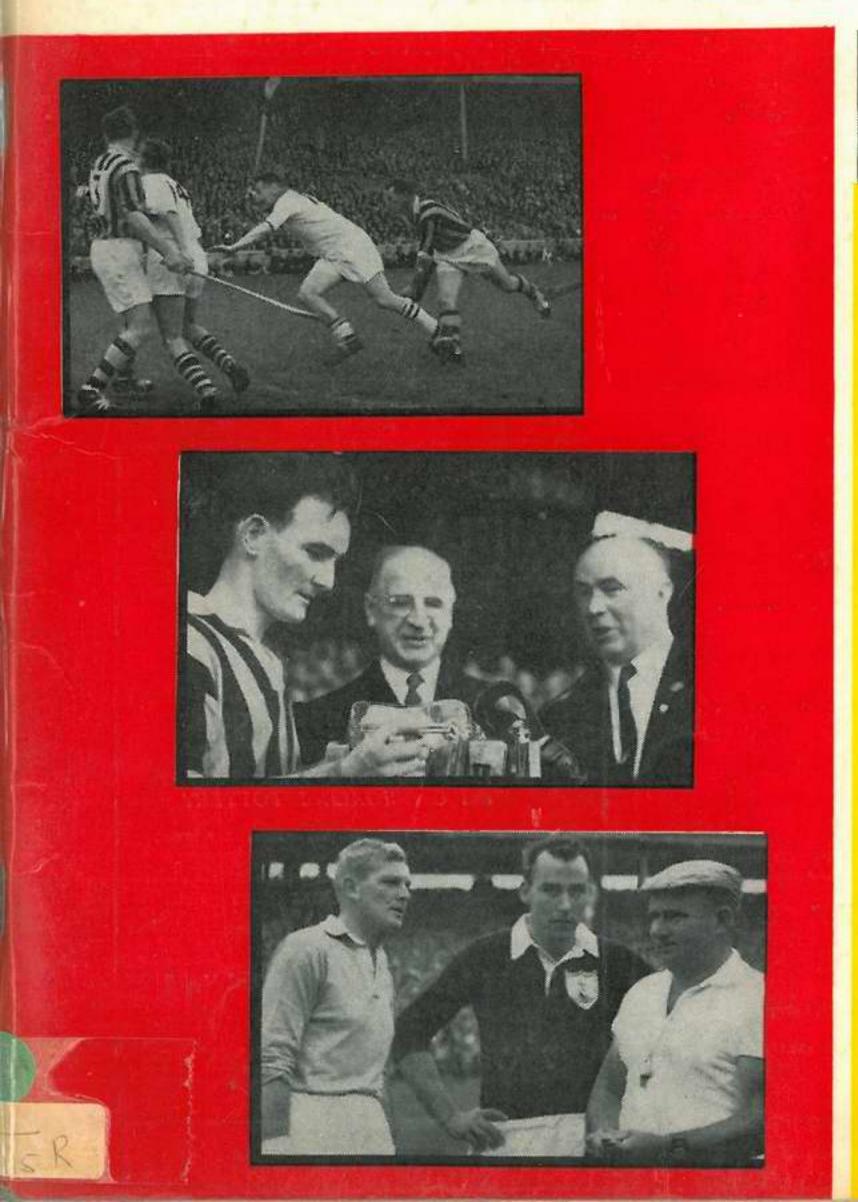
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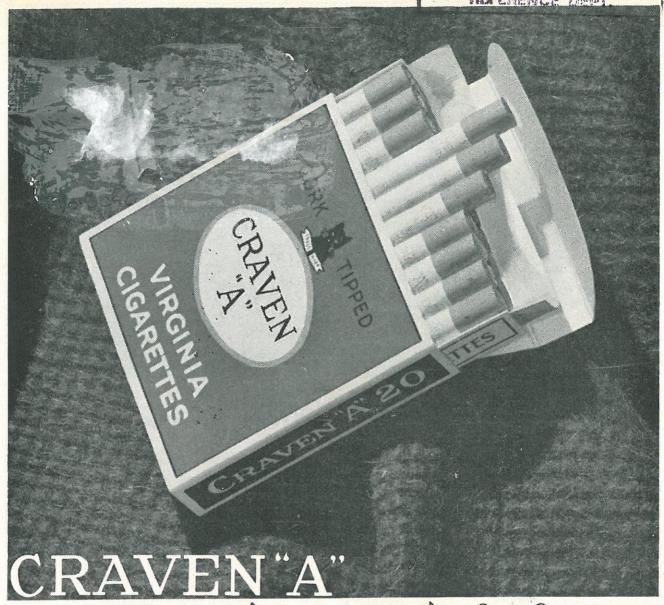
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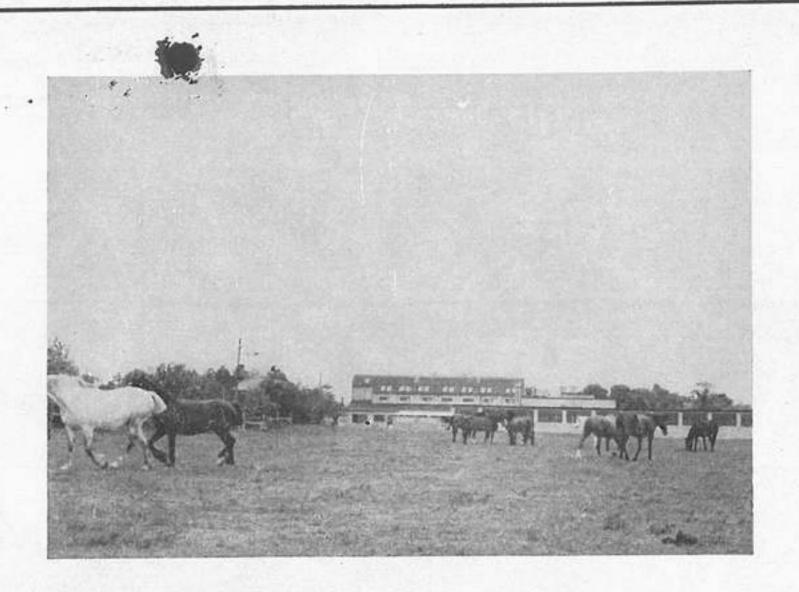
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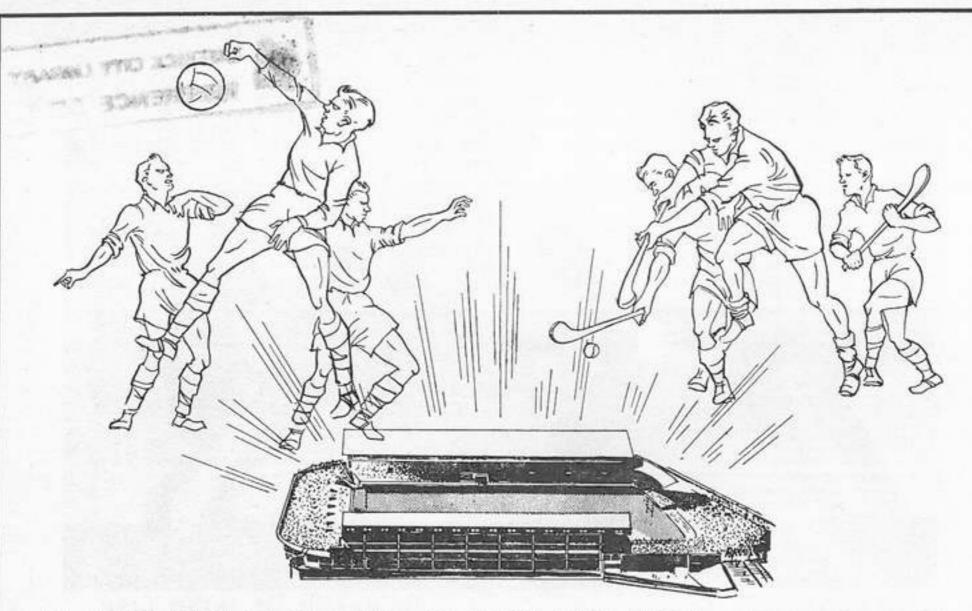
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THE end of another G.A.A. season is with us and it is time to place before the Irish public the 1963 edition of the Cuchulainn Annual, a publication which, by now, possesses an established place in the world of Gaeldom.

I sincerely hope it meets with your approval.

With 1964 just round the corner it is not out of place to look back on the twelve months just ending and to consider in what way the workings of the Gaelic Athletic Association could be improved.

It is not easy to pinpoint any faults, but I would like to see greater respect at all levels for referees, and much more restraint by certain players during games.

Dressing-room facilities at many venues could be improved, but I am glad to see that officials in all parts of the country are well aware of this and that plans are already laid in several instances to meet with the growing clamour for better and more modern pavilions.

Finally, I wish to thank sincerely our advertisers, contributors, readers and all who have made it possible to produce this annual.

To the General Secretary of the G.A.A., the various Provincial Council, County Board and club secretaries, I say thanks for your help during the year.

Gratefully appreciated, too, was the unfailing co-operation of the Sports Editor of the Irish Press, David Guiney.

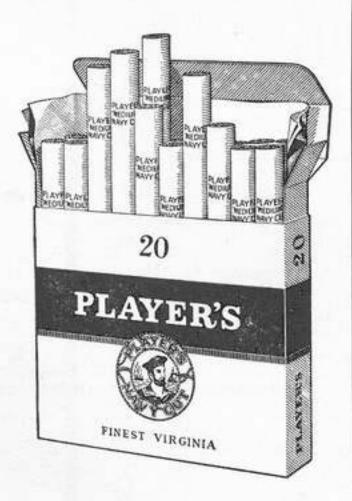
To these, and to all Gaels at home and in exile, I wish a happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

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GARRETT McCABE.

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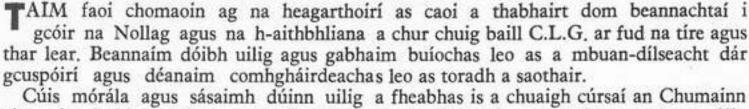
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am grateful to the Editors of Cuchulainn Annual for once again giving me the opportunity to send Christmas greetings to all our members, wherever they may be. On behalf of the Central Council, and on my own behalf, I extend sincerest greetings to all who have helped to make this another year of achievement and progress. The more one becomes acquainted with these achievements and this progress the greater becomes the appreciation of the efforts which help to bring them about.

This devotion to the advancement of the organisation is especially apparent in the internal organisation of the counties and in the zeal and earnestness with which the acquisition and development of grounds is being pursued. County Secretaries, whose work is becoming yearly more arduous and involved, are deserving of special praise. To all who have contributed, even in the smallest way, to a successful year's working, I offer

sincere thanks and congratulations.

This year's championships were well contested and again attracted near record crowds. The All-Ireland finals were unique in that they had the largest viewing audience that

ever witnessed our games.

Congratulations to Kilkenny on winning yet another All-Ireland championship. They defeated a Waterford team, which, while contesting the issue until the final whistle, did not reach the heights of the really wonderful League Home final. Waterford gained a measure of compensation for their defeat, by overcoming a stiff challenge from New York, who surprised many by the high standard of their display in the League final.

Being intimately aware of the great work being done for the Association in London and Britain, I have great pleasure in offering congratulations to London on winning the

All-Ireland junior hurling final.

Seldom is Tipperary without an All-Ireland title, and this year found them winning the Intermediate championship for the first time—as well as giving plenty of evidence

that they are still a powerful force in the other grades.

Wexford's victory in the All-Ireland minor hurling championship brought them their first victory in that grade and ensures that their particular brand of hurling, which has delighted tens of thousands inside the past decade, will continue to do so for many years more. Their victory in this grade gave universal satisfaction to all lovers of the game.

Dublin, after a rather tentative start in the earlier rounds, went ahead to take the All-Ireland football championship, but not before they had been fully extended by a young and very promising Galway team, who, in turn, had disposed of a Kerry team,

generally regarded as certainties for yet another All-Ireland.

It is very interesting and informative to note that almost the entire Dublin team came up from the Schools' League, and it must be very gratifying to Coisde na mBun Scol to see their efforts bearing such fruit. This is one of the hardest-working and most unselfish bodies in the Association, and deserves the highest commendation and congratulation.

Kerry made amends for the loss of their All-Ireland senior title by annexing the minor and junior championships, in addition to the National League. At present, there seems to be a wealth of talent in this great nursery of football.

Nollaig fé shéan is fé mhaise dhíbh, a cháirde Gael, agus go mbeirimíd uilig beo ar an am seo arís.



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#### By ROBERT McCABE

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## Teachtaireacht

na Nollag

▲S Chairman of Press Cuchulainn Ltd, it becomes my privilege to offer to our readers this edition of the Cuchulainn Annual. Being the first edition published by Press Cuchulainn Ltd, we have been anxious to maintain the standards set by previous editions and to improve on these wherever possible. If we have succeeded in so doing, and I think we have, it is due, principally, to a very wholehearted effort on the part of the staff of Press Cuchulainn Ltd. and the good craftsmanship of our printers.

Press Cuchulainn has been established by a number of nationallyminded people to act professionally as publishers and printers to the various national organisations, concerned with the promotion of our national games,

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On behalf of the Directors of Press Cuchulainn I wish to offer to all our readers a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. This wish is extended to our advertisers, contributors and staff, without whose co-operation and goodwill we could not have carried on. We are also grateful to G.A.A. officials and members throughout the country for their very willing assistance and co-operation at all times. Their interest in our work and their continuous co-operation strengthens our conviction that we are playing an important part in the promotion and expansion of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

The Cuchulainn Annual is an unique publication in that it combines the activity of being a yearly history of the Association, at national level, with that of being a vehicle for thoughtprovoking articles on many aspects of the organisation. While it is outstanding each year it appears, I feel we can safely claim that it will prove priceless to future historians, interested in comprising accurate historical commentaries on the time in which we live and which has been given to us to build a more Christian, Gaelic and prosperous Ireland—a task in which the G.A.A. has always been to the forefront and will continue to be so, as long as we are true to the ideals of Cusack, Croke and Pearse. The Cuchulainn Annual and all our publications are dedicated to ensuring that we keep faith with the past and provide for the future.

Tá suim mór againn i ngluaiseacht na Gaeilge agus beimíd i gcónaí ag cur leis an méid Gaeilge atá ins na foilseacháin fe'n ár dtreoir go dtí go dtíocfaidh an lá go mbeidh ar ár gcumas iad úilig a chlóbhuaileadh i

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Tugaim fógra don léitheoir nach alt eolach ar pheil nó ar spórt atá á léamh aige. Imreoirí, oifigigh de chuid Chumann Lúthchleas Gael nó eolaithe spóirt a scríobh na haltanna eile san iris seo. Neamh-eolaí i gcúrsaí peile mé.

#### Gan Meas ar Pheil

As ceantar iománaíochta i gCorcaigh mé. An tuairim a bhí agamsa agus mé i mo bhuachaill scoile gur cluiche d'fhir mhóra tuaithe amháin an pheil, cluiche do dhaoine nach raibh cliste go leor le iománaíocht a imirt. A chruthú-san go raibh Ciarraí ábalta Corcaigh a chárú sa pheil i gcónaí!

Gan aon mhagadh is fíor nach raibh meas ceart agam ar pheil nó tuiscint cheart agam di go dtí gur léigh mé na haltanna teagaisc le Mícheál O Conaill in INNIU bliain ó shin agus go bhfaca mé an scannán breá sin "Peil" a rinne Gael-Linn.

Níorbh ghá dom bheith i mo eolaí chun a aithint gur sár-fhoireann a bhuaigh ar Chiarraí sa chluiche leathcheannais i mbliana. Is fada ó chonaic mé foireann peile a bhí chomh healíonta leo.

Más ar éigin a d'éirigh leo Craobh na hUile-Eireann a bhreith leo in éadan na Gaillimhe, shíleas gurb é a tharla an lá sin go raibh sé socraithe ag Gaillimh an cluiche a imirt ar luas na gaoithe chun Baile Atha Cliath a thuirsiú mar a rinne siad leis an Dún. Bhí an cluiche chomh tapaidh sin ó thús go deireadh nach raibh deis ag Baile Atha Cliath an pheil ealaíonta is dual dóibh a imirt. Thuill siad a mbua, ach ní sár-chluiche a bhí ann.

Léirigh Baile Atha Cliath a fheabhas agus atá siad in Ilchomórtas na bPáirceanna. Creidim gur iad an fhoireann peile is fearr in Eirinn inniu. Tá siad láidir, cliste, ealaíonta. Is é sin an fáth go bhfuil athas ar an Chorcaíoch seo gur iadsan a rug Craobh na hEireann leo.

#### Luach Is Fearr

Cúis eile atá leis an athas seo rud a dúirt fear as Baile Atha Cliath liom tar éis dó bheith ag ceann chluiche Ilchomórtas na bPáirceanna idir Baile Atha Cliath agus Gaillimh. Fear é seo a bhí ina mhairnéalach agus ina dhugaire agus ar fearr leis bheith ag fonóid faoi aon rud Eireannach ná bheith á mholadh. Seo mar a labhair sé: "Théinn go Dalymount, ach Páirc an Chrócaigh mo rogha feasta. Is ansin atá an luach is fearr le fáil agam ar mo chuid airgid."

Ní eisean an t-aon duine dá shórt a bhfuil an tuairim chéanna aige ó tháinig an fhoireann mhaith atá ag Baile Atha Cliath chun tosaigh,



## 1963 WAS NOT A MEMORABLE FOOTBALL YEAR

BY JACK

will be remembered for Dublin's unexpected victory in the All-Ireland campaign and the fact that Kerry finally laid the Down bogey in important competitive matches. Other noteworthy features were the rise of Donegal in Ulster, Westmeath's achievement in reaching its first All-Ireland minor final and the reappearance of New York on Irish soil when they contested the National League final.

Overall, however, 1963 will not be remembered for the all-round brilliance of the football served up. Rather will it be recalled as a year in which there were far too many unsporting actions in major games.

The year got off to a bad start, with a long spell of severe weather making pitches unplayable, and travelling conditions dangerous. This caused the postponement, and in some cases the abandonment, of many fixtures and we were into March before things began to run smoothly.

The Railway Cup, as usual, was the first major competition decided. Leinster and Ulster qualified for the final, and for the seventh time the wearers of the Red Hand left Croke Park victorious on St. Patrick's Day.

#### Treacy's Triumph

The game was a personal triumph for Fermanagh's P. T. Treacy, whose selection at full-forward in place of no less than James McCartan of Down had caused something of a pre-final furore.

Treacy, however, proved he was completely at home in this company. He scored a goal and three points, had a hand in several other scores and was one of those chiefly responsible for taking the cup from Leinster's custody.

The annual match between Ireland and the Combined Universities was discontinued. In its place, the students played the All-Ireland champions, Kerry, and this arrangement if anything aroused even less interest than its predecessor.

Kerry won easily and the whole question of representative games is one that merits considerable attention from the Central Council.

March, too, brought the appearance of Donegal's promising young team at Headquarters. They played a most enjoyable draw with Kerry and created a very favourable impression on all who saw them.

#### League Semi-finals

And so to the National League semi-finals. Down met Galway in the first, faced the wind in the opening half and still led by three points at the interval despite the loss of James McCartan, who incurred the referee's displeasure.

In the second half Down drew farther ahead and were seven points in front with ten minutes to go. Then Galway rallied and drew level, but Down swept back for Paddy Doherty to tap over the winning point almost on the final whistle.

One week later we had Kerry facing Meath. The Leinster men moved well in the first half to lead by a point at the change of ends.

A quick Kerry goal on the resumption seemed to unsettle Meath, whose forwards lost their touch completely, and though exchanges were very even to the end Kerry held on by a point.

And so we had the pairing all followers had been waiting for—Kerry v. Down, and one of Ireland's major sporting prizes at stake.

A record crowd for a League final —57,180—paid for admission and extra thousands forced the gates to join the throng on the second Sunday in May eager to witness the thrills and skills in this battle of the giants.

But what they saw did not come up to expectations. Thrilling it was, but the exchanges were far too robust at times and some players earned no credit for their sportsmanship, or, rather, lack of it.

Kerry, aided by the wind, led 0-9 to 1-0 at the interval. They failed to score in the second half, but defended dourly to be still in front at the full-time whistle.

There was only one point in it— 0-9 to 1-5—but few will deny that Kerry were more superior than that margin would suggest.

Bernie O'Callaghan, Donie O'Sullivan and Seamus Murphy were the Kingdom's outstanding players, with goalkeeper Patsy McAlinden and Dan McCartan taking the honours for Down.

The way was now clear for the championship, with Kerry installed as long-odds favourites to take the Sam Maguire Cup—a rating they confirmed when easily beating Cavan at Wembley.

They came through Munster as usual, although Cork gave them a much closer call than expected in the provincial decider at Killarney. In fact, it took a last-quarter scoring spree to repel the Leeside challenge.

#### Looked Good

In Leinster there were no early surprises, but Dublin in their first outing upset calcuations when accounting for Meath in the second round.

Many still hold that the losers were unlucky, but do not forget that Meath failed to score in the second half, and they had nothing in reserve when Dublin came at them near the end.

Laois looked good when accounting for Carlow, Offaly put paid to Longford's chance in workmanlike fashion, but the team that really took the eye was Kildare, who brought back memories of the Lily Whites' palmy days when accounting for Louth in what, I consider, was the most enjoyable game of 1963.

## TREACY STAR OF RAILWAY CUP FINAL

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So we had Dublin v. Kildare and Laois v. Offaly in the semi-finals. The all-Midlands clash at Portlaoise was a tough, thrilling affair, and the honours went to Laois by four points.

In the other game, Dublin, beset by injuries, recalled veteran Des Ferguson to full-forward, and his presence seemed to inspire his colleagues to new heights.

They matched Kildare in all departments and finished a much stronger team to win by 2-7 to 1-5. For followers of the losers it was a grave disappointment, but on the day the honours rested where they belonged.

The Leinster final saw Dublin in action in Croke Park for the third time in the championship. Laois disputed the issue bravely and late scores reduced the final margin to two points, but Dublin had the edge all through where it mattered most—in the scoring department.

The Connacht campaign saw Galway qualify for the final at the expense of Mayo after a featureless game in which they confirmed their recent superiority over their neighbours.

Leitrim were the surprise packet in the West. First they beat Sligo, and next accounted for the champions, Roscommon. Galway, however, deprived them of a treble in a very disappointing provincial final.

Up North, Down got off to a good start with a facile victory over a very weak Monaghan side, and they next beat Armagh by four points in a tough and disappointing Ulster semi-final.

Cavan went to Ballinascreen and ended Derry's hopes, Donegal beat Fermanagh and the stage was set for a showdown between the traditional Cocks o' the North and the province's rising football power.

As events proved, it was no contest, Donegal blasted the Breffni men off their Ulster throne, but were just as badly beaten themselves by Down in the provincial final.

The All-Ireland semi-finals produced surprise results. Kerry made most of the running against Galway but squandered too many chances. In the closing quarter the Connacht champions ran the men in green and gold off their feet and shot over the match-winning points. The All-Ireland champions had bitten the

The other semi-final was all Dublin. They led 1-5 to 0-2 at half-time, won by 2-11 to 0-7 and painfully exposed the limitations of a Down

KICKING CLEAR . . . Mike Foley
of New York clears this Kerry attack in
the National Football League final despite
the challenge of Mick O'Dwyer (hidden).
Looking on are Jim Halpin (N.Y.) and
Derry O'Shea (K.).

side that has lost much of the pace of its halycon days.

In this game, too, we had more than one unsporting incident and some players were very lucky not to receive marching orders.

The All-Ireland final brought Dublin and Galway into opposition at this stage for the first time since 1942. Public opinion leaned slightly towards Galway, but those who had noted the gradual improvement shown by Dublin with each outing could not see the title crossing the Shannon.

How right they were. Galway dominated midfield for most of the hour, but Dublin took their chances better, and with the Metropolitan full-back line putting up the shutters in face of strong late assaults the Sam

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## Denis O'Sullivan-Another Great Kerry Prospect



WITHIN the space of five weeks this year, young Denis O'Sullivan of Tralee won three of Gaelic football's highest honours. On September 22 he starred at midfield in Kerry minors' surprise victory over Westmeath in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park.

His display on that occasion earned him promotion to the county's junior fifteen which travelled to Manchester on October 6 to play Lancashire in the All-Ireland final.

Once again Denis was at midfield and once again he was on the winning team, forming a strong partnership with Jerdie O'Connor that did much to end the Exiles' hopes.

Three more weeks elapsed and Denis returned to Croke Park in the green and gold colours, this time as left cornerforward on the Kerry senior team that met New York in the National League final on October 27.

Many questioned the wisdom of placing a minor midfielder in the confined spaces of the full line of attack against adult opposition, However, young O'Sullivan proved the selectors right with a first-class display.

His fielding was excellent, his positional sense could not be faulted, he combined perfectly with the other forwards and he rounded off an excellent performance by kicking three magnificent points from play.

By any standards, his contribution to Kerry's victory

had been a major one.

So, Denis O'Sullivan added a National League medal to his collection of trophies, which also includes an All-Ireland minor medal won last year, two Munster minor medals and a Munster Under-21 award.

Denis is now a regular on Kerry's senior team. He was switched to right half-back in the League game against Kildare at Droichead Nua and retained the position against Cork and Carlow.

Side by side with his ability on the football fields, Denis has proved his versatility in another sporting sphere, for he has won two All-Ireland minor basketball medals with Kerry and a county minor basketball championship with the Rebels of Tralee.

Quiet-spoken, unassuming Denis grew up in the heart of Strand Street, Tralee-home territory of the Kerins O'Rahillys, a club which can lay claim to some of the "greats" in Gaeldom. Names like Dan Spring, Dan O'Keeffe and Paddy Kennedy come readily to mind, to mention but a few.

Denis began his football career when he played minor with Kerins O'Rahillys in 1959 and graduated to senior ranks in the 1961 county championship semi-final. His father, Danny O'Sullivan, was a fiery and solid defender on the O'Rahillys team in the 1940's and helped the club to win the Tralee District League in 1947. His granduncle, the late Dan Joe Conway, was with the first Kerry team to visit America in 1927.

Asked how other players had influenced him Denis said: "I consider it a great honour to play on the same side as men like Long, O'Connell and O'Dwyer".

Two outstanding players stand out in his memory, and ever since he watched them train in the Caherina Campus a few years back he has wanted to emulate them. These men are the indomitable John Dowling and that scientific full-forward, Mick Murphy.

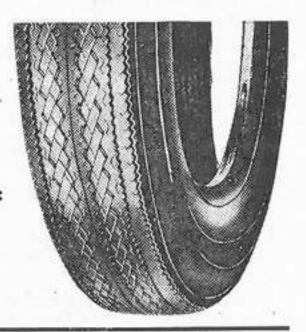
Denis's ambitions at the moment are to help Kerry retain their National League title, and "see what the States are like". Holding pride of place with this is his desire to lead the O'Rahillys to victory in a Kerry senior championship and, perhaps, some day win a coveted All-Ireland senior medal with Kerry.

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## Provincial Trials

#### LEINSTER Football

REST OF LEINSTER 2-9
DUBLIN 2-7
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(Wicklow); P. McCormack (Offaly), G. Hughes (Offaly), P. Connolly (Kildare); K. McNamee (Meath), E. Hogan (Carlow), B. Barden (Longford); M. Carley (Westmeath), T. Browne (Laois); F. Walsh (Laois), P. Moore (Kildare), S. Brereton (Offaly); G. Kane (Westmeath), E. Doogue (Carlow), R. Burns (Longford). Subs.—M. Carolan (Kildare) for Hughes, Hughes for McCormack, S. Keevans (Wexford) for Burns

DUBLIN: P. Flynn; J. Farrell, L. Foley, W. Casey; C. Kane, P. Holden, D. McKane; D. Foley, M. Kissane; B. McDonald, M. Whelan, N. Fox; G. Davey, J. Timmons, S. Coen.

Other provincial trial games were cancelled owing to severe weather conditions, but the following teams had been selected.

#### Hurling

REST OF LEINSTER (v. Wexford):
O. Walsh (Kilkenny); P. Molloy
(Offaly), J. Walsh (Kilkenny), P. Dillon (Laois); S. Cleere (Kilkenny), W.
Hogan (Carlow), O. Fennell (Laois);
M. Kennedy (Dublin), O. Gough (Kil-

kenny); E. Keher (Kilkenny), P. Mc-Govern (Carlow), F. Whelan (Dublin); D. Heaslip (Kilkenny), C. O'Brien (Laois), W. Walsh (Carlow). Subs.—J. Gray (Dublin), P. Larkin (Kilkenny), P. Spellman (Offaly), A. Boothman (Dublin), T. Walsh (Kilkenny), M. Morrissey (Carlow).

#### MUNSTER

#### Football

REST OF MUNSTER (v. Kerry):
S. Ormond (Waterford); P. J. Kennedy
(Clare), T. O'Callaghan (Cork), P.
Nolan (Tipperary); J. Mahony (Cork),
M. Connolly (Waterford), J. Flynn
(Cork); C. P. O'Sullivan (Cork), M.
Tynan (Limerick); M. Guiry (Waterford), B. Coughlan (Waterford), J.
Keating (Tipp.); M. Queally (Clare),
E. Ryan (Cork), M. Keating (Tipp).
Subs. — C. O'Sullivan (Cork), M.
Moloney (Clare), T. Power (Waterford),
O. Moynihan (Cork), S. Cox (Limerick).

#### ULSTER Football

A TEAM (Cavan strengthened): T. Turbett (Tyrone); G. Kelly (Cavan), F. McKnight (Armagh), M. Brady (Cavan); J. McDonnell (Cavan), T. Maguire (Cavan), T. Morris (Cavan); R. Carolan (Cavan), J. O'Neill (Tyrone); F. McFeeley (Donegal), H. B. O'Donoghue (Cavan), G. McRory (Antrim); J. Whan (Armagh), P. Lynn (Antrim), F. Donnelly (Tyrone). Subs.—A. McRory (Tyrone), B. Moen (Monaghan), P. Dougan (Antrim), M. Donaghey (Tyrone), T. McAtamaney (Antrim).

B TEAM (Down strengthened): P. Hoare (Donegal); G. Lavery (Down), L. Murphy (Down), P. Rice (Down); T. Scullion (Derry), P. J. Flood (Donegal), K. O'Neill (Down); V. Green (Fermanagh), S. Ferriter (Donegal); S. O'Neill (Down), J. McCartan (Down), P. Doherty (Down); T. Hadden (Down), P. T. Treacy (Fermanagh), B. Morgan (Down). Subs.—T. McArdle (Monaghan), B. Murray (Derry), D. McCartan (Down), M. Griffin (Donegal), C. Breslin (Donegal).

#### Treacy Star Of Railway Cup Final

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Maguire Cup found a home beside the Liffey for the first time since 1958.

The Grounds' Tournament proved Dublin's right to the title, Champions of Ireland. They staged an amazing rally to wipe out a big Kerry lead in the semi-final, and then confirmed their superiority over Galway, scoring six points in four amazing final minutes to clinch their claim to be called 1963's top football team.

The minor grade saw a grand Westmeath team sweep through Leinster to qualify for the All-Ireland semi-final. Down once again came out of the North but could not halt the

Midlanders' onward march.

In the other semi-final, we had a

repeat of the 1962 final, with Kerry again too good for Mayo.

The final was an anti-climax. Whether Westmeath were over-trained or suffered from stage-fright will never be known. Whatever the reason, they offered but token resistance to a competent Kerry side that turned to full advantage the experience of boys like Denis O'Sulivan, Sean and Bruddy Burrows, Seamus Fitzgerald and Henry McKinney.

Kerry also captured the junior title with victories over Clare, Cork,

Limerick, Antrim, Wexford and Lancashire on the way, and to round off a successful year the Green and Gold colours were carried to victory over New York in the National League final.

Donegal, though somewhat disappointed with their championship efforts, had some measure of compensation by taking the Dr. McKenna Cup for the first time. They also won the Minor League and Under-21 Competition in Ulster, so they can feel more than satisfied with their showing during 1963.

Towards the end of the year Fermanagh came with a good run in the Lagan Cup. They beat Derry, Armagh and Donegal in turn to win their section and qualify for the semi-finals in February. We look forward to their

performances next year.

Finally, here are my top footballers of the year. I won't place them in order but for me, at any rate, they made 1963 a year to remember with pleasure: Mickey Whelan and Lar Foley (Dublin), Mick Garrett and Noel Tierney (Galway), Mick O'Dwyer and Mick Fleming (Kerry), Joe Lennon (Down), Tom Browne (Laois), Pa Connolly (Kildare), Jimmy Whan (Armagh), P. T. Treacy (Fermanagh), Frank Mc-Feeley and Sean Ferriter (Donegal).

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A glance at their record proves that there are solid

Joe Leech himself won three Louth senior championship medals, two Cardinal O'Donnell Cup medals, an Interprovincial League medal with Louth and numerous other trophies.

A former Vice-Chairman of the Louth County Board, he was also a county selector and, needless to say, takes a keen interest in his sons' football careers.

## Drogheda's Leech Brothers Scooped The Pool

foundations to this claim, for the four footballing Leechs—Paddy, Liam, Joey and Michael—between them collected no less than 12 medals during 1963, and helped bring all the major trophies in Louth football to Drogheda.

Paddy and Liam were on the Newtown Blues team that won the county senior championship, the Cardinal O'Donnell Cup and Old Gaels Cup. Joey and Michael helped O'Rahillys capture the county junior championship and Wolfe Tone Cup, and for good measure Michael won county minor championship and Drogheda Minor League medals, also with O'Rahillys.

Collecting trophies is nothing new to the Leech family, for the father of this bemedalled quartet, Joe Leech, was a footballer of no mean ability who wore the red jersey of Louth on many occasions. Best known of the current generation of Leechs is Liam, a stylish forward who has been a regular member of the Louth senior team for the past four years. He started his football in Drogheda C.B.S. and won various medals in Schools Leagues.

In club competitions he has won three county senior championship, one county junior championship, two Cardinal O'Donnell Cup and two Old Gaels Cup medals, as

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• THIS PICTURE of the Leechs shows some of the many trophies won by the Drogheda family. They are, from left (at back)—Michael, Paddy, Joey; (seated)—Liam and Mr. Joseph Leech (senr.)



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## DUBLIN'S 17th

THE Summer of 1963 will not be remembered as a glorious one but it had its compensations for Dublin folk, marking another great era in Metropolitan football.



An All-Ireland success is what all counties hope for at the beginning of the year, but in the Capital when Winter was dying a slow death hope was almost dying with it, and even when the days lengthened hope did

not keep pace.

After our humiliation at the hands of Galway in the League in March in, above all places, Croke Park, despair lodged in the hearts of followers. But something else impressed itself in the minds of selectors and players—realisation of the poor state of affairs of the county football team and the determination to do something about it.

Brendan Quinn was put in sole charge of training, and preparation began. It didn't help our championship hopes to realise that Meath, whose stock had soared considerably during the League campaign, had to

be faced in the first round.

In the meantime the Dublin selectors were combing the county for talent and came up with an interesting rediscovery in Paddy Downey, the St. Brigid's stalwart, a link with the 1958 team. Paddy in an O'Byrne Cup match against Louth epitomised what was needed so badly in the team determination, heart and the will to win.

#### Seven "Baptised"

Fortunately, the Meath match was in Croke Park, and this factor undoubtedly helped a team which included Frank McPhillips, Olly Callaghan, Jim Rice, Mick Kissane, Brian McDonald, Eamonn Breslin and Gerry Davey, all having their baptism of fire in senior inter-county championship football.

Meath, great championship battlers,

 TWO-TO-ONE . . . Galway's Noel Tierney and Enda Colleran jump for this ball with Gerry Davey, of Dublin. Looking on is Des Ferguson.

## SUCCESS

were grimly determined and the Quinn brothers, Martin and Jack, played fine football. But Dublin also had two brothers in the Foleys, and in the second half Lar and Des went to town.

In a desperate gamble by the selectors Lar was moved from corner back to full forward. Now the Dublin attack had more fire and a tremendous battle ensued.

A brace of points by Lar Foley brought equality, and as the minutes ticked away it looked like a draw. Dublin followers heaved a sigh of relief when a shot by Mick Dunican went narrowly wide and then came the Dublin victory roar with Des Foley's grand bit of midfield play, short run and tremendous left-footed shot from far out across the Meath bar for the winner.

When the final whistle came it seemed hardly credible that we were still there. There was still much wrong with the team, but at least we were moving in the right direction.

#### Ferguson Gamble

I saw Kildare beat Louth and so impressed was I that I wondered could Dublin take them even in Croke Park. A tremor ran through the Dublin following when shortly before the game it was announced that Des Ferguson would line out.

Another gamble by the selectors perhaps, but one could feel a note of optimism in the air despite the fact that Paddy Holden, one of our star performers against Meath, was missing.

Inside a minute, Ferguson had whipped one over the bar, "The job's right", we said but Kildare came back strongly. Pa Connolly and Mick Carolan were raking the clouds and shots rained on the Dublin posts.

The full line of Hickey, Foley and Casey never wilted, however, but Dublin's position looked grim when Jim Rice and Des Foley retired injured in the first half.

It is in adversity that we should show our true spirit and this the Dublin team did in a hectic second half. The forward line especially showed new spirit of adventure compared to the dreary display they served up against Meath. THE GOAL . . . Gerry Davey palms the ball to the net for Dublin's goal in the All-Ireland final. Galway defenders in attendance are, from right:—John Donnellan, Enda Colleran, Bosco McDermott and goalkeeper Michael Moore.



They began to chase everything. Chances were few enough, as the powerful Carolan-Moore midfield was in fine form for Kildare. Paddy Downey was unyielding at centre-half back, but we needed a major breakthrough at the other end.

It came, and to our delight it was Des Ferguson who hammered it home. When the final whistle came minutes later Dubliners could hardly credit that, despite injuries to Des Foley, Olly Callaghan and Jim Rice, the team was in another Leinster final.

One as yet did not dare to speak of an All-Ireland, but the Leinster championship—well that was sufficient to be going on with.

Many Dublin followers still maintain that the Leinster final against Laois was the hardest match of the series. The Croke Park atmosphere was tense as the teams took the field. Dublin to defend their title and Laois seeking their first since 1946.

For the second year running Des Foley missed a Leinster final appear-

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PADDY FLANAGAN, Secretary of the Westmeath Co. Board, reviews his county's achievements over the past year and says...

## Hard work

## will allow further

SUCCESS for teams in inter-county competition is measured in relation to the past records and tradition of the county concerned. For those counties high on the honours list, only provincial, All-Ireland, League or major tournament wins are deemed successes. But for counties whose lot it has been to be becalmed on the sea of victory the outlook is much different.

For them an advancement in the earlier round of a championship, an occasional win in a league or a good display against a noted county is regarded with a hopeful enthusiasm and a sense of achievement. It is in this light that Westmeath's performances on the playing fields of 1963 are to be viewed.

At the commencement of the Leinster championships few people could
visualise Westmeath being concerned
in the final stages of any of the six
Leinster competitions, much less
sharing the programme at Croke Park
on the fourth Sunday in September.
But as things turned out, some long
cherished dreams were realised and
they marked the year as the most
successful and eventful our county
has so far experienced.

Our junior hurlers and footballers were outsiders in their respective grades but they surprised many by their spirit and all-round ability in the initial stages.

#### One Point Win

The footballers were allowed the privilege of playing their second best team and this was a decided advantage, but drawn against Dublin in the first round left them anything but confident. However, after a rousing game in Mullingar they conquered the Metropolitans by a single point.

This was indeed a morale boosting win and despite losing some of the best players to the senior side, we faced Meath in a very hopeful mood at Mullingar. The final score of 3-9 to 1-2 speaks for itself, and Westmeath were in the Leinster final after a lapse of thirteen years.

In the decider we had to bow the knee to Wexford, who had been beaten in the final the previous year.

In hurling we met Kildare in the opening round and without doubt this was the hardest game in the series. In the Leinster final we overcame Wicklow and had no difficulty beating Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final, but Antrim proved too strong in the home final.

#### Beneficial

The success of the juniors is bound to have a beneficial effect on senior teams for the coming year.

While all our teams on their march to success created their own particular interest there can be no doubt that our minors were the pride, and the enthusiasm aroused by those youngsters must have a lasting benefit on the games in the county.

The supreme honour was not to be theirs, as in the final against Kerry they gave a disappointing display, which everyone agrees did not represent their true worth. But that defeat will serve to harden the resolution when another day dawns.

The team had come a long way, dismissing Longford, Offaly and Laois (after a replay) before the Leinster final with Dublin—the most feared side in the country in minor football.

#### **Thrilling**

That game will rank as the most thrilling and best that a Westmeath team has ever won. It was a game of football as it should be played, never to be forgotten by the huge number of our supporters who witnessed it. When they afterwards beat Down in the All-Ireland semi-final and gave Westmeath a direct interest in Final Day, it was a red-letter day in the history of the game in the county.

The success of the minor footballers can be traced to the Minor and Juvenile Board which in recent years have been endowed liberally by the County Board, both financially and with assistance from County Board officers, in efforts to improve the standard of our minor hurling and football teams.

For the past three years, intercounty challenge games, trial games and training have been carried on on an ever-increasing scale. Men of genuine interest in minor affairs have been retained in charge of the teams, and almost the same selection committees have been reappointed for the past three years, comprised of such men.

Defeat meant no difference to them, and no sooner had interest in the championship ended than plans for the following year were being prepared. With such calculated enthusiasm and consistent policy it is not a matter for surprise that this year's successful outcome was achieved, and

# and organisation advancement

that the players were infected with the same spirit as the men in charge.

#### Help Success

Factors which contribute to the work of the minor selectors are the competitions run by the National Schools' Board, which bring talent to notice at an early age, and the ever-increasing number of boys now attending Secondary Schools, thereby getting the experience of the Colleges' competitions.

In this regard the rise to prominence of Carmelite College, Moate as a force in football, has made a considerable imprint on the game in Westmeath. From here too has come the trainer of the minor football team, Rev. Fr. Cremin, whose efforts to advance our standard will always occupy a high place in the history of the game in Westmeath.

He has the co-operation of an exemplary group of selectors in P. Guinan, P. Smith, M. Reynolds and Minor Board Chairman, E. Dalton and Secretary, C. Whelehan.

Willing help is also given by Minor Board Officers and some club officials, while our County Board officers have been very generous in the time and effort they have given to minor affairs.

#### Minor Hurlers

Due to the limelight in which the minor football team basked during the year, the minor hurlers did not get the praise they deserved. They had good wins over Meath and Kildare to take the trophies presented for their five-county division of the Leinster championship and went on to a very narrow defeat by Laois in the next stage.

In view of the good display by Laois against Wexford, the eventual All-Ireland champions, Westmeath's performance was not so far removed from the best in this year's championship.

Team Manager T. McClare, and selectors J. McCoy and T. Sheeran can look back with every satisfaction on their work, particularly in view of the fact that minor club hurling in the county has declined in the past three years, and limited their choice of players.

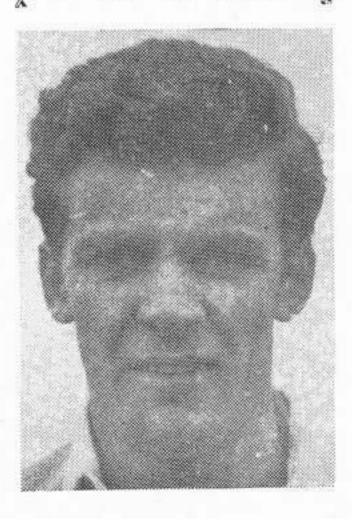
The hurling selectors have not many players available with experience of college games, only an occasional player or so attending hurling colleges, and this fact makes their success all the more meritorious.

#### **Providing**

Provided they have been digested well, the lessons of the past year will do much to improve our status in inter-county competition. These lessons are simply that we must have men in charge of our teams with genuine and enthusiastic interest, a willingness to work hard, and with organising ability to make the best use of the talent available.

The minor football and hurling selectors have shown this year that Westmeath's standing in the intercounty field is capable of being elevated considerably. Let's hope that the coming season will bring about further advancement.

## Westmeath Stars—In Four Grades



 PAT BRADLEY (above) and RAY NILAND (below), who played on Westmeath's junior hurling and football and minor hurling and football teams.



#### Dublin's 17th Success-

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ance through injury but early in the game it was apparent that Fintan Walsh's injured leg would not stand up to the rigours of a championship final so that neither team was at full

strength.

For the second year running Tom Browne at midfield had a "blinder" against Dublin and his power play for threequarters of the hour had the holders defence at full stretch. Mickey Whelan came to the rescue, however, when switched out and the Clanna Gael star ran himself into the ground in his county's cause.

His brilliant last quarter did the trick. Brian McDonald forced an opportunist goal and for the third game running Dublin scintillated in

the final minutes.

When the whistle went, the Leinster title was still in the capital and I hope next year's final is just as good.

Big-time football again and the followers could hardly contain themselves with the All-Ireland semi-final against Down coming up. Once again the Dublin team had their big guns up the middle intact. Foley, Holden, Foley, Timmons, Whelan and Ferguson looked a good foundation on which to base your victory hopes and they all clicked.

The wingers were powerful too, with Hickey, Kissane, McKane, Behan and McDonald the most impressive. We were astonished at our margin of victory. But for Joe Lennon, Down would have fared worse.

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Shades of March and the League annihilation during the pre-match parade on the fourth Sunday in September. I was confident this time, however, that Galway had a different proposition on hands. A hard, close game and always interesting, it turned

out to be.

#### **Hearts Stopped**

Dublin hearts stopped when, in an early collision, Pat Holden was assisted from the field. In came Paddy Downey, and the great-hearted Blanchardstown man never put a foot wrong in the most vital match of his career.

Play was coming towards the Dublin posts too often for our liking but, mercifully for us, Galway's shooting was not on a par with their outfield work. In golfing parlance, their driving was good but their putting was bad.

Though three points in arrears at half-time, Dublin were not dissatisfied. Within five minutes of the second half they had levelled. Mickey Whelan was at midfield, the wing half-backs, as in '58, were switched and the team began to function better, if not smoothly.

The Galway full-back line, with Tierney particularly brilliant, and midfield were proving hard to crack. Goals for the afternoon looked a scarce commodity but then suddenly

the decisive one came.

An in-swinging side-line kick from Brian McDonald, an overhead flick from Simon Behan and there was Gerry Davey to box it home. It was the decisive moment, and though Galway battled grimly on Dublin refused to let go.

At the finish we had but two points to spare, but one is as good as ten and we were All-Ireland champions again.

For the team, trainer Brendan Quinn, selectors Ted Cooling, Paddy O'Connor, Sean O'Connell, Don Cotter and Kevin Heffernan it was the climax of a wonderful come-back. Let's hope it will not take five years again.

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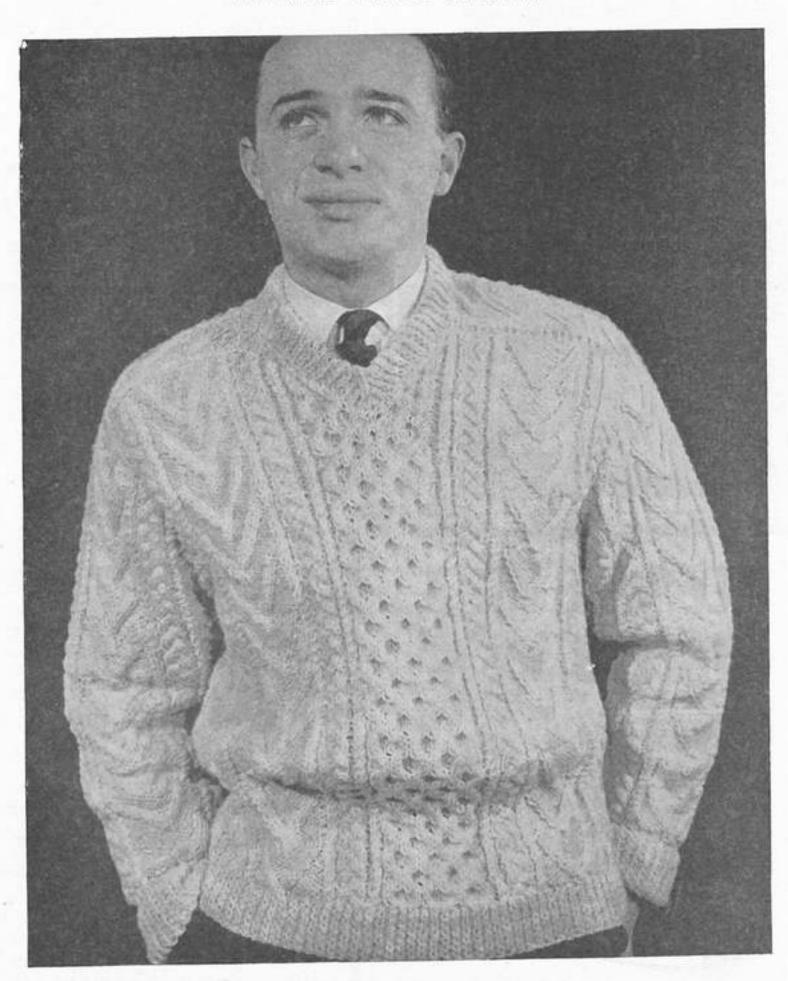
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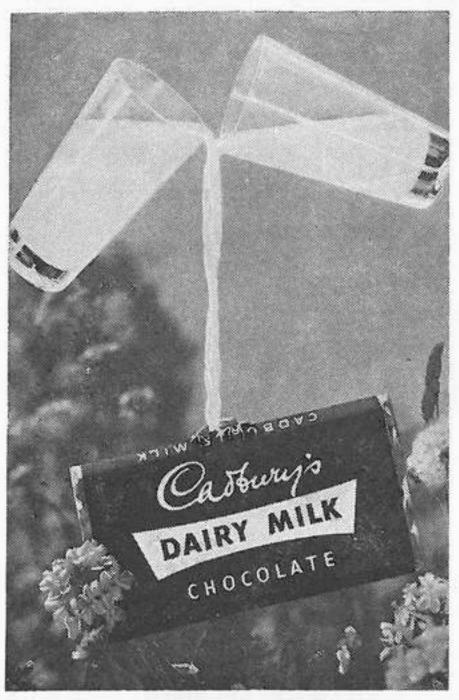
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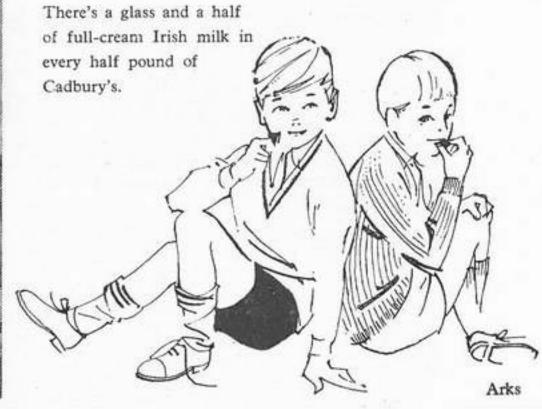
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## PLAYERS AND THE PRESS

BY TONY WALL Tipperary's Centre half-back

**S**O many aspects of sport in general, and Gaelic games in particular, are matters of opinion that I often wonder how sports writers can be so dogmatic. We have only to listen to rival supporters discussing the merits of their heroes to realise that all judgments are coloured by prejudices and loyalties.

How then can scribes be so emphatic in their con-

demnations and adamant in their judgments?

I suppose the answer lies in their nature of journalism. The press thrives on sensation and it is the job of the reporter to provide it. There always has to be a star and a "man of the match".

So one player, who is playing just that bit better than his fellows, is picked out as the star. These top class performances last for two, three, four and maybe even more games.

Suddenly, we have a giant. He is "one of the greats". Magnificent, marvellous, scintillating. These are some of

the adjectives used to describe his performances.

Then, just as quickly, his form begins to deteriorate just that little bit. He may have worries in his job. Some near relative may be ill. He may have a troublesome injury or be slightly run down.

#### The Vultures Feast

Now, instead of winning six out of ten tussles he only wins four. Instead of the ball sailing between the posts every time he shoots, it curls away, inches wide.

Now see the vultures hasten to feast on the fallen idol. "His shooting was erratic". "He is not the player he was". "He was leaden-footed". "He was not even trying". "He is not worth his place anymore".

His actual performances may have deteriorated only a little—from above average to just below average—but his rating has gone from fabulous to downright bad.

The first rating may have been undeserved, but the

second is completely unfair.

Of course, I would not feel so hot about this except for the tendency of everyone, even the most discerning, to believe everything they see in print.

And so we have comments like: "John X had a bad game again last Sunday. He is finished. I read in the

paper".

It is not realised that this opinion in the paper was that of one individual, writing from the unassailable security of the press box. The selectors, the spectators or even the other reporters may not agree, but the playing reputation of one man is blackened in the eyes of a large public by the opinion of one individual who may or may not be a competent judge.

Constant criticism in the papers affects players differently. Some get angry and go out to show their true worth.

Some get fed up and retire.

I know of one very prominent player of a few years ago who himself came to believe in the criticism of his own displays, retired from the inter-county scene as a result, but continued to turn in superb performances for his club, especially when marking other inter-county men.

His self-confidence had been undermined by constant

ill-informed criticism.

#### Complete Contrast

In complete contrast we all know cases of young players lauded to the skies in their late 'teens or early twenties by the papers.

Time and again they fail to live up to their early reputations. More often than not their early reputations were

false, built by the undiscerning press.

It can be said that no harm has been done, but who is to say what damage has occurred in developing personalties?

And now that I am in such a complaining mood I will voice another crib about the press. This is against the practice of sometimes printing anonymous letters, which criticise players, often in the most vindictive fashion.

You know the style: "John X is not anything as good as he is supposed to be at all. Our Jim beat him for every ball in last year's semi-final. He should retire now and take up tiddlywinks".

Most of these letters are written by bigoted cranks and how any responsible paper prints then I fail to fathom. On second thoughts, however, the reason is quite plain.

This type of thing is good for circulation. The statements in these letters are so obviously prejudiced that they will draw attention and comment.

Any publicity is good publicity. The paper concerned gets a dozen letters in rebuttal. A few more papers are sold; the editor is happy, the columnist is twice as happy,

but no thought is spared for the feelings of the player concerned.

After all, he is being well paid !!!

## KILKENNY UPSET

#### By Dominick Davin

EARLY in the year, around the time Kilkenny and Tipperary met in the National Hurling League at Thurles, I was down in South Kilkenny and of course, when business was done, the talk, as it always does in that part of the world, turned to hurling.

The Kilkenny folk down there, I discovered, were not at all discouraged by that defeat at Thurles. They felt their side had done reasonably well, and everywhere I went I found complete confidence about the future in the minds of those Kilkennymen.

Everywhere their theme was the same: 'Look at what we have coming up" they said, "from the minors of the past few years. In two years time we will talk to any county in Ireland". That was their constant and confident prophesy.

So I went back to Dublin and told anyone who asked me about hurling prospects that Kilkenny would be team-building in 1963 and that, while they might prove a menace to all and sundry, they were, so to speak, only on a trial run.

#### Surprised Us

The first time we got a look at the Noremen in competition was against Wexford in the Leinster semi-final at Croke Park, and what we saw that day surprised a lot of us. I had felt before then that such as Fan Larkin and blond Tom Walsh were a bit too young and too green yet for top-class hurling. But I changed my mind after that day.

There were times in the first half when Kilkenny moved very well indeed, but Wexford always struck back and the Noremen's prospects did not seem all that bright at halftime. Kilkenny brought Cha Whelan on at full-back in the second half, the defence steadied up, and though I thought Wexford played better in that second period than they did in the first, it was Kilkenny who remained the more effective force and who snatched the winning goal in as exciting a finish as any hurling fan could wish to see.

Thus Kilkenny were through to the Leinster final, and the general anticipation was that they would have little difficulty in beating Dublin.

But Kilkenny were very hardpressed and very hard-run by the unfancied Dubliners that day, so much so indeed that the general opinion was that they would not have much chance of halting whatever team came out of Munster.

#### Lost Their Edge

Yet, I was at the Munster final and I came away rather thoughtful. Waterford had won, but they did not strike me as being the power they had been when beating Tipperary in the League final.

The hard facts, as I saw them, were that Waterford had lost something of their edge, and that Tipperary would have beaten them in Limerick if the Tipp forwards had been able to shoot at all.

In the second place, Waterford had been hard-pressed to beat Wexford in two vital League games earlier in the year, and I reckoned that the Wexford team which lost to Kilkenny in the championship was a better side than that which lost to Waterford in the League.

Besides, I found that the Dublin hurlers were confident of a Kilkenny victory and the reasons they gave were that they themselves had trained harder and played better than in any game since the 1961 final and yet had to give best to the Noresiders.

Still, Kilkenny went into the All-Ireland final as outsiders, and very much the outsiders at that. Most followers of the game believed that the Kilkenny defence could not hold the Waterford attack; that Kilkenny, even though they had switched Sean Clohosey to midfield, would not even break even in this sector, and that, though the fast Kilkenny forwards might snatch a share of scores, they would never get enough to sway the issue.

For ten minutes the trend of the final seemed to bear all this out, and then, inspired by a fortunate goal, Kilkenny cut loose. They raced to a commanding half-time lead, extended it in the second half and then, with Eddie Keher in superb form, kept picking off the points that not all Waterford's gallant second-half goal-rush could wipe out.

Against all the odds and all the expectations Kilkenny had won their fifteenth senior title.

Why did they win it? I would say in the first place because they went out on the field inspired by the kind of hope that is even better than confidence.

They had beaten Waterford in a challenge match a couple of months before and felt they could do it again. They did.

#### **Tremendous Boost**

In addition, to get the nerves out of their systems, they were sent out for a lively ten-minute puck-about and warm-up. For a young team that was a great help.

Secondly, they got a tremendous boost immediately after the throw-in when Waterford broke away and Ollie Walsh saved and cleared with a confidence that you could almost see inspiring the young members of the side.

Thirdly, Sean Clohosey and Paddy

## ALL CALCULATIONS

Moran held the whip hand through most of the hour at midfield. Clohosey, in particular, kept bobbing up time and again to hit the telling ball that either halted a Waterford move, or started a Kilkenny one.

And of course the speedy Kilkenny forwards, particularly Tom Walsh and Tom Murphy, caught the Waterford backs for speed time and time again. And always Keher was moving in and out in the attack, and wherever he went his shooting, either from frees or from play, was deadly.

Yet, when all was said and done, was there a more effective trio on the field than the Kilkenny half-back line, who held solid from start to stop and who could only shoulder the blame for two of the six Waterford goals?

Ted Carroll held the centre all through the hour in that unobtrusive way of his. Rarely a really long clearance, never a spectacular one, but he was always there, solid, stocky, the essence of reliability.

#### Inspiring Leader

On his left Martin Coogan turned in a tremendous hour of hard work, while on the right the polished Seamus Cleere had one of his greatest hours (though not as wonderful, maybe, as in the game against Wexford), his two long-range points were gems and came when badly needed, and he was an inspiring captain.

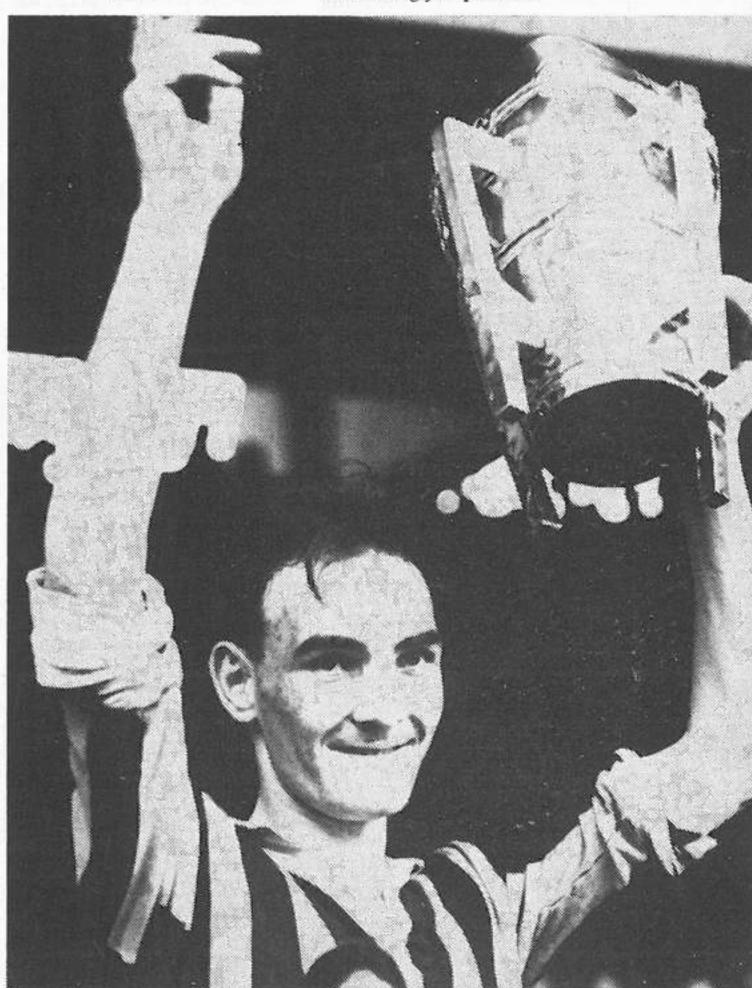
The accuracy of Keher, the speed and dash of Tom Walsh, the polish of Cleere, the soundness of Carroll, the hard-work of Coogan, the coolness of Murphy, the first and last saves by Ollie and the speed and dash of the whole side will be remembered as long as hurling is played in Kilkenny.

I think one of the chief reasons that Kilkenny will relish this All-Ireland success above all others was that it came in a year in which not a great deal was expected from the wearers of the black and amber.

"Two years from now" they had told me early in the season. Well, the men who weren't to be ready for two more years went out and won the

 PROUD MOMENT . . . Seamus Cleere, the Kilkenny captain, holds the McCarthy Cup aloft after the All-Ireland final. All-Ireland, and the year of Keher's fourteen points will be treasured for ever in Noreside hurling memory.

But one wonders would victory have come so soon but for the inspiration provided by the men on the sidelines, Nick Purcell, Paddy Grace, Jim Langton, Bob Aylward, and, of course, Father Tom Maher, who retains as trainer his remarkable ability for inspiring his charges to achieve the seemingly impossible.



## SPOTLIGHT

#### BY DEASUIN MacCOILIGH

say that a most satisfactory year of progress without any exceptions would be a fair summary of Gaelic games in the North, Ulster collected her seventh Railway Cup in football with a well-merited victory over Leinster and that was the only major honour to cross the border.

In my opinion, the standard of football in the province has fallen during the past few seasons. Making due allowance for the fact that during the last three years, Down had set a very high level, not only in the North but throughout the country, one must admit that the Ulster championship of 1963 lacked the sparkle and class we had come to expect in recent years.

The Ulster final was one of the poorest seen for a long time and a lack-lustre Down had little difficulty in disposing of a resurgent Donegal side that clearly needed big game experience.

The men from the Mournes fell heavily to subsequent All-Ireland winners, Dublin in a game that fully exposed the limitations of the Ulster champions.

Recent games in the Lagan Cup have shown a remarkable levelling off in the all-round standard of the counties concerned. One can safely say that all nine Ulster counties are almost on par, a situation that makes the 1964 situation ripe for shock results

#### Heartening

It is indeed very heartening to see Fermanagh, once the chopping block of all the Northern counties, now sitting unbeaten on top of their division in the Lagan Cup. The final play-off in this competition may well see a new face representing Ulster in the National League.

In a brief survey of progress and prospects in each county, I think that on merit alone Fermanagh comes first.

After a very lean spell, the Maguire

County has found a nice blend of youth and experience and their fighting spirit has welded them into a team of distinct promise which is unbeaten so far in the Lagan Cup, surely a fine achievement for a county where emigration has caused a drop of over 2,000 in the population during the past few years.

Their dazzling full-forward, P. T. Treacy, delighted the Railway Cup fans at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day when he spearheaded a great Ulster victory and became the first Fermanagh player to win a Railway Cup medal on the field.

The reconstruction of St. Molaise Park, Irvinestown at a cost of over £10,000 was a tremendous project. This stadium has already been reopened and is now classed as one of the finest parks in the country. When fully terraced it will hold between 35,000 to 40,000 spectators, with a special car park in the grounds for nearly 1,000 cars.

The reserved enclosure, when completed, will seat up to 8,000 specta-

#### **Enterprising**

The St. Molaise Park Committee deserve every credit for their fine courage and enterprise to shoulder such a gigantic task. With every Gael in the county behind them, I am confident that the debt involved will soon be cleared away.

Fermanagh can feel justly proud of her progress in the past year.

It has been a year of ups and downs for Donegal, another of the weaker counties. For the first time the wearers of the green and gold reached the Ulster senior final.

Defeat was their lot, but back they came to win the Dr. McKenna Cup for the first time, and although they have had a most disappointing spell in the Lagan Cup, I feel they will be a formidable force next season.

Under the wise guidance of former Ulster and Cavan star, Columba McDyer, they are one of the fittest teams in the province, but they sadly lack a leader in attack with the inspiration of a James McCartan or a Sean O'Connell.

Never before has Donegal been so rich in talent. It has produced powerful minor teams for the past few years so results must come very soon for the men of Tir Chonaill.

#### Reconstructing

Down, the present Ulster champions, are one of the most progressive counties in Gaeldom.

Their long-term plan of team building, drawn up by Brian Denvir and faithfully carried out by Maurice Hayes, produced one of the greatest teams in the history of the game and won two All-Irelands.

They are passing through a reconstruction period at present, carefully seeking the ideal blend so necessary to carry on the high standard of football produced in 1960 and '61.

Down have shaken the cobwebs from the old pillars of the G.A.A. by the most modern approach to the game seen for a long time. They have produced a scientific style of play, planned moves, practised team-work and co-ordination that thrilled thousands of fans.

Modern training methods, track suits, V.I.P. treatment for players, such as travelling by air to play in their own country, stamps these Down men as very enterprising.

The production of a monthly magazine called "The Downman" shows that social progress has not been neglected. Let us hope, however, that the amateur status of the G.A.A. will always be carefully respected.

#### Returning

After a quiet start to the year Derry have come back into the limelight.

## ON ULSTER

They are Lagan Cup specialists and proved that when Down were at their peak, Derry could match them in football ability and skill.

Selectors may wisely have decided to stop chopping and changing the present Derry side and give it a chance to settle down.

Mention must be made of the miserable state of Gaelic games in the Maiden City. It is indeed hard to realise that a city of nearly 60,000 people cannot field one senior football team.

When I inquired into the state of the G.A.A. in Derry city, I found the general attitue was: "Remove the ban and we will play for you."

Derry City G.A.A. officials are doing their best in the circumstances, but I say: Let them take their courage in their hands, build a good foundation and clean up this mess.

Strong, firm leadership will win the respect and admiration of all. A milk and water attitude can only do harm and create ill-will.

#### Lacking

What is really wrong with Armagh? After a very quite season which showed a lack of first-class forwards throughout the county, the Armagh mentors have a busy time ahead.

Club football reached a very high standard and the defeat of Crossmaglen Rangers by Lurgan Clan Eireann in the county senior football championship final was the highlight of the year. Clan Eireann had reached the final for the fourth successive year and well deserved to win after losing the three previous deciders.

Blackwatertown, who have dominated the Camogie scene with fourteen senior titles, also bit the dust to a keen young Madden team that went into the final against Portadown.

Armagh Harps Club are making an all-out effort to install new seating in the Athletic Grounds, Armagh, a very popular venue. The county hurling team had mixed luck this season, defeating Down juniors but losing to Antrim.

#### Floodlighting?

Antrim's contribution to the G.A.A. is much greater than many are led to believe. Still Ulster's stronghold of hurling, the county juniors lost the All-Ireland final to a strong London team.

In the world of camogie we find Antrim figuring in yet another final against Dublin, the eventual winners.

In senior football the Glensmen have been steadily improving, without finding that electrifying spark that lifts a team from mediocrity to stardom.

Work is now in progress on a new park at Portglenone, the first new stadium outside Belfast, while the question of floodlighting Casement Park may soon become a reality.

Why not bring Cavan back into the fold and have them compete in the Lagan Cup? The men of Breffni have had, for them, a quiet season. New blood must be found and soon.

The purchase of the old Showgrounds by Cavan Gaels was a fine achievement. Before Breffni Park was built all Cavan's games were played on this ground, and many players of the past ruefully remembered vain efforts against the men in blue in bygone years at the Showgrounds.

#### **Improving**

Monaghan has had a bad season on the field but the standard of club football has shown a welcome improvement.

A big step forward has been taken by Monaghan County Board, who have organised a schools competition in hurling. Such a move deserves every support, as only by starting in the schools can hurling make progress in the North.

The return of Omagh St. Endas as Tyrone senior champions may mark a new era in the O'Neill county.

When Omagh were on top in the early '50's, Tyrone produced a magnificent football team. Perhaps the tide is turning for the wearers of the Red Hand.

I hope I will be forgiven when I state that Ulster's greatest progress has been in the wonderful organisation of the schools throughout the province.

Colleges had been well catered for but the Voluntary Intermediate Schools Competition, now in full swing for the past few years, has been a magnificent effort on behalf of all concerned.

Down set the pace in 1958 by taking a keen interest in Intermediate schools and in recent years the Down County Board has given grants up to £100, as well as £20 to each school as a first entry grant. Each school has also been presented with 40 hurleys, and good progress has been reported here.

The province is divided into five divisions in charge of a provincial committee. John Sheehan (Down) is chairman; Dinny McKeever (Derry) is vice-chairman; Donal Donnelly (Tyrone), secretary and Bro. Faughanan (Fermanagh), treasurer.

This committee received a grant of £600 from the Ulster Council, of which £100 was to be spent on the organisation of hurling. Up to 30 teams took part last season, and with such men as Sean O'Connell and Leo O'Neill (Derry), Colm O'Neill and Sean Lennon (Down), Malachy Mahon and Gabriel Brock (Fermanagh) and Arthur McGory (Tyrone) at the helm of their respective divisions the youth of Ulster is being well looked after.

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## The Dreams of a College Player

By JACK MAHON, (former Galway All-Ireland footballer)

THE seconds tick S-L-O-W-L-Y by. I cannot go to sleep, hard though I try. All around me, my classmates in our Secondary School dormitory, are sound asleep.

I envy them their bliss, especially the boy in the corner, who snores so loudly, when he, too, should be awake like me. You see, he is going to be my midfield partner in to-morrow's Provincial Colleges' senior football final.

I wish it were morning, when I could at least talk to somebody. If only the bell for rising-that ofthated sound-would ring and set the lifeless college in motion again.

I may as well try some ruse other than counting sheep to get me to sleep. Already to-night I have played tomorrow's game at least a dozen times and I always end up scoring the winning point with seconds left to play.

All the students in the college are travelling by special train to see us play. They are great supporters and will hold their own with the rival followers.

The papers say we will win, but we are always told never to heed "those newspaper men." Sure they are more often wrong than right!

So this is what the famous "butterflies" are. Still no sleep.

#### Enthusiastic

I see myself entering the college gates as a raw enthusiastic first year in great admiration of the big senior students, especially the star footballers among them. How huge they seemed. Do I appear so big to the first year boys of to-day?

How I looked forward to our games on minor fields-thats what we called the smaller field where first years and second years only played-and the big thrill it was to have some members of the senior team deign to watch us and honour us with their presence.

Like every other student, I very soon became a fanatical supporter of our senior team and looked forward to the days when they would be in action against other colleges,

If we were lucky enough to have a home venue, we looked ahead all the more and waited patiently to see what the "enemy" looked like, as they

game.

On all these days, the team members sported their Sunday best, but this was not necessary to identify the heroes of the day as they were subjected to numerous enquiries as to their well being from their legion of admirers among the senior students.

We first years would not dare to address our elders. That made us admire them all the more.

#### Waited Patiently

If our team were engaged at an away venue, we waited oh-so-patiently to hear the knock on the study-hall door-the whisper at the door-the result. If a win, then thunderous applause-news of a defeat was greeted in cold silence.

There followed the homecoming and the many "sgeals", every one of which we believed.

Defeat brought with it an aura of dejection and depression, which engulfed the whole college for days. The worst one of all to take was a first round defeat. This was a very bitter pill to swallow.

How would we ever while away the long days until Christmas? Thank God we got over a very difficult first round game this year. STILL NO

Other memories follow. All through my early years I looked forward to the day when I too would wear the beloved jersey of our college. The names of many former teams adorn the back pages of all my text books. Modesty keeps me from entering this years side, but I swell with pride when I see it printed on my pals books.

So here I am in my senior year on the night before the Provincial final. I have made it this far, but to-morrow

dined in our refectory before the is the big day. I hope I do not let the college down.

> Our trainer is the best there is. He has been with us right through the year and never missed a training session. Even the snow did not stop

I expect he is awake to-night too. We will win this game for HIM. How we looked forward to his pep-talks. His final one last evening in the senior classroom was his best.

What was it new he would say this time, we wondered. His inspiration on this occasion was that we were the only senior team he trained that did not contain a member of the previous year's senior side.

He reminded us that if we won, this particular boast would always be a common bond between us in the years ahead, whether we lived in Thurles, San Francisco or Geneva. That did it.

We left that classroom determined to have that common bond. It must be near bell time.

I think of our captain—a very worthy choice and a son of Kerry.

Yesterday he told me his parents were travelling the long road from Dingle for the game. I wonder has he his victory speech prepared. We will see he gets that cup.

My own father, too, is coming to the game. He seldom praises, often criticises me but, nevertheless, I know he is always there behind me. I will do my best for him, too.

Then there is myself. Ever since I came to the college I have made it my ambition to play on a title-winning side. Thus far-I must not fall at the very last hurdle. I will do my best. I will . . . . the blessed bell at L-O-N-G L-A-S-T.

THE Gaelic Athletic Association is the world's greatest amateur sporting organisation, yet, it has shortcomings which, if remedied, would make it still more attractive for those who have the pleasure and privilege of membership.

That word "membership" brings to the front the first flaw in the set-up. No proper definition as regards membership of the G.A.A, is available and nobody could estimate within many thousands the actual number who regard themselves as belonging to the Association.

This suggests a looseness in organisation that should not be tolerated in any worthwhile body, and some serious effort should be made to remedy the situation without further

delay.

The Central Council should compile a national register of members, each adult being required to contribute, say, one shilling per year, with sixpence per under-age member, in return for which all whereast up would be issued with a membership eard, that would act as proof of registration—and incidentally do away with many silly objections on this score.

The proceeds from the sale of the cards would be fairly substantial and could go to the Accident Fund, to help injured players.

#### More Members

I believe very many other than players would be keen on taking out membership cards and be proud to be associated with such a great national sporting organisation that has done immense good for our country.

It would be a means, too, of closing another gap, the very painful one of the loss of so many fine exponents and members once their playing days are over

At present only the few remain in membership, the real enthusiasts who, by helping in club or board administration, strive to repay for the pleasure they got out of playing the games.

Some of these give wonderful and devoted service, but they are only a very small fraction of the many who graced the playing fields in other days.

The enlargement and regularisation of membership should be accompanied by a determined effort to put every club on a sound and active basis, ready to play its full part in every aspect of the Association's work.

#### Serious Loss

There is no other organisation in Ireland that can claim anything like the huge ramifications of the G.A.A. with branches in almost every parish, and it is a serious loss to the ideals of the Association that this huge reservoir of such wonderful potential

for all, young and old, who value the ancient traditions of our country.

The Divisional Boards are the unifying body for the bulk of our clubs, but the majority of these appear to think that their only function is the organisation of a few championship competitions each season.

They never seem to worry concerning the welfare of the clubs. Only in rare cases do we sense any anxiety about one that might be in difficulties,

# Where The G.A.A. Lags

BY SEAMUS O CEALLAIGH

for the national good is not better organised and directed.

Busybodies and people opposed to the national aims of the Association are regularly attacking every aspect of G.A.A. activity and administration, and it is a pity that the Association is not better geared through its clubs to deal with such attacks, and demonstrate to the general public the weight of opinion backing the Association's viewpoint.

The G.A.A. nature of organisation could hardly be bettered. The club is the basic unit, and the parish its natural centre.

It has been truly said that the parish without its G.A.A. club is like the home without the mother. There the likeness ends, however, for while the mother is the be all and end all of very many homes, our clubs, unfortunately do not in all too many instances take the place they should in

the parish.

#### **Binding Force**

The club must be what its founders intended it—the rallying point for the youth of its area and the binding force

and no effort is made to revive interest in places where it may have lapsed.

The County Boards are no better, and it is the exception rather than the rule for these to take an interest in club organisation or performance, except in regard to actual participation in championship competitions.

The Provincial Councils strike me as the ideal spearheads for an organisational drive. They are practically idle for two thirds of the year and could very profitably spend that period gingering up the clubs and drafting a programme designed to coordinate work in the area and make it really effective.

#### Too Unwieldly

The Central Council as now constituted is too unwieldy, and it does not meet often enough anyway. Meetings are long drawn out affairs with a lot of irrelevant talk and very little action. A much smaller body meeting, say, every month would do far more effective work.

The national side of the Association's activities is not stressed enough,

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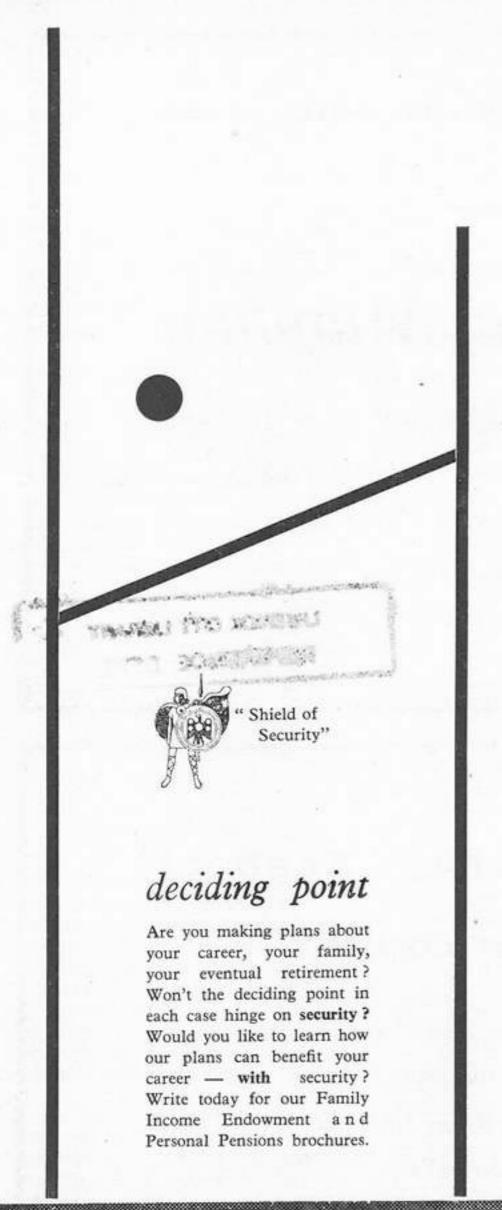
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WAS 1963 a great hurling year? I am afraid I cannot give the twelve months past that accolade, but 1963 did at least provide us with plenty of enjoyable hurling at top level, and with a few really memorable games. And what more can any hurling fan wish for?

Of course, the season got off to a bad start, for the frost and snow not only held up games but held up practice during the spring, with the result that hurling in the early months of the year, even when it was possible,

was often sub-standard.

The first 'big' game was the Railway Cup hurling final on St. Patrick's Day, which ended in a draw between Munster and Leinster. By all the rules this should have been a thrilling game, but, somehow it failed to thrill me. There was far too much missing, far too much faulty striking, and far too little fitness among the players.

I know it was early in the year and that we had a bad and late winter, but men selected for provincial sides should have sufficient pride in their province to see that they had whipped themselves into shape beforehand.

This was a game that Munster seemed to have won more than once in the first three-quarters of an hour or so, but a game that Leinster threw away in the dying minutes, when they missed more than one easy chance of the winning score.

The replay on Easter Sunday was hard-fought enough, and yet the standard of hurling was not great. Munster deserved their victory, and reminded us once again of the fact that Munster sides are rarely, if ever, beaten in replays.

## Last Appearance

Most notable fact about this game, however, was that it may have marked the last appearance of the inimitable Christy Ring, not alone on a Munster side, but also his final appearance in Croke Park.

Christy was injured early on—it seemed to me in a collision with a team-mate—and has played only a couple of matches since then. Indeed, he has not played a game now for several months and it would seem likely that the great maestro from Cloyne is contemplating retirement, though he has issued no statement as yet.

If so, Easter Sunday 1963, his last Croke Park appearance will indeed be a day of note through all the year's

## HURLING

## REVIEW

### BY MOONDHARRIG

to come in the annals of Gaeldom.

The League campaign had been rather delayed, not that such a delay meant a great deal, for the final really rested on two matches, those between Kilkenny and Tipperary in one sector and Waterford and Wexford in the other.

In the first game, at Thurles, Tipperary ended the ambitions of the 1962 title-holders, Kilkenny, who nevertheless put up a stout show that should have warned us of greater things to come.

## Hard-Fought

Wexford had to beat Waterford to qualify for the final. They failed to do, and were beaten again by the Decies

 TWO STAR HURLERS—An unusual picture of Wexford's Nick O'Donnell and Padge Kehoe shows them as umpires in the county senior hurling final between Oylegate-Glenbrien and Horeswood. In goal is Horeswood's Jim Murphy. men in another close and hard-fought encounter, the play-off at Kilkenny.

Waterford then met Galway in the semi-final, and Galway gave one of their best displays of the year in holding the rampant Munstermen for much of the hour before giving best.

So there we were then with Tipperary and Waterford in the final. And what a scintillating hour they gave us at Croke Park! Not as good a game through the hour, perhaps, as their epic clash in the Oireachtas final of the previous October, but heartstirring hurling, especially as Waterford battled back in quest of victory in the second half.

The last quarter was as tense a struggle as ever I have seen on a hurling field, and it was the long-striking of Martin Og Morrissey, the devastating hurling of Tom Cheasty and above all the tireless dash and amazing accuracy of the seemingly

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## KERRY'S FINE ACHIEVEMENTS

ALL-IRELAND minor and junior football champions, and beaten semi-finalists in the senior grade! That is Kerry's fine achievement as we look back on the season just ended . . . a season that has provided the biggest number of shock results for many a year—shocks like the defeat of Kerry by unsung Galway; Tipperary's exit from the hurling championship, only to see them return to whack their successors on the throne, Kilkenny. There were numerous other upsets, too numerous to list here.

But as this piece is meant to turn the spotlight on Kerry's accomplishments, let us look back and see if we can discover the reasons for their memorable triumphs in the minor and junior grade and their eclipse in the race

for senior honours.

Well, of course, one of the most striking things about the success of the Kerry minors was the fact that the team included no less than half of the team that brought the title to the Kingdom in 1962.

When Kerry opened their campaign against Limerick in May they looked anything but champions. But as the campaign progressed so also did the teamwork and natural

ability of the Kerry boys.

## **Experience And Enthusiasm**

The experience of previous medal-winners, Seamus Fitzgerald, Seanie and Bruddy Burrows, Gerry McCarthy, Denis O'Sullivan and indestructible Tony Barrett, and the enthusiasm and dedication of such up-and-coming stars as Tom O'Callaghan, Tom O'Shea, Georgie Curran, Tommy O'Hanlon, John Saunders and Henry McKinney overcame the best that Clare, Cork (after a replay) and Mayo had to offer.

Then in the much-publicised All-Ireland final Kerry, without stars Barrett and O'Callaghan, now both clerical students, turned in their greatest performance of all when they riddled and shattered the reputedly "unbeatable" Westmeath football machine. That surely was one of the

really great days in Kerry's football calendar.

Less spectacular, perhaps, but nonetheless noteworthy was the sweeping success of Kerry's junior footballers. They showed all the football skill and wiles in notching their six victories that brought them the Independent Newspapers trophy . . . the first time Kerry had won the junior crown since 1954 and the ninth time in all.

## **Showed Improvement**

Like the minors, they, too, failed to impress in their early outings. They looked a very mediocre side against Clare and Cork; showed some improvement against Limerick in the Munster final and against a sub-standard Antrim in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Then in the "Home" final at Waterford against a ruggedly determined Wexford, the Kingdom men showed just what gritty championship battlers they were, as they took the best the Leinster title-holders had to offer and held on in a pulse-stirring finish for a three-point victory.

Then they crossed to Manchester's White City Stadium to meet the might of Lancashire—the British standard-bearers—in the final proper on the first Sunday in October. Despite the lasting rain that made a mockery of attempts to play copy-book football, both teams played their hearts out.

Lancashire led by a point at the interval and then a "dream" goal within two minutes of the restart looked like the end for Kerry.

But the 5,000 exiles who were preparing for a "home" win were rudely and unceremoniously jolted by a resurgent Kerry fifteen, inspired by a spectacular Jerdie O'Connor in the middle of the field.

Ace opportunist Dominic O'Donnell lashed the ball to the net in the 41st minute and when O'Connor careered through the field and hammered home another goal Kerry

were on the victory trail.

Lancashire had a chance to gain a replay but Listowelborn goalkeeper, Tony Guerin, saved brilliantly from a last-minute penalty and the title was once more bound for the Kingdom.

## John Mitchel's Men

Personally, I attribute a large share of the credit for Kerry's junior triumph to the fact that thoughout the campaign there were more than half a dozen of the John Mitchels team in the line-out.

Five-in-a-row Kerry champions, Mitchels provided the back-bone of the Kerry junior team, and men like Paddy Sayers, Mickie Morris, Brian Sheehy, Harry Burke, Derry O'Shea, Teddy Dowd and Dominic O'Donnell played no small part in helping eclipse the best teams in the grade.

In fact, ace forwards O'Shea and O'Donnell, and to a lesser extent Dowd, were prime architects of victory.

The downfall of champions, Kerry in the senior championship semi-final to old rivals, Galway, was one of the biggest upsets in any sport during the year. Having already broken the Down "hoodoo" in winning a thrill-a-minute National League Home final in May, Kerry had once more sailed through the Munster championship, despite a gallant, stout-hearted bid by Cork in the final at Killarney.

Then on to the semi-final, which was only regarded by the majority of Kerry followers, as a mere stepping-stone

to another tilt with Dublin or Down.

But as the Kerry team paraded round Croke Park on that first Sunday in August none but a few in the crowd were prepared for the shocks that were to follow. They

## REVIEWED BY EAMONN HOURIGAN

saw the Kerry backs throw up an iron-shod barrier and they refused to let the Connacht men play the type of football they wanted.

## **Hopeless Shooting**

However, even in the first half, it was as plain as night follows day that the Achilles Heel of the side was the attack. Applause-winning, pattern-weaving movements all went for nothing as the spendthrift Kerry attackers shot hopelessly wide from every possible angle. In the first half the registered no fewer than eleven wides.

Kerry led at half-time by three points and there was still no reason for alarm. We thought: ah, well, every team is hit sooner or later by a bout of slackness, and the malady will have gone in the second half. But not a bit of it!

A toiling Kerry clung precariously to their lead. When big Tim Lyons was carried off injured within minutes of the restart Kerry's hopes had been dealt a deadly body blow.

The subsequent reorganisation failed to bring the desired results and the Kerry men found themselves being caught more and more in the tide of a resurgent Galway.

The Kerry forwards never looked like clicking in that tormenting second half, which saw Galway put in a grandstand finish as they dramatically drew level with ninety seconds to go.

Kerry lucky to escape with a draw, we thought. But Galway had different ideas, as flying Seamus Leydon hoodwinked the defence twice in the dying seconds to whip over two points that ended Kerry's reign as champions and handed them their first defeat in fourteen months.

## Selectors At Fault

Obviously, the selectors must take a large share of the blame for persevering with an attack that was all at sea from an early stage. In fact, the one man who might have proved a matchsaver, Bernie O'Callaghan, was taken out of the game at half time after a lean spell.

But O'Callaghan is such an opportunist and so elusive that he may well have been the man who would have turned at least one of the many chances presented to the forwards into a winning goal.

Then there was speed merchant Derry O'Shea, currently rated one of the best forwards in the game. Had he been in the Kingdom attack that day would Kerry have lost so humiliatingly? The general consensus of opinion is that they would not. I feel inclined to agree.

Of course, talk will forever centre around the display of mercurial Mick O'Connell . . . the greatest enigma in Gaelic sport to-day. Had he been in the mood Kerry would almost certainly be still All-Ireland champions.

But that's sport!

## New York's Trainer



• MIKE (Nipper) GEELIN who came to Ireland this year with the New York party. Trainer of New York football teams for the past nine years, Mike is a native of Mohill and emigrated in 1927.

Now 60, he played for Leitrim teams both in Ireland and New York and did not retire from the football fields until he was 46.

A motor mechanic by profession, Mike Geelin is an expert on physical fitness and has written a pamphlet on the subject. At present he trains the Galway football side in New York.

### I.N.T.O.

## BUY IRISH

The Central Executive Committee of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation appeal to members of the Organisation to give their maximum support to the campaign "Buy Irish" initiated by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and urge them by talks to their pupils, to bring the importance of buying Irish Goods to the notice of their parents.

D. J. KELLEHER,

General Secretary.

# Wexford's First Minor Crown By PAT QUIGLEY

ised one of their greatest ambitions by winning their first All-Ireland minor title. It had been one of the almost inexplicable truths of hurling history that the Slaneysiders had previously failed to win even a provincial title in this grade.

At the beginning of this year's campaign few gave Wexford a chance of gaining All-Ireland honours. Indeed, very few fancied their chances of winning through Leinster. To many, the season's fruits would in the end be the bitter taste of defeat. How wrong they were!

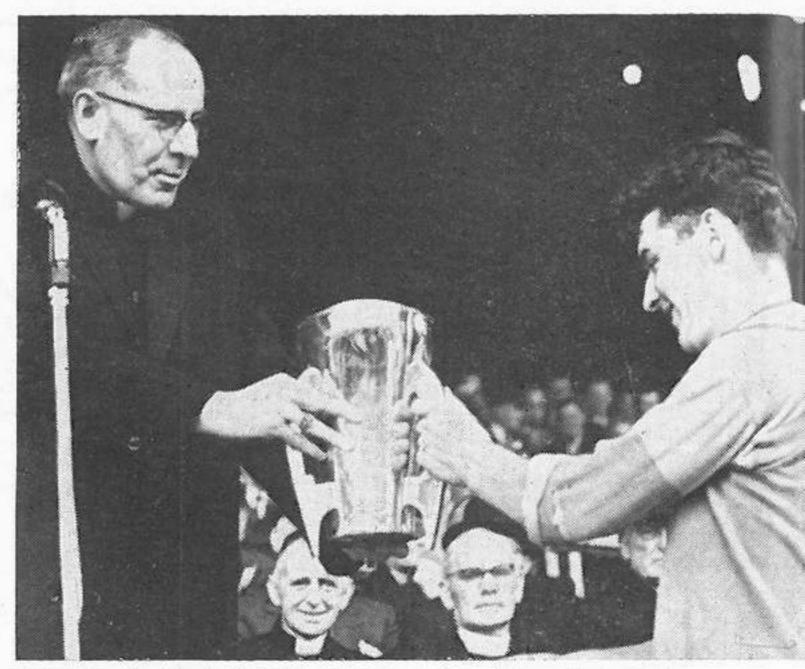
In Wexford itself, hurling followers had no great confidence in the side. They felt they had a well-balanced team which was back-boned by players who had won All-Ireland Colleges medals with St. Peter's College.

## First Game

In their first game, with Laois, the boys of Wexford did not display ability out of the ordinary in the first quarter. During that period Laois experienced little difficulty in scoring against an unsettled Wexford defence and ran up a lead of 2-2 to 0-1.

It was only when the Wexford selectors switched captain Willie Bernie to midfield that the Slaney boys came into the game. This switch seemed to instil great life into the Wexford side and they went on to win convincingly.

Even the most ardent Wexford follower had little hope of victory



• Most Rev. Dr. Morris, Archbishop of Cashel, presents the Irish Press Cup to Wexford captain Willie Bernie after the All-Ireland final.

had a demoralising effect on the team.

when the team took the field against All-Ireland champions Kilkenny in the Leinster final. For many years, Wexford minor sides had failed to the Noresiders, in some instances being beaten by teams no better than themselves.

In fact, Wexford had been suffering from an inferiority complex where Kilkenny minors were concerned and once they were led by the boys in black and amber seemed to collapse and surrender without any fight.

However, in the first half of this year's Leinster final it was Wexford who set the pace. They played far better hurling and the half-time score of 5-4 to 1-3 in their favour was a fair reflection of the play. Instead of winning comfortably, however, they had to battle hard in the second half and eventually held out by two points.

When Wexford lost Willie Bernie soon after the resumption Kilkenny came into the game with a vengeance and looked like winning. It was a cruel blow to Wexford to lose their captain and star midfielder and it

## Deserving

They seemed to lose all sense of urgency and Kilkenny capitalised on their mistakes to narrow the gap slowly but surely. But with dogged determination the Slaneysiders held out and fought back to score the final point of the hour to run out deserving winners of their first Leinster title,

For the All-Ireland semi-final against Antrim the Wexford mentors moved Conor Rafferty to midfield to partner Bernie. The game had more than its share of rough play and a player from each side was sent to the line.

Wexford won as convincingly as the margin, 8-14 to 3-1, suggests. By far the bigger side, they had too much hurling ability for Antrim.

Thus Wexford marched into their first All-Ireland final. Their opponents, Limerick, had come through Munster in the manner of champions and were favourites to take the Irish Press Cup.

## **Upset Odds**

However, the Slaneysiders upset the odds in a dull final and won by (Continued on opposite page)

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## Wexford's First Minor

## METROPOLITAN STALWART



• MICKEY WHELAN, one of Dublin's star performers during the year, breaks past the tackle of Galway's Bosco McDermott in the All-Ireland football final.

## Crown

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6-12 to 5-9. The game was marked by poor hurling and loose marking, and the Wexford boys never allowed Limerick to settle down and displayed the crafts which had won them the Munster title.

In goal Liam Byrne, who did an efficient job, was fronted by a hard-hitting full-back line of John Hartley, Michael Nolan and Eamonn O'Connor. Very few easy scores were conceded by this trio.

At half-back John Murphy, Michael Kinsella and Vincent Staples formed a great defensive barrier. All three played their parts nobly throughout the campaign.

The final pairing of Willie Bernie and Conor Rafferty at midfield was a good tactical move. Rafferty played his first game in this sector against Antrim and struck a good understanding with Bernie. They completely blotted out the Limerick pair in the final.

The Wexford forwards shot some great scores during the campaign. At times their play was superior to that of far more skillful attacks. Each boy knew what was expected of him and went about his task with a determination that was sadly lacking in previous Wexford minor sides.

## Trainer's Part

Tony Doran at centre forward distributed the ball very well and made full use of his hurling ability. On the wings Willie Carley and Con Dowdall took their scores well.

Full-forward Seamus Barron struck up a good partnership with Rathnure club-mate Pat Quigley and both made many openings for better placed colleagues. Freddie Swords completed a crafty inside line capable of taking scores from the least possible chances.

Credit must also go to Wexford's trainer, Kilkenny-born Ned Power. A shrewd tactician, he put a tremendous amount of work into the training sessions and I'm sure he was delighted to see his charges win for Wexford the county's first All-Ireland minor title.

The selectors, too, played their parts and helped to form an unbeatable combination.

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ageless Philly Grimes that carried Waterford through, in those wonderful closing minutes, to one of their

greatest triumphs.

It is true that the men from the Decies were not yet, technically, National League champions for they had a rather distant date at Croke Park with New York. But the hurlers in white and blue left the field that May Sunday firm favourites to take both League and championship in their stride.

### Missed Chances

There did not seem to be a team in Ireland to beat them and through the early stages of the championship the only side that seemed to have any great hopes of doing so was Tipperary.

True, Tipperary were not unduly impressive in beating a Ringless Cork side in the Munster semi-final, but those Tipp hurlers usually do well on the Limerick sod, while that same ground had never been too much to

Waterford's liking.

Besides, there was general agreement that Tipperary, in a Munster championship final, would be a far different proposition to anything they

had shown us in the League.

Certainly, for much of the hour and through much of the field, Tippeary had the edge on the Waterford men that day at the Ennis Road, but there is no use having the ball if you can't score, and the Tipp forwards will not want to remember the scores they missed that day.

On the other hand, Philly Grimes was again in deadly form at the other end of the field, with the result that the Waterford lads chalked up their third successive victory over the blue and gold, and thus advanced to the All-Ireland final for the first time since 1959, and there found their neighbours Kilkenny awaiting them.

## Unimpressive

Kilkenny, with a number of newcomers on the side, had begun well by knocking Wexford off their Leinster throne in a desperately close game at Croke Park, but they were far from impressive when defeating Dublin in the Leinster final, for the goalkeeping of Ollie Walsh and the accuracy of Eddie Keher were the secrets of their success that day.

Now their comparatively untried side, with a very suspect defence, was not given a great deal of hope against rampant Waterford in the final.

Through the first quarter, or most of it, it looked as though the prophets were right, and then Kilkenny,—unexpectedly on top at midfield, where Sean Clohosey in his last inter-county game and Paddy Moran proved extremely effective went on a scoring spree that lasted until five minutes or so of the second-half had gone.

By then Waterford were so far in arrears that it seemed as though only a miracle could save the Decies men, but with Grimes again to the fore that miracle almost came to pass.

Six times in all they got the ball past Ollie Walsh, a feat which one would have thought must have won any All-Ireland twice over, but Ollie foiled them of the seventh goal that would have meant victory, and Keher, sniping away accurately from start to stop, had the last of his fourteen points on the call of time to give Kilkenny their fifteenth title.

## **Picking and Poking**

The accurate Keher, the polished captain, Seamus Cleere, and the blond dynamo in attack, young Tom Walsh from Thomastown, were the key-men in Kilkenny's victory, but all did their share, while Philly Grimes again did more than one man's part in trying to pull the Waterford chestnuts out of the fire.

In a unique minor pairing, Wexford won their first title by defeating Limerick, but it must be said that the fare, though exciting, was far from classic, both teams being inordinately fond of picking and poking the leather.

A useful Tipperary side won the Intermediate title for the first time, and London once again foiled Antrim of the junior honours.

In the back-end games, Kilkenny won the Walsh Cup on the Sunday after the All-Ireland at Croke Park, but then fell to Tipperary in the Oireachtas semi-final at Nowlan Park. Wexford shocked Waterford in the other semi-final at New Ross, and finally Tipperary regained the Corn Aghais with a hard-won victory over Wexford in the Oireachtas final.

## League Final

There was one loose end to be tied up. The League final between Waterford and New York, also at Croke Park. Looking but a shadow of the side that had beaten Tipperary in the home final early in the year, Waterford were lucky to escape with a draw, again Grimes was the man they have to thank, but clinched victory in the replay at Kilkenny.

Yes, we saw a number of entertaining hurling matches through 1963 but only an optimist would say that hurling improved during the twelve

months under review.

Not till, Cork, Clare, Limerick, Galway, Dublin and Laois can again equal Tipperary, Waterford Kilkenny and Wexford can we say that hurling is back to its peak.





defenders (in hooped jerseys) Noel Lucey (Kerry) ınd Mick Bohane (Cork) foil an attack by Curragh Training Camp forwards in the All-Army football final.





• A FRESHFORD forward dives full length in an effort to send the ball to the net in the Kilkenny senior hurling final against Tullogher.

NED POWER, the Waterford goalkeeper is beaten by this shot which finished in the net for one of New York's goals in the drawn National Hurling League final at Croke Park.

• PETER O'SULLIVAN, the Tipperary goalkeeper, pictured in action in the Oireachtas Cup semi-final against Kilkenny. Peter helped Tippe,.../ .... the Att-tre and Intermediate Internachampionship.

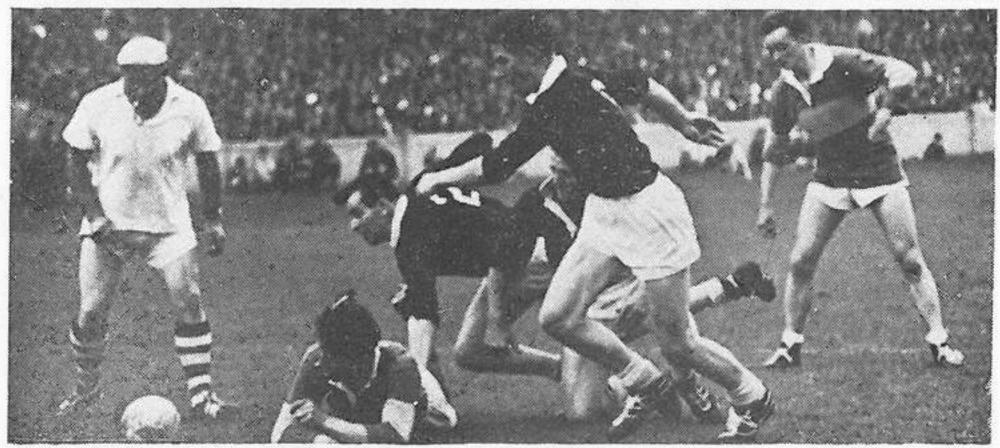


 DURING THE year Dublin St. Vincents opened their magnificent new ground at Raheny. Dublin and Down played a challenge match to mark the occasion and this photo shows Johnny Joyce taking a shot at goal with Kevin O'Neill (diving) and Pat Rice moving in to tackle him.





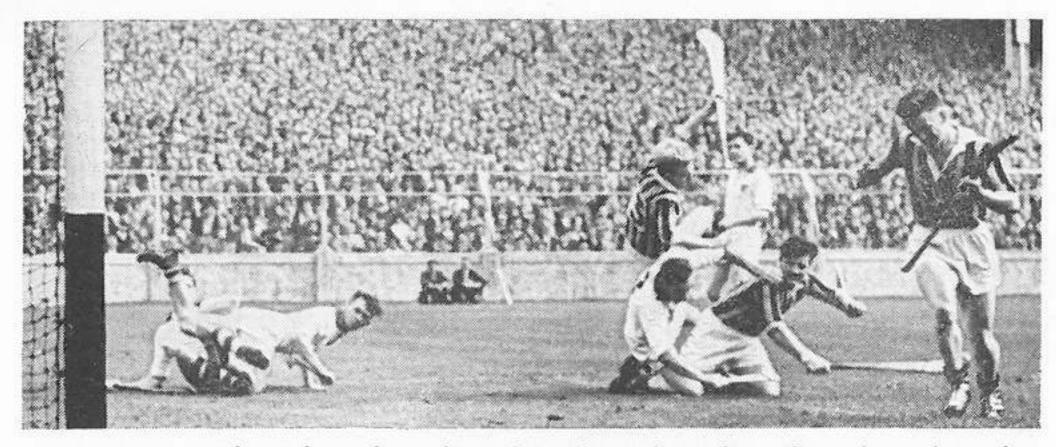




● Top: The ball runs wide as Tiger Lyons falls after colliding with a teammate in the All-Ireland semi-final. Included in photo are, from left:—Mick O'Dwyer (Kerry), Brian Geraghty (Galway), Mattie McDonagh (G.), Seamus Murphy (K.), Mick Reynolds (G.), Cyril Dunne (G.) and Jimmy Lucey (K.).

CENTRE: Brian Johnston (Down) makes a desperate effort to foil Niall Sheehy's clearance in the N.F.L. "Home" final. Watching on are (from right): P. J. Mc-Elroy (D.), Kevin Coffey (K.), Seamus Murphy (K., No. 6), Tiger Lyons (K., No. 4), Brian Morgan (D.) and Jerdie O'Connor (K.).

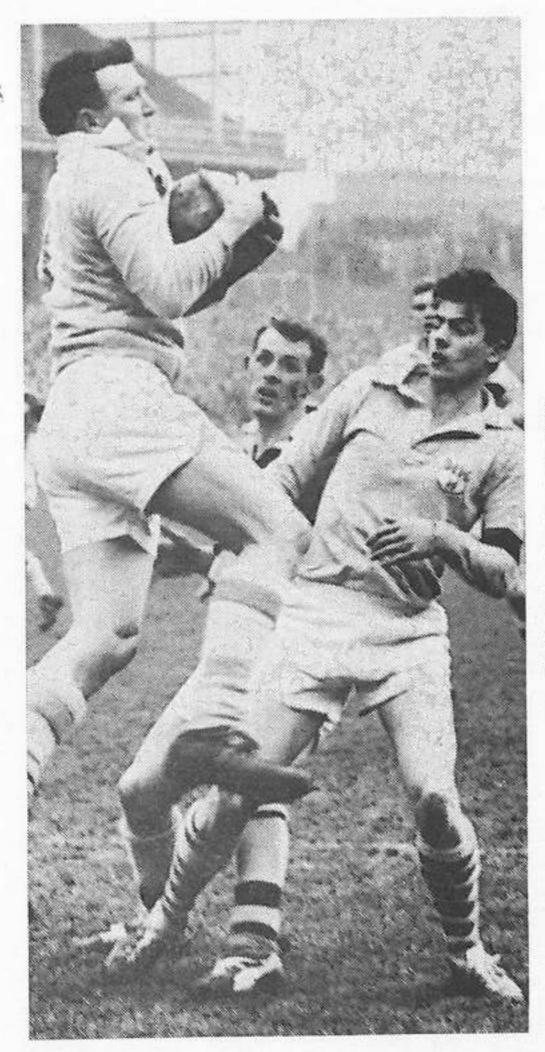
ALL FALL DOWN! . . . Tom Long (Kerry) falls and the ball breaks loose. Others in the picture are, from left:— Referee Eamonn Moules, Sean Meade (Galway, No. 2), John Donnellan (do., partly hidden), Enda Colleran (do.) and Sean Og Sheehy (Kerry).



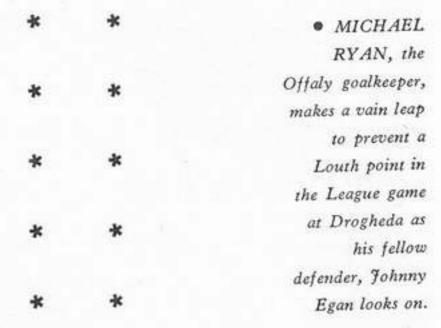
 KILKENNY'S FIRST goal in the All-Ireland senior hurling final. The scorer, Tom Walsh (No. 13), has his hurley raised while his team-mates, Billy Dwyer (on ground) and Tom Murphy (extreme right) express their satisfaction. Waterford defenders (from left) are: Ned Power, Tom Cunningham, Austin Flynn and Jimmy Byrne.



• VINCENT STAPLES of Wexford clears his lines in the All-Ireland minor hurling final while his teammate, Eamonn O'Connor (extreme left) holds off a Limerick forward.



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In close attendance		
are Christy Kane	*	*
(Dublin) and		
Seamus Leydon		
(Galway).	*	*







• LIAM SWAN (third from right) scores a goal for Oylegate-Glenbrien against Horeswood in the Wexford senior hurling final.

• A NARROW shave for New York in the drawn National Hurling League final against Waterford. Looking on anxiously as the ball just goes wide are New York defenders (from left)—Sean Lakes, Donal O'Brien, Mike Sweeney and Pat Dowling and Waterford's Larry Guinan.





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## The All-Ireland Senior Hurling

Dublin, 2-6; Meath, 2-5. (H.T.: 1-1 to 2-5).

Scorers-J. Timmons (1-3), M. Whelan (1-0), L. Foley (0-2), D. Foley (0-1).

F. McPhillips; L. Foley, W. Casey, O. Callaghan, J. Rice, P. Holden, M. Kissane, D. Foley, P. Downey, E. Breslin, M. Whelan, S. Behan, G. Davey, J. Timmons, J. Joyce. Subs.—T. Howard for Breslin, L. Hickey for Downey.

Referee-E. Moules (Wicklow). Att.-21,931

Dublin, 2-7; Kildare, 1-5. (H.T.: 1-2 to 1-4). Scorers—D. Ferguson (1-2), M. Whelan (0-3), B. McDonald (1-0), S. Behan (0-1), J. Timmons (0-1).

F. McPhillips, L. Hickey, L. Foley, W. Casey, J. Rice, P. Downey, M. Kissane, D. Foley, J. Timmons, E. Breslin, M. Whelan, G. Davey, B. McDonald, D. Ferguson, S. Behan. Subs .--D. McKane for Rice, S. Lee for D. Foley, J. Joyce for Lee.

Referee-B. Smith (Meath). Att.-38,470. Dublin, 2-11; Laois, 2 Scorers-M. Whelan B. McDonald (1-1), I (0-1).

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Kilkenny, 4-9; Wexford, 3-8. (H.T.: 2-4 to 2-7). Scorers-E. Keher (2-5), S. Cleere (0-4), T. Walsh (1-0), T. Murphy (1-0). O. Walsh, P. Larkin, J. Walsh, M. Treacy, S. Cleere, T. Carroll, M. Coogan, P. Moran, A. Kelly, E. Keher, S. Clohosey, T. O'Connell, T. Walsh, W. Dwyer, T. Murphy. Subs. C. Whelan for J. Walsh, J. McGovern for O'Connell, O. Gough for Clohosey. Refere-J. Hatton (Wicklow).

Attendance—35,124

Kilkenny, 2-10; Dublin, 0-9. (H.T.: Scorers—E. Keher (0-6), S. Clohose (0-1), B. Dwyer (0-1), P. Moran (0-1 O. Walsh, P. Larkin, C. Whelan, M. Coogan, P. Moran, A. Kelly, S. Cloh W. Dwyer, T. Murphy. Referee-T. Coleman (Laois).

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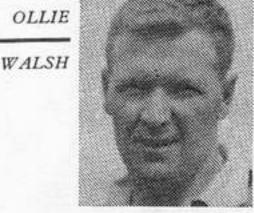
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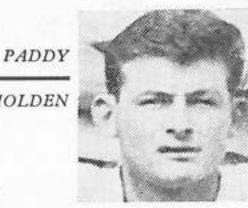


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Dublin, 2-11; Down, 0-7. (H.T.: 1-5 to 0-2). Scorers-M. Whelan (0-6), D. Ferguson (1-1), B. McDonald (1-0), J. Timmons (0-2), D. Foley and S. Behan (0-1 each).

P. Flynn, L. Hickey, L. Foley, W. Casey, D. McKane, P. Holden, M. Kissane, J. Timmons, D. Foley (capt.), B. McDonald, M. Whelan, G. Davey, N. Fox, D. Ferguson, S. Behan.

Referee—C. Crowley (Waterford). Att.:70,072

Dublin, 1-9; Galway, 0-10 (H.T.: 0-4 to 0-6). Scorers-M. Whelan (0-5), G. Davey (1-0), J. Timmons (0-2), D. Ferguson and B. Mc-Donald (0-1 each).

P. Flynn, L. Hickey, L. Foley, W. Casey, D. McKane, P. Holden, M. Kissane, D. Foley (capt.), J. Timmons, B. McDonald, M. Whelan, G. Davey, S. Behan, D. Ferguson, N. Fox. Sub.—P. Downey for Holden.

Referee-E. Moules (Wicklow). Att.: 87,106.

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lohosey, J. McGovern, E. Keher, T. Walsh, Attendance-33,438 Kilkenny, 4-17; Waterford, 6-8. (H.T.: 3-6 to 1-5). Scorers-E. Keher (0-14), T. Murphy (2-1), T. Walsh (2-0), S. Cleere

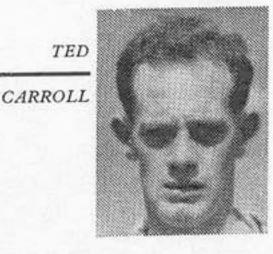
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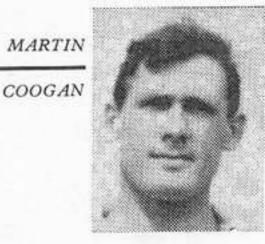
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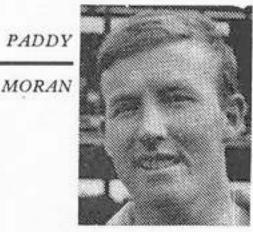
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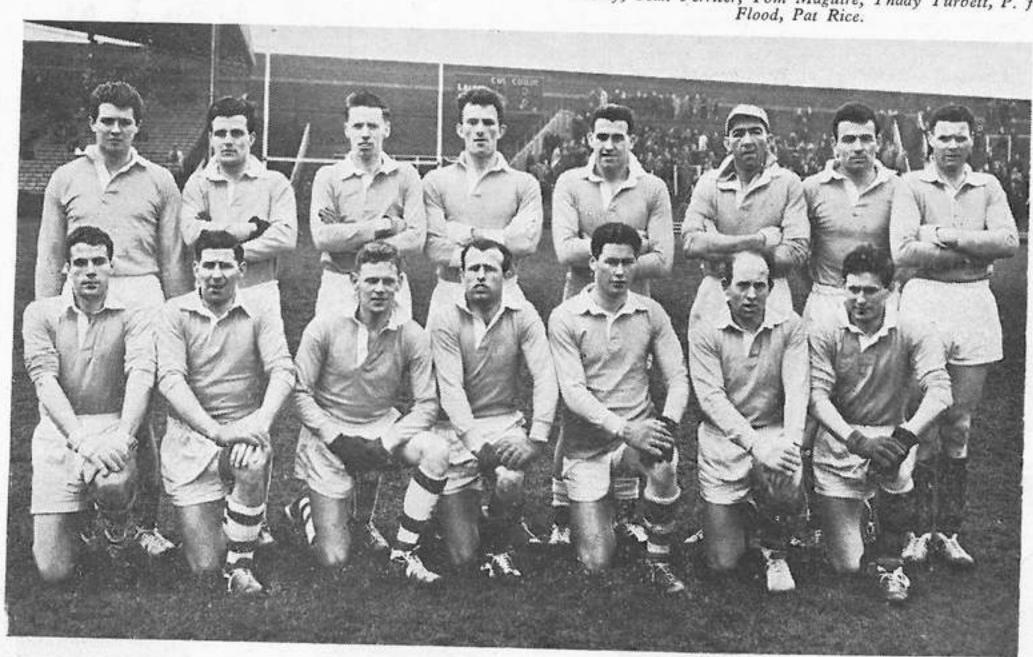
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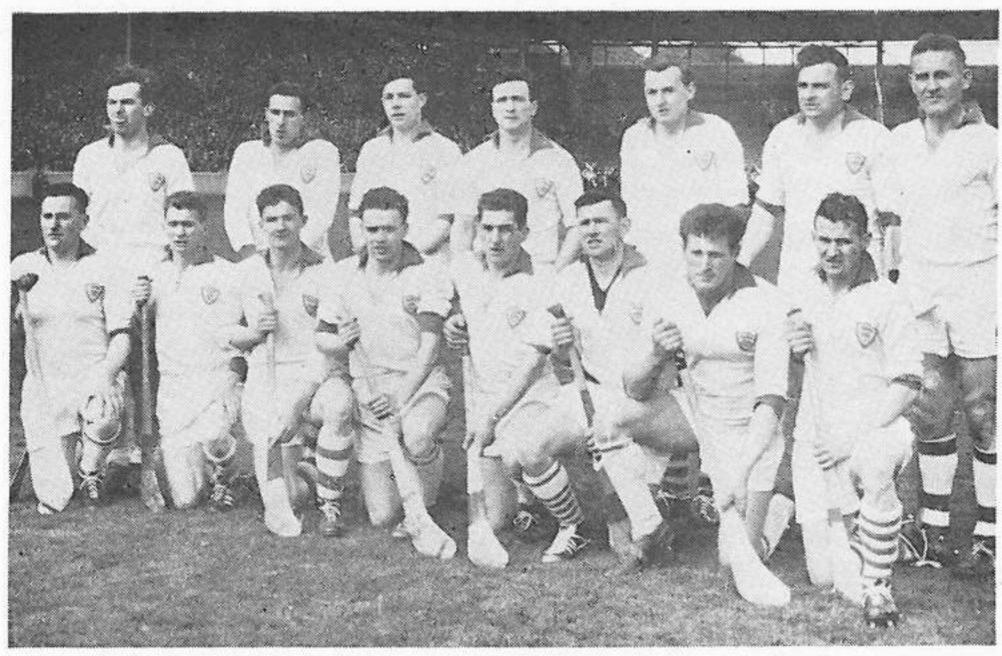




• THE MUNSTER hurlers who won the Railway Cup by beating Leinster in a replay on Easter Sunday. Kneeling (from left)—John Doyle, Liam Devaney, Tom Cheasty, Mick Cashman, Donie Nealon, Jimmy Doyle, Tony Wall. Standing (from left)—Joe Condon, P. J. Keane, Jimmy Byrne, Tom McGarry, Jimmy Brohan, Michael Maher, Jimmy Smith, Christy Ring, Jim Barry (trainer).

• ULSTER FOOTBALLERS who brought the Railway Cup to the province for the seventh time. Kneeling (from left)—Frankie McFeely, Jimmy Whan, Jim McDonnell, Paddy Doherty, Ray Carolan, Brian Morgan, Sean O'Neill. Standing (from left)—Leo Murphy, Gabriel Kelly, P. T. Treacy, Sean Ferriter, Tom Maguire, Thady Turbett, P. J. Flood, Pat Rice.





● THE WATERFORD team which gave their most brilliant performance of the year when beating Tipperary in the National Hurling League (Home) final, Standing, (from left):—Tom Cunningham, Larry Guinan, Jimmy Byrne, Joe Condon, John Barron, Austin Flynn, Phil Grimes, Kneeling, (from left):—Seamus Power, Mick Flannelly, Jim Irish, Mick Dempsey, Martin Og Morrissey, Percy Flynn, Tom Cheasty, Frankie Walsh.

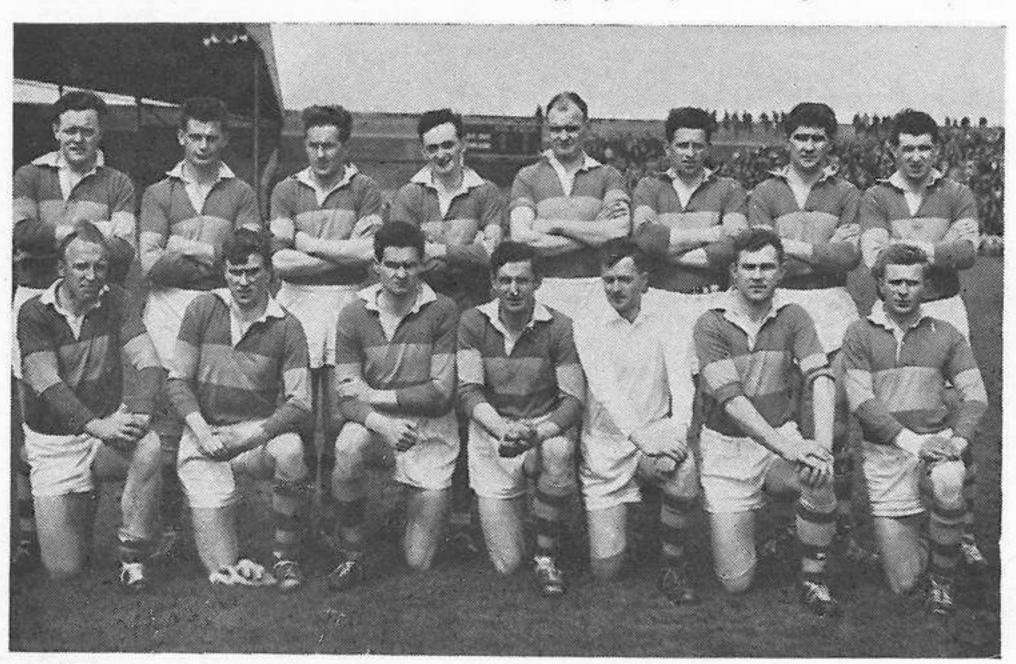
• TIPPERARY HURLERS, winners of the Oireachtas Cup. Kneeling (from left)—Mick Burns, Peter O'Sullivan, Michael Murphy, Donie Nealon, Scan McLoughlin, Theo English, Mackey McKenna, Jimmy Doyle. Standing (from left)—Gerry Doyle, Tony Wall, Liam Devaney, Michael Maher, Mick Roche, Kieran Carey, Tom Ryan, John Doyle, Ossie Bennett (trainer).





WEXFORD HURLERS . . . captured their first minor title by beating Limerick in the All-Ireland final.

• THE KERRY team which defeated Down in the National Football League (Home) Final. Standing (from left): Kevin Coffey, Jerdie O'Connor, Jimmy Lucey, Sean Og Sheehy, Niall Sheehy, Tom Long, Mick O'Dwyer, Seamus Murphy. Kneeling (from left): Tiger Lyons, Donie O'Sullivan, Mick O'Connell, Gerry O'Riordan, Johnny Culloty, Billy Doran, Bernie O'Callaghan.





DUBLIN . . . All-Ireland camogie champions. Standing, from left:—
Kay Ryder, Kay Lyons, Alice Hussey, Millie Geraghty, Mary Sherlock, Patricia Timmins, Maureen McEvoy, Concepta Clarke, Kneeling, from left:—Gerry Hughes, Cora Crowe, Judy Doyle, Una O'Connor (capt.), Bridgit Keenan, Sheila Ware, Etna Leech, Mary Ryan.

• LONDON, All-Ireland junior hurling champions: Standing—Jim Mullarkey (Sligo), Chairman, London County Board; Martin Murphy (Kilkenny), Tom Connolly (Galway), Billy Croke (Tipperary), (sub.); John Barrett (Tipperary), Mick Butler (Limerick), Joe Reilly (Wexford), Johnny Hickey (Tipperary), Paul Carmody (Limerick); Mick Baylon (Kilkenny) (sub.). Kneeling—John Dorgan (Cork) (sub.); Val Halloran (Clare), Mick O'Brien (Limerick), Ambrose Fayard (Tipperary); Timmy Sheehan (Cork), (capt.); John Joe Brown (Cork), Mickey O'Connor (Limerick); Martin Connolly (Galway). In front—Martin Diggins (Kerry) (sub); Eamonn Murray (Wicklow).





CASTLEBAR MITCHEL'S—winners of the Mayo senior football championship, 1963.

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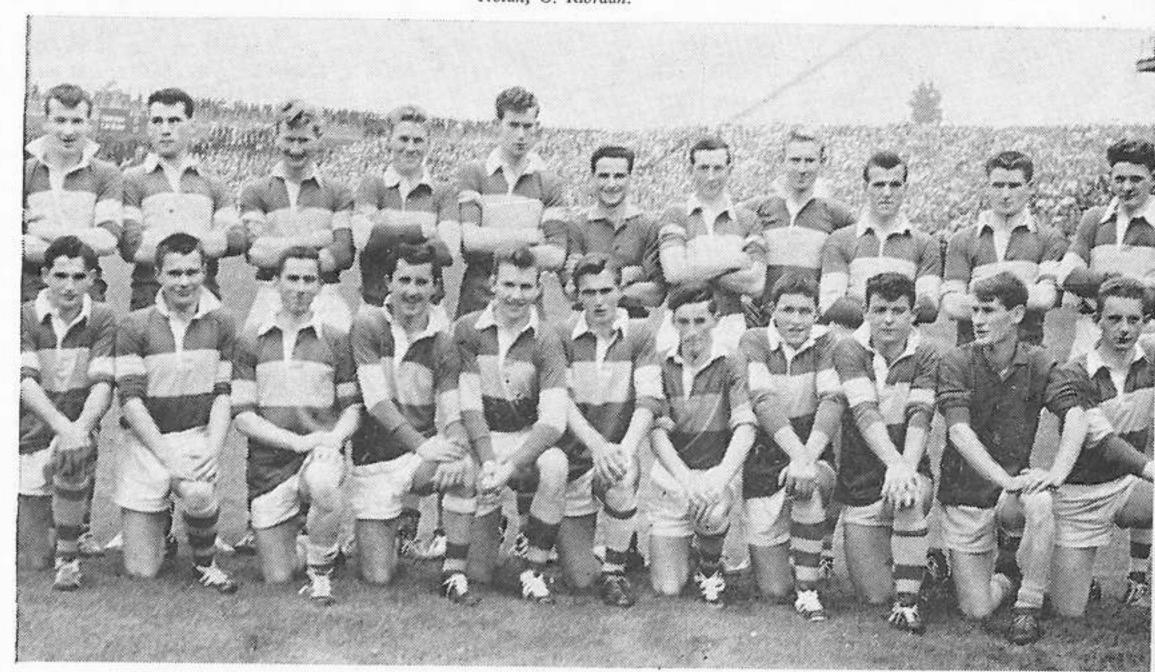
C.B.S., winners of the
Leinster Cup for the
Leinster Colleges' junior
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championship.
On ground (from left):
Pat Doyle (Enniscorthy),
Liam Byrne (Rathnure),
Tom Furlong (Enniscorthy),
Fim McCauley
(Enniscorthy).
Second row (l. to r.)—
Brendan Tobin (Enniscorthy), Jim Delaney
(Enniscorthy), Tom
Gethings (Ferns),
George Skelton (Ferns),
Mick Dempsey (Enniscorthy),
Larry Quirke
(Enniscorthy), Michael
Maher (Enniscorthy).
Third row (l. to r.)—
Jim Bolger (Monageer),
Colm Morris (Ferns),
Nick O'Toole (Milehouse), Mick Hyland
(Enniscorthy), Davy
Doyle (Enniscorthy),
Jim Kavanagh (Enniscorthy),





♠ KERRY JUNIORS—All-Ireland champions. Standing, from left:—J. O'Driscoll, M. Morris, T. Sheehan, P. Sayers, J. Dowling, P. Kerins, T. Guerin. Kneeling, from left:—D. O'Donnell, J. Burke, T. Dowd, D. O'Shea, B. Sheehy, T. Burke, D. O'Sullivan, Jerdie O'Connor and Pa Fitzgerald, of Rock Street, Tralee.

• KERRY—Minor Football Champions. Standing from left:—B. Burrows, H. McKinney, M. O'Sullivan, M. O'Shea, A. Spring, S. Fitzgerald, G. Curran, K. Donnelly, D. O'Sullivan, S. Burrows, M. O'Shea. Kneeling, from left:—J. Curran, T. O'Shea, T. Kelleher, T. Roche, J. Saunders, T. O'Hanlon (capt.), B. Magnier, T. Behan, G. McCarthy, W. Nolan, C. Riordan.





• ST. BRENDAN'S, KILLARNEY, the first Munster team to reach the Hogan Cup final. Front (from left): D. Carmody, T. Barrett, P. Kennelly, D. Dwyer. MIDDLE (from left): C. Riordan, B. McCarthy, P. Cahill, B. O'Keeffe (captain), M. Doherty, J. Fitzgibbon, J. McCarthy. BACK (from left): P. Harrington, T. Behan, J. Brosnan, T. Leane, J. Curran, W. Nolan, A. Lewis, M. O'Shea, T. O'Hanlon.

• FETHARD P.B.S. junior hurlers winners of the Dr. Kinane Cup, 1963. Back Row (l. to r.): Gerard Casey, W. Harrington, W. Frewan (sub), P. J. Purcell, P. Byrne, P. Ryan, Piaras Coady, Austin Woodlock, J. G. Morrissey, Pat Butler. Front Row (l. to r.): Pat Barrett (goalie), G. Leahy, A. Fitzgerald, Danny Ryan, Denis Burke (capt.), David Fitzgerald, Noel Harrington,



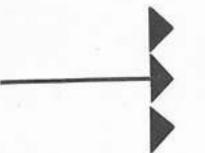
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## Camogie-Slow But

SLOW but steady is still the motto of camogie progress, but one feels that every year we have advanced and, while that advance continues, there is no real cause to grumble. Therefore, let us survey 'the state of the nation' as far as camogie is concerned at the end of 1963.

After all, it is now just over half a century since the Camogie Association as such was formed, and while it is disconcerting to find that, in some respects, we have advanced but little, in many other regards we are already well advanced towards our goal of a County Board in every county and, after that, a club in every parish.

Well, at the moment, there is a County Board in every Munster county, though things seemed for a while to be a bit disorganised down Waterford way.

I was especially glad to see so many teams enter for the Kerry championships. There seems to be a big future ahead of the game in the Kingdom,

Limerick, too, continues to make progress, and I hope to hear more from there about Ethna Neville's Colleges' League, while in Tipperary the game is, as usual, on a very sound foundation, though I would like to see more clubs in the Premier County.

## **Promising**

Cork, for the second successive year, won the Munster title and made a great bid to do even better, holding Dublin to a draw in their semi-final on the Mardyke but going down in the replay at Parnell Park.

However, this was a very promising Cork side, and that the Rebel County challenge will be even stronger in a couple of years time was amply proved early in the season at Phoenix Park when the Cork School's team routed their Dublin rivals, and Dublin felt they had one of their best-ever sides on duty.

In Leinster ten of the twelve counties took part in the three provincial competitions, the only exceptions being Wicklow, who did not feel their side was strong enough to make a showing in intermediate ranks, and Carlow, still under a cloud.

Most heartening news in the Eastern province was the return of Longford to competitive camogie, the setting up of a County Board in Westmeath and the great form shown by Offaly in winning the junior title.

Offaly have the nucleus of a grand side. I rather imagine they will prove a force in intermediate ranks next season, but, as is the case in Tipperary, I would like to see more clubs in the county.

### New Clubs

Kilkenny had something of a revival and I have encouraging tidings from there of new clubs under consideration, while one feels that the prestige gained for the county and the game by the great Callan Schools' side, must quickly lead to a great resurgence in the game all over the

Laois, too, is making slow but steady progress, while Wexford, holders of the intermediate title once again, can claim to be considered, in many respects, the Model County of camogie also.

Of course, Louth and Kildare continue to be well organised, with their championships and leagues very well run and closely contested.

Dublin, All-Ireland champions yet again, continues to do wonderful work for the game, and the rise of Austin Stacks has lent new keenness to their top competitions.

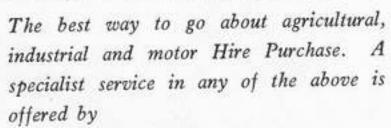
In the North, Antrim made a brave bid for All-Ireland victory, and it was good to see Derry coming back into the news by winning the junior title. Down is reviving at last, Armagh, Tyrone and Monaghan are all active, but what of Fermanagh, Cavan and Donegal?

In the West, I fear the picture is blackest, with Galway and Mayo still doing their best with little assistance, but great hearts.

## Entertaining

Generally, however, the picture is bright, and nowhere brighter than on the Colleges' fields, where the Leinster Colleges and Dublin Colleges competitions in the East produced an amazingly high standard of play that was, however, surpassed in Cork, while up North the senior and junior colleges competitions and the Gram-

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## Steady Progress

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mar School series all won new friends for the game.

On the inter-county fields we had a whole series of entertaining matches of which the All-Ireland final produced the most scintillating play. Dublin beat Antrim far more easily on the score-board than they did on the actual playing pitch and the standard of all-round brilliance was such as to send the men of the television cameras away shaking their heads and saying what a pity it was they could not televise such a game 'live'.

And now, at the risk of displeasing many people by my selections, I am going to stick my neck out and list my five camogie stars of the year.

- 1. Una O'Connor (Dublin).
- Sue Ward (Antrim).
   Mary Sherlock (Dublin).
- Anne Carroll (Mercy Convent, Callan).
- 5. The Cork School's team.

And here are my reasons for my 'Camogie Star of the Year' awards. I hope my readers will agree.

## Made Scores

Una O'Connor won her tenth All-Ireland medal when Dublin beat Antrim at Croke Park in September, and, in so doing so, set up a record surpassed only by Kathleen Mills, but I do not give the award to Una for just winning that tenth medal.

I give it to her because she played better in the All-Ireland campaign this year than ever before. And the reason she did so was that, as well as taking scoring chances herself, she distributed the ball very well and, especially in the final, made many fine scores for her colleagues, as well as proving herself a very popular captain.

### **Great Year**

The Antrim captain, Sue Ward, though only a youngster, had a great year. She captained her school, St. Dominick's, to win the Ulster Colleges' senior championship; she captained her club, Deirdre, to win the Antrim senior championship; she captained her county, Antrim, to win the Ulster senior championship, and she made a brave bid to lead them to All-Ireland victory also, A brilliant young player, she was as pleasant in defeat as in victory.

Mary Sherlock is the most improved player in camogie and her trojan work

for her club, Austin Stacks, and for Dublin has been rewarded by her winning so many medals this season. Her point from nearly sixty yards out in the All-Ireland final will not soon be forgotten.

Anne Carroll has starred not alone for her school side, but for Tipperary and for Munster during the past year, and has been equally impressive in all grades.

The Cork School's team gave a wonderful exhibition in their game against the Dublin School's early in the year, and with such young talent available, the county's return to the top flight cannot be much longer delayed.

Munster took the Gael-Linn Cup for the second time with a narrow win over Leinster at Gorey after a game in which the standard o fplay was remarkably high.

Callan Convent star, Anne Carroll was also in action in this game, and I was glad to see Josie McNamara of Waterford gain a well-earned medal.

This victory will do a deal of good for the game in the South, and will, I feel, only make Leinster all the keener to regain the trophy.

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## They Made The Grade

THERE is nothing we all like better than to see young stars rising rapidly to glory on the G.A.A. fields, and we saw a fair share of youngsters do just that in 1963. Some of them won All-Ireland medals, some did not, but all of them gave their supporters something to shout about, and also gave, to those of us who do not get much chance of shouting, the pleasantest of memories to carry on through the coming years.

I suppose the young man who made the most endearing and enduring impression on the Croke Park fans was the blond Kilkenny hurling forward,

Tom Walsh.

Walsh had made a great name for himself on the successful Kilkenny minor sides of recent years, but most people considered he was far too immature this season for a place on the senior side.

Well, he fairly flared into fame with an early goal against Wexford and kept that form all the way through to his first All-Ireland senior medal, playing glorious hurling against Waterford in the final.

Another youngster who made the grade on this Kilkenny side was corner-back Fan Larkin, son of a famous father, who gave a very solid display in all his county's victories.

## Tipp's Keating

Waterford, strangely, showed us little or no new talent in this course of the year, nor did we see much from Tipperary in this respect, although the Premier County must have a great reservoir of minor talent available.

However, one lad from the Tipperary minor teams of recent years who came much into the limelight was Michael 'Babs' Keating, who showed his worth when winning his Intermediate hurling medal and will, I think, be a regular on both the Tipperary senior hurling and football teams for a long time to come, though we have yet to see him in Croke Park with a senior side.

Cork have not shown us anything exceptional in hurling talent for a long time, but I was very impressed by young Con O'Leary of Farranferris in the Colleges' hurling final. He may yet prove to be Christy Ring's successor as the idol of the Corkmen.

Westmeath produced a pair of dual stars in Pat Bradley and Ray Niland, and although they had the sad distinction of playing in three All-Ireland finals unsuccessfully—minor football, junior hurling and Colleges' hurling—they also won three Leinster medals apiece and that is no mean achievement in one year.

### **Promoted Too Soon**

The stocky Bradley is, perhaps, the better prospect of the two, but he will need to train hard to maintain the requisite pace for senior grade.

Down, I thought, made a mistake in throwing Val Kane into senior ranks too soon. He is a fine footballer: but lacking physique, and was caught this season in Croke Park between minor and senior with the result that he proved successful in neither. But he will be a force in future years.

Brian Johnstone is another Down youngster who has come up to senior grade, but he seemed to me, through most of last season, to be as yet find-

ing his feet in senior ranks.

I was glad to see so many recent minors on the Galway line-out, while Dublin had a lot of young players also, though one could hardly describe any of the All-Ireland football sides as actual newcomers this season. One Dubliner who did impress me, though, was Eamonn Breslin, when he came on in the Grounds Tournament semifinal against Kerry.

And speaking of Kerry, the Kingdom seem to have half-a-dozen new stars all ready to hand. Their minors seem good enough to step right into senior ranks, as Seamus Fitzgerald, Derry O'Shea and Denis O'Sullivan have already done.

## **Best Prospect**

But the best prospect I have seen this year on the football fields, is the University College, Corkman from Castleisland, Mick Fleming, who, owing to a combination of circumstances, we did not get a right look at in Croke Park until the League final against New York.

Granted that the Exiles that day may not have provided very formidable opposition (although I know at least a couple of 'Yanks' who thought beforehand that their boys would shock the Kerrymen), but yet Fleming then looked the complete footballer.

Fleming, in partnership with a Mick O'Connell at his greatest, would be an awesome midfield pairing for any county to have to face.

Donegal also placed their faith in youth, and it looked for half the season as though that faith was going to pay big dividends, but something seems to have gone wrong in recent months and we shall have to suspend judgement.

Still it has been, generally speaking, a young men's year on the G.A.A. fields. Phil Grimes of Waterford was possibly the only veteran who right through the season was as consistently brilliant as some of the youngsters.

Next year, of course, we will have the Under-21 championships to give the young players yet a further chance of fame, although it must be admitted that, at the moment, it is hard to estimate just how many counties will participate in this new series.

## A RECORD YEAR FOR BRITAIN

THE year 1963 was a record one for the Gaels of Britain. Affiliated clubs reached a new record total and the number of registered players was

an all-time high.

Record attendances saw the Provincial championship matches, and a most encouraging feature of those games was the levelling out in standards and the improvement shown by teams representing the hitherto weaker counties.

No longer do London teams march into the All-Ireland junior finals almost as a matter of course, and this changed state of affairs is welcomed by all interested in Gaelic games

among the exiles in Britain.

Take the Provincial football championship for example. One of the newest teams, Hertfordshire, beat the favourites, London, by two points, but were in turn beaten by the minimum margin by an unconsidered Lancashire team.

Lancashire had earlier defeated the second favourites, Warwickshire, but many had been inclined to ignore that form, treating it as a flash in the

pan.

How wrong they were was proved when Lancashire ran a star-studded Kerry fifteen to three points in the All-Ireland final. The losers lost no caste in that defeat and proved conclusively that the standard of football in Britain is equal to the best in junior grade at home.

## Hurling

In hurling, there was general satisfaction that the All-Ireland junior crown crossed the channel to Thamesside for the fifth time.

London's victory over Antrim was a surprise to everyone not closely associated with the exiles' team. It was all the more meritorious when it is considered that Antrim had come through a testing campaign to win the home title and that London had to travel to Belfast to meet them,

However, neither the journey nor venue disadvantage could prevent the champions of Britain inscribing their names in the record books once again.

In the provincial championship, London were held to a draw by Hertfordshire in the second round and won the replay by a small margin.

Warwickshire travelled to New Eltham for the provincial final and beat London, but were disqualified because their team included a suspended player.

### Hard Luck

It was certainly hard luck on the Midlanders to lose to the subsequent All-Ireland champions in these circumstances

The improved standard of competition in both Provincial championships proved that the future of hurling and football is safe in the seven County Boards in Britain—London, Warwickshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Hertfordshire, Gloucestershire and East Midlands.

In passing, a meed of praise is also due to the London intermediate hurlers, who put up such a gallant performance against Tipperary at Thurles in the All-Ireland final.

Had the exiles the benefit of a previous game in the competition, who knows but the result might have been reversed.

## Record Year

London, the centre of Gaelic activity in Britain, can report a record year in every respect. The Whit Games at Wembley were the most successful ever, and attracted the biggest crowd to a G.A.A. fixture outside Ireland.

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## Whither Tirconaill?

## By HUGH DALY, Sec., Donegal Co. Board

TO reach eight provincial finals out of a possible nine in one year is an achievement in itself, I suppose, but to lose in all but three has been Donegal's disappointing luck of 1963.

For the past few years in Donegal, we have been telling inquiring journalists that one of these years we would burst the Ulster bubble. This year, it seemed, preceding the Ulster senior and minor football finals against Down, that not alone would the bubble be burst, but that it would be shattered as well.

I must confess, however (and it is not a case of being wise after), that while I felt quite certain we would qualify for our first Ulster senior final, I never had the same confidence that we would win it.

Like Maurice Hayes, I have long since been convinced that there is a certain psychology in the approach to our games. The team ingredients that are sufficient to beat one county may be totally inadequate to master another, particularly when the other's mentors are fully alive to the strange factors of temperament in the human

Downmen, or "The Downman" for that matter, may not agree, but I believe that if the championship pairings had been reversed, if we had met Down in the semi-final, and Cavan in the final, we would have been champions.

### Not Serious

We have since beaten Down, of course, but that was only in a challenge, however serious both teams may have taken it. And they certainly did.

Our eclipse in the current Dr. Lagan Cup series was brought about not alone by the teams which opposed us (we were beaten by Derry and Fermanagh), but by our own approach to these games.

I do not regard these reverses as serious. For over 12 months we had

maintained an almost unbeaten record, and the breathing space will do our players good, and enable us to finish the work we embarked on some years ago.

Many people throughout the country were carried away by the display of our senior team this year. I never shared the views expressed by many that "we had arrived".

I would have loved to have been able to agree, but in my reckoning it will take nearly another year's work before we are at full stretch. Then, and not till then, will we win our first Ulster senior championship. That, of course, does not rule out the real break-through coming in 1964.

I suppose most county secretaries, administering in counties that have seen little of the limelight over the past sixty years or more would be glad enough in the thought that their county teams had qualified for eight of the nine provincial finals in one year.

This was an achievement, no doubt, that few counties in Ulster will ever emulate, and on the law of averages, those of us now past the use of reason will not see it happen again in the course of our lifetimes

## Tragic Defeat

Be that as it may, we had one tragic defeat this year, and it was not Down's 2-11 to 1-4 win at Breffni Park in the senior grade. It was Down's one-point win, 4-6 to 2-11, in the Ulster minor championship final. There is no doubt it was a defeat that should never have been recorded, and in it I believe both Donegal and Ulster lost an All-Ireland title.

The behind-the-scenes story that led to that defeat has had its own lesson for us in Donegal, but when one has too many irons in the fire, so to speak, at the same time, it is hard to predict the abnormal circumstances that led to the defeat of our minors in 1963, after a run of

victories in both the minor league, which we won for the second successive year, and all of the championship games up to that,

For the first time, we had four representatives on the Ulster football team-P. J. Flood, Sean Ferriter, Frankie McFeely and Seamus Hoare (reserve goalkeeper).

One of our best and most enjoyable games was at Croke Park, where we drew with the then All-Ireland champions, Kerry, on March 18.

The Lagan Cup final, in which we were beaten by a late goal by Down, robbed us of an official Croke Park appearance, and the only reason why we failed to qualify for the remaining Ulster final—in junior hurling—was because, for our semi-final game against Antrim at Ballinascreen, we had, through circumstances outside our control, to field a depleted side.

### Beat All

In one grade or another, we have beaten every county in the province in 1963 since the start of competitive games. It was a long succession of wins, with few free Sundays for local games to get under way.

Because of that, there was much mid-week activity on the playing fields and a later than usual finish to the county championships.

The buoyant state of the games in the county is likely to continue, with so much concentration on schools, colleges, juvenile and minor competi-

Tirconaill, it may be said, is poised for a victory-a major victory long overdue-but the winning of the Dr. McKenna Cup for the first time is probably the prelude to that,

Who will be Ulster senior champions of 1964? Down, Cavan, Donegal

Fermanagh or Antrim?

It would be a wise man who could answer that with certainty now. In fact, the destiny of the Anglo-Celt Cup for 1964 will remain in the lap of the gods for some time to come.

A Samhna 1884 bhunaigh Mícheál O Cíosóig Cumann Lúthchleas Gael d'fhonn ár gcluichí dúchasacha a chaomhnú agus a leathnú cionn is gur aithin sé gur gné thabhachtach de shaol an náisiúin iad.

I bhfad sular bunaíodh C.L.G., agus ina dhiaidh sin chomh maith, bhí spéis ar leith ag an Chíosógach i ngné eile den náisiúntacht, mar bhí an teanga. Bhí an Ghaeilge go líofa aige agus scríobh sé altanna don "Gaelic Journal"; bhí sé ina bhall den "Gaelic Union" agus tá sé ráite go raibh sé i láthair nuair a bunaíodh Conradh na Gaeilge Iúl 31, 1893.

Bhí sé le tuiscint, mar sin, go mbeadh ceagal idir an dá ghluaiseacht agus bhí sin ann—dlúthcheangal ón tús. Mar is eol don léitheoir, ag an chéad chruinniú den Chonradh toghadh Dubhghlas de hIde ina Uachtarán. Cupla bliain ina dhiaidh sin toghadh é ina éarlamh ar Chumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Ag an chomhdhail bhliantíul den Chumann, gheall C.L.G. iomlán cuidithe agus comhoibrithe do chúis na teanga agus do Chonradh na Gaeilge féin. Mar chuid den pholasaí cuidithe seo iarradh ar na himreoirí Gaeilge a labhairt ar na páirceanna imeartha agus d'eagraigh an Cumann iolchomórtais le cuidiú le ciste na teanga.

I 1913 ghlac C.L.G. le riail úr go gcaithfí seiceanna a shíniú agus litreacha a sheoladh i nGaeilge agus go gclóbhuailfí na rialacha agus an bhunreacht i nGaeilge agus mBéarla.

## **Gno Tri Ghaeilge**

I 1918 glacadh le rún go gcaithfí obair uilig an Chumainn a dhéanamh trí Ghaeilge i ndiaidh tréimhse áirithe. Níor cuireadh an riail seo i bhfeidhm riamh toisc nach raibh sé ar chumas na mball an gnó a dhéanamh go héifeachtach sa teanga náisiunta, ach rinne aonaid thall agus abhus a gcuid oibre trí Ghaeilge, mar shampla Comhairle na gColaistí ó bunaíodh í agus Comhairle Uladh ó 1943. Chomh maith leis sin bíonn cruinniú nó dhó sa bhliain ag aonaid eile, mar shampla, cruinniú amháin den Ard-Chomhairle gach bliain i nGaeilge agus gach triú cruinniú de Choiste Contae Ciarraí.

Bhunaigh C.L.G. Comórtas Thomáis Aghas chun cabhrú le hairgead a sholathar do Oireachtas na Gaeilge agus do Choiste Gnótha an Chonartha. Ní aibhéil a rá nach dtiocfadh leis an Oireachtas leanúint den obair

## Cumann Luthchleas Gael Agus An Ghaeilge

Le Padraig Mac Con Midhe

atá ar siúl gan an chuidiú atá le fáil ón chomórtas seo. Rud eile de, ó 1944 is cuid de chlár an Chumainn an comórtas seo—an t-aon cheann amháin nach dtéann an teacht isteach uaidh isteach i gciste C.L.G. féin.

I gColáiste Samhraidh Ros Goill i dTír Chonaill reachtáileadh cúrsa gach bliain ó 1958 faoi choimirce Chomhairle Uladh C.L.G. Ag an chúrsa seo bhí baill ó gach contae sa chúige agus an chuspóir a bhí ag an Chomhairle úsáid na Gaeilge a leathnú in obair an Chumainn, Tugadh léachtaí ar gach cuid d'obair an Chumainn agus oifigigh na Comhairle féin a bhí i mbun na hoibre.

## Obair Na gClub

I mbliana cuireadh tús ar scéim den chineál céanna i gCúige Mumhan i mBaile an Firtéirigh i nGaeltacht Chiarraí, Bhí an cúrsa ann ó Lúnasa 5 go Lunasa 17 agus i láthair bhí 19 mac léinn. Rúnaithe nó ábhar rúnaithe club den C.L.G. i dTiobraid Arainn a bhí iontu agus ba é cuspóir an chúrsa a mhúineadh dóibh conas obair na gclub a dhéanamh trí Ghaeilge. Séamus O Riain a bhí ina stiúrthóir ar an chúrsa seo. Is cinnte gur éirigh go maith leis an chúrsa chomh fada agus a bhain sé leis an tréimhse a chaith na mic léinn sa Ghaeltacht agus tá daoine ag súil go mbeidh a thoradh le feiceáil ar obair an Chumainn i gCo. Tiobraid Arann.

Ní shílim go séanfaidh duine ar bith—cara nó namhaid—go bhfuil cuid mhaith déanta ag C.L.G. ar son na teanga, ach ní hionann san agus a rá go bhfuil gach dualgas coimhlíonta againn. D'fhéadfaimis i bhfad níos mó

a dhéanamh leis an teanga a chur chun tosaigh taobh istigh den Chumann féin agus tá seo fíor go háirithe faoi na mionúir. Cad chuige nach bhfuil níos mó Gaeilge le cloisteáil ar pháirc na himeartha ó na daoine óga seo? Agus ar ócáidí eile chomh maith—bronnadh corn nó cronnadh bonn, mar shampla! Nach bhfuil Gaeilge go leor ag buachailli na gcoláistí le buíochas a thabhairt i nGaeilge? Mholfainn dóibh níos mó Gaeilge a úsáid agus dearmad a dhéanamh den "Hip, Hip Hurrah."

### Moladh Uaim Fein

Mar fhocal scoir, mholfainn rang Gaeilge ar obair an Chumainn agus téarmaí a bhaineas leis na cluichí a bhunú i ngach club. Ní gnáth-rang Gaeilge atá i gceist agam ach rang faoi leith do bhaill agus d'oifigigh C.L.G.

Tuigim go rímhaith go bhfuil deacrachtaí ag baint leis seo-neart nó barraíocht le déanamh ag oifigigh na gclubanna cheana féin. Ach ba mhaith liom seo a rá, tá níos mó i gceist i gclub ná foireann peile nó foireann iomanaíochta. Ba chóir do chlub bheith ina ionad Gaelachais agus náisiúntachta don cheantar. Ba chóir go bhfoghlaimeodh na baill óga ní amháin peil agus iománaíocht ach náisiúntacht agus dea-shaorantacht chomh maith. Agus is fusa iad sin a mhúineadh dóibh i gclub C.L.G. ná i scoil nó coláiste. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn uilig na cluichí a bhuanú agus a leathnú ach tá sé de dhualgas orainn fosta ár sciar a dhéanamh i nGaelú na tíre "chun an sean-stát Gaelach a chur ar fáil arís".



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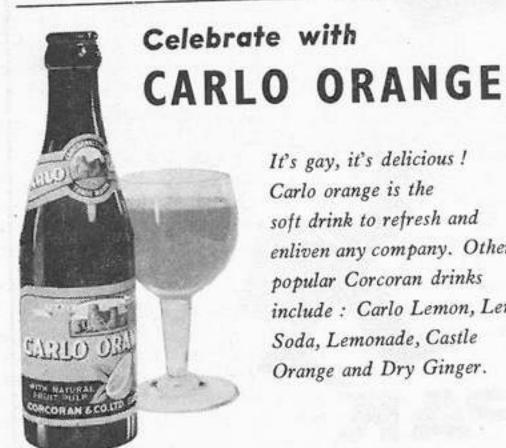
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ANDBALL which, was first chronicled as a sport in 1850, has had a chequered passage down the years, beginning, as it did, on a semi-professional basis, when the side stake between the players and of course a little flutter among the supporters was the main incentive.

In 1924 the game came under the wing of the G.A.A. and while the intervening years have also brought their trials and tribulations it is refreshing to be able to report that in 1963, handball holds such an appeal for the Irish athlete that practically every county can boast of well-organised boards, active clubs and enthusiastic youth eager to aspire to handball greatness.

Admittedly there are many obstacles still to be surmounted, such as the lack of covered ballcourts, lighting installations and perhaps a change in the very playing rules of the game itself

This last point again spotlights the advisability or otherwise of introducing time-basis handball into the All-Ireland championships.

At present these games are played on the rubber system, comprising seven sets for senior hardball, five for senior softball and both junior codes, and three for minor games.

## Often Drags

In theory this method is the ideal one, but in actual practise it's implementation often means that a game can be dragged out indefinitely and it is quite common to see two players slog it out for two hours, or even longer, with the final verdict not necessarily going to the more skilful player.

This state of affairs can often be blamed on the players themselves who, through lack of fitness or stamina, allow a game to drag with the sole idea of conserving energy for a big onslaught in the final stages.

In the final analysis, the spectator, who is subjected to this endurance test, is the sufferer for no one can deny that the sportsman of to-day ever-mindful of his time schedule likes his handball served up in smaller doses yet spiced with the crisp goahead action for which the game is renowned.

Is it true then that in a few years time handball on the rubber system will be a thing of the past? The traditionalists will call such a statement heresay, but is not the Gael-Linn Tournament run on a time-basis, one of the highlights of the handballing year?

Indeed a change to "Time" might alter the character of the game somewhat and eliminate many of our older players from the inter-county scene, but, on the credit side, it would allow for a well-run, well-timed programme thus catering for the most important person of all—the spectator.

## **Publicity**

Moving from the domestic sphere of the game and at once reflecting that handball is a game played on a nation-wide basis focussing attention on literally thousands of players, I am tempted to ask the question—why the lack of publicity?

I should add that in recent times our Sporting Editors can be relieved somewhat of this accusation for there is no doubt that the various activities of the game have received a fair share of space in the various sports pages.

On the otherhand the finger must point very definitely at our Radio and Television Authorities who again during the past twelve months, continue to ignore, one might say, the very existence of the game. The power of Television. How often we hear its praises lauded! Yet I can only recollect, at the very most, three occasions on which handball was ever mentioned and this despite the fact that some sports which are only played in "pockets" throughout the country, are receiving publicity which completely exaggerates their importance.

Not that handballers are clamouring for constant attention from our Television authorities, but it would be some consolation for them if their game was given even a fraction of the publicity it deserves.

Handball should be an ideal subject for televising, mainly because it is played within a confined area, and is a game where individual skill could be properly appreciated by the viewer.

Likewise on Radio programmes where Gaelic games are previewed or reviewed our ancient game is once again the forgotten "brother".

Whether those in charge of these programmes have no interest in the game or, are not conversant with it, must for the present at least, remain a mystery yet at the same time hand-ballers are quite justified in still retaining "those chips on their shoulders" until they get some satisfaction.

## International Handball

Harking back to the end of the last century, and right up to the 1924 World Series, handball commanded an amount of respect.

The champions of this country vied with their counterparts in the United States who in most cases were Irish emigrants, for supremacy in the ballcourt.

Hence we often hear mention of such household names as Phil Casey, John Lawlor, J. J. Bowles, Barney

## Cork, Cavan, Sligo wins—highlights of the season

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McQuaide and a host of others, all players who took part in those international games.

Between 1924 and 1954 these games regrettably lapsed, but in 1955 a fresh start was made and three American players, Tom Ginty, Henry Hyde and Jim Guerin, made their mark in this country.

Since then the Irish Handball Council, has shown boundless enthusiasm in its efforts to revive the World Series, an event which will materialise in New York next September.

Two Irish players will carry our colours into the fray, and one of these will be Joe Maher from Drogheda, who qualified by virtue of his All-Ireland victories in senior hardball and softball singles.

To determine his partner a trial will be staged later in the season, with such well-known players as Joe Delaney, Des Dillon, Joe Clery and, possibly, Mick Kirby, if he has not left for New York in the meantime, competing.

## Review

On further reviewing the past season's activities, we find it was a year in which some of the old-timers further established themselves as top of their class, some newcomers made their presence felt in the junior grade, and a couple of minors appeared who should hit the handball headlines in the years ahead.

Besides the feats of Maher, already referred to, the veteran Kerryman, Paddy Downey and Jimmy O'Brien, again proved what an impregnable partnership they are, when they swept all opposition aside to record two great wins in senior hard and soft doubles.

The diminutive Talbots Inch man, Joe Delaney entered the Title Roll-Call also when he took the GaelLinn Cup at the expense of Joe Maher.

However, I have no hesitation in saying that the achievements of Cork, Cavan and Sligo were the highlights of the season.

After a lapse of twenty-three years, Cork, through the efforts of Pat Supple and Jack Murphy made history by taking the junior hard doubles title.

## Well Deserved

Little fancied at the beginning of the season, they played some superlative handball and in the final gained a narrow but deserved win over the Cavan brothers, John and Lewis Gilmore.

The Gilmores had compensation, however, in softball, when they scored a thrilling victory over another family pairing, Tom and Joe Kirby from Clare, to regain for Cavan a title last won 33 years ago.

• THE GILMORE brothers, John and Lewis, brought the All-Ireland junior softball doubles title to Cavan this year, and here they are receiving the Canon Carroll Perpetual Challenge Cup which is awarded annually for this champion-ship, from Very Rev. Fr. M. Marry, P.P., Kingscourt. In the photo (from left) are: John and Lewis Gilmore, Very Rev. Fr. Marry and Clifford Kelly, Kit Finegan (Secretary) and Bernard O'Reilly (Chairman) of the Kingscourt Handball Club.

Marcus Henry, the Sligo youth, stole the show in the West and took an All-Ireland minor title to the Yeats County for the first time.

For Wexford also, it was a memorable year, with the county winning five Leinster and three All-Ireland titles.

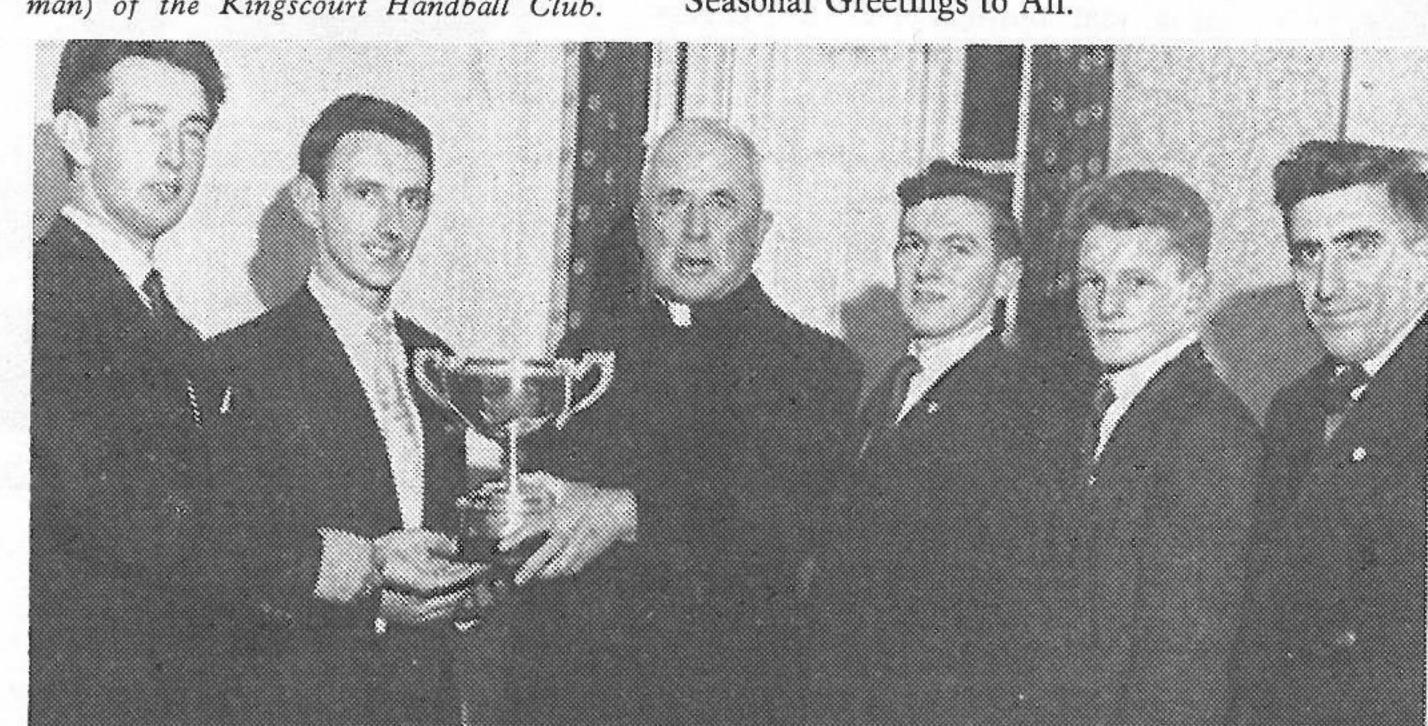
For junior hardballer, Tom Dowd, it was particularly gratifying, for he went all the way this season, after failing narrowly in the last few years.

Richie Lyng, the young Ballyanne man, took the soft singles title, and with brother Jimmy now holds the unique record of being the only set of brothers ever to have won both minor and junior titles.

The Wexford treble was completed by Harry Ryan and Pat Kavanagh, who took the minor soft doubles, while the roll-call of All-Ireland Champions was completed with the victories of Kilkenny's Tom Morrissey in minor hard singles and the Kildare partnership of Greg Lawler and Tom Geoghegan in minor hard doubles.

And so, as 1963 gradually slips away, handballers can look back with satisfaction, happy in the knowledge that the game continues to make progress, and confident that both from an administrative and playing angle, it is well geared to surmount any hurdle it may be confronted with in the future.

Seasonal Greetings to All.



## Where The G.A.A. Lags

(Continued from page 32)

and clubs should get regular briefings from headquarters on fundamental matters.

The officials in charge of County and Divisional Boards should be brought together occasionally for discussions on the enforcement of the rules and on general procedure at meetings. Agreement on a common approach to many problems would be a step in the right direction.

A matter very much neglected in the G.A.A. is the social side, and I feel this neglect is in part responsible for some of the unpleasant incidents sometimes witnessed at matches.

There should be more social contact between teams and units of the Association, and leading figures in the national life should be invited.

### More Time

A similar function should be held on the occasion of All-Ireland Congress—an event that certainly deserves more time devoted to it than is presently alloted. It should, at the very minimum, extend over two days—and in these times of easy travel it might not be a bad idea to let it rotate around the provinces.

We have other shortcomings, too, but maybe I have mentioned enough for this time.

If steps could be taken to remedy some of them in the near future then 1964 might go into the history books as a year during which the G.A.A. took another very pronounced step on the road to near perfection.

• ONE ... TWO ... THREE ...
up goes Waterford's Ned Power to
stop this shot in the National
Hurling League final replay at
Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. Looking
on are Pat Kirby (No. 15), New
York, and Tom Cunningham.



## Cumann lúit-Clear Saedeal

## Cuise Laisean

## 1964—clán na scluicí

## Corn Uí Broin

- (1) Ceathárloch v. Cill Dara i gCeathárloch
- (2) Laois v. Loch Garmán Portlaoise.
- (3) Uabhfáilí v. Longport Tulach Mór.
- (4) Cill Manntain v. Cill Choinnigh-Cill Choinnigh.
- (5) Iar-Mhí v. An Mhí M. Cearr.
- \*(6) Ath Cliath v. Lughai Ath Cliath. Cluichi (1) go (5) ar 15/3/64. \*(6) ar 22/3/64. Gach cluiche ag 3 p.m.

Bobta 2 — (1) v. (2); (3) v. (4); (5) v. (6).

## 5/4/'64:

Cill Dara v. Cill Manntain—Cros Baile Coimin, J.F. Laois v. Uabhfáilí—Tulach Mór, J.F. and Int. H. An Mhí v. Iar-Mhí—An Uaimh, J.F. Ceathárloch v. Cill Choinnigh—Ceathárloch, J.F.

12/4/64: Iar-Mhi v. An Mhi — M. Cearr, Int. H. Ath Cliath v. Cill Dara (Int. H.); Cill Manntain v. Lughai (J.H.)—Ath Cliath.

19/4/64: Ath Cliath v. Cill Dara no Cill Manntain (J.F.); Cill Dara v. Cill Manntain (M.H.) — Droichead Nua.

Longport v. Uabhfáilí no Laois — Longport no Tulach Mór (J.F.).

Lughai v. An Mhi (M.H.); Lughai v. An Mhi no Iar-Mhi (J.F.) — An Uaimh.

Loch Garman v. Ceathárloch no Cill Choinnigh (J.F.)

—Ceathárloch no .........

26/4/64: Iar-Mhí no An Mhí v. Aondróma (I.H.). Cill Choinnigh v. Laois no Uabhfáilí (I.H.)—Ráth Domhnaigh no Biorra.

Loch Garman v. Ath Cliath no Cill Dara (I.H.)— Inis Córthaidh.

## 3/5/64:

Iar-Mhí v. Longport (M.F. & S.F.)—Longport.
Laois v. Ceathárloch (M.H. & S.H.)—Cill Choinnigh.
Cill Dara v. Cill Choinnigh (M.F.)—Droichead Nua.

## 10/5/64:

## 17/5/64:

Lughaí v. Loch Garmán (M.F. & S.F.)—Páirc an Chrócaigh.

Iar-Mhí no Uabhfáilí v. Laois no Ceathárloch (M.H. and S.H.).

## 24/5/64:

Ath Cliath v. Ceathárloch no Cill Manntain (M.F. and S.F.).

## 31/5/64:

Laois v. Longport no Iar-Mhí (M.F. & S.F.) Tulach Mór.

## 7/6/64:

An Mhí v. Cill Dara (M.F. & S.F.) — P. an Chrócaigh.

## 14/6/64:

Uabhfáilí v. Lughaí no Loch Garmán (M.F. & S.F.).

## 21/6/64:

Cluichí a sochrú, leath craobhaca (M.F. & S.F.).

## 28/6/64:

Cill Choinnigh v. Loch Garmán (M.H. & S.H. Semi-finals)—Páirc an Chrócaigh.

## 5/7/64:

Ath Cliath v. Buathoirí Roinn Speisialta (Iomáint Sinsir agus Mionúir), Semi-finals.

## 12/7/64:

Cluichí a sochrú-leath craobhacha (M.F. & S.F.).

## 19/7/64:

Craobhacha Iomáint (Mionúir agus Sinsir).

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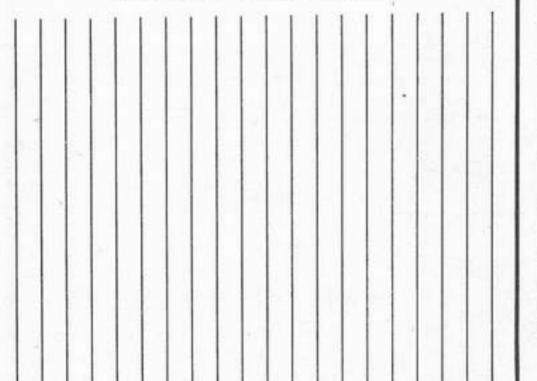
Craobhaca Peil (Mionúir agus Sinsir).

## 2/8/64:

Leath Craobhacha Iomáint (Corn Breathnach).

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14th June: ARMAGH v. ANTRIM or TYRONE

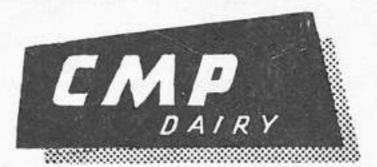
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## 2

## NUMBER ONE

## DO YOU KNOW

- 1. Kerry won the All-Ireland senior football title in 1962. How many of the team played against New York in the 1963 National League final?
- 2. A Leitrim footballer won two county senior football championship trophies. Who was he and what clubs did he assist?
- 3. Five players helped Oylegate-Glenbrien (hurling) and Ballyhogue (football) bring off the Wexford senior championship double. Their names?
- 4. Who scored the winning point for Munster in the Railway Cup hurling final replay?
- A leading Irish professional jockey won a county senior hurling championship medal. Give his name and club.
- 6. A prominent Kilkenny hurler won two championship medals in another county. He was . . . ?
- 7. Two Westmeath players each won four medals in Leinster competitions. They were . . . ?
- 8. Christy Ring didn't play as much hurling as usual yet he set another record. What was it?
- The referees for the All-Ireland senior finals were . . . ?

- 10. New York referees controlled the National League finals. Can you remember who they were?
- Lancashire played Kerry in the All-Ireland junior football final and included in their team two men who previously won All-Ireland medals with Kerry. Name them.
- 12. Brothers were in direct opposition in the Tipperary senior football championship final. Who were they?
- 13. Only one club brought off a county senior championship double. It was . . .?
- 14. A Meath man was one of the most prominent figures in Laois football circles. Who was he?
- 15. The title, "Basketball Personality of the Year", went to . . . ?
- 16. Mattie McDonagh enjoyed a unique distinction in the All-Ireland senior football final. It was . . .?
- 17. Down have set many records, but they set a rather unusual one during 1963. Can you name it?
- 18. A Laois man figured prominently with Donegal senior footballers. His name is . . . ?

- 19. Mick Fleming (Kerry), Brian O'Callaghan (Tipperary), Joe Moran (Westmeath) and Mick Brewster (Fermanagh), are all senior inter-county footballers. They have something else in common, Name it.
- 20. A player who captained Kilkenny in a recent All-Ireland minor hurling final helped London win the All-Ireland junior hurling title, He was . . . ?
- 21. Trainer of the Fermanagh team which has reached the semi-finals of the Dr. Lagan Cup is . . . ?
- 22. Paddy Holden . . . Des Foley . . . Mick Kissane . . . Noel Fox . . . Simon Behan . . . Brian Mc-Donald. All members of the Dublin team that won the All-Ireland senior football champion-ship. Can you name another distinction they share?
- 23. Cork's Mick Cashman figured in the record-breaking business, too. In what respect?
- 24 The Leinster Council elected a new chairman, He is . . . ?
- 25. What provincial venues have been selected for special development?

(Answers on Page 77)

## CHAMPIONS

## 0 W N

## 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. TIPPÉRARÝ (19) — 1887, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1906, 1908, 1916, 1925, 1930, 1937, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1958, 1961, 1962. KILKENNY (15) — 1904, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1922, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1939, 1947, 1957, 1963. **DUBLIN** (6) — 1889, 1917, 1920, 1924, 1927, 1938. LIMERICK (6)—1897, 1918, 1921, 1934, 1936, 1940.

WEXFORD (4)—1910, 1955, 1956,

WATERFORD (2)—1848, 1959. CLARE (1)—1914. GALWAY (1)—1923. KERRY (1)—1891. LAOIS (1)—1915.

LONDON (1)—1901.

1960.

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 (17)—1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963. 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 Inter. Hurling

WEXFORD (1)—1961. CARLOW (1)—1962. TIPPERARY (1)—1963.

> All-Ireland Junior Hurling

CORK (8)—1912, 1916, 1925, 1940, 1947, 1950, 1955, 1958. TIPPERARY (7) — 1913, 1915, 1924, 1926, 1930, 1933, 1953. LONDON (5)-1938, 1949, 1959, 1960, 1963. KILKENNY (4)—1928, 1946, 1951, 1956. LIMERICK (4)—1935, 1941, 1954, 1957. 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.

All-Ireland Junior Football

KILDARE (1)—1962.

KERRY (9) — 1913, 1915, 1924, 1928, 1930, 1941, 1949, 1954, 1963. 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.

WEXFORD (1)—1963.

All-Ireland Minor Football

**DUBLIN** (7) — 1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959. **KERRY** (7) — 1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950, 1962, 1963. 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.

## Railway Cup Returns

## FOOTBALL

SEMI-FINALS—LEINSTER 2-6; MUNSTER 1-8.
LEINSTER—A. Phillips (Wicklow); P. McCormack (Offaly), G. Hughes (Offaly), M. Carolan (Kildare), M. Whelan (Dublin), E. Hogan (Carlow), W. Casey (Dublin), M. Carley (Westmeath), D. Foley (Dublin), F. Walsh (Laois), F. Lynch (Louth), T. Browne (Laois), B. McDonald (Dublin), N. Delaney (Laois), S. Brereton (Offaly). Subs.—P. Cummins (Kildare) for Lynch, L. Foley (Dublin) for McDonald.

MUNSTER—J. Culloty (Kerry), M. Connolly (Waterford), N. Sheehy (Kerry), T. Lyons (do.), S. Sheehy (do.), K. Coffey (do.), J. Flynn (Cork), M. O'Connell (Kerry), C. P. O'Sullivan (Cork), T. O'Sullivan (Kerry), M. O'Dwyer (do.), S. Murphy (do.), M. Queally (Clare), T. Long (Kerry), M. B. Keating (Tipperary). Subs.—J. O'Mahony (Cork) for Lyons, M. Tynan (Limerick) for T. O'Sullivan.

ULSTER 2-8; CONNACHT 1-5.

ULSTER—T. Turbett (Tyrone), G. Kelly (Cavan), L. Murphy (Down), P. Rice (Down), A. Morris (Cavan), T. Maguire (Cavan), J. McDonnell (Cavan), R. Carolan (Cavan), S. Ferriter (Donegal), S. O'Neill (Down), J. O'Neill (Tyrone), P. Doherty (Down), J. Whan (Armagh), J. McCartan (Down), B. Morgan (Down).

CONNACHT—A. Brady (Roscommon), M. Newell (Galway), V. Nally (Mayo), O. Moran (Roscommon), J. Donnellan (Galway), J. Murray (Leitrim), P. Kilgannon (Sligo), B. McAuley (Sligo), J. Morley (Mayo), P. Donnellan (Galway), M. McDonagh (Galway), A. Whyte (Roscommon), Don Feeley (Roscommon), J. Langan (Mayo), M. Kearns (Sligo). Subs.—P. Dolan (Leitrim) for Langan.

FINAL — ULSTER 2-8; LEINSTER 1-9.
ULSTER—T. Turbett (Tyrone), G. Kelly (Cavan),
L. Murphy (Down), P. Rice (Down), P. J. Flood (Donegal), T. Maguire (Cavan), J. McDonnell (Cavan)
(capt.), S. Ferriter (Donegal), R. Carolan (Cavan), S.
O'Neill (Down), F. McFeely (Donegal), P. Doherty
(Down), J. Whan (Armagh), P. T. Treacy (Fermanagh),
B. Morgan (Down), Subs.—J. O'Neill (Tyrone) for
Ferriter, J. McCartan (Down) for Carolan.

LEINSTER—A. Phillips (Wicklow), P. McCormack (Offaly), G. Hughes (Offaly), P. Connolly (Kildare), W. Casey (Dublin), P. Holden (Dublin), C. Wrenn (Offaly), M. Carley (Westmeath), M. Carolan (Kildare), F. Walsh (Laois), D. Foley (Dublin) (capt.), M.

Whelan (Dublin), P. Cummins (Kildare), N. Delaney (Laois), S. Brereton (Offaly). Subs.—L. Foley (Dublin) for Carley; F. Lynch (Louth) for D. Foley; T. Browne (Laois) for Brereton.

HURLING

SEMI-FINALS—LEINSTER 5-14; CONNACHT 3-3. LEINSTER—O. Walsh (Kilkenny); T. Neville (Wexford), J. Walsh (Kilkenny), L. Foley (Dublin), S. Cleere (Kilkenny), W. Rackard (Wexford), O. Fennell (Laois), D. Foley (Dublin), P. Wilson (Wexford), E. Keher (Kilkenny), C. O'Brien (Laois), F. Whelan (Dublin), O. McGrath (Wexford), E. Wheeler (Wexford), D. Heaslip (Kilkenny).

CONNACHT (all Galway)—J. Hegarty, T. Conway, P. Burke, J. Duggan, M. Connaughton, N. Derivan, J. Conroy, J. Salmon, M. Cullinane, M. Curtin, P. Gohery, S. Gleeson, M. Cullinane, J. Gill, T. Sweeney Subs.—B. Mitchel (Roscommon) for Connaughton; J. Lyons for Gleeson.

MUNSTER 9-7; ULSTER 3-5.

MUNSTER—M. Cashman (Cork), J. Brohan (Cork), M. Maher (Tipperary), John Doyle (Tipperary), M. Burns (Tipperary), T. McGarry (Limerick), J. Byrne (Waterford), T. English (Tipperary), Joe Condon (Waterford), Jimmy Doyle (Tipperary), J. Cullinan (Clare), D. Nealon (Tipperary), L. Devaney (Tipperary), C. Ring (Cork), J. Smith (Clare).

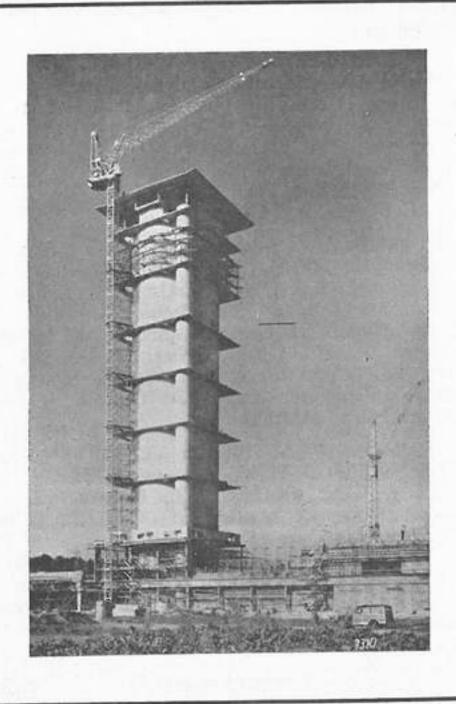
ULSTER—R. McDonnell (Antrim); M. Fitzpatrick (Antrim), H. McVeigh (Antrim), L. McGarry (Antrim), E. Gallagher (Antrim), A. McCamphill (Antrim), S. McLoughlin (Donegal), S. Gallagher (Antrim), C. McMullan (Down), D. Gallagher (Antrim), E. McMullan (Antrim), P. O'Callaghan (Donegal), B. McGuirk (Antrim), S. Phelan (Armagh), T. Connolly (Monaghan). Subs.—E. Campbell (Antrim) for Connolly, L. Hamill (Antrim) for C. McMullan.

FINAL — MUNSTER 5-5; LEINSTER 5-5.

LEINSTER—O. Walsh (Kilkenny), T. Neville (Wexford), J. Walsh (Kilkenny), L. Foley (Dublin), S. Cleere (Kilkenny), W. Rackard (Wexford), J. Nolan (Wexford), D. Foley (Dublin), M. Kennedy (Dublin), W. Hogan (Carlow), C. O'Brien (Laois), F. Whelan (Dublin), E. Keher (Kilkenny), E. Wheeler (Wexford), D. Heaslip (Kilkenny). Subs.—M. Coogan (Kilkenny), for Kennedy; O. Fennell (Laois) for Coogan; O. McGrath (Wexford) for Hogan.

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- Four—Seamus Murphy, Niall Sheehy, Mick O'Dwyer and Gerry O'Riordan. Only Sheehy filled the same position in both games.
- Fergus O'Rourke, who played with Aughavas (Leitrim) and U.C.C. (Cork).
- Willie Foley, Phil Wilson, Eddie Walsh, Nick Fortune and Liam Swan.
- 4. Jimmy Smith of Clare.
- Tony Redmond, first jockey to the Paddy Norris stable and a native of Waterford, who played with Moorefield in Kildare.
- John Maher, who helped the Junior Board Selection and Crokes win the Dublin senior and intermediate hurling championships respectively.
- 7. Pat Bradley and Ray Niland, who were team-mates on the county sides that won the Lein-ster junior hurling and minor football championships and special minor hurling competition and also helped Ballyfin win the Leinster Colleges' senior hurling championship.
- He won his 18th, Railway Cup hurling medal.
- Jimmy Hatton (hurling) and Eamonn Moules (football) both Wicklow men,
- 10. Tommy Frawley (football) and Paddy Fleming (hurling). Incidentally, both played for New York in previous games against the home League champions.

- Moss O'Connell, a senior medallist in 1959, and Sean Corridan, who won a minor medal in 1962.
- 12. Dick Keating was at centre halfback for Ardfinnan (winners) and Benny Keating was on the "40" for Templemore.
- 13. University College, Cork.
- Tom Browne, who was the star of O'Dempseys' march to their first senior championship title. A Garda, he is also a prominent motor-cyclist.
- Derry O'Shea, the Kerry footballer.
- 16. He was the only member of the Galway team who had played on the county's All-Ireland winning fifteen in 1956.
- 17. They became the only county team to wear black shorts.
- 18. Des Houlihane, who plays with the Kilcar club.
- 19. They won county senior championship medals with clubs outside their native counties. Fleming and O'Callaghan helped U.C.C. win the Cork football title. Moran won a Kildare hurling award with Moorefield and Brewster helped Omagh St. Endas capture Tyrone football honours.
- 20. Martin Murphy, who starred at midfield in the final against Antrim. Incidentally, his brother, Paddy (Blondie) was on the London team which won the All-Ireland junior hurling crowns in 1959 and '60.

- Antrim's Pat O'Hara, who trained Fermanagh when they won the All-Ireland junior football title in 1959.
- They were on the Dublin minor football team that won the 1958 All-Ireland title.
- 23. He played on a Munster Railway Cup winning hurling side for the sixth time—a record for a goalkeeper. He held the previous record with Paddy Scanlan (Limerick), Tony Reddan (Tipp) and Dublin's Johnny McDonnell, who, of course, won renown at football.
- 24. Liam Geraghty of Kildare.
- Thurles, Kilkenny, Castlebar and Belfast.

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## THE YEARS

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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.

WATERFORD (1)—1963.

National Football League

MAYO (9)—1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1949, 1954.

KERRY (7) — 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1959, 1961, 1963.

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.

CAVAN (1)—1948.

## St. Brendan Cup

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 (28)—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, 1963.

LEINSTER (8)—1927, 1932, 1933, 1936, 1941, 1954, 1956, 1962.

## FOOTBALL

CONNACHT (1)—1947.

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.

ULSTER (7) — 1942, 1943, 1947, 1950, 1956, 1960, 1963.

MUNSTER (6)—1927, 1931, 1941, 1946, 1948, 1949.

Oireachtas Cup

TIPPERARY (5) — 1945, 1949, 1960, 1961, 1963.

WEXFORD (4)—1951, 1953, 1955, 1956.

KILKENNY (4)—1940, 1947, 1957, 1959.

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.

## ALL-IRELAND FINAL TEAMS

(Continued from page 67)

WESTMEATH (M.F.)

K. Higgins (Shamrocks, Mullingar); B. Glynn (Ballynacargy), P. Malone (St. Brigids), T. King (St. Brigids); J. Murray (Athlone), P. Bradley (Clann Braonain, Rochfortbridge - Tyrrellspass), R. Cornally (St. Martins); G. Frawley (Athlone), R. Niland (Athlone), P. Buckley (St. Martins), F. Connaughton (Shamrocks), K. Kelly (St. Brigids), J. V. Costello (Athlone), K. Coffey (Kilbeggan), M. Fagan (The Downs). Subs.—T. Reeves (Shamrocks), D. Hamm (St. Brigids).

DUBLIN (Camogie)

C. Clarke (Austin Stacks); G. Hughes (Celtic), S. Ware (Eoghan Ruadh), A. Hussey (Celtic), K. Lyons (Eoghan Ruadh); M. Mc-Evoy (Presentation), M. Sherlock (Austin Stacks), M. Ryan (Austin Stacks); B. Keenan (Austin Stacks), K. Ryder (Naomh Aoife), J. Doyle (C.I.E.), U. O'Connor (Celtic, capt.).

T. Kearns (Dunloy); M. Forde

(Ahoghill); M. Kane (St. Teresa's), C. Hughes (St. Malachy's), M. Mc-Atamney (Portglenone); B. Smith (Gael Uladh), S. Ward (Deirdre capt.), L. Carabine (St. Teresa's); M. Kearns (St. Malachy's), M. P. Jameson (Ballycastle), M. Laverty (Deirdre); M. Gilroy (St. Malachy's).

## RAILWAY CUP RETURNS ...

(Continued from page 75)

MUNSTER—M. Cashman (Cork), J. Brohan (Cork), M. Maher (Tipperary), John Doyle (Tipperary), T. McGarry (Limerick), A. Wall (Tipperary), J. Byrne (Waterford), T. English (Tipperary), J. Condon (Waterford), Jimmy Doyle (Tipperary), P. J. Keane (Limerick), D. Nealon (Tipperary), L. Devaney (Tipperary), C. Ring (Cork), J. Smith (Clare). Subs.—M. Burns (Tipperary) for English; T. Ryan (Tipperary) for Nealon.

REPLAY — MUNSTER 2-8; LEINSTER 2-7.
MUNSTER—M. Cashman; J. Brohan, M. Maher, J.
Doyle, T. McGarry, A. Wall, J. Byrne; P. J. Keane,
J. Condon, Jimmy Doyle, T. Cheasty, (Waterford), D.
Nealon, J. Smith, C. Ring, L. Devaney, Subs.—F. Walsh,
(Waterford) for Ring, T. English for Walsh.

LEINSTER—O. Walsh, T. Neville, J. Walsh, L. Foley, S. Cleere, W. Rackard, J. Nolan, D. Foley, P. Wilson, (Wexford); J. O'Brien (Wexford), C. O'Brien, F. Whelan; W. Hogan, E. Wheeler, D. Heaslip. Subs.—J. English (Wexford) for Cleere; E. Keher for Hogan; O. McGrath for Heaslip.



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• OYLEGATE-GLENBRIEN, senior hurling champions of Wexford. Kneeling (from left)—Art Bennett, Peter Doyle, Ned McCormack, Andy Fortune, Pat Nolan (capt), Nick Fortune, Jim Fanning and Martin Murphy. Standing (from left)—Michael Nolan, Jim O'Toole, Joe Foley, Phil Wilson, Willie Foley, Aidan Quirke, Liam Swan, Simon Lambert, Aidan Ryan, John Nolan, Eddie Walsh and Paddy Walsh.

MOOREFIELD HURLERS, — Kildare senior champions, 1963. Front row (left to right)—C. Ruffley, J. Barcur, L. Sherry, S. Schwer, T. Connell, M. Monahan, D. Dennis, M. Leahy, A. Kiely, T. Durney.

\* Back row (left to right)—L. Casey, H. Byrne, H. Fay, E. Goff, T. Breen, J. Dowling, P. Moore, J. Moran, W. Copeland, T. Redmond, W. Quinn.



## MARY SINNOTT—WEXFORD'S

oNE of the outstanding camogie players of the present day is Mary Sinnott of Wexford. Without any doubt she is the leading full-back in the game, and her performances in the past three years have made her name a bye-word wherever the game is played.

Attractive, unassuming Mary is a native of Aughfad, Taghmon and is a niece of Mick O'Hanlon, the former Wexford All-Ireland hurler. She plays for the Oylegate-Glenbrien Camogie Club and is also a prominent member of the Taghmon Badminton and

For the past three years Mary has been on the Wexford camogie team and has helped them win two Leinster intermediate championships.

Tennis Club.

A member of the Leinster side in 1961, '62 and this year, she won a Gael Linn Cup interprovincial award in '62, and on present form should command a regular place on the Eastern province's first XII for some time to come.

This year has been a memorable one for the Oylegate-Glenbrien club. They won the Wexford senior and junior championships and, needless to

## LEADING CAMOGIE PLAYER

say, Mary played a leading part in all their triumphs.

On the badminton courts, Mary Sinnott is unchallenged as Wexford's leading exponent, and this although she did not take up the game until the 1962/63 season.

She entered for the County Wex-

• OYLEGATE - GLENBRIEN, Wexford senior and junior camogie champions.

Kneeling (from left)—Irene Fitzpatrick,
Teresa Fortune, Margo Ryan, Ita
Murphy, Anna Doyle, Mary Doyle.

Standing (from left) — Marie Jordan,
Phyllis Kehoe, Ann Heffernan (capt.),
Mary Walsh, Rita Heffernan, Mary Sinnott, Kathleen Roche, Peggy Doyle.

ford championships in Enniscorthy last March, and competing in senior and junior singles and senior doubles she made history by winning the three titles on the same night against stiff opposition.

Her achievements were all the more praiseworthy when it is considered that she had to play in each competition every night on the week of the final.

A natural all-round sportswoman, Mary Sinnott is also a useful tennis player, and shrewd judes who have seen her on the fairways maintain that if she concentrated on the Royal and Ancient game she would quickly become one of the leading lady golfers in Ireland.

However, all her other activities leave Mary with very little time for golf, and Wexford camogie followers fervently hope that she will remain the mainstay of the county's defence in future attempts to bring the All-Ireland title to the county.

The life and soul of any company in which she happens to be, Mary Sinnott, who takes all her honours lightly, is also chairman of the Trinity Young Farmers' Club.



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## DO YOU KNOW

- 1. The All-Ireland Poc Fada Competition over the Cooley Mountains in Louth was won by . . ?
- 2. A footballer who played at midfield and in attack for Ireland staged a come-back as a goalkeeper. His name?
- 3. Des Foley of Dublin joined a select band of players during the year. Can you say why?
- 4. A well-known County Board Secretary resigned in mid-season. Who was he, and who replaced him?
- The half-time scores in the All-Ireland senior finals were. . ?
- Castleblayney Faughs won the Monaghan senior football championship for the (?) th. time.
- 7. Fermanagh's P. T. Treacy was one of the stars of Ulster's victory in the Railway Cup football final. What club does he play with?
- 8. Mickey Walsh of Slieverue achieved what distinction during the year?
- 9. The opening scores in the All-Ireland senior finals had two things in common. What were they?

- Name the colours of the following county senior hurling champions: (a) Newmarket-on-Fergus (Clare); (b) Freshford (Kilkenny); (c) U.C.C. (Cork).
- 11. A club won two senior championships but did not bring off the "county double". Why?
- 12. Mick O'Dwyer (Kerry), John Timmons (Dublin) and Mickey Whelan (Dublin) figured in similar incidents in big games. In what respect?
- 13. Mick Garrett and Mick Reynolds formed Galway footballers' midfield pairing in many important games. What was peculiar about them?
- 14. Limerick was the odd-man-out of the 32 counties in what respect?
- 15. The daughter of a famous hurler figured prominently on the camogie field. Who was she?
- 16. A former All-Ireland footballer was to the fore in show jumping circles both in Ireland and on the Continent, His name?
- What are the colours worn by the following champion football clubs: (a) Dunmore McHales (Galway); (b) Ballisodare

- (Sligo); (c) St. John's (Antrim); (d) Castleblayney (Monaghan)?
- 18. Val Kane made the headlines in what respect?
- 19. Joe Duffy, Tom Feighery and Brendan O'Donnell were on the New York football team in the National League final. What else had they in common?
- 20. A juvenile won a major trophy in senior competition. The player's name . . .?
- 21. Eddie Keher's amazing accuracy for Kilkenny in the All-Ireland hurling final and other games was a feature of the season. Yet, he missed an easy and vital free in an important match. Can you remember it?
- 22. How many counties failed to win a championship match?
- Jim (Link) Walsh of Kilkenny made what piece of G.A.A. history.
- 24. Abbeydorney and Lixnaw juvenile hurlers set an unusual record. Can you name it?
- 25. Pat Molloy is a leading Offaly hurler. In what way did he hit the football headlines?

(Answers on next page)

## DID YOU KNOW

NUMBER TWO

- Actually there was a triple tie.
  Level with 70 pucks each were
  the holder, Kilkenny's Ollie
  Walsh, Meath's footballer-cumhurler, Dinny Donnelly, and Tom
  Geary, who has played junior
  huring for Waterford.
- Cork's Denis "Toots" Kelleher.
   Injured early in the year in a club game, he announced his retirement, but re-appeared late in the year as goalkeeper for his native Millstreet in the county junior championship.
- He became one of the few to captain senior and minor All-Ireland winning teams.
- Pat Stakelum of Tipperary, who who was succeeded by Tommy Barrett.
- Hurling: Kilkenny 3-6, Waterford 1-5; Football: Galway 0-6, Dublin 0-4.
- 6. It was the club's 14th, title.
- Devenish, the present county senior champions.
- He came on as a substitute for Waterford against his native Kilkenny in the All-Ireland senior hurlin final, having previously played for Kilkenny against Waterford in the finals of 1957 and '59.
- Both were points and both came in the third minute. Eddie Keher sent over a free for Kilkenny in the hurling decider and Mattie McDonagh shot over from play in the football final.
- (a) Blue; (b) Black and Amber;
   (c) Red and Black.

- Moorefield won the 1962 Kildare senior football championship in May, and went on to take the 1963 senior hurling title in November.
- 12. All three took penalties in games at 'Croke Park, but none scored a goal. O'Dwyer's shot was saved by Joe Duffy of New York in the National League final; Timmons sent the ball over the bar in the All-Ireland semi-final against Down, and Whelan hit an upright in the Grounds Tournament final against Galway.
- Neither is a native of Galway. Garrett was born in County Monaghan and Reynolds in Lancashire (England).
- It was the only county not to field a team in the senior football championship.
- 15. Kitty Barry-Murphy, who helped Cork win the Munster championship and Munster the Gael Linn Cup. She is a daughter of Dinny Barry-Murphy the former Cork All-Ireland hurler.
- Frank Kernan of Crossmaglen, a member of the Armagh team in the 1953 All-Ireland final.
- (a) Green; (b) White and Red;
   (b) Blue, White Band; (d) Green and Gold.
- 18. Although a minor he was selected on the Down senior team for the Ulster final and All-Ireland semifinal, as the county's minor selectors waived their claim on him. He did, however, come on as a substitute in the All-Ireland

- minor semi-final against Westmeath.
- They were the only native New Yorkers on the team.
- Anne Carroll, the 15-year-old Mercy Convent, Callan camogie star, who helped Munster win the Gael Linn Cup.
- 21. In the drawn Railway Cup hurling final, Munster and Leinster were level with less than two minutes to go when Leinster were awarded a free 25 yards out from the Munster goal and almost in front of it. Keher took the free, failed to rise it properly and his shot was deflected for a "70". There was no further score—and Munster won the replay.
- Monaghan was the only county, all of whose teams failed in the first rounds of the championships.
- 23. He became the third member of his family to play Railway Cup hurling. His brothers, Tom and Dave, had previously played with Leinster and Munster respectively.
- At Lixnaw, on Tuesday, August 27, they played a scoreless draw in a North Kerry competition.
- 25. Pat hails from Drumcullen, a hurling area in South Offaly. Last year he received special permission to play football with Tullamore and when the club won the county senior championship this year he became the first man from his area to win an Offaly senior football championship medal,

## Representative Games

## FOOTBALL

KERRY

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KERRY—J. Culloty; P. O'Donoghue, N. Sheehy, T. Lyons; J. J. Barrett, D. O'Sullivan, J. Driscoll; S. Murphy, G. O'Riordan; B. O'Callaghan, T. O'Sullivan, S. Roche, W. Doran, T. Long, P. Ahearn.

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ARMY ..... 0-10 GARDA ...... 1-6 ARMY—R. Cawley (Cork and Curragh); P. Collier (Meath and Air Corps), D. Flood (Kildare and Western), T. Goff (Kildare and Curragh); M. Coughlan (Kildare and Air Corps), M. Bohane (Dublin and Curragh), P. McMenamin (Curragh), R. Swan (Kildare and Curragh) (capt), P. Curley (Curragh), N. Madigan (Kildare and Air Corps), V. Lucey (Kerry and Air Corps), T. Shaughnessy (Air Corps), P. Daly (Offaly and Southern), J. J. Murphy (Cork and Air Corps), H. Donnelly (Offaly and Air Corps). Subs.—J. Lucey (Kerry and Curragh), for Curley; J. Archibald (Curragh) for Daly; J. Price (Curragh) for Shaughnessy.

GARDA—S. McGuinness (Mayo), P. Harrington (Cork), M. McDonnell (Laois), P. J. Kennedy (Clare), J. Hughes (Laois), M. Carolan (Kildare), S. Keevans (Wexford), T. Browne (Laois), S. Ferriter (Donegal), G. Reilly (Roscommon), F. Kennedy (Clare), J. J. O'Reilly (Cavan), G. Rankin (Laois), F.

Gilton (Dublin), P. Roberts (Carlow). Sub.—G. Starkin for P. Harrington.

## HURLING

Owing to several sets of circumstances the annual representative hurling match did not take place. The following Rest of Ireland team had been selected to play Tipperary:—

O. Walsh (Kilkenny); J. Brohan (Cork), W. Rackard (Wexford), T.

Neville (Wexford); S. Cleere (Kilkenny), M. Og Morrissey (Waterford), J. Byrne (Waterford), D. Foley (Dublin), J. O'Sullivan (Cork), W. Hogan (Carlow), T. Cheasty (Waterford), J. O'Brien (Wexford), O. McGrath (Wexford), C. Ring (Cork), D. Heaslip (Kilkenny). Subs.—C. O'Brien (Laois), M. Cashman (Cork), A. Flynn (Waterford), F. Whelan (Dublin), J. Salmon (Galway).

## GAEL LINN CAMOGIE CUP

SEMI-FINALS

LEINSTER 9-3, ULSTER 6-0
LEINSTER — E. Ellard (Wexford), M. Sinnott (Wexford), J. Murphy (Wexford), M. Sherlock (Dublin), K. Lyons (Dublin), K. Murphy (Louth), K. Ryder (Dublin), L. Hearne (Wexford), C. Hanrahan (Kilkenny), U. O'Connor (Dublin) (capt.), J. Doyle (Dublin), B. Moran (Kildare). Sub. — M. Ruschitzko (Laois) for K. Murphy.

ULSTER—M. McGrath (Derry),
B. Downey (Derry), M. Kane (Antrim), C. O'Boyle (Antrim), M. C.
Mallon (Armagh), L. Carabine (Antrim), S. Ward (Antrim), M. McAtamney (Antrim), M. Kearns (Antrim) (capt.), B. McCloskey (Derry),
E. Mallon (Tyrone), M. P. Jameson (Antrim).

MUNSTER 5-10, CONNACHT 1-3
MUNSTER—D. Sutton (Cork),
K. Barry-Murphy (Cork), B. G.iltinane (Limerick), P. Murphy (Tipperary), J. McNamara (Waterford),
T. Geaney (Tipp), L. Howlett (Waterford), D. Young (Cork), R. Manley (Cork), S. O'Connell (Cork), K. Griffin (Tipp), A. Carroll (Tipp).

CONNACHT — E. Naughton (Galway), M. Kelly (Mayo), J. Fahy (Galway), R. Conway (Mayo), P. Fitzgerald (Galway), K. Higgins (Galway), J. Ruane (Mayo), W. Finnerty (Mayo), A. Kelly (Mayo), K. Clancq (Galway), F. Fox (Galway), P. Colclough (Galway).

FINAL

MUNSTER 3-2, LEINSTER 2-2
MUNSTER—D. Sutton (Cork),
K. Barry-Murphy (Cork), P.
Moloney (Tipperary), J. McNamara (Waterford), B. Giltenane (Limerick), T. Geaney (Tipperary),
L. Howlett (Waterford), D. Young (Cork), A. Carroll (Tipperary), R.
Manley (Cork), S. O'Connell (Cork), K. Griffin (Tipperary).
Sub.—J. Clancy (Cork) for J. McNamara.

LEINSTER—E. Ellard (Wexford), M. Synnott (Wexford), J. Murphy (Wexford), M. Sherlock (Dublin), K. Lyons (Dublin), K. Murphy (Louth), K. Ryder (Dublin), L. Hearne (Wexford), C. O'Hanrahan (Kilkenny), U. O'Connor (Dublin), J. Doyle (Dublin), B. Moran (Kildare).

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS
(O'Duffy Cup)
DUBLIN (22)—1932-'33, 1937'38, 1942-'44, 1948-'55, 1957-'63.
CORK (6)—1934-'36, 1939-'41.
ANTRIM (4)—1945-'47, 1956.

GAEL LINN CUP WINNERS LEINSTER (6)—1956-'60, 1962. MUNSTER (2)—1961, 1963.

## SOME AMAZING

By CHRIS

THE playing fields are deserted. Hurleys and boots have been put away until the Spring, but the games of the Gael are still the main topic of conversation wherever followers meet.

meet.

Whether it be in the glow of a blazing fire at the interval of the local whist drive, on the roads from Mass or at the country cross-roads, groups gather and recall the men and games that made the past G.A.A. year another memorable one.

Naturally, there is never general agreement that one incident, one team, one player, one game or one aspect of the Association's working was the most outstanding. Everyone

has his or her opinion.

For me, however, the most inspiring thing during the past year was the wonderful spirit displayed by those many gallant veterans, who, though past their best and with no hope of capturing the spotlight of fame, turned out for their clubs, in fair weather and foul, giving courage and inspiration to youth hardly born when they first pulled on a jersey.

Throughout the country there are many fine examples of this unselfish dedication and unswerving loyalty to our national games, but I can think of none to surpass the Laoisman, Paddy Lalor, who for the past quarter of a century has been actively associated with hurling and football in the

O'Moore County.

But then Paddy's interest could not have been anywhere else except in

Gaelic games.

Born into a "national" atmosphere he is son of a rebel mother, the late Mrs. Fanney Lalor (nee Kelly), whose sole concern was for the gaelic-

ising of her only son.

Yet, despite his upbringing and well cultivated love for the games, he was not a ready-made success. In fact, his early years at the Abbeyleix Patrician Brothers' School were disappointing, and he failed to "make" the juvenile teams there!

He was, however, a worthwhile sub.

on the teams which won the Laois juvenile double in 1940, and in his brief appearance the discerning ones saw promise of eventual greatness in the youth who was big for his age.

When he went to the great Carlow nursery, Knockbeg College, Paddy proceeded to fulfill that promise.

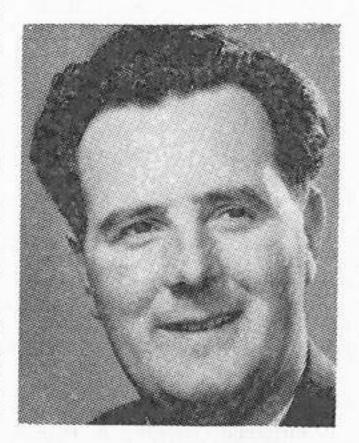
## College Debut

In 1941 he made his debut with the College team against St. Kieran's, Kilkenny and held his place in 1942, '43 and '44.

He also played senior football with Knockbeg in '43 and '44, and was a sub, on the Leinster side which beat Ulster at Breffni Park in 1944.

While at Knockbeg he played with the Abbeyleix minor hurling team in 1944 and would surely have gained inter-county recognition but for the fact that those competitions were discontinued during the war years.

Promotion came quickly to Paddy, and it was no surprise when he was handed an Abbeyleix jersey for his first senior game, against Clonaslee in 1944.



· PADDY LALOR

So well did he perform that he held his place and went on to win his first senior medal against Kilcotton in the final. He won his second against Camross in 1945, and figured in county finals against Clonad in '46, '47 and '48 before smashing their grip on the title in the "AlI-Ireland" year of 1949 for his last senior trophy.

He won a junior football title with Spink in 1944 and subsequently played senior with Ballyroan and Fintan Lalors before the formation of a football team in his native Abbeyleix

in 1949.

In the inter-county sphere, Paddy's appearance on the Laois team coincided with the first signs of a resurgence of the game in the O'Moore County in 1947.

He was a member of the historymaking team which so sensationally beat Kilkenny's all-powerful 1947 All-Ireland winning side in the 1948 Leinster semi-final.

Incidentally, that was Paddy's most memorable day in hurling, for he became the only man to score two goals off Mark Marnell.

It will be remembered that Dublin beat Laois in the Leinster final, but when they later selected the 1949 Leinster team Paddy Lalor was the only Laois man on the team.

He was also on the Laois team that won the 1949 Leinster title, only to go down so disappointingly to Tipperary in the All-Ireland final.

He made other appearances with Leinster in 1950, '51 and '53, successfully captaining the team in the 1950 semi-final against Connacht.

Paddy also played senior and junior football for Laois in the early '50's, and finally finished his inter-county career in 1960.

## Club Secretary

To add to his choc-full life of Gaelic activity, he was Abbeyleix club secretary from 1945 to 1953,

## VETERANS I KNOW

PHELAN

when he became secretary of the Laois County Board, a position he relinquished in 1956.

Since then he has been club chairman, vice-chairman and is the present

president.

The best players he met in his career were Harry Grey, Dan Cranny, Paddy Kelly and Billy Bohane (Laois), Sean Duggan (Galway), Christy Ring (Cork), Mark Marnell (Kilkenny), Nick O'Donnell (Wexford) and John Doyle (Tipperary).

From such an amazing veteran who, incidentally, has no intention of quitting the game, this advice should

be acceptable to all youth:

"Keep playing for the game's sake, and do not forget that the less frequent the success the greater the pleasure when it comes."

For supporters he had the obseration: "No matter how you criticise the selectors (county or club) please remember that they are invariably more disappointed than you are."

Surely sound talk from "one amazing veteran" I am priviliged to know.

## ACTIVE - AFTER THIRTY YEARS!

may go but one who seems to go on forever is another great veteran of our time, Paddy Sixsmith of Crettyard a man who can fit comfortably into the category of "some amazing veterans I know."

What can one say about Paddy Sixsmith, known as the "father of Laois football", that has not been said before?

Simply, that he is a remarkable man.

How remarkable may be gauged from the fact that two years ago, in October 1961, he celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his entry into adult football by leading his native Crettyard to their first county championship win — a junior crown.

Still sporting the same boyishness that has made him the envy of so many for so long, Paddy was still there doing his bit for the old club in the intermediate championship this year.

All who saw him play have agreed that it was no fault of his that 'Cretty'

was beaten.

From the time he crossed the threshold of the junior grade away back in 1936 until he achieved his life-long ambition in 1961, the "five-feet tornado" that was Sixsmith figured in many outstanding games, and gave many a classic exhibition of brainy football.

## Meagre Rewards

In all, he played in ten county junior semi-finals, two senior finals and three intermediate deciders, but in proportion to his appearances on final day his rewards were meagre indeed.

His medals include two intermediate, one junior, but no senior however, proof positive this this fiercely devoted Gael plays for nothing but the love of playing.

In the absence of a huge collection of mementoes, he has the abiding memory of having played for the Laois senior team from 1943 to 1947, being a member of the side that brought the last Leinster title to the O'Moore County in 1946.

He also played for the county jun-

iors on numerous occasions.

Equally adept at hurling, Paddy travels to all important games in the surrounding counties, and with a modesty which one would expect from such a great little sportsman, he admits that he would have been a good hurler if the game had been played extensively in his area.

## **His Secret**

Big secret of Paddy's continuous physical fitness is his natural athletic ability, which has netted him over one hundred trophies.

He is a prominent member of the St. Abban's Athletic Club, and as such is no stranger on the roads and fields for miles around Crettyard

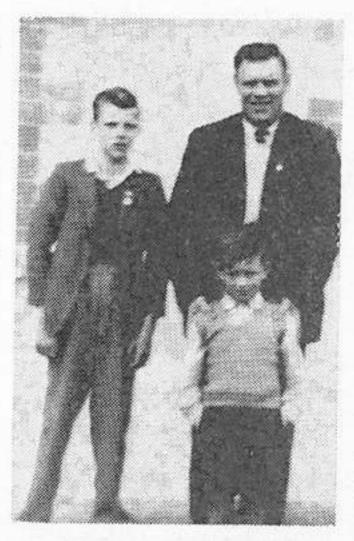
during winter.

Having played with and against most of the leading players of his time, he considers the best of them all to have been Tommy Murphy and Bill Delaney of Laois, with the Carlowman, Pierce Whelan, a good third.

After thirty years playing one would expect his interest in, and his appetite for, the game to have waned. But not a bit of it. He has, in fact, two ambitions.

One is to help Crettyard win a Laois senior title and the other is to see his sons play well the game he loves so well.

I hope he achieves both, and then he would be the "most amazing veteran I know."



 PADDY SIXSMITH with his two sons.

A glance at the All-Ireland roll of honour will show that only one county, Tipperary, has won All-Ireland titles in all seven grades of hurling and football. All natives of the county are extremely proud of this fact, and this article is intended as a small tribute to the men who made it possible—the intermediate hurlers who this year swept aside all opposition in their march to an All-Ireland crown.

When this championship was inaugurated in 1961, Tipperary got off to a very promising start by winning the Munster title. Wexford provided the opposition in the All-Ireland home final and created a mild sensation in Munster circles by sharing

the honours.

In the replay, the Model County went one better and a disappointed Tipperary side saw their chances of making history, by becoming the first champions in the new grade, go up in smoke.

Wexford beat London in the All-Ireland proper and thus carved for themselves a permanent niche in

Gaeldom's Hall of Fame.

This year, before the campaign started, Tipperary's chances of figuring in the final shake-up were considered to be as good as anyone else's and better than most.

Limerick in the first round at Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town was considered a favourable enough draw, but opinions were revised when the teams ended level: Tipperary 3-10, Limerick 6-1.

A replay on "enemy" territory, Kilmallock, was not an inviting prospect, and all the more so when Limerick were reputed to have strengthened their team considerably.

However, Tipp folk felt much happier at half-time. Limerick had played with the wind and squandered so many chances that they turned over

one goal in arrears.

Ten minutes after the "break" the visiting supporters and officials were not so sure. Limerick had hurled defiance in the teeth of the breeze and led by two points. But Tipperary rallied, levelled and never looked back to win eventually by 3-9 to 2-7.

In retrospect, those two hard games with Limerick did much to weld the Tipp side into the effective force that it afterwards proved itself.

Cashel was the venue for the Munster semi-final, and the opposition was provided by the "old-enemy",

## Tipperary's First Intermediate Crown

By Phil Meagher

Cork. The first half ended with the blue and gold leading by 1-6 to 0-4 after 30 keen minutes, during which the opposition had looked anything but world-beaters.

It had, however, been but the calm before the storm. Switches at the interval transformed Cork into an effective fighting force and they pinned Tipperary down for most of the second half.

Exchanges were fast and furious and with nine minutes to go Cork lead by two points. Tipp then rallied. Grace had a point, and then Michael Roche lobbed a long-range free all the way to the net for a somewhat lucky but, oh, so vital goal.

"Babs" Keating clinched matters with a superb solo run and sailing point to leave a goal in it—3-9 to 1-12—when time was called.

Clare, conquerors of Kerry and Galway, offered but feeble resistance in the Munster final. Tipp led 2-7 to 0-2 at half-way, won by 6-10 to 0-4 and for the second time in three years faced Wexford in the home All-Ireland; this time at Waterford.

For men like Tom Larkin and "Babs" Keating this pairing recalled two hard games at Kilkenny in 1961, and no two men did more to exact revenge

Keating sent over ten points, Larkin added four and a Wexford challenge that was much weaker than expected was repulsed by 0-17 to 2-3.

Now only London stood between Tipperary and the All-Ireland title, and as the Exiles were having their first game in the championship and had to come to Thurles into the bargain a home victory looked a reasonably safe bet. Nothing could have been farther form the truth.

Maybe Tipp were too complacent, and maybe the greasy sod and second-half rain did not suit them, but they never produced their true form and struggled to an unconvincing victory after a scrappy game.

The final tally of 1-10 to 1-7 might have been reversed had London the benefit of a previous match or two.

However, all that is but wishful thinking, for over the season the team proved itself a compact and workmanlike combination and thoroughly deserved the honours.

Looking back on the campaign I recall some excellent goalkeeping by Peter O'Sullivan; effective and uncompromising defence by Mick Barry, Tom Bourke, Gerry Gleeson and Willie Boyle, and consistent midfield performances by Michael Roche and John Keating.

"Babs" Keating's marksmanship was invaluable in attack, but Tom Larkin, Jackie Lanigan and Fonsie Condon also got telling scores when

required.

Every man on duty in every match pulled his weight, however, and even if the intermediates did not capture the public imagination they can at least say that in 1963 they succeeded where the seniors and minors failed.

For that, they deserve a meed of thanks and praise from every Tipperary follower.



■ TULLAMORE, senior football champions of Offaly for the 21st time. Kneeling (from left)—A. Gallagher, Ml. Hayden, G. Hayden, T. Hayden (captain), M. Fitzpatrick, B. Dagg, B. Needham. Standing (from left)—E. Fox, D. Keegan, P. O'Reilly, M. Furlong, A. Kelly, J. Finlay, P. Molloy, J. Bracken.

P. Bracken, Photographer, Tullamore.

## Where The Garda Titles Went

## FOOTBALL

Semi-finals—D.M.D. 3-4, Leinster 1-9; Ulster-Connacht 1-13; Munster 1-9.

Final — Ulster-Connacht 2-8, D.M.D. 2-3.

Ulster - Connacht: G. Curran (Cavan), H. O'Dowd (Cavan), S. Reilly (Mayo), J. Keyes (Donegal), T. Kelly (Mayo), C. Cawley (Mayo), R. O'Donnell (Donegal), S. Ferriter (Donegal), J. Lynch (Galway), H. McGowan (Sligo), E. Moriarty (Mayo), P. Ward (Sligo), M. Ryan (Cavan), P. Dolan (Mayo), D. McHugh (Donegal).

## HURLING

Semi-finals—D.M.D. 5-9, Leinster 3-4; Munster 8-10, Ulster-Connacht 3-2.

Final—Munster 4-4, D.M.D. 2-7.

Munster: T. Kirby (Clare), M.

Hogan (Carlow), T. O'Donnell
(Clare), N. Quill (Kerry), W. Walsh
(Carlow), J. Conroy (Galway), K.

Dermody (Kerry), J. Keating

(Tipp), W. Lee (Tipp), S. English (Tipp), P. McGovern (Carlow), W. Doyle (Wexford), T. Kelly (Cork), M. McDonnell (Laois), M. O'Brien (Limerick).

## HANDBALL

S.H.S.—M. Sullivan (Terenure), S.H.D.—M. Sullivan and R. Walsh (Terenure); S.S.S. — M. Sullivan; S.S.D.—M. Sullivan and R. Walsh.

J.H.S.—J. McGrath (Kanturk); J.H.D.—L. McNulty and C. Duggan (Limerick); J.S.S. — C. Maguire (D.M.D.); J.S.D.—J Fleming and C. Maguire (D.M.D.).

## London Winners

## LONDON

S.H.C. — Brian Borus (Sean Treacys), S.H.L. — Bros. Pearse (Sean Treacys), S.F.C. — Naomh Mhuire (Cuchulainns). S.F.L. — Naomh Mhuire (An Riaghact). J.H.C. — St. Gabriels (Naomh Mhuire), J.H.L.—Emeralds or Desmonds. J.F.C. — Tirconaill Gaels (Garryowen). J.F.L. — Tirconaill Gaels (Garryowen). Inter. H.L. — St. Gabriels (St. Finbarrs). Inter. F.C. — St. Mel's (Naomh Mhuire). Jim Collins Cup (H)—Brian Borus (Sean Treacys). Tipperary Cup (F) Naomh Mhuire or St. Vincent's.

N.B.—In above list, runners-up are in brackets.

## ARMY CHAMPIONS

FOOTBALL: Final—Air Corps 3-10, Curragh Training Camp 3-8.

HURLING: Final—Southern Command 2-10, Air Corps 1-7. HANDBALL: H.D.—Tpr. T. Kealy and Pte. M. O'Sullivan (Southern Command); H.S.—Pte. M. Hore (Eastern); S.D.—Pte. J. Davin and Tpr. T. Kealy (Southern); S.S.—Pte. J. O'Regan (Western).



SEAMUS CLEERE Kilkenny



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- 1. SEAMUS CLEERE (Kilkenny)
- 2. MICKEY WHELAN (Dublin)
- 3. Eddie Keher (Kilkenny)
- 4. MICK GARRETT (Galway)
- 5. PHIL GRIMES (Waterford)
- 6. Lar Foley (Dublin)







PHIL GRIMES Waterford

JOE LENNON Down





MICK O'DWYER Kerry

THEO ENGLISH Tipperary



## THE TOP

Nour playing season of ten months' duration our thousands of hurling and football enthusiasts—and you can include me among them—are thrilled by many brilliant individual performances. We have been so often held enthralled, so frequently been filled with admiration that we find it most difficult, at the end of the year, to pick our player of the year.

For me, only one thing is certain as I look back on 1963: my top hurler of the year is a Kilkenny man. But deciding between two of them is somewhat like the case of deciding which came first . . . the chicken or the egg.

Throughout a year that brought the Liam McCarthy Cup back to Kilkenny two players in the black and amber stood apart from all others— Seamus Cleere, the right half-back and captain of the side, and that accurate, stylish forward, Eddie Keher.

But which contributed most to the county's success? That is the 64-dollar question. The argument raged after the All-Ireland final, in which Cleere brilliantly led and inspired his men to victory and in which Keher scored a record 14 points.

But not merely for what they did in championship triumph, but also for the manner in which they played and comported themselves in defeat do I pick this pair as my top two on the hurling list.

When Kilkenny lost a vital League game to Tipperary in April Cleere was outstanding in defence and Keher was in top form in attack. Similarly, when Kilkenny again went under to Tipperary in September—this time in the Oireachtas semi-final—no blame could be attached to this pair.

## Cleere Gets Top Spot

But who gets the top spot? On the basis that forwards must have a steady supply of the ball before they can score for their team I select Cleere, for this calm, reliable attacking half-back has, throughout the year, been responsible for the Kilkenny attack being liberally supplied with a steady service.

He has been soundness personified, held sway on his own right wing and found time to cover off with alertness and nimbleness in other areas, too.

In addition, he capped a great year by shooting two splendid long-range points in the All-Ireland final at vital stages of that game against Waterford.

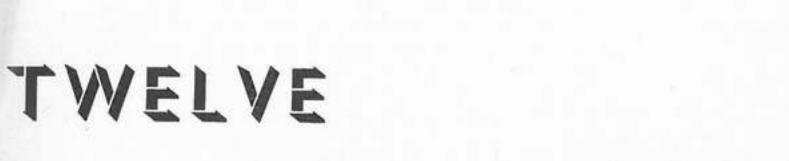
Thus because he was, as it were, the source of supply does Cleere, in my estimation, just edge into the top spot ahead of Keher, the grace and style

BY MICK DUNNE

NOEL TIERNEY (Galway)	7	*	*	*	*	*
DES FOLEY (Dublin)	8	*	*			
Joe Lennon (Down)				т	*	*
JOHN DONNELLAN (Galway)	10	*	*	*	*	*
MICK O'DWYER (Kerry)		*	*	*	*	*
THEO ENGLISH (Tipperary)	12	*	*	*	*	*

MICKEY WHELAN Dublin





and easy-flowing deftness of whose striking delighted me each time I saw him in action.

The All-Ireland football title went to Dublin, the team none of us at the start of the year expected to go far in the championship.

But one of the reasons they upset calculations was Mickey Whelan, their centre half-forward who confesses that he prefers playing at wing half-back, but who performed with such consistent brilliance, with such telling effect and with such versatility that he was the footballer of the year.

In each major game won by Dublin Whelan played a major role. His driving, scything runs through many a defence brought many scores, but his timely arrival to midfield more than once brought Dublin out of difficulties when they were floundering in that area.

## Other Memorable Performances

And the other memorable performances? It was a year in which Lar Foley of Dublin rediscovered his best full-back form and twice during the year—against Meath and Kerry—his unquenchable spirit was the asset which turned impending defeat into victory for his side.

For Waterford a veteran, Phil Grimes, played a great part in the successes enjoyed by that county in the National League and the Munster championship, and his performance in that classic National League "Home" final was something to remember for a long while.

The best young player of the year was Galway's brilliant full-back, Noel Tierney, who was unfortunate enough to end the season on the injured list. Although he had been on the team before 1963 it was only in June, for the Connacht semi-final against Mayo, that Noel took over as the regular full-back, and with some outstanding displays he made the position his own.

On the Galway team, shock winners over Kerry and narrow losers to Down (in the League) and Dublin (in the championship), there were also the many excellent porformances of midfielder Mick Garrett, who surpassed all he had achieved on the football field in previous years, and half-back John Donnellan, whose soundness was expertly displayed on the wing and in the centre.

Remember the fine performances of Down's Joe Lennon, the brilliance of Kerry's Mick O'Dwyer in defence and latterly in attack, and the splendid hurling of Tipperary's Theo English. There you have just some of the men who warmed the hearts of those of us who watched them during this year.

MICK GARRETT Galway

LAR FOLEY Dublin





NOEL TIERNEY Galway

DES FOLEY Dublin





JOHN DONNELLAN Galway

(of the Irish Press)

## PEADAR O'BRIEN (of the Irish Press) writes on . . .

## The Colleges

**W**OULD Ennis C.B.S. clear the All-Ireland final hurdle they failed the previous year? Would we see a comeback to greatness by St. Flannan's, Ennis or St. Kieran's, Kilkenny? What were St. Mel's chances of retaining the All-Ireland football title? These were some of the questions asked as the 1962-'63 Colleges season got under way.

Seven months later these questions were aswered. St. Mel's did retain their football title, but out of the hurling blue came unfancied St. Finbarr's of Farranferris, Cork to win their first All-Ireland hurling champ-

ionship. In Leinster, Mel's beat Drogheda C.B.S. and Gormanston to reach the semi-final, where they survived a strong challenge from Patrician College, Ballyfin.

Storming out from the other half of the draw came O'Connell C.B.S., Dublin, a comparatively unknown side, who had played all their championship matches on a League system. Not many had seen them in action, but when they accounted for St. Finian's in the Leinster semi-final at An Uaimh their stock soared immeasurably.

However, Mel's with a glorious display of football survived after a thrillpacked hour. Their bigger, heavier side was more suited to the heavy going, and they eventually triumphed by three points.

Mel's faced their next hurdle in the form of a stylish, fighting-fit St. Colman's, Newry side, who had previously dethroned St. Patrick's, Cavan as title-holders in Ulster,

The Leinster champions won, but only by two points, after giving their supporters many anxious moments.

Travelling to Limerick as favourites for their All-Ireland semi-final clash with St. Brendan's, Killarney, who had earlier taken the Munster football title from De La Salle, Waterford, Jarlath's were shocked and rocked by the brilliance of St. Brendan's,

At the end St. Brendan's had a point to spare and now it was their turn to see if they could stop Mel's bid for the two in a row.

A rain-lashed day at Croke Park was not conducive to good football, but both sides played their hearts out.

Mel's with midfielder Danny Gallagher in brilliant form, eased into a 0-4 to 0-2 half-time lead, but shortly after the interval Gallagher faded from the scene, and the never-say-die spirit of the Killarney boys came very much to the fore.

But with all the doggedness that had won them so many honours, the Mel's defence held out. They were content to clear anywhere and everywhere, and when referee Jimmy Martin sounded the final whistle, it was Longford in front, 1-6 to 2-2.

Not much interest was aroused when St. Finbarr's, Farranferris accounted for Sullivan's Quay C.B.S., but when they beat a quietly fancied St. Flannan's side by four points some folk began to sit up and take notice.

That brought the Cork boys into

a semi-final clash with Thurles C.B.S. but again some power hurling by tall centre half-back, Connie O'Leary, Vincent Hodnett, Sean Barry, Tom McAvoy and Liam McAuliffe could not be denied and "Farna" were in the Harty final.

Ennis C.B.S. battled their way through from the other side of the draw, and having beaten St. Colman's, Fermoy in the semi-final were fancied by many to come through again,

And what a start Ennis got, A goal in the first few minutes had St. Finbarr's reeling, but ace sharp-shooter Sean Barry soon got the range and Farranferris lashed home three goals in the space of ten minutes. This put them into the lead, and they were never subsequently headed.

After a wonderful hour's hurling

## ALL-IRELAND

S.F. (Hogan Cup): Winners—St. Mel's, Longford; Runners-up: St. Brendan's, Killarney.

S.H. (Croke Cup): St. Finbarr's, Farranferris, Cork; Patrician College, Ballyfin.

## CONNACHT

S.F.—St. Jarlath's, Tuam; St. Muredach's, Ballina.

S.F. Div. B.—St. Colman's, Clare-

morris; Tuam C.B.S. J.F.—St. Jarlath's, Tuam; St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen.

Juv. F.—St. Nathy's; St. Jarlath's. S.H.—St. Mary's, Galway; St. Joseph's, Garbally Park, Ballinasloe.

J.H.—St. Mary's; Our Lady's College, Gort.

Juv. H.—St. Mary's; St. Jarlath's. Juv. H. Div B. — Roscommon C.B.S.; Colaiste Iognaid, Galway.

## LEINSTER

S.F.C. — St. Mel's, Longford; O'Connell C.B.S., Dublin.

S.F. Div B.—Colaiste Mhuire C.B.S. Dublin; Marist College, Athlone.

J.F.C. — O'Connell C.B.S; St. Mel's.

J.F. (Special)—Portlaoise C.B.S.; Colaiste Mhuire C.B.S.

Juv. F.-Franciscan College, Gormanston; St. Joseph's C.B.S., Fairview, Dublin.

## This Year's Trophy

S.H.C.—Patrician College, Ballyfin; St. Kieran's, Kilkenny.

S.H. Div. B. (Dr. Staunton Cup) —Wexford C.B.S.; Francisan College, Gormanston,

J.H.C.—Enniscorthy C.B.S.; St. Vincent's C.B.S., Glasnevin, Dublin.

J.H. (Dr. Kyne Cup)—Portlaoise C.B.S.; Marist College, Athlone.

Juv. H .- St. Peter's, Wexford; Drimnagh Castle C.B.S., Dublin.

## MUNSTER

S.H. (Dr. Harty Cup)-St. Finbarr's, Farranferris; Ennis C.B.S.

S.H. Div. B. — Midleton C.B.S.; Doon C.B.S.

J.H. (Dean Ryan Cup)—Colaiste Criost Ri, Cork; De La Salle College, Waterford.

J.H. (Dr. Kinane Cup)-Patrician College, Fethard; Doon C.B.S.

J.H. (Dr. Rogers Cup)—Midleton C.B.S., Salesian College, Pallaskenry.

S.F. (Corn na Mumhan) — St. Brendan's, Killarney; De La Salle, Waterford.

S.F. Div. B.—Cahirciveen C.B.S.; Salesian College, Pallaskenry.

J.F. (Frewen Cup)—Col. Criost Ri, Cork; De La Salle, Waterford.

J.F. (Colleges' Cup)—Rochestown College, Cork; Clonmel High School.

## Front

they triumphed by 4-9 to 3-4 and the Dr. Harty Cup had found a home for the first time in Cork's Diocesan College

Patrician College, Ballyfin stormed through Leinster with all the ease in the world. Their power hurling was too much for all opposition and when they beat St. Kieran's, they earned a

new rating for themselves.

The final at Croke Park, on the same day as the National Hurling League home final between Tipperary and Waterford, was something of an anti-climax. Despite the efforts of Ray Niland, Pat Bradley, Mick Davitt, Dan Delaney and Liam Purcell, Farranferris proved too good and took their first All-Ireland title by 4-8 to 3-4 after scores had been level at half-time.

## Winners

ULSTER

S.F. (MacRory Cup) — St. Colman's, Newry; St. Patrick's, Cavan.

S.F. Div. B. (McLarnon Cup)— —St. Columb's, Derry; St. Michael's, Omeath.

J.F. (Ranafast Cup)—St. Columb's, Derry; De La Salle, Downpatrick.

J.F. (Corn na nOg)—De La Salle, Downpatrick; St. Michael's, Enniskillen.

S.H.—St. McNissi's, Garrontower. J.H.—St McNissi's, Garrontower.

## HANDBALL

All-Ireland Semi-finals — Enniscorthy C.B.S. (Tom McGrath and Brendan O'Neill) bt. Limerick C.B.S. (Victor and Michael Moane); St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen (Seamus Connolly and Pat Cleary) bt. St. Patrick's, Armagh (Eamonn Quinn and Martin Murphy).

FINAL—St. Nathy's (Connolly and Cleary) bt. Enniscorthy C.B.S.

(McGrath and O'Neill).

CONNACHT: Senior and Junior
—St. Nathy's.

LEINSTER: Senior, Junior and Juvenile—Enniscorthy C.B.S.

MUNSTER: Senior Singles and Doubles—Limerick C.B.S.; Junior Singles and Doubles—Tralee C.B.S.

ULSTER: Senior and Junior — St. Patrick's, Armagh. NEW YORK DETAILS

DETAILS of competitions decided in New York during the past season were:

1962 COMPETITIONS

S.F.C.: Kerry (winners), Monaghan (runners-up).

S.F.L.—Kerry, (Kilkenny).
S.F. k.o.—Monaghan, (Cork).
S.H.C.—Tipperary, (Kilkenny).
S.H.L.—Tipperary, (Cork).
S.F.L. Div. 2—Louth (Clare).
J.H.C.—Cork, (Waterford).

## 1963 COMPETITIONS

S.F.C.—Kerry.

S.F.L.—Kerry, (Offaly).

S.F. (k.o.)—Kerry, (Cork). S.F.L. Div. B.—Longford, (Roscommon)

J.F.C.—Kerry, (Offaly).

S.H.C.—Kilkenny v. Galway or Cork in final.

S.H.L.—Kilkenny, (Galway).

S.H. (k.o.)—Galway v. Cork in final.

J.H.C.—Cork v. St. Brendan's (Brooklyn) in final.

N.B.—In senior hurling and football the New York G.A.A. runs League and Knock-Out Competitions, with the winners meeting in the championship final. When the same team wins both competitions, as Kerry footballers did this year, they are automatically declared champions.

26 of the Irish counties affiliated one or more teams. The exceptions were: Kildare, Wicklow, Wexford, Derry, Antrim and Fermanagh.

The following teams represented New York in the National League finals:

HURLING (v. Waterford at Croke Park)—D. O'Brien (Tipperary), P. Dowling (Cork), C. O'Connell (Kerry), M. Morrissey (Carlow), P. Hennessy (Tipp), M. Sweeney (Galway), J. Murphy (Tipp), B. Hennessy (Kerry), J. Keating (Cork), S. Ryall (Cork), J. Carey (Tipp), capt., B. Kelleher (Limerick), B. Carey (Tipp), J. Quarry (Waterford), P. Kirby (Clare). Subs.—J. Donoghue (Wexford), S. Lakes (Kilkenny), M. Donovan (Kilkenny).

HURLING (v. Waterford at Kilkenny)—K. Croke (Galway); P. Dowling, C. O'Connell, M. Morrissey, J. Murphy, M. Sweeney, J. O'Donnell (Limerick), B. Hennessy, J. Keating, S. Ryall, J. Carey, B. Kelleher, B. Carey, M. Donovan, P. Kirby, Subs.—B. McCann (Offaly) J. Naughton (Clare), A. English (Tipp).

FOOTBALL (v. Kerry at Croke Park)—J. Duffy (New York), J. Lowry (Mayo), D. Bernard (Cork), S. McElligott (Kerry), P. Lynch (Kerry), J. Foley (Kerry), M. Foley (Kerry), J. Halpin (Sligo), T. Feighery (New York), J. Kenna (Galway), E. McCarthy (Cork), M. Moynihan (Kerry), P. Boyle (Cavan), B. O'Donnell (New York), P. Carey (Clare). Sub.—P. Flood (Cavan).

## Camogie Champions

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS Dublin (winners); Antrim (runners-up).

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

LEINSTER: Senior — Dublin; Wexford, Intermediate — Wexford; Laois, Junior — Offaly; Longford.

ULSTER: Senior—Antrim; Armagh. Junior—Derry; Antrim. Maguire Cup—Antrim.

MUNSTER: Senior—Cork; Tip-

CONNACHT: Senior — Galway Mayo.

## COLLEGES

Ashbourne Cup—Undecided.
Ashbourne Shield — U. C. G.;
Queen's Univ.

Leinster: Stuart Cup-Mercy Convent, Callan.

Ulster: Senior-St. Dominic's, Belfast.

Dublin: Senior C'ship and League
—Holy Faith, Clontarf.

Cork: South Presentation Convent.

## COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Dublin: Austin Stacks. Kildare: Ballyroe. Tipperary: Roscrea. Antrim: Deirdre.

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## The Leechs Of Drogheda...

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well as many tournament awards. A bread server in a local

bakery, Liam also plays table-tennis and golf.

Paddy, a shop assistant, first played with Newtown Blues in 1960 and has since helped them win three Louth senior championships, two Cardinal O'Donnell Cups, two Old Gaels Cups and many tournaments. A sturdy, dependable defender, his performances have caught the eyes of the Louth selectors, and he "made" the county team for the current National League.

Paddy has also represented Louth in junior hurling, is very interested in golf and has competed for the Evening

Herald Golf Trophy.

Joey who is a painter, is a founder-member of O'Rahillys and holds two minor and one junior county championship medals, two Drogheda Minor League medals, as well as two divisional league medals won with Drogheda.

In his school days he won several trophies with Drogheda C.B.S. and helped Hardmans Gardens to victory on many occasions in the Drogheda Street League, Joey plays

in goal and, he too, is a keen golfer.

Youngest of the brothers is Michael, who is a proof reader and, in fact, is one of the people who helped to produce this annual. He started his football career with Drogheda C.B.S. and figured in many victories with them

before joining the O'Rahillys.

With the Hardmans Gardens club he has won four minor and one junior county championship, and three Drogheda Minor League medals, He has also helped Drogheda to victory in the Inter-Divisional minor and Under-16 competitions and played on the Louth minor team this year and last year.

Michael's favourite position is left half-forward and he

is also interested in table-tennis and pop music.

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S.H.—KILKENNY: DUBLIN. I.H.—WEXFORD; KILKENNY. J.H.—WESTMEATH; WICKLOW. M.H.—WEXFORD; KILKENNY. S.F.—DUBLIN; LAOIS. WESTMEATH. J.F.—WEXFORD; M.F.—WESTMEATH; DUBLIN.

## MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## LEAGUES, TOURNAMENTS, etc.

N.H.L. - Waterford; New York. N.H.L .- (Home) -- Waterford; N.H.L. (Div. 2) - Meath; N.F.L. - Kerry; New York. N.F.L. (Home) - Kerry; Down. Dr. Lagan Cup (F) - Down; Donegal. Dr. McKenna Cup (F) - Donegal; Ulster M.F.L. - Donegal; Down. Gael Linn Cup 1962 (F)-Galway; Roscommon. Gael Linn Cup 1963 (F.)-Mayo v. Galway or Sligo in final. Walsh Cup (H)-Kilkenny; Wexford. Wembley T'ment (H) - Tipperary; Kilkenny.

Wembley T'ment (F) - Kerry; Cavan. Oireachtas Cup (H) - Tipperary; Wexford. Grounds Tournament - Dublin; Galway. Player Cup (F) - Dublin; Connacht M.F.L. - Mayo; Galway. O'Byrne Cup (F) - Louth v. Longford in final Cuchulainn Cup (F) - Galway v. Meath in final. Ulster Under-21 F.L. — Donegal; Cavan. Leinster Special M.H. - Westmeath; Kildare.

Munster U-21 F. - Kerry and Cork in final.

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Football, Div. 1. Cosets (Carlow Sugar Factory); Roadstone (Dublin).

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Div. 3.-Fleming's Fireclays (The Swan, Athy); Premier Meath Packers (Sallins).

Hurling: Cosets; National Board and Paper Mills (Waterford).

## HANDBALL WINNERS

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

S.S.S.—J. Maher (Louth).

S.H.S.—J. Maher (Louth).

S.S.D.—P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry).

S.H.D.—P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry).

J.S.S.—R. Lyng (Wexford).

J.H.S .- T. Dowd (Wexford).

J.S.D.—L. and J. Gilmore (Cavan). J.H.D.—P. Supple and J. Murphy (Cork).

M.S.S.—M. Henry (Sligo).

M.H.S.—T. Morrissey (Kilkenny).

M.S.D.—H. Ryan and P. Kavanagh (Wexford).

M.H.D.-G. Lawler and T. Geoghegan (Kildare).

## LEINSTER CHAMPIONS

S.S.S.—J. Maher (Louth). S.H.S.—J. Maher (Louth).

S.S.D.—J. Delaney and T. Ryan

(Kilkenny). S.H.D.—P. Winders and A. Daly

(Kildare). J.S.S.—R. Lyng (Wexford).

J.H.S.—T. Dowd (Wexford).

J.S.D.—R. Lyng and P. Holmes (Wexford).

J.H.D.-M. Sullivan and M. Purcell (Dublin).

M.S.S.—H. Ryan (Wexford).

M.H.S.—T. Morrissey (Kilkenny).

M.S.D.-H. Ryan and P. Kavanagh (Wexford).

M.H.D.-G. Lawler and T. Geoghegan (Kildare).

## CONNACHT CHAMPIONS

S.S.S.—M. Walsh (Mayo).

S.H.S.—M. Kelly (Galway).

S.S.D.—M. Walsh and P. McGee (Mayo).

S.H.D.—M. Walsh and P. McGee (Mayo).

J.S.S.—P. Bollingbrook (Mayo).

J.H.S.—P. Bollingbrook (Mayo).

J.S.D.-E. and M. F. Hannon (Sligo).

J.H.D.-K. Fullard and G. Mahon (Roscommon).

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## ULSTER CHAMPIONS

S.S.S.—H. Haddock (Armagh).

S.S.D.—B. McEntee and H. Reavy (Monaghan).

J.S.S.—L. Gilmore (Cavan).

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J.S.D.—J. and L. Gilmore (Cavan). J.H.D.—J. and L. Gilmore (Cavan).

M.S.S.—M. Murphy (Armagh).

M.H.S.—M. Conway (Tyrone). M.S.D.—M. Murphy and P. Moore

(Armagh).

M.H.D.-M. Murphy and P. Moore (Armagh).

## MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

S.S.S.—M. Kirby (Clare).

S.H.S.-P. Hickey (Tipperary).

S.S.D.—P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry).

S.H.D.—P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry).

J.S.S.—J. Ryan (Clare).

J.H.S.—W. Kerins (Kerry).

J.S.D.—Joe and Tom Kirby (Clare).

J.H.D.—P. Supple and J. Murphy (Cork).

M.S.S.—V. Moane (Limerick).

M.H.S.—E. Shanahan (Tipperary).

M.S.D.—P. Coady and P. Hughes (Cork).

M.H.D.-E. Shanahan and T. O'Connor (Tipperary).

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Feenagh-Kilmeedy Thurles Sarsfields Turloughmore

Tremane Brian Borus

Hugh O'Neill's (Leeds)

St. Colmcille's (Leicester)

St. Chad's (Birmingham)

Na Seamroige (Swindon)

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## FOOTBALL

Newtown Blues Navan O'Mahoneys St. Loman's (Mullingar) Clonguish St. Vincents or U.C.D. v. Clanna Gael or O'Tooles Clane O'Dempseys

Tullamore Baltinglass Ballyhogue

Tullow Clan na Gael (City)

or Lamogue Sean Mac Cumhaills

Bellaghy St. John's Glenn or Downpatrick

Clan Eireann (Lurgan) Mullahoran Castleblayney Omagh St. Enda's

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St. Finbarr's (Coventry)

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St. Patrick's

## U.C.G's. 17th Sigerson \_ Cup \_

NIVERSITY College, Galway footballers retained the Sigerson Cup and brought it to the West for the 17th time, but the hurling competition for the Fitzgibbon Cup was postponed until the Spring because of the death of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy of the United

That briefly, sums up the Universities' competitions, but by far the most significant feature of these games was the fact that teams from Dublin University com-

peted for the first time.

Drawn against Queen's University, Belfast in the preliminary rounds of both competitions, the Trinity students brought off an historic double, the hurlers winning by 3-5 to 2-0 and the footballers by 2-6 to 1-5.

In the Sigerson Cup semi-finals, Trinity put up a fine performance against U.C.C. in Cork, going down by 1-11 to 1-7 after a keen game. In the other semifinal U.C.G. beat U.C.D. by 1-9 to 1-5.

The final was something of an anticlimax, for a brilliant Galway team proved far too strong for the Cork students and won by 2-10 to 0-5.

The successful U.C.G. team was:

J. Geraghty (Galway), J. Bonnar (Donegal), K. O'Connor (Galway), M. O'Malley (Mayo), K. Moyles (Mayo), E. Colleran (Galway), R. Niland (Westmeath), P. Donnellan (Galway), J. Langan (Mayo), J. Jordan (Louth), E. Slattery (Galway), P. Sheridan (Mayo), C. Tyrrell (Galway), S. Donnelly (Longford), T. McDevitt (Donegal).

For the record, the first teams to represent Dublin University in the Fitzgibbon and Sigerson Cups were:

Hurling: S. Kelly (Kerry), D. Hegarty (Kerry), B. Hennessy (Waterford), T. McAuliffe (Dublin), J. Dalton (Kilkenny), D. Malone (Dublin), T. Walsh (Galway), E. Troy (Laois), M. Moran (Tipperary), D. Burns (Carlow), A. Young (Cork), J. Baldwin (Wexford), S. McGrattan (Dublin), T. Burke (Louth), J. Connolly (Cavan).

Football: M. Banim (Dublin), J. Conway (Kerry), D. Hegarty (Kerry), S. O'Sullivan (Kerry), F. Chute (Kerry), K. Coffey (Kerry) (capt.), P. Kavanagh (Westmeath), J. McHugh (Sligo), J. Fitzsimons (Meath), G. Slowey (Fermanagh), J. Malone (Louth), J. Barry (Donegal), J. O'Connor (Kerry), M. Moran (Tipperary), C. McDonnell (Mayo). Sub.-J. Mills (Mayo).

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