

# OOLA MINORS

1946 saw the dawn of a new era for football clubs in East Limerick. That year the East Limerick Board ran a Minor football championship for the first time and Oola fielding a very strong side accounted for the best that Dromkeen and South Liberties had to offer to become first title holders.

In the County Semi-Final the Oola boys were defeated by Western champions Askeaton, after a great game. The former were tipped as strong favourites for County honours in '46 but the Maiguesiders showing great form, swept to a magnificent victory. Outstanding for Oola were Rory Ryan, Sean Nash, J. Donovan, J. Hayes and D. Hayes, while the O'Connell brothers and Moran were brilliant for Askeaton. Askeaton were later defeated by Claughaun in the County Final.

## DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS AGAIN IN 1949

In 1947 Oola were defeated by Pallas and in 1948 Oola, after defeating Dromkeen in the first round of the championship were beaten by South Liberties in the Divisional final. Came 1949, and then proved their predominance in Minor ranks by once more qualifying for the Divisional final. The decider was a rather tame affair, Oola finishing worthy winners. In the County Semi-Final the Eastern champions were defeated by a more experienced Ballylanders side.

Oola lined out as follows: M. Murphy, M. Harding, P. Ryan, P. McCarthy, P. Barragry, A. Meany, D. Carey, J. Hayes, W. Meagher, D. Stapleton, J. O'Donovan, J. Beary, W. Gubbins, J. Harding.

They were a fine, fit bunch of lads that any parish in the country could well feel proud of, and they were the first to congratulate the South Limerick representatives on their well-deserved victory.

## PALLAS DEFEAT OOLA IN 1950 FINAL

Oola defeated Murroe and Caherline on their way to the 1950 Divisional final, in which their opponents were old rivals Pallas. On this occasion the Pallas boys playing delightful football avenged the previous year's verdict after a very close game, in which they finished winners by a point.

**The Oola Team:** W. Gubbins, D. Stapleton, P. McCarthy, J. Ryan, J. Beary, J. Harding, T. Brennan, W. Meagher, D. Danagher, T. Casey, J. O'Donovan, D. Casey, L. Murphy, J. Stapleton, P. Moriarty.

## 1952 FINAL

1951 saw Oola make their exit from the championship in the first round at the hands of Cappamore,

but they were back again in 1952 with a very strong side. Their chief ambition that season was to capture the County title and had they paid more attention to training I have little doubt but they would have succeeded.

They registered comfortable victories over Murroe and South Liberties, but suffered a severe setback when they were defeated by Pallas in the final. They later received the match on an objection, but Pallas had then defeated Kilfinane in the County Semi-Final. Oola thus had an easy passage to the County Final, but they would have preferred to get there the hard way, and many shrewd judges of football form in the County maintain that had Oola the advantage of a contest with the Southern champions, they would have turned the tables on St. Patrick's in the County Final. The City boys had half-a-dozen points to spare in the final, but had Oola availed of the many chances that came their way, the scores would have been much closer.

Here are the 15 that made such a gallant bid to bring a County Minor title to Oola in 1952.

E. Burke (goal), W. Ryan, W. Gubbins, P. Casey, J. Meagher, T. Stapleton, T. Harding, J. Beary, J. Mulcahy, T. Beary, L. Murphy, J. Landers, P. Moriarty, W. Lynch, C. O'Sullivan.

Many of the above fifteen have figured prominently in the Green and White of Limerick.

## POOR DISPLAY IN 1953

In 1953, Oola never hit their best form and were defeated by South Liberties in the first round of the championship after a very close game.

**The Team:** E. Bourke, P. Casey, T. Harding, M. Dwyer, T. Lynch, J. Meagher, J. O'Dwyer, T. Stapleton, J. Mulcahy, C. O'Sullivan, T. Beary, J. Landers, J. Franklin, T. Ryan, D. Casey.

## HURLING IN THE PARISH

Although Oola has not figured among the great hurling parishes in the County, the club has produced some first class caman wielders and these have thrown in their lot with the neighbouring parishes of Doon and Pallasgreen. Oola has also given some useful

hurlers to the County teams, and Mick Hueston, T. Fitzgibbon, J. M. Keogh, W. Keogh and J. Nash have all worn Limerick's green and white in recent years. A hurling club functioned in the parish in 1945, but the team was defeated by Murroe and Ballybricken in the East Limerick championship. The lads who helped the hurling team of '45 were: D. Fitzgibbon, Sean Hayes, J. Davis, Mick Hueston, John Hueston, J. M. Keogh, W. Keogh, J. Hayes, Sean Nash, Ken Grady, P. Bourke, T. Flaherty, S. Sexton, M. English, T. Fitzgibbon, J. J. Downey, N. Harding, J. Coffey, W. Malone.

Oola defeated Glengarr in the opening round of the Clanwilliam Cup, but they gave a walk-over to Cappawhite in the Semi-Final.

## THE FUTURE

Much credit for the successes achieved in the past must go to the officers of the club, with whom the names of Rev. Fr. English, Tim Hayes, W. Keogh, J. M. Keogh, Sean Hayes, Sean Sexton, J. Donovan and P. Casey have always been associated. We must not forget club Secretary Sean Donovan, who is very popular in Gaelic circles in East. He has demonstrated an expert knowledge of measures affecting his position, and I doubt if a better man could be found in the parish. With such indefatigable workers behind the club, and considering the several young players the parish has produced in recent years, Oola seem destined for a bright future in the football world. The Minors of '52 are already playing themselves on the Junior string, and when they have learned the technique of their elders, they could develop into a combination that would have little difficulty in annexing the County Junior Football title last held in 1947. This would only be in keeping with their commendable enthusiasm, and perhaps 1954 will see their dreams become a reality.

# OOLA

(CONTINUED.)

Since 1944 Oola have captured four East Limerick Junior football titles, three Eastern Minor titles, and one County Junior title. This is a record any club could justly feel proud of, and we must also take into consideration that Oola have figured unsuccessfully in two County Junior Finals, one East Limerick Junior Final three East Limerick Minor Finals and one County Minor Final.

They have also had their quota of ill-luck and should they succeed in their efforts to win a County Senior title in the near future, it would be but a fitting reward for their tenacious perseverance and the high standard of sportmanship they have set and maintained down the years. Here now are pen-pictures of the Oola Junior and Minor football teams which contested the County finals in 1952.

## THE JUNIORS

**Matt Fitzgibbon** (goal) gave a great account of himself in the final, and it was no fault of his that Ballylanders took the honours. Has won a County Junior championship medal.

**W. J. Gubbins**, a very sound defender, his fine fetching and long kicking were a feature of the game. Has been selected for the Limerick Minor and Junior football teams.

**Tom Fitzgibbon**, a brother of Matt, figured prominently in the 1947 victory.

**Jimmy Donovan** (capt.), played a real captain's part in final and was an inspiration to his teammates throughout the season.

**Bernie O'Sullivan**, a fast stylish exponent, is a capable half-back.

**John Hayes** is a great trier who has turned defence into attack on numerous occasions.

**Michael O'Sullivan**, a brother of Bernie, has seldom played a bad game for the club.

**Rory Ryan**, a stylist in every sense of the word, is probably one of the most likeable personalities

ever to wear the Oola jersey. Played on 1947 team and won a Munster Junior championship medal with Limerick.

**Paddy Hueston**, a very accurate sharpshooter, had his happiest outing of 1952 against Rathkeale in the Semi-Final when his goal from a free midway through the second half put Oola on the road to victory. Paddy has helped the Limerick Junior team on a few occasions.

**Jimmy Beary** has given some great displays for the club and he played for Limerick Minors in 1951 and '52.

**John Donovan**, a brother of Jimmy, has been club Secretary for many years. Was goalkeeper on the 1947 team.

**Jimmy Hueston** had hard luck with his scoring efforts in the final but nevertheless had a good game.

**John Hueston**, Jim's brother, is another member of the famous '47 team.

**Jerry Ryan** who captained the 1947 team, has rarely played a bad game for his club. Played for Limerick on numerous occasions.

## THE MINOR FOOTBALLERS

**Ned Bourke** (goal) is a very safe custodian and he could not be blamed for the two shots that beat him.

**Willie Ryan**, a towering defender who has helped the Juniors on several occasions.

**W. J. Gubbins**, skipper of the side, was also a member of the Junior team.

**Tom Harding**, a great half-back,

is now a member of the Junior fifteen.

**Pat Casey**, who is still eligible for Minor ranks, has played on Junior team and is the present club Secretary.

**Tom Stapleton** is fast developing into one of the finest exponents the club has produced. Has played for Oola Juniors and was chosen for Limerick Minor side in '53 and '54.

**Joseph Meagher** is another youth who seems to have booked a bright future in the sporting world. Joe is captain of the 1954 Minor team.

**Jimmy Beary**, a tireless worker has also been chosen for the Limerick Minors and has seldom given a bad display either for club or county.

**John Mulcahy**, a hurler cum-footballer, helped the Limerick Minor hurlers in 9153 but was not available for Munster final.

**John Landers** is the 'speed merchant of the side. He was always a worry to the Treaty defence in the Final.

**Tommy Beary**, a younger brother of the very popular Jimmy, is still eligible for Minor ranks. Has played on the Junior football team.

**Larry Murphy**, well built and fleet of foot, is a deadly accurate sharpshooter. Has since emigrated to England.

**Con Sullivan**, a promising player, is still under eighteen and has gained some experience in Junior ranks.

**Willie Lynch**, a cast-iron full forward, who is also a more than useful defender.

**Pat Moriarty**, now in the Army, has played some great games with the Junior string.

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## OOLA G.A.A. 4/2/50

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Oola G.A.A. was held in the Hall, Oola, on last Thursday night. There was a small attendance of members.

The East Limerick minor football medals were presented to the team.

The Chairman congratulated the minors on winning the divisional championship, and also thanked the local branch of the I.C.A. for contributing a prize to their annual sports.

The balance sheet showed that expenditure exceeded income by £17 12s. 9d.

The election of officials resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. Tim Hayes; vice-chairman, Mr. Mick Loneragan; hon. secretary, Mr. John O'Donovan; treasurer, Mr. John M. Keogh.

It was left over to the next meeting to consider what teams to affiliate and appoint a Selection Committee.

It was decided to hold a draw on the Grand National. It was also decided to charge 3d. membership fee this year, and the next meeting was fixed for Thursday, February 9th, at 8 o'clock.

A letter of farewell was read from William Fitzgerald, a member of the Club since its formation, who has left to join the Christian Brothers. It was decided to make a presentation to him.

## Oola G.A.A. 1953 Club: Election Of Officers

The annual general meeting of the Oola G.A.A. Club was held in the Hall, Oola, on Friday, January 9th. There was a large attendance of members. The Club had a cash balance in hands for the first time in years.

The President, Rev. Father English, congratulated the Club on a very successful year, having contested both county finals.

The Vice-President, Mr. H. Nash, spoke in like manner.

It was decided to affiliate both junior and minor football teams and to run a minor football Parish League and perhaps a juvenile one also.

It was decided to hold a "45" drive in the near future.

As it was the first general meeting of the Club since the death of one of their players, M. Loneragan (R.I.P.) the Rosary was recited for him.

The officials for 1953 are as follows:—

President, Rev. Father English; Vice-President, Mr. H. Nash; Chairman, Mr. T. Hayes; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'Donovan; Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Keogh; Chairman, Minor Club, Mr. J. O'Dea; Secretary, Mr. M. O'Sullivan; Captain Juniors, Mr. J. O'Donovan; Vice-Captain, Mr. R. Ryan; Captain Minors, Mr. B. Beary; Vice-Capt., Mr. J. Meagher.

Selection Committee—Messrs. T. Hayes, L. Ryan, M. Noonan and Captain of team.

## Oola Take Football Title 14/10/50

At Caherconlish on Sunday last,, Oola took the honours in the Eastern Football Final defeating South Liberties rather easily in an uninspiring game in which the standard of play never reached any great heights.

A very small attendance braved the elements to see the determined play of South Liberties fail against a cleverer and more polished Oola fifteen. The hurling champions are not as skilful with the bigger ball and they went under with colours flying.

### THE PLAY.

South Liberties had the advantage of a very strong cross-wind in the first half and they enjoyed a territorial advantage for most of the period. Their forwards failed with their many chances, delaying too long when in possession and allowing well placed balls to hop harmlessly wide. The Oola backs with J. Gubbins outstanding, kept their lines intact. However, their success was due more to faulty marksmanship and bad positional sense on the part of the forwards than to any brilliant play on their part.

At centre-field, Oola had their trump cards in P. and J. Hueston, the former particularly being an outstanding player. J. Nesdale and J. Dooley had to play second fiddle hereabouts and it was left to P. O'Neill to fill the gap. To the fore for Oola, the brothers M. and T. Fitzgibbon showed that vital little touch of finesse and between them they were responsible for most of the winners' scores.

Oola led at the interval by a

goal scored in a combined movement by T. Fitzgibbon and J. O'Dea.

### SECOND HALF.

Play continued vigorous and interesting with the possibility of a Liberties rally always there to sustain interest. Points for Oola by J. O'Donovan and M. Fitzgibbon (free) made their position secure before M. Clifford reduced arrears with a point for Liberties. James Power was outstanding during this half, in repelling Oola raids and J. J. Power (goal), saved his net well from determined efforts by M. Fitzgibbon and D. Hayes.

Points by M. Fitzgibbon (free), and J. O'Donovan for Oola, closed the scoring, leaving the final score 1-4 to 0-1 in favour of the winners. An incident late in the second half resulted in a player being sent to the line.

### TEAMS.

Oola—L. Ryan (goal), M. Lynch, J. Gubbins, J. Ryan, J. Harding, J. Hayes, J. O'Donovan, P. Hueston, J. Hueston, J. O'Donovan, M. Fitzgerald, D. Hayes, T. Fitzgibbon, J. O'Dea, R. Ryan. South Liberties—J. J. Power (goal), D. Godfrey, J. Mangan, B. Power, M. Clifford, P. O'Neill, M. Butler, J. Nesdale, J. Dooley, T. Clifford, P. Ryan, D. Power, P. O'Dea, M. Butler.

## DR. DICK STOKES

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader").

Dear Sir — In an article by Seamus O'Kelly in last week's issue of the "Limerick Leader" on great Limerick athletes he writes of Dick Stokes of Oola. This should read Dr. Dick Stokes of Pallas. Dr. Dick Stokes was born in the parish of Pallasgrean and learned his hurling and football in the Pallas G.A.A. field and with the Doon C.B.S. He played minor and junior hurling with Pallas before going to U.C.D. It was in 1937, when playing with Pallas again against Kilmallock at Hospital, that he played himself on to the Limerick team. His brother, Eddie, also graduated from Pallas to the Limerick team. Jimmy Stokes (his brother also) plays football for Pallas and I think on a few occasions for Limerick. Nicholas (another brother) before going to U.C.D.,

played hurling and football for Pallas and under the new rule will again be seen in Pallas colours again this year. Oola have gained a little notoriety on the football field when assisted by 4 or 5 players from Pallas, but they have yet to field a hurling team worthy of such a player as Dr. Dick Stokes.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN LONERGAN,  
Past Treasurer, Pallas H. and F. Club.

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# No. 133-DR. DICK STOKES Of Oola

By SEAMUS O'CEALLAIGH

WHEN the name of Dr. Dick Stokes is mentioned in Limerick Gaelic circles, the fact that he was one of our greatest hurlers is not the first thought to come to mind. Rather, the memory comes crowding of his wonderful loyalty and the journeys he made—sometimes even from across the seas—to line out with Limerick.

And Dick never worried what kind of a team he turned out with. All the rest of the well-known players might be taking a day off—sometimes, it was little better than a junior selection that were named to don the county jerseys, but Dr. Dick was always there. I was going to say "filling his accustomed place," but sure he never minded where he played, and must have figured in almost every position since he first toggled off for his initial outing—as goal-keeper with the Doon C.B.S. side in a Dr. Harty Cup tie.

And, believe it or not, Dick did not do any hurling until he went to Doon, and he was then fifteen years of age. Football, of course, was the favourite pastime in Oola and Dick, at an early age, showed much promise with the big ball. But he quickly became adept with the camán—the secret of his quick rise to top rank in this code being the fact that he literally hurled morning, noon and night during his time in Doon—constant practice, that is the only sure road to camán mastery.

## ON MUNSTER COLLEGES TEAM.

Dick started, as already mentioned, "between the sticks," but by 1938 he was starring at mid-field to such effect that he was a reserve on the Munster Colleges team. Twelve months later he was partnering Vin Baston of Waterford in the All-Ireland Colleges final, and played a big part in bringing back the title to Munster.

The Limerick selectors also had their eyes on the up and coming star, and he wore the green and white in minor hurling and football ranks before the call to senior colours came in early 1940, when he was selected as a half forward on a team to play Cork in a tournament tussle. That was the start of an association with Shannonside hurling that gained lustre as

the years sped on — a long span reckoned by hurling standards, but all too short as far as Limerick was concerned.

Dick made an auspicious opening with Limerick. His first championship outing was against Waterford, at Killarney, and although the side gave a disappointing display they succeeded in forcing a division of the spoils.

## THRILLING TUSSELE IN RE-PLAY.

The re-play was at Clonmel and a much improved Limerick fifteen took the laurels after a thrilling tussle. The Munster title holders, Cork, who had lost the "All Ireland" by a solitary point in a thunderstorm the day second world war started (1939), were encountered in the Southern decider, and the star-studded Rebel County fifteen, after to prove their worth as the only hurling county ever to win four Blue Ribbands in a row, were held to level scoring.

The second meeting with Cork, again at Thurles, was a thrill-packed affair full of colour and incident, and a great victory gave Limerick its eleventh Munster crown—and last of the senior line to date.

Galway was encountered in the semi-final and the men from the Corrib could not withstand the power and dash of Limerickmen, who were by now the subject of hurling discussion all over the country. The hurling deeds of stars like the peerless Mick Mackey, the unconquerable Paddy Scanlan, Paddy Clohossy, Timmy Ryan, John Mackey, Paddy McMahon, Jacky Power, Mick Kennedy and Jim Roche, were re-told at crossroads and firesides, and the knowing ones spoke of a fair haired half-forward that might one day eclipse them all — and that lad was Dick Stokes.

## THE 1940 ALL-IRELAND FINAL.

The 1940 All-Ireland final between Limerick and Kilkenny — despite wartime conditions — attracted the second biggest crowd in the history of hurling to that—49,260; the record being held by the same counties when 51,235 flocked to see them fight out the 1936 final. The 1940 tally was ten thousand more than saw Kilkenny beat Cork for the 1939 title—tri-

bute enough to the "pulling power" of a great Shannonside team, who won in gallant style.

Picked by Munster for their Railway Cup bid the following season, Dick Stokes was on the side that lost to Leinster, 2-5 to 2-4, after a grand game. Dick wore the Munster jersey until 1946, and in that spell made up for his initial disappointment, and himself played no mean part in winning the Cup five years running.

## HIS PART IN U.C.D. HURLING.

Whilst a student at U.C.D. he helped the College lads in many engagements, and in 1943 was on the senior football side that won the County title. And a few years later he helped U.C.D. hurlers take the Dublin senior hurling championship of 1947 and 1948.

He helped the U.C.D. sides that won Sigerson Cup medals from 1944 to 1947, and gained Fitzgibbon Cup honours, also, in U.C.D. colours, the years 1941 and 1944.

And, maybe, the greatest honour paid him was in 1952—a dozen years after he won his All-Ireland medal—when the University selectors elected him captain of the Combined Universities side that played Ireland in the first hurling game of the series.

## FLEW BACK FROM ENGLAND.

When Limerick qualified for the final of the 1946-7 National Hurling League Dick was in England, but that just did not matter. He had travelled from the farthest ends of Ireland to help his county in even the least important engagement, and so it was no surprise to find him flying home through fog and winter winds to take his place against Kilkenny and contribute materially to the Limerick success. And despite several months out of the game, he was one of the fittest, speediest, most accurate of the thirty men at Croke Park that evening.

## FILLED ANOTHER ROLE.

In 1950 he filled another role for Limerick when he helped the footballers win the Munster Junior crown.

Many tributes have been paid the genial doctor during his long career, all showing the warm place he won in the affections of Gaelic Ireland.

## TOM BEARY



Tom Beary may not have risen to inter-county fame as yet, but there are many keen followers of Gaelic Football who will want to know the reason why, if the Oola

midfielder is not selected for Limerick in the immediate future. He was clearly the outstanding player in last season's county senior football championship. In 1952 Oola were warm favourites for the Co. minor football title, but they were beaten in the final by St. Patrick's. No one could fault the midfield pair for defeat. Tom Beary and Tom Stapleton did everything humanly possible to try and swing the issue. The partnership has lasted down through the years, and in 1955, playing together for Tipperary C.B.S., they were most unlucky not to collect Munster Cup medals. Tip. were voted the bad luck team of the year when beaten in the semi-final. That same year, helping Oola, they reached the last four in the county junior football championship, but they had better fortune in 1959 when their team won out. But greatest achievement of all came in 1961 when Oola carried off the senior title for the fifth time, beating St. Patrick's, Garda, Treaty and Western Gaels in turn. Tom Beary stood head-and-shoulders above all others in a low-scoring final (0-4 to 0-2), in which only one point was scored

from play. He contributed 2 points to his side's win, and earlier in the competition had notched a goal and 3 points from the midfield position, to prove himself in no uncertain manner. Two of Tom's brothers, Brian and Jim, helped Oola win the 1959 junior title. The Beary family, in their time, owned some of the best greyhounds in the country.

cross, London. With him are his wife, son and daughter.  
G.A.A.

The Oola senior football team played a draw with Castlemahon in the county championship game at Croom on Sunday last. It is expected that the replay will be fixed at an early date.

The Oola juvenile team made their exit from the championship last week. They were defeated by Caherline in Pallas.

The Oola under 21 football team play South Liberties in Caherconlish on Sunday next.

### CENTENARY YEAR

The Centenary of the coming of the Christian Brothers to Tipperary will be celebrated in the coming weeks. A committee of parents and past pupils was formed to help the Brothers organise a sale of work during mid-August in order to obtain funds to defray expenses incurred in providing the necessary facilities for the education of our youth. Representing the committee in the Oola area are William Quirke, Oola, and David Walsh, Cluggin. They will accept commodities for the sale of work and any financial contributions that people may wish to make. The total liability at present is £11,000. All financial contributions will be acknowledged by the Hon. Treasurer.

## O'Sullivan in form

I doubt if ever before P. J. O'Sullivan, of Regional A.C., was as fit as he is now. Last Sunday in a four miles road race at Mungret he made "hacks" of some of the best stayers in the county. Even that he will be scratchman in the round-the-houses four miles handicap in Limerick next Sunday. O'Sullivan will beat more than will beat him. An added attraction will be the mile contest for under 16's, commencing at 1 p.m.

The under-age contest should rest between Joe Brazill (Kilmallock) and Pat Costelloe (Rathkeale) who fought out a great finish at Mungret last Sunday.

### 12 years G.A.A.

Twelve years is a long span but John O'Donovan and Sean Nash are wearing their years

lightly. Last Sunday at Newcastle West they collected county junior football medals for the second time since 1947 when they helped Oola beat Newcastle West by 3 points in a gripping decider.

The West had the Kelly brothers—Jim, Jack and Bill — helping them, and Oola had three Bearys — Tom, Jim and Brian — in action.

Oola ruled at midfield, where Tom Stapleton and Tom Beary dished up great stuff.

John Nix, Mick O'Connor and Jimmy Wolfe, tried for all they were worth for Newcastle. But the losers' hero was full-back, Jim Kelly, whose brother, Jack, had a storming hour at centre-forward.

In all, it was a sporting contest which yielded many thrilling passages.

# No. 132—CHRIS RYAN Of Pallasgreen

By SEAMUS O'CEALLAIGH.

LIMERICK have not enjoyed the luck of the other leading hurling counties as far as the championships are concerned, and there is no doubt that, but for this factor, Shannonside would enjoy probably double the present number of titles that stand to her credit.

The story of the Castleconnell bids in 1910 and 1911 are examples of this failure to successfully court Dame Fortune. No county more deserved the blue riband during that period, and no combination in the history of the All-Ireland arena met such a succession of cruel blows to deprive them of at least a few titles, which their prowess and the great men they fielded certainly entitled them to.

Something similar could be written of the spell from 1913 to 1924. Limerick had a powerful team again in those years—wonderful hurling figures, weight and stamina—in fact everything that went to make a champion side then.

## SOLDIER OF THE REPUBLIC.

One of these soldiers of the Republic who figured as a reserve on the Limerick All-Ireland side of 1918, and later played his part "on the hills" against the forces of aggression, was Chris Ryan, of Pallasgreen, one of a quartette from that old hurling stronghold who helped at the time to keep Limerick well in the limelight of our national pastime.

When the War against the British eventually came to an end, and the last khaki-clad soldier and Black and Tan made their exit from most of the national territory, Limerick swept back into the hurling picture, and the great victory of 1921, though delayed more than twelve months, due to the political situation, stamped Garryowen the team of the era.

The G.A.A. weathered the storm of foreign aggression and emerged possibly stronger than at any period in its history to then. The might of empire failed to kill the spirit of the Gael. Persecution, in fact, only helped in the opposite direction and national spirit and well being probably reached their peak when British bombs and bayonets were doing their damndest to kill every spark of Gaelic fire smouldering anywhere in the land.

## UNENVIABLE POSITION.

When brother turned against brother, however, in one of the most painful episodes in the long, sad story of Ireland, the G.A.A. found itself in a most unenviable position. The British were gone—the common foe were no more—and the new "troubles" in the land could have split the G.A.A. far more than did the Parnell "split" of a generation earlier.

During the Parnell strife the G.A.A. dwindled in power and influence to such a degree that at one period only three counties were affiliated and clubs dropped to a mere handful. That the same, or even worse, did not happen in the 1922-23 period, is the greatest tribute that could be paid to the wise guidance of the Central Council of the time.

Internal politics were rigidly barred—the almost inevitable split was averted—and within a short time of the conclusion of hostilities the G.A.A. was playing a new role by bringing together on the playing fields the men who had been pitted against one another in the most bitter struggle a people may endure.

## OF GOOD GAELIC STOCK.

Born in the closing hours of Christmas

of his uncles—Tom, John, and James Barry—won the All-Ireland senior hurling title with London-Irish in 1901, whilst another uncle, Willie, was a champion mile runner. His brother, Dick, won the 1918 All-Ireland crown with Limerick, and another brother, Ted, played inter-county football for Limerick.

There was no hurling in Pallas School as Chris grew to manhood, but he was only fifteen years of age when a junior team was organised in the parish. The Ryans played a leading part in this. Dick was captain, and with four more of the family, plus Paddy Kennedy and his three brothers, they almost had the team to themselves. Anyway, they surprised Gaelic Limerick by winning the county junior hurling title at the first effort.

## IN SENIOR RANKS.

In senior ranks the following year they performed so well that when it came to the picking of the team for the 1918 senior All-Ireland final two lads from Pallas were included thereon: Paddy Kennedy and Dick Ryan, whilst Chris Ryan and Mick Bourke were included as reserves.

From 1918 onwards, Chris figured regularly for a dozen years as a member of the county team, except for a period in 1925, during which he was laid up, having sustained a broken leg playing football.

His recipe for keeping fit was to indulge in "pucking around" every evening, coupled with plenty of walking. They had no means of transport then and it was part of the training schedule to walk to and from the field, which was sometimes four or five mile away.

## EXCITING INCIDENT.

Chris had a most exciting incident in one of the many matches in which he figured. He was playing for Limerick in a game against Tipperary, in aid of Dundrum Convent. The venue was the Convent Grounds, and one touchline ran very close to the bank of the River Suir. During an exciting bout of play, Chris was running along the wing near the bank, and when trying to recover the sliotar, slipped and went diving into the river. He had to swim out, and played on after changing his jersey. An interested spectator at the match was the late Most Rev. Dr. Harty, Archbishop of Cashel and Patron of the G.A.A., who laughed heartily at the incident and often spoke of it in after years. Chris, none the worse of his experience, had to drive home twenty miles on a jarvey car afterwards.

During his twelve years in Limerick's green and white, Chris Ryan played many great games and had the distinction of collecting the first score—a goal, in the 1921 All-Ireland Final against Dublin. He met many famous players in his day and considers J. D. Arcy of Tipperary with the Cork pair—E. Coughlan and M. O'Connell—the best of his era.

## PRESENT-DAY PLAYERS AND STANDARDS

He considers the present day players not as good as those with whom he oft lined up and pinpoints the difference in the fact that the lads of to-day do not seem to have the same enthusiasm as the young men of his time.

Likewise, he considers the standard of both hurling and football has deteriorated. He feels that the referees are a lot to blame for this as they blow the whistle too often now for trivial offences.

The final of the 1921 All-Ireland Championship was not played until March 4th, 1923, and that same year Chris Ryan had the distinction of winning another All-Ireland

Championship and helped in a great but narrow victory for his side.

The national games in the Army are not, unfortunately, in the same healthy position now that they were in those days when many of the fighting men of the War of Independence were associated with it. General Michael Collins knew well the merits of the G.A.A. from the national viewpoint, and into it he threw himself with all the enthusiasm of a healthy and vigorous youth. A fine all round athlete, he always competed at the athletic events in sports held under G.A.A. auspices, and particularly excelled in the long jump. He played both hurling and football, with the former his favourite game, and acted in London for a number of years as Secretary of the Geraldine Club.

## GENERAL EOIN O'DUFFY

General Eoin O'Duffy, who presided at the meeting which formed the Army Athletic Association, was Army Chief of Staff at the time and also a member of the Central Council of the G.A.A., having previously served for long years as Secretary of the Ulster Council. Efforts were made to introduce other games to the Army but he stood steadfast. I quote from his memoirs: "I was told even by certain Ministers that, from the 'social' viewpoint, I should seek union of all sportsmen—Gaelic, rugby and soccer. They could not convince me, however, that deviation from the Gaelic way would be genuinely beneficial to Ireland. I cannot criticise rugby or soccer, never having seen a match in either code. I do not object to the games as such at all, but to their alien origin and associations. Pearse said: 'You need not denounce English games—play Irish ones.' Sooner or later, people who desparage or are apathetic to our national games, to our dances, music and language, will shed the veneer—no matter how important they may seem in the national life, I believe the G.A.A. has done more good and is liable to do more good in respect of promoting essential Irish unity, by standing to its principles than by wavering or compromise."

## BLOODY SUNDAY

General O'Duffy continues: "Later, my old friend of Monaghan G.A.A. and I.R.A. days, Dan Hogan, became General Hogan, Chief of Staff, and continued the task, imbuing his men everywhere with the fine spirit of the Gaelic games he knew and loved so well."

"I recall a Monday night in November, 1920, when Dan Hogan reached Draperstown in Co. Derry. Our kindly host had the 'Irish Independent,' which displayed on the front page: 'Yesterday was Bloody Sunday in Dublin, Machine Guns turned on Footballers in Croke Park, Captain of the Tipperary team killed.' Having read the shocking news, I said to Dan: 'Did you know Mick Hogan of Grangemockler?' 'Yes,' said Dan, 'he is my brother; what about him?' I hesitated and then handed him the paper. Dan was himself a much wanted man at the time so we decided he could not attend the funeral, as one tragedy was enough for his mother to bear. We told the people of the house and knelt down and said the Rosary for the repose of Mick Hogan's soul."

It is an honour, indeed, that Chris Ryan can prize to have won a medal in that first All-Ireland hurling championship under Army Athletic Association

## FORMER WORLD CHAMPION: PADDY RYAN

Ireland has never had a shortage of great athletes. In fact through the years there has been a constant succession of star performers participating in a variety of sports. From Martin Sheridan to Ron Delany, from Christy Ring to Seamus Cleere, and from John Joe Sheehy to Lar Foley, the small country has been well served by its sportsmen.

One of the greatest of these men was Patrick J. Ryan. He set a variety of World, American and Irish, records, in the hammer throw over a period of 25 years.

In 1920 he won a gold medal for the United States in the Olympic Games at Antwerp, Belgium. He also won a silver medal for a second place in the 56 lb. weight throw.

He won his first Irish hammer throw championship in Limerick in 1901 when he beat the then world record holder Tom Kiely. Ryan won the U.S. championship seven times from 1913 through 1921. In 1919, he won both the Irish and American titles.

He is best remembered for his great performances in the old Celtic Park in New York in August of 1913. Competing for the Irish-American Athletic Club, Paddy Ryan set a world and American record (189 ft. 6½ ins.) in the hammer throw. The world mark lasted for 24 years and the American record for 40 years.

In this day when most track and field records last a few years at best this was a remarkable achievement. Paddy Ryan was a great world and Olympic champion and a fine representative of his nation.

## RS AGO 1955

Mary Scallon, 4 Rutland Street, Limerick, and Miss Marie Davis, The Bungalow, Pennywell. Both ladies were pupils of the Presentation Convent, Sexton Street.

### Hurling

An amazing second-half rally brought Patrickswell from eight points behind Pallas to two points in front in the final of the County Junior Hurling Championship. The final score was: Patrickswell, 4-2; Pallas, 2-6. The teams were:

**Patrickswell** — P. Shinnors; P. Foster, John Foley, K. Lynch; N. Murphy, S. O'Brien, W. Foster; E. O'Brien, P. Casey; A. Murphy, Joe Foley, G. Casey; J. Fitzgerald, W. O'Brien, S. Boland.

**Pallas** — W. Ryan; T. Kennedy, C. O'Dwyer, J. McCormack; N. Stokes, W. O'Dwyer, M. O'Brien; Eddie and John Stokes; J. Carr, M. Corbett, J. English; D. McGrath, J. Hyland, M. Ryan.

### Rugby

The Bohemians team selected to play Galwegians was: P. Downes; P. Moran, D. Holland, C. English, J. Cronin; M. English (captain); T. Glynn; P. Ryan.

J.F.—Pallas 0-9; Knockane 0-5.

This game provided plenty of robust and hard football. Knockane played well in the opening half and, although Pallas played with the hill and the wind in the first half, they were only two points in front at the interval (0-4 to 0-2). Pallas added a few more points after half time, but Knockane came back again and looked like causing an upset, but Pallas then drew away and finished well on top.

John McCormack and Tom Kennedy were sound Pallas defenders. The Stokes brothers, Nick and Eddie were dominant at midfield. Jimmy Carr and "Dody" Corbett were always prominent in the attack. For Knockane, Tommie Hogan was outstanding in defence. Liam Riordan also played well at full-back. In Jack Ryan, Knockane had

the best player of the thirty. His high fielding and solo runs were a feature. Others to shine in the attack were veteran Paddy Guerin and Paddy Riordan.

Scorers were: Pallas: E. Stokes (0-3), N. Stokes (0-2), J. Carr, M. McCormack, D. Riordan and J. Kennedy (0-1 each). Knockane: P. Riordan (0-4), P. Guerin (0-1).

J. Collins (Treaty Sarsfields) was an impartial referee.

## PALLASGREEN TOO GOOD FOR ST. PATRICK'S

26.11.56

Pallasgreen, 4-7; St. Patrick's, 0-1.

Pallasgreen had a convincing win over St. Patrick's at Kilmallock yesterday, in the County Limerick Junior Football Final by four goals and seven points to one point for St. Patrick's.

Matters were evenly distributed in the first half until the 23rd minute when Pallasgreen were awarded a penalty and Rory Ryan, who was one of their star forwards, made no mistake with the shot and Pallasgreen led at the interval by one goal and three points to one point.

In the second half it was all one-way traffic and Pallasgreen went on to have a very facile win.

Scorers for Pallasgreen were R. Ryan (1-1), J. English (0-2), J. Carr (0-1) and W. Ryan (0-1), while St. Patrick's lone score was obtained by E. McCarthy.

At the conclusion of the game Mr. M. Fitzgibbon, Treasurer of the Limerick County Board, presented the cup for the championship to W. O'Dwyer (captain). W. Naughton (Limerick) refereed.

## No. 189—PAT RYAN of Pallas

**P**ALLAS is one of the oldest strongholds of the G.A.A. in County Limerick—a district which has been rarely missing from the championship line-out, yet boasts all too few of the laurels gained in such competition.

Pallas, being situated in the Archdiocese of Cashel, early responded to the call that went out from the illustrious Dr. Croke when he became the first Patron of the great organisation of Irish athletic manhood.

In a short time three teams flourished in the joint parishes included in the district of Pallasgreen—New Pallas Football Club, Old Pallas Hurling Club and Knockane Football Club. Within

## By SEAMUS O'CEALLAIGH

the confines of the parish areas soon arose powerful combinations composed of sterling Gaels and great athletes.

## TWO WORLD BEATERS.

Two world beaters were included in the galaxy—Willie Real and Paddy Ryan, besides many other athletes who soon occupied positions of power and influence in the Gaelic sporting annals of Limerick.

Pallas worked their way to the county senior football final of 1897, but Limerick Commercial, who were All-Ireland champions at the time, beat them in a stirring contest at the Markets Field.

Five years later, when the parish again faced Limerick Commercial in the premier county decider in football, it was a point effort by the Knockane and Pallas Clubs. In a hectic game at the Markets Field Commercial won 2-2 to 1-4, but the losers disputed the issue and the Munster Council ordered a re-play.

So high did feeling run at the time that it was decided the second meeting should take place outside the county, and Clonmel was selected as the venue—the second occasion a Limerick final was played in another county—South Liberties and Kilfinane having fought the 1890 County Senior Hurling final at Rathluirc. Commercial won decisively on this occasion.

## NEW GENERATION OF PALLAS GAELDOM.

Gaelic games in the area fell on

rough times for a period following this reverse, and one of the outstanding figures in the renaissance which got into real swing around 1910 was Pat Ryan, the subject of this sketch.

Many much talked of games were played by this new generation of Pallas Gaeldom, and one particular championship victory over Castlemahon is still recalled with particular relish. Pallas looked all set for junior championship honours that season but the Limerick County Board were passing through troubled times following the repercussions of their refusal to play Kilkenny, at Thurles, in the 1911 All-Ireland final, and some of the championships, after running much into arrears, were eventually abolished entirely.

Pallas, however, had the distinction of winning the only Intermediate Football Championship ever decided in Limerick. It was organised in connection with the 1911 championship year but it was April 27th, 1913, when the pair who had qualified for the final—Pallas and South Liberties—met at the Markets Field to decide the issue.

## TOOK THREE MEETINGS TO FIND A WINNER.

A few Sundays earlier South Liberties had won the Intermediate Hurling title from Rathkeale after a marathon struggle, for it took three meetings to find a winner.

Liberties made it a double when they beat Pallas footballers 1-0 to 0-1, after a terrific struggle, fought at a fast and exciting pace.

Big feature of that great game was a magnificent display of goal-keeping—both contestants being exceptionally served in this regard. Pat Ryan guarded the Pallas posts, and although beaten for one hotly contested major his manning of the Bearnna Baoghail was the subject of much favourable comment wherever the game was discussed.

Pallas later objected to the constitution of the South Liberties team which beat them in that final, and Pat Ryan was entrusted with the task of fighting the issue in the Council Chamber. The decisive debate was listed for a Munster Council meeting arranged for Limerick Junction and as no trains were available at the time Pat had to walk to and from the Junction.

## SUCCESSFUL PLEADINGS.

However, his pleadings were on the right lines; the objection was upheld, and Pallas were awarded the championship—an event that caused much rejoicing in the parish as it was the first county crown they won.

Exactly twelve months to the very Sunday—April 26th, 1914, Pallas lined out for their first Senior Football Championship engagement but were pitted against what was then a powerful combination—Ballylanders, and despite a great display they were beaten by a narrow margin. That occasion produced another fine exhibition of net minding—Pat Ryan for Pallas and Mick Osborne (Ballylanders) rousing the crowd with some splendid saves.

Shortly afterwards Pallas turned to hurling and Pat Ryan was as earnest and enthusiastic in handling the caman as he proved in the sister code. A notable achievement of this fine combination was their winning of 1915 County Junior honours, defeating Castleconnell 3-2 to 2-1 in the semi-final at the Markets Field, and Granagh 2-4 to 2-1 in the final at Kilmallock.

Pat Ryan, besides being a great Gael and sportsman, was, like many other prominent G.A.A. men

parents having suffered for the leading part they took in the land agitation in their native parish. Pat early experienced the rigours of landlordism and was made fully aware of the part an oppressive government played in keeping the plain people of Ireland under subjection.

At a tender age, he was deprived of the help and guidance of his father and had to take charge of the farm. This heavy responsibility, however, did not distract his attention from the plight of the many who suffered for their principles, and from earliest manhood he interested himself in the political and social life around him, winning a place in the affections and respect of the people that he retained to the time of his untimely passing whilst still in the prime of life.

## JOINED THE VOLUNTEERS.

When the Volunteers were established he was one of the first to answer the call, and he was immediately elected company commander of the local section. Pat was never one to believe in half measures, so he was to be found every night drilling his men at New Pallas Cross. He built up a great section, one of the smartest that attended some of the big national demonstrations as they kept step to the strains of the Nicker Fife and Drum Band.

Also keenly interested in dramatics, he was mainly instrumental in forming the Pallasgreen Dramatic Society, of which he was elected Chairman.

He threw himself heart and soul into every cause he took up, and was universally regarded as a friend to all who needed one. No trouble was too great; the request had only to be made, he regarded it as all in a day's work and would almost feel insulted if one ventured to thank him for a kindly turn.

## NOTHING PETTY ABOUT HIM

Big and noble in character, there was nothing petty about him. He lived for the pleasure of doing good to others and found a place in the hearts of his neighbours that has survived the passage of time. That, perhaps, is the greatest tribute one could pay the man.

## GREAT LIMERICK SPORTSMEN

## No. 168—MICHAEL KENNEDY of Pallasgreen

SOME years ago the people of Kilduff, Pallasgreen, erected a monument to the memory of a devoted teacher who accomplished much for the district and whose many fine qualities of head and heart are still reverently recalled by the old timers.

A son of this well-loved man is the subject of our sketch this week. Michael L. Kennedy was a teacher, whose early years were spent in Brackyle National Schools. Never a great player himself, he was, however, filled with an intense love for hurling, and one of his first acts on returning to his native district from training for his profession was to revive the local hurling club.

At a period when clubs were not as well organised as at present, and when funds were hard to come by, Mick Kennedy spent everything he had in keeping that team going. Out of his meagre resources (a young teacher's pay was not very large half a century ago), he paid the affiliation fees, bought jerseys and even hurleys (against the general custom of the time) and generally saw to it that the players had everything they needed to play the game he loved so dearly.

## AN IDEALIST FOR NATIVE GAMES.

Mick Kennedy was an idealist for our native games if ever there was one. He consecrated his life to the G.A.A., and did more than a man's part to build the secure foundations on which the great edifice stands so safely now.

Exiled from his native county for many long years—professional duties kept him away from Limerick—yet few kept in such close contact as he with Sarsfield's County, and he always took a very keen and sincere interest in the doings of the caman wielders of the county.

Mick Kennedy was a great Limerick Gael in the broadest sense of the term, and his deep attachment to his native county had to be experienced to be fully appreciated. He loved Limerick with an intense love and his dearest wish was to see the old county to the fore on the hurling field.

## WENT TO THE BIG MATCHES.

As already mentioned, he had a deep and abiding love for the great caman game and never missed an opportunity of seeing the big matches of the year even when the call of his profession took him well away from the traditional hurling strongholds.

Out of Limerick for many a

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day, it is not surprising, I suppose, that he should be forgotten by many. This has been the case with many grand workers in the cause of the Gael, and I often thought that a greater effort should be made by the G.A.A. to provide some machinery to keep the old workers from becoming forgotten men as far as the Association is concerned.

Brilliant with the pen, he wrote many fine articles dealing with various aspects of G.A.A. administration, revealing a very deep knowledge of the aims and traditions of the Association.

Interested in every aspect of the Gaelic athletic revival, he made a great effort when domiciled in Carlow to popularise the ancient game of "Rounders." At the time he had great hopes of success and felt that the game would develop something on the lines of its great American counterpart—baseball—and that international competition would eventually be possible. The second great world war then came along and finished the project.

## MEMORIES OF HIS NATIVE DISTRICT.

Mick Kennedy had many memories of his native district, and he recalled them for me more than once. Here is what he said:

"The region embraced by Pallas and its environs gave birth to a galaxy of athletic stars, men of might who were ahead of their time. Had they lived generations later and in another place their deeds would be so publicised that their names would ring round the globe as those of infinitely lesser men have done. Those men knew nothing of training or preparation for athletic contests—they simply left it to nature to show what fine specimens she had produced.

"There was the great Phil Madden of Pallasbeg, whose feats outrivelled those of 'John Ridd' as told by Blackmore in 'Lorna Doone.' People still relate how, when a horse refused to pull a load of turf out of the bog Phil took out the animal, went himself between the shafts and hauled it on to the road. Another instance was that of a massive boulder on the roadside which could not be moved by the united efforts of several men. It is told that Phil lifted it in his arms, threw it over the fence, then went inside and threw it back again. He was far before his time. One cannot but wonder vaguely

what figures he would have put on the record book had weight-throwing been in his time.

## SIX WORLD RECORDS IN ONE DAY.

"Following him came the great Willie Real, the Ryans and the Gradys, all world beaters. Of those, Paddy Ryan was the only one who got any chance of training at all. That was when he went to America and was taken up by the Irish-American Athletic Club, and the effects of that bit of training told when he broke six world records in one day. Had he 'crossed the pond' years before and undergone serious preparation there is little doubt that he would have put up unbeatable figures. Furthermore, all experts agreed that he could have had the world's boxing crown had he taken to the fistic art.

"It was as a hurler I knew Paddy best. Had there been a hurling team in Pallas in Paddy's young days he would have been Limerick's full back. He won the long puck championship of Ireland when he had not handled a hurley for years, but when he did play as a youth he was as impregnable as the 'Rock of Cashel.' At that time there was no team in the parish, but strange to relate, there was never so much hurling. Sundays saw the hurling field full and matches played between different sides of the parish. The schoolboys were not forgotten either as they got their opportunities for matches and plenty of encouragement from the elders. Everyone who possessed a hurley or what passed for one could play and so long at there was an equal number on each side it did not matter how many took part in the game.

## CONTRAST WITH THE PAST.

"On looking back over the years and noting the contrast between then and now I wonder if the modern young Gael knows how well off he is as far as our national pastimes are concerned. In almost every parish he has a playing field, he is provided with a hurley or football at little or no cost to himself and he is transported free to a playing venue.

"In my mind's eye I can see the scornful curl of his lip if he had to handle the so called hurleys of our time. If they had anything at all in the shape of a 'boss' it did not matter what constituted them. So long as they were 'tough' they fulfilled every requirement. Then the balls—they were made of corks and thread and sewn with a packing needle—leather covers were not to be had. Many a poor mother missed her grand worsted stockings purloined by her young hopeful to make a ball for Sunday.

"Those Sundays of our youth come back to me in a wave of nostalgia. From breakfast time after first Mass until the shades of evening fell we kept at it hopping from one field to another as an irate farmer chased us off his land and oftentimes we had to be content with the road for a playing pitch.

"Those days are gone but the tradition of the games lives on in the heart of the true Gael as part of his nature, racy of the Irish earth from which he sprang. The growing youth demands exercise to fit him for the battle of life and he turns instinctively to his native pastimes to supply the need. None but Irish hands feel the itch for a hurley and no other game can approach hurling in bringing forth the best qualities of athletic manhood."

Mick Kennedy deserves well of Limerick Gaeldom, and I am pleased to pay this tribute to the memory of one who should be re-

## Meet the Old-Timers with **GALTEE**

# Dr. J. M. Ryan of Dublin And Limerick

DR. JOHN RYAN did remarkable work for Gaelic games and athletics, and won many honours on the hurling field, gaining Dublin, Leinster and All-Ireland medals with the famed Collegians, for whose organisation and advancement he was in the main responsible.

But despite his wonderful record of labour in the cause of the Gael, he had one regret throughout life, and it was that he was denied the honour of winning a Gaelic title in his native county, and never had the pleasure of wearing a Limerick jersey or participating in the glamour of a Munster Championship encounter.

Born at Ballyadam, Passasgreen, Co. Limerick, John Ryan early evinced an interest in things Gaelic, and it was no surprise that, when he entered University College, Dublin, as a student of medicine, he immediately set about getting the hurling game on a firm foundation there.

Many present day Gaels may find it difficult to appreciate the vastness of his task. He had to

break through pride and prejudice of the most despicable kind, and met opposition at every turn not alone from those in authority but from many of his fellow students.

### LONE STRUGGLE

That he fought it all, at times almost single handed, and carried the struggle to an eventual victory that had a profound effect on the whole standing of the games, not alone in the Universities but in the entire Metropolis, is only part of the work accomplished by this true pioneer whose interest and enthusiasm never flagged and who richly deserved the tribute of having his memory enshrined in the pair of cups, now the prized trophies for the annual hurling and football games between the University selection and the Rest of Ireland.

The unselfish sacrifices of Dr. John Ryan and men of his calibre made these games possible, and this fact should not be lost sight of in these days when our games have won a popularity and a patronage undreamt of two score years ago.

9-3-57

## Oola G.A.A. Club :

### Elections And Nominations

8-2-58

The annual general meeting of Oola G.A.A. was held in the Parochial Hall, Oola. The meeting was opened by an address from Rev. Father Morrissey.

In his address Father Morrissey thanked both the teams and officials of the Club for their success in the past year. It was a coincidence that the three football teams, i.e., juvenile, minor and junior, were each beaten in the county semi-final. Finally, Father Morrissey, on behalf of Father English and himself, wished the Club every success in the coming year.

Officers appointed to represent the Club this year are:—Chairman, Mr. Timmy Hayes; Vice-Chairman, Rev. Father Morrissey, C.C.; Secretary, Mr. Joe Meagher; Assistant Secretary, Mr. John Donovan; Treasurer, Mr. John M. Keogh; President, Rev. Father English; Vice-President, Rev. Father English; Vice-President, Mr. Henry Nash.

Officers appointed to represent Minor Club:—Chairman, Mr. Tom Ryan; Secretary, Mr. James Blake; Treasurer, Mr. Jerry Ryan.

Appointed officers of various teams:—

Juvenile Team: Captain, Mr. Kieran Bourke; Vice-captain, Mr. Paddy Ryan.

Minor Team: Captain, Mr. Albie Hueston; Vice-Captain, Mr. James Blake.

Junior Club: Captain, Mr. Sean Nash; Vice-Captain, Mr. John Hayes.

Selection Committee: Mr. James Gubbins, Father Morrissey, Mr. James O'Dea, Mr. Tom Ryan (Buckley) and captain of team concerned.

It was decided to hold the annual forty-five drive on the 16th Feb.

Finally a vote of thanks was passed for the help and assistance given by everyone in making last year such a success.



Top photograph is of the Treaty Sarsfields team that defeated Pallas in the County Senior Football Final at Limerick Gaelic Grounds on Sunday. The second group is of the Pallas team.

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## OOLA CLUB 7/2/59

The annual general meeting of the Oola G.A.A. was held in the Parochial Hall recently.

Rev. Fr. Morrissey, in the course of his address, appealed to the members to take more interest in the club and to the players to train more diligently as they could not hope to win any championship without training.

It was decided to hold the annual 45 drive on the 22nd February, the prize to be a calf or £15 and £5 in consolation prizes.

It was agreed to affiliate four teams this year—junior, minor and juvenile football and juvenile hurling teams.

The officials are as follows: Chairman, Rev. Father Morrissey; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Tim Hayes; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'Donovan; Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Keogh; Minor Club Chairman, Mr. T. Ryan; Secretary, Mr. J. Ryan; Treasurer, Rev. Father Bourke; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. O'Dwyer; Captain Junior, Mr. W. Ryan; Vice-Capt., Mr. W. Gubbins; Capt. Minor, Mr. K. Bourke; Vice-Capt., Mr. J. Blake; Capt. Juvenile F., Mr. T. Casey; Vice-Capt., Mr. T. Ryan; Capt. Juvenile H., Mr. T. Ryan; Vice-Capt. Juvenile, Mr. H. J. Bourke. Selection Committee — Messrs. J. Gubbins, D. Hayes, M. Noonan and P. Ryan.

### Footballer Of Fifty Years Ago —

After Tipperary town, Oola, an adjoining parish on the Limerick side must be considered on its record down the years to be the best gaelic football parish in this area. Oola footballers have four senior championships (Limerick) to their credit and some near misses. The winning years were 1900, 1918 1922 and 1925. In 1900, Mr Eamon Mansfield, ex-President I.N.T.O. and later Appeals Commissioner in the Irish Land Commission, a distinguished Tipperaryman, was a prominent member of the club. In between his various activities he was a successful athlete and with the late P. J. O'Brien, was a leading light in the Galtymore Harriers.

DECEMBER 17 1955.

## Dec '59 Championships For Oola

Oola, 0-8; Newcastle West, 0-5.

The County Limerick G.A.A. championships ended on a high note at Kilmallock on Sunday, when Oola defeated Newcastle West in the County Limerick Junior Football final, by 8 points to 5, after a keen game featuring good football and much excitement.

A fairly large crowd was treated to a fine exhibition of good, keen football, in a game, during which there was never much between the teams.

Scorers for Oola were T. Stapleton, D. Casey, T. Ryan and T. Lynch. Scorers for Newcastle West were J. Finnerty, M. O'Connor and D. Cahill.

Oola, who last won the Limerick J.F. title in 1947, had some members of that team playing, including Sean Nash, who had a good game. Others to shine for Oola were: D. Casey, J. Blake, T. Stapleton, W. Gubbins and T. Beary. Best for Newcastle West were: J. Finnerty, D. Cahill and M. O'Connor.

Referee, P. Silke, Limerick. At the conclusion of the game, Mr. M. Fitzgibbon, Treasurer of Limerick County Board, presented the cup to W. Gubbins, captain of the winning Oola team.

### TEAMS.

Oola—J. Donovan, Jim Donovan, W. Gubbins, K. Burke, J. Landers, J. Beary, S. Nash, T. Stapleton, T. Beary, T. Lynch, J. Blake, D. Casey, A. Heuston, P. Heuston and T. Ryan. Subs.: J. Maher and B. Beary.

Newcastle West—W. Kelly, P. O'Donnell, J. Kelly, Murty O'Connor, J. Nix, T. Danaher, R. O'Donnell, M. Hurley, M. O'Connor, J. Finnerty, J. Kelly, D. Cahill, J. Woulfe, J. Egan, M. O'Grady.



*Yours faithfully*  
Tom Stapleton

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It was decided to hold the annual 45 drive on the 22nd February, the prize to be a calf or £15 and £5 in consolation prizes.

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The officials are as follows: Chairman, Rev. Father Morrissey; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Tim Hayes; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'Donovan; Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Keogh; Minor Club Chairman, Mr. T. Ryan; Secretary, Mr. J. Ryan; Treasurer, Rev. Father Bourke; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. O'Dwyer; Captain Junior, Mr. W. Ryan; Vice-Capt., Mr. W. Gubbins; Capt. Minor, Mr. K. Bourke; Vice-Capt., Mr. J. Blake; Capt. Juvenile F., Mr. T. Casey; Vice-Capt., Mr. T. Ryan; Capt. Juvenile H., Mr. T. Ryan; Vice-Capt. Juvenile, Mr. H. J. Bourke. Selection Committee — Messrs. J. Gubbins, D. Hayes, M. Noonan and P. Ryan.

## Oola 1954 HURLER-CUM-FOOTBALLER

Star inter-county footballer, Tom Stapleton, who hails from Oola, shone at full-back for Doon on Sunday against Cappamore in the East Limerick Minor Hurling final, and it is the opinion of some old time hurlers that he should have been on the Limerick Minor hurling side this year.

Other Oola hurlers playing with Doon were—Pat Casey, Denis Dunne, Eamon Mansfield, Michael O'Dwyer, and Des. Cuffe.

## Dick Stokes New Appointment

Congratulations to Dr. Dick Stokes on his appointment as County Medical Officer for Health for Mayo.

Winner of an All-Ireland senior hurling medal with his native Limerick in 1940, Dr. Stokes also won six Railway Cup medals with Munster, and helped Limerick win the 1947 National Hurling League and 1950 Munster junior football title.

He also holds an All-Ireland Colleges' hurling medal, Fitzgibbon and Sigerson Cup medals won with U.C.D. and Dublin championship medals in hurling and football.

## HURLING.

The local hurling team was revived this year after a lapse of five years. The team played in championship and tournament games but without success. Nevertheless, the team and officials are far from despondent and are looking forward already to a great season in 1964. Hon. Secretary Gerry Bresnan is at present preparing a review of the year's activities for presentation at the annual general meeting in the near future. Highlight of the season was the staging of a great junior hurling tournament at the local G.A.A. field which was eventually won by Pallasgreen after a thrilling struggle with the home fifteen. Many critics claim this was the victory which set the Pallas lads on the trail of county honours. Only Dromcollogher stand between them and the crown at the moment.

## OOLA BEATEN IN FOOTBALL CUP.

Oola, the only senior football team in the east, were beaten by Cloughaun in the senior football cup at Bruff on Sunday last. The score was 4-5 to 1-2. Even though they played with a strong breeze in the first half, Oola trailed at half-time by 1-3 to 0-2.

It was only a matter of time in the second half before Cloughaun had the game in safe keeping. Oola played better in the last quarter than they did in any other period of the game but only managed to break through for one goal.

Mick Tynan, Eamonn Cregan and Liam Moloney played well for Cloughaun. Oola's best players were Davy Quirke, Tommy Ryan, Kieran Burke, Paddy Ryan and Seamus Cunningham.

## FOOTBALL

A golden spell late in the second half, during which Pallas scored three glorious goals, put paid to Killeely's hopes of annexing the title in the East Limerick junior football final at Caherconlish last Sunday. Up to this point, they were in the game with a right chance, having matched their opponents with a skilful display of rugged football.

Pallas opened the scoring with a point in the 8th minute and were leading 4 points to 3 when the short whistle sounded.

On the resumption, Willie Staunton equalised in the 10th minute of the second half. Then followed a five-minute period in which both sides fought for supremacy. A 14-yard free to Pallas taken by Jimmy Howard was deflected to the net by a Killeely defender and before they had recovered from the shock Patsy Brunnock had tacked on goal number two. Jimmy Carr rammed in the third green flag a few minutes later.

This was "the beginning of end" for the boys in red and white and Pallasgreen strode on to a well-deserved but flattering victory. Heroes on a well-balanced Pallasgreen team were Jimmy Howard, who scored 1 goal and 4 points; Jimmy Carr, Connie O'Dwyer, Harry Kennedy and the ageless Rory Ryan, hero of many a battle, who came out of retirement to add another medal to his impressive collection.

On a Killeely line-out which did not have the luck it deserved, it was certainly no fault of cul-baire Jimmy Breen that his side met defeat. He could not be faulted for the three shots which beat him and the back line offered only token protection. Willie Staunton was in rare form throughout, but lacked support. Also prominent were Jackie Ryan and Tommy Hartnett.

The A.G.M. of Killeely G.A.A. was held on Thursday week. A detailed review will appear in this column next week.

## OOLA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following officers have been elected for the coming year:—President, Rev. Michael English; Chairman, John Donovan; Vice-Chairmen, Matthew Noonan and John Hayes; Treasurer, John M. Keogh; Secretary, Patrick Ryan. Senior Football Captain, Tom Fitzgibbon; Vice-Captain, Joseph Meagher.

It was decided to affiliate six teams for the coming year:—Senior, junior, under 21, minor and juvenile football and juvenile hurling.

## financial year

### G.A.A.

Easter Sunday was an unlucky day for Oola teams. The juveniles, who were defeated by Treaty-Sarsfields at Murroe, took a long time to settle down even though they were aided by a strong wind in the first half.

Best for Oola were Denis Ryan (captain) and Bertie Quirke, who combined beautifully to score the best goal of the match. Others to play well were James English, Seamus Holmes and Billy Ryan.

Ardfinnan defeated the Oola senior footballers in the final of the Galbally Tournament. Ardfinnan were the fitter and faster team. The Oola team, which does not lack football ability or talent, can repeat its successes of recent years, provided it takes into account the importance of fitness.

Ballysteen, last year's Limerick senior champions, have invited Oola to play them at Askeaton on Sunday next.

## OOLA v. ST. PATRICK'S

St. Patrick's travelled to Oola for a senior football challenge on Sunday last. They defeated the home team by 2-6 to 1-6. This was the first outing of both teams and the game was played under excellent conditions. Both teams were short some of their regulars, but this did not take from an entertaining game.

St. Patrick's were best served by Michael Collopy, Noel Phelan, Brian Cobbe and Tom Ryan. Joe Meagher, who had another sound game in goals. John Ryan, Davy Quirke, Paddy Ryan and Ailbe Heuston played well for Oola.

Oola intend playing a few more practice games in preparation for their third meeting with Ardfinnan in the Galbally tournament final. Two games have failed to provide a result and both teams will now be very anxious to win this competition. These games thrilled large attendances last year and the replay, fixed for sometime around Easter, should be well worth seeing.

Ardfinnan are Tipperary champions for the past three years. Oola, after their great displays in these games, surprised all by going out in the first round of the Limerick championship.

## ARDFINNAN AND OOLA DRAW AGAIN

Ardfinnan 3-3; Oola 2-6

A great rally by Oola in the last five minutes enabled them to draw with Co. Tipperary champions Ardfinnan in the semi-final of the Oola gold medal tournament at Oola last night. Ardfinnan played against a strong breeze in the opening half and with the scores level 2-1 to 1-4 at half time the Tipperary boys looked set for an easy victory. With ten minutes remaining they held a four point advantage but Oola staged a great late rally to level the scores.

This is the fourth occasion in the past twelve months that these sides have finished level so the replay which is fixed for Oola on Friday, August 13, is eagerly awaited.

## Great fight-back by 1925 side

# Oola win first county crown in 36 years

(By "Limerick Leader" Reporter)

**OOLA'S** first-class performance in defeating Western Gaels in the county senior football final in atrocious weather conditions at the Limerick Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last, revives memories of the last time the easterners won this coveted title.

Their previous triumph was 36 years ago. In 1925, the Oola senior football team defeated Garda in the first round of the Championship at Cappamore. Due to untoward circumstances the final of that season's competition was not played until the following year (1926). Hospital was the venue for one of the most exciting deciders in this competition and the big attendance thrilled to one of the greatest come-backs in Limerick football history. Ballylanders, their opponents, swept into the lead from the start and seemed to be in an extremely safe position with only ten minutes to go. With both contestants from East Limerick, there was a great will to win, and the Ballylanders supporters were joyful as their team maintained their earlier supremacy and went into the last quarter playing excellently.

### SUPREME FINISH

Then, with ten minutes to go, they received a rude awakening. Spurred on by supporters who must have been every bit as enthusiastic as those who cheered on last Sunday's heroes, the Oolamen surged to the attack. They slammed in two golden goals which gave them a two-point winning margin and climaxed a great era in the club.

The Oola team then was—Philip Ryan (Buckley), goal; James Horan (capt.), John Ryan (John), vice-capt.; Matty Noonan, John Verdun, Paddy Murphy, Pat Rafferty, Sean Stapleton, Pat Kennedy, Timmy Ryan, John Ryan, P. Fowler, Mick Ryan (Barry), Brian Mahoney, Ted Ryan, T. Ryan (Sullivan).

After that great day at Hospital, the fortunes of the Oola Club slumped somewhat and much was not heard of them when the final stages of the Senior Championships came around. However, they were always looked upon as a side to be feared and never were they faced with complacency.

Two years ago, the junior football crown was won by the rejuvenated easterners and the knowledgeable ones forecast that Oola

would, within a year or two, again make their mark in senior competition.

### FINE VICTORY

And sure enough, these forecasts were fulfilled at the rain-drenched Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last when a very fine and spirited team defeated Western Gaels by 4 pts. to 2 to win Oola's fifth county crown.

The game itself was ruined as a spectacle because of the pouring rain, strong breeze and treacherous underfoot conditions, but it, nevertheless, proved most exciting with first, one side, and then the other, gaining the upperhand. The spectators who braved the elements certainly had value for money.

Some of the Oola players gave excellent performances in overcoming the elements. Outstanding was mid-fielder Tommy Beary, whose kicking of the heavy and slippery ball was truly magnificent, and whose fifty which went sailing over the bar was the highlight of the match. Willie John Gubbins, at full-back, proved an inspiring captain and Jimmy Blake displayed his versatility at centre-back. Ailbie Heuston supported Beary in great style and Seamus Cunningham's point was brilliantly taken.

While Oola possess footballers of the calibre of Beary and Co., the future of football in this stronghold of the game is assured. They are, indeed, worthy champions.

OOLA

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## Successful tournament

At a special function held in the local Parochial Hall the members of the victorious Oola team which defeated Bansha in the final of Ballylanders football tournament were presented with their medals. On the Oola team were: Tim Ryan, John Stokes, Kieran Bourke, Louie Dunne, Billy Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon (captain), Matthew Mooney, John Ryan, Denis Holmes, Denis Ryan, James Gerin, Philip Houlihan, Paddy Ryan, Joe Meagher, Sean Ryan.

## Fright For Champions Oola

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Oola, 0-9; Ballysteen, 1-6.

**OOLA** (holders) looked to be on the way out of the County Limerick Senior Football Championship when Ballysteen were awarded a close-in free in the dying seconds, but Mick Kenneally's low drive was blocked down and cleared and Oola lived to fight another day.

Played at the Ennis Road Grounds, Limerick, the game was most entertaining despite the strong wind blowing from the Clare end.

Oola led by eight points to a goal at half-time, having had the advantage of the breeze, and were not overtaken until five minutes from the end when in a welter of excitement their defence held out.

Oola, who were short four regulars, were well served by W. Gubbins, W. Ryan, J. Burke, P. Casey, T. Ryan, P. Ryan, D. Quirke and D. Casey. Most prominent for Ballysteen were: B. Fitzgibbon, W. E. Walsh, D. Nestor, L. Shaughnessy, M. Kenneally, and T. Carrig.

Scorers for Oola were: D. Quirke, 0-2; P. Ryan, 0-2; D. Casey, 0-2; T. Ryan, 0-1; J. Maher, 0-1; A. Hewston, 0-1. For Ballysteen: M. Kenneally, 0-5; T. Carrig, 1-0; D. Nestor, 0-1, were scorers.

PALLASGREEN

1963

## Greyhound sale

Mr. Thomas Beary, Knockane, Pallasgreen this week disposed of his dog, "Mr. Know-All," at Shelbourne Park Sales for 160 guineas.

G.A.A.

On Sunday last, Pallas retained the East junior football title at Murroe when they defeated Boher, 2-2 to 1-2.

The standard of football was low and exchanges at some times were over robust. Stewarding was practically nonexistent and this fact should be borne in mind by the responsible authorities for future

# 1965

## OOLA

### Juveniles defeated

Oola juvenile footballers were defeated 4-1 to 3-2 in the semi-final of the County Championship by St. Senan's, Foynes, at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, on Sunday last. St. Senan's appeared to be the more polished combination but this was probably due to Oola's lack of training and fitness. It was more than surprising that the Oola officials did not try some switches in the backline which was under pressure for the greater portion of the game.

Best for Oola were James Guerin, Brendan Lonergan, Billy Ryan, Denis Ryan and Denis Holmes.

**Oola** — Jim Riall; Michael Keogh, Michael McGrath, Patsy Ryan; Brendan Lonergan, James Guerin, Patrick Bourke; Billy Ryan Pat O'Dwyer; Denis Ryan, Denis Holmes, Jim McGrath, Sean Holmes, John Landers, Philip Ryan.

**PATRICIAN MEETING**

### FITZGIBBON CUP 27-11-65

Jimmy Blake, former Oola footballer and county senior hurler, was at full forward in the U.C.C. team which defeated U.C.D. in the universities championship, the Fitzgibbon Cup, by 5-5 to 3-3 last Sunday.

### East Limerick G.A.A.

#### Notes

### Oola are minor champions

South Liberties, last year's minor football champions, failed to retain their title and they were well and truly beaten by Oola in this year's decider at Caherconlish on Sunday last.

Oola had the wind advantage in the first half but took some time to settle down. The forwards then started to pick off scores and by half-time they had built up a four goals lead.

South Liberties piled on the pressure in the second half but failed to pierce the Oola defence. Oola continued to dominate and had three further goals. South Liberties had a good chance of raising a green flag in the dying minutes when they were awarded a penalty, but the ball was blazed over the bar. The final score was 7-4 to 0-3.

Oola were best served by Billy Ryan, Denis Holmes, Denis Ryan and Pat O'Dwyer. Pat Hartigan and Pat Grimes tried hardest for the Liberties.

Oola have their county semi-final game against Old Christians at Croom on Sunday. The present Oola team have been together since their juvenile days and this should stand well to them.

Oola are long overdue a county championship as they

## OOLA

### G.A.A. club 1965 officers

Oola G.A.A. Club officers for 1965 are—President, Very Rev. M. English, Adm.; Chairman, John O'Donovan; Vice-Chairmen, Matthew Noonan, John Hayes; Treasurer, John M. Keogh; Secretary, Patrick Ryan.

It was decided to affiliate six teams for the coming season — senior, junior, under-21, minor and juvenile football, and juvenile hurling.

## OOLA

### Presentation of medals

The members of the Oola minor and juvenile football teams, who were successful in their respective East Limerick Championships, were presented with their medals on Friday last. Mr. Matthew Noonan, who presided over this special meeting, congratulated the winning teams, and complimented them on receiving such a remarkable double for their club. He advised the juvenile team to be prepared for the forthcoming encounter with Treaty Sarsfields, which will decide the 1964 juvenile Championships.

**Juvenile team:** Denis Ryan, Billy Ryan, Michael McGrath, (Ballybeg), John Landers, Michael McGrath (Gurtakilleen), Seamus Holmes, Denis Holmes, Bertie Quirke, James Guerin, Ned Toomey, Patrick Ryan, Brendan Lonergan, James English, Pat O'Dwyer and Michael Keogh.

**Minor team:** John O'Connell, John Stokes, John Corbett, Bertie Quirke, Billy Ryan, Jim Ryan, James Guerin, Willie Dwyer, Denis Ryan, John O'Donnell, Tom Fitzgibbon, Louis Dunne, James English, James Ryan (Doon), Richard Martin (Doon), Denis Kennedy (Doon).

The officers of the Oola G.A.A. Club for this year are—President, Very Rev. M. English, Adm.; vice-president, Rev. M. Morrissey, C.C.; chairman, John O'Donovan; vice-chairmen, Matthew Noonan, and John Hayes; treasurer, John M. Keogh; secretary, Patrick Ryan; Selection committee, Denis Hayes, James O'Donovan, Laurence Ryan and Matthew Noonan.

The following are the team captains—senior football, Tom Fitzgibbon; junior football, David O'Donnell; under-21 football, John Ryan; minor football, John O'Connell; juvenile football, Brendan Lonergan; juvenile hurling, James Guerin.

#### DRAMATICS

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## OOLA

### Club's A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of Oola G.A.A. Club was held recently. In his address, Mr. John O'Donovan, Chairman, welcomed Rev. E. O'Gorman, C.C., to the meeting and expressed the wish that both Fr. O'Gorman and his predecessor, Rev. M. Morrissey, C.C., Herbertstown, would be happy in their new surroundings. Continuing, the Chairman said that the past year was an unsuccessful one for the club. Most of the teams were beaten in the first rounds of their respective championships and this he attributed to the lack of interest in training. A notable exception, however, was the juvenile football team, which won the East Limerick Championship. He complimented all the players who represented Limerick in the Munster Football Championships and in the National League Competition.

Considering the material they had he could not see why they should not achieve great things in 1966.

The report of the secretary, Mr. Patrick Ryan, was unanimously adopted.

The balance sheet was presented by Mr. John Keogh, Treasurer. This showed the club to be in debt and it was pointed out that the expenses incurred in the running of the senior football tournament was one of the prime reasons for the financial position. The report was unanimously adopted.

Rev. E. O'Gorman, C.C., said that success should be gauged on the number of competitions in which a club participated and not on the amount of games that were won or lost.

It was decided to affiliate senior, junior, under-21, minor and juvenile football teams and a junior hurling team, and to join with Doon in the county senior hurling competitions.

The following officers were elected: President, Very Rev. M. English, Adm.; Vice-President, Rev. E. O'Gorman, C.C.; Chairman, John O'Donovan; Vice-do., Matthew Noonan; Secretary, Patrick Ryan; Treasurer, John McKeogh; Trainer, Philip Ryan.

Team captains (vice-captains in brackets) elected were:—Senior football, Thomas Fitzgibbon (Kieran Bourke); junior football, Matthew Toomey (John Stokes); under-21 football, John Ryan (Thomas Fitzgibbon); minor football, Denis Holmes (Edmund Toomey); juvenile football, Patrick Ryan, Lisnackella (Patrick J. Bourke), junior hurling, John Walsh (Kieran Bourke).

The captains and vice-captains, with Matthew Noonan, Patrick Heuston, Laurence Ryan (football) and John M. Keogh, Philip Ryan, Denis Hayes (hurling) constitute the selection committees.

**PATRICIAN MEETING**

## OOLA *Jan 66*

In late years Oola have been fading from the limelight in the senior football championship. One consoling point for the club is that their under-age teams continue to do well. The seniors met with the same fate in the cup and championship, going out in the first round of each competition. They found Claughaun too good in the cup and failed to another city team, St. Patrick's, in the championship at Murroe.

Their under-21 footballers were defeated by Ahane in a semi-final replay. Their minors, though well fancied, were beaten by Caherline, but the juveniles made it two Eastern titles in a row, when they defeated Caherline in the final.

There is only one hurling club in the parish, and this is in the under 16 group. They put up a good show against Ahane in the first round.

The surprising thing about hurling in Oola is that players from the parish played with three different clubs this year. Four minors helped Doon win the county minor championship and these lads also are members of the under-21 Doon team.

Two players were members of the Pallas junior hurling team, while two more threw in their lot with Cappamore in the senior hurling championship.

Oola also ran a very successful senior football tournament, in which two Tipperary teams and two Limerick teams took part. The two Tipperary teams reached the final, in which Lattin had a convincing win over Ardfinnan.

## OOLA

# Minor champions *1966*

Oola minor footballers won the East Limerick championship for the second year in succession when at Caherconlish on Sunday last they had an overwhelming victory over South Liberties in the final. At half-time the score in Oola's favour was 4-2 to 0-1 and at the final whistle it was Oola 7-4, South Liberties 0-3. After the game, Mr. Vincent Finucane, Chairman, East Limerick Board, presented the cup to Oola captain, Denis Holmes.

Team—James English; Philip Ryan, Ned Toomey, Pat O'Dwyer; Patsy Ryan, Billy Ryan, Seamus Holmes; Roger Ryan (Doon), Denis Holmes; Donal Anderson (Doon), Michael McGrath, Denis Ryan; John Landers, P. J. Bourke, John Anderson (Doon).

Oola's scorers were Denis Ryan, 2-2; John Anderson, 2-0; John Landers, Denis Holmes, Michael McGrath (1-0 each); Michael Anderson (0-2).

## EASTERN G.A.A. *July 1967*

# Under 21 Title for Oola

Oola defeated South Liberties by 2-7 to 0-2 in the final of the 1966 under-21 Eastern football championship at Caherconlish last Sunday evening.

Oola were in control in the opening minutes, but their forwards squandered some good chances. Denis Ryan then moved on to a centre from Jim Guerin and put Oola a goal ahead. John O'Connell added a point and then Pat Hartigan opened the South Liberties scoring with a like score. Denis Ryan increased Oola's lead when he had a point from a placed ball and the half-time score was: Oola, 1-2; South Liberties, 0-1.

South Liberties piled on the pressure after the re-start and Oola's lead did not look too secure when Tom Toomey sent over the bar. Oola realised the danger and attacked with renewed efforts. Patsy Ryan raised a white flag and the same player scored the all-important goal a few minutes later to put Oola seven points ahead. South Liberties fought back, but failed to pierce the Oola defence. Denis Ryan scored two points and Patsy Ryan had another to complete the scoring for Oola.

Billy Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, John Ryan, Jim Guerin, Denis Holmes, John O'Connell, Denis Ryan and Patsy Ryan were outstanding for Oola. Seamus Hartigan, Larry Grimes, Pat Hartigan, Tom Toomey and Eamonn Grimes played well for South Liberties.

Following the game, Mr. M. Finucane, Chairman of the Eastern Board, presented the cup to the winning captain, John Ryan.

Oola play St. Patrick's in the county semi-final at Bruff on Sunday next.

## SENIOR CUP

Oola defeated Newcastle West by 0-9 to 0-3 in the second round re-play of the Senior Football Cup at Kilmallock on last Wednesday evening.

In a low scoring first half, Oola were in control and led at the interval by 0-4 to 0-1. Newcastle West went all out for a score after the re-start, but David Quirke had two points for Oola to increase their lead to five points. In a very exciting last quarter, with the ball travelling quickly from one end to the other, Oola held out and deservedly gained a place in the semi-final.

Kieran Bourke, John Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, David Quirke and Paddy Ryan were in top form for Oola.

Oola will play Askeaton in the semi-final at Limerick on Aug. 6th.

## OOLA: *1966*

Oola had a rather lean year on the playing fields. Their senior football side once more disappointed and failed to Claughaun in the first round of the Cup, and to St. Kieran's in the first round of the Championship. Their minor footballers gave them their only success, winning the Eastern Championship by defeating Pallas and South Liberties. They found eventual champions, Old Christians, in top form in the county semi-final. The juveniles, after two victories, failed, too, but the under-21 team, who have reached the final, can collect a second title for Oola in the New Year.

Oola affiliated two hurling sides, but these met with little success. The juveniles failed to match the strength of Cappamore and the junior side failed to Kiltelly in the first round of the championship.

Oola and Lattin have reached the final of the local senior football tournament, but this game will not be played until early in the coming year.

22, 1967 *July*

## Eastern Sports

# OOLA DRAW

Oola and St. Patrick's drew 2-4 to 1-7 in the semi-final of the 1966 under-21 football championship at Bruree on Sunday last.

Oola, favoured by a strong breeze, were very slow to settle down. They had the ball in the St. Patrick's net after fifteen minutes but the score was not allowed. Oola dominated for the remainder of the half, but as a result of wasted opportunities by the forwards, only led at the interval by four points to one.

St. Patrick's attacked after the restart and had three quick points to level the scores. Michael Collopy then put the city champions in front for the first time with a well taken goal and this lead was soon afterwards increased to five points.

Oola's task now looked impossible and even their most ardent supporters saw little hope. A fifty yards solo by Tom Fitzgibbon, followed by a passing movement among the forwards, which was finished to the net by John O'Connell, infused new life into the team.

Seconds after the kick-out, Jim Guerin sent to the net from close in and Oola were a point in front. St. Patrick's were not beaten yet, however, and with the last kick of the game Michael Collopy sent over the equaliser.

Tom Fitzgibbon, Seamus Holmes, Jim Guerin, John O'Connell and Denis Ryan were outstanding for Oola.

Both sides will speak of lost chances and will claim they should have won, but at the end of an exciting game, which was played in a very sporting manner, a draw looked a fair result.

Eastern G.A.A.

Roundabout *BC*

## CLUB REVIEW

The review of Eastern clubs continues and this week we will take a look at the performances of Oola and Fedamore

### OOLA

Oola affiliated teams in all the Eastern football championships and in the under-14, juvenile and under-21 hurling championships. They also entered a senior football team in the county competitions. They played 22 championship games, winning 17 and losing 5.

While most eastern clubs hit the headlines for their performances on the hurling field, Oola mainly depend on their football skills to gain fame. They had a very successful season, winning three eastern and two county championships.

They fared poorly in the under fourteen hurling competition, losing all their games, but defeated Cappamore to reach the semi-final of the football championship.

They defeated Cappamore and lost to Doon in the juvenile hurling grade. The footballers, however, made up for this lapse and proved too good for Doon, Ahane, Caherline, Olla and Treaty-Sarsfields in a replay to win their first juvenile football title.

The minor footballers made it a great double by defeating S. Liberties, Knockane and Senan's to reach the final. They had to survive an objection from the latter before they took their place in the decider against Camogue Rovers, whom they defeated by 3-7 to 1-3.

The under-21 hurlers lost to Ahane, but have reached the Eastern football final by disposing of Pallas. Oola won the 1966 divisional final earlier in the season, but failed to St. Patrick's in a re-played county semi-final game.

The junior footballers defeated Boher, but lost to Ahane in the second round.

OOLA

## County champions

The Oola minor football team made history on Sunday last by winning the club's first county minor title. They defeated Camogue Rovers by 3-7 to 1-4.

Best for Oola were Denis Holmes, Jim Riall, Billy Ryan, Jim Guerin, Patsy Ryan, Denis Ryan, Willie Moore and Sean Holmes.

Team

Oola ..... 3-5

Treaty-Sarsfields ..... 0-2

The drawn game between these teams at Kilmallock a few weeks back was a very close one, but in the replay, Oola were completely on top and out classed Treaty-Sarsfields. *4-11-67*

Oola opened well and had a goal by T. O'Connor, which they followed immediately with a like score by D. Fitzgerald. Treaty-Sarsfields replied with a point per M. Buckley. Oola came back for two points from J. Ryan and near the interval added another by S. Holmes to lead at half time by 2-3 to 1 point.

Immediately after the resumption Treaty-Sarsfields to not hit the Oola goal and missed some fine opportunities, before Oola took play up field and John Real sent over the bar. This was a signal for greater effort by Oola and Joe Ryan sent over their fifth point. Treaty replied with a point from G. Goodwin but Oola clinched the issue when T. Casey shot a goal.

The cup was presented to the captain, Jim Real by Mr. J. O'Connell, Chairman, Limerick County Board.

## Win for Oola and Kilmallock

Oola, 2-7; Castlemahon, 0-10

Adare, 5-9; Pallas, 2-9.

A fairly large attendance witnessed two keenly contested games at Kilmallock on Sunday, when Oola defeated Castlemahon by 2-7 to 0-10 in the Limerick Senior Football Cup, and Adare defeated Pallas by 5-9 to 2-9 in the Limerick Senior Hurling Cup.

In the senior football game, Castlemahon had the first score of the game, but Oola came back for a goal and then another, which came from a free, and defenders obviously thought the ball was going over the bar, but it slipped underneath into the net. This was a big blow to the Castlemahon team, but they fought back and levelled the scoring at half-time—Oola, 2-1; Castlemahon, 0-7.

Shortly after half-time, Oola missed a penalty, but they took the lead afterwards with a point. Both sides scored in turn and at the threequarter stage, the teams were level. Then Oola took command and finished stronger.

Scorers: Oola—P. Ryan (1-1), J. Maher (1-0), A. Heuston (0-3), D. Holmes, D. Quirke and J. Guerin (0-1 each).

Castlemahon — D. Sheehan (0-8), P. Dwane and J. Collum (0-1 each).

## Juvenile football

Oola, 2-2; Treaty Sarsfields, 2-2.

Oola and Treaty Sarsfields must meet again to decide which takes the County Limerick juvenile football title. They played a draw at Kilmallock on Sunday—2-2 each—in a most entertaining game of football.

Oola opened strongly and were a goal and a point up before Treaty Sarsfields came into the picture, and had similar scores to leave the teams level at the break (1-1 each).

Treaty Sarsfields had an early goal on the turnover, but Oola replied with a like score. It looked as if Treaty would take the title when they had a point to take the lead near the end, but in the closing minutes Oola had the levelling score.

Scorers: Treaty Sarsfields—P. O'Callaghan (1-1), M. O'Donnell (1-0), and W. Ryan (0-1).

Oola—J. Ryan (1-2), and D. Fitzgerald (1-0).

Mr. E. Corbett, Askeaton, refereed.

OOLA

## County champions

With a brilliant display of football a superbly fit Oola juvenile team made history at Kilmallock on Sunday last by capturing the club's first county juvenile football title, having defeated Treaty-Sarsfields in a re-play by 3-5 to 0-2. At half-time, Oola led by 2-3 to 0-1. Each member of the Oola team played his part in this thrilling success and it would be unfair to single out individual performances. However, a special word of credit must go to Patrick Ryan, team trainer, for his unflinching dedication and interest in the club's under-age teams. All are now hoping that both the Oola minor and under-21 teams will emulate the feat of the juveniles.

Oola's scorers were Sean Holmes (1-1), Tim Joe O'Connor and Donal Bourke (1-0 each), Joe Ryan (0-3) and John Riall (0-1).

Team—John Downey; Tom Landers, John Mahoney, John Ryan (O); Joe Bourke, Joe Ryan, John Ryan (M); Jim Riall and Tim McGrath; John Riall, Sean Holmes, Dan Fitzgerald; Tim Joe O'Connor, Tom O'Connell, Donal Bourke, Subs.: Paddy McGrath, Bill Downey, Pat English, Edmond Ryan.

The cup was presented to the captain, Jim Riall, by Mr. Jack O'Connell, Chairman, Limerick County Board.

# CAN OOLA UPEND THE CHAMPIONS ?

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A fortnight ago when Askeaton had a commanding championship win over their great city senior football rivals, Treaty Sarsfields, many were of the opinion that the road had been substantially cleared for the retention of their crown by the Western lads.

The subsequent movement of events has indicated that there are some other very formidable obstacles to be overcome, and one of these is Oola, who have been doing extremely well in some recent tournament engagements. Consequently, the clash of Askeaton and Oola in the County Cup on Sunday at Pairc na nGael should be a revealing one.

Askeaton must start favourites, for they have a powerful side, which includes a big batch of players with inter-county experience. They have a great record in Limerick over the past few seasons and are as determined as ever to stay at the top.

When Oola had a rather surprising win over Western Gaels in the 1961 county senior football final—a game which drew a record attendance and repaid with some sparkling play—the Western side was mainly composed of Askeaton players.

The Oola lads are quietly confident they can repeat that performance, and although many of the old stalwarts will be with them on Sunday, minor and under-21 successes in recent years provide ample evidence of the good youthful material coming up, and only a few weeks ago they showed splendid form in holding a fancied St. Patrick's team to level terms in the under 21 County Semi Final, on all the evidence this should be a game well worth seeing.

Oola won their first of five Senior Football crowns in 1900 when they beat Abbeyfeale 0-7 to 1-0 at Limerick's Markets Field on December 8, 1901. A stalwart of that first great champion side, Jerry Lynch, died recently and his passing is deeply regretted in Gaeldom.

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## Parish Mission

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The mission for the parishes of Oola and Solohead, which opens on this Sunday, May 28, will be conducted by priests of the Oblate Order.

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Davy Quirke, Joe Meagher and Tom Fitzgibbon were on the Limerick senior football selection which defeated Tipperary in the first round of the Munster Championship at Limerick on Sunday last.

Three Oola players, James Guerin, Denis Ryan and Denis Holmes, were on the Limerick team defeated by Tipperary in the minor championship.

## Eastern Sports Round-up

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The review of eastern clubs continues and this week we take a look at the performances of Pallas and Ahane during the past year.

### PALLAS

Pallas affiliated juvenile, under twenty-one and junior hurling teams, and juvenile, minor, under twenty-one and junior football sides with the Eastern Board. Their junior hurling team also took part in the County Senior Cup. They played seven championship games, winning three and losing four.

The juvenile team met with little success, failing to Doon and Cappamore in the Hurling competition and the footballers gave a walk-over to Oola. The minor football side withdrew from the competition, while the minor hurlers of the parish gave their assistance to Cappamore, who were defeated by Doon in the final.

The Under Twenty-one hurlers put up a good show before losing to Caherline in the opening round. The football team fared better, defeating Ahane before losing to Oola in the semi-final.

The junior footballers arrived late for their game with Fedamore and were disqualified from the Championship. The hurlers were again impressive and gave their supporters many exciting moments during the year.

They had a surprise victory over Feohanagh in the first round of the Senior Cup and lost to eventual winners Adare next time out. Pallas have reached the final of the Eastern Junior Cup in which they will meet either Fedamore or South Liberties.

They had an easy passage to the Eastern hurling decider and had deserved victories over Fedamore and Killeely. There was a record attendance at the final in which the youthful Doon side just held on for a narrow win.

Though Pallas failed to win a championship in the past year, they displayed sufficient talent to suggest they will be back again next year to have a match for the best teams in the division and county.

# EASTERN G.A.A. ROUNDOABOUT PALLAS WIN

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The Killeely mentors made some shrewd changes during the break. They enjoyed a mid-field pull for most of the second half and when Jim McGrath had two quick goals it put Killeely back in the picture. With ten minutes left for play there was only five points between the sides, but Pallas managed to hold out for a deserved win.

Jim Howard, Con O'Dwyer, Olly Dillon, Pat Connolly, John Ryan and John Franklin were outstanding for Pallas. Dick McGrath, Michael O'Loughlin, Bill Buckley, John McCarthy and Jim McGrath played well for Killeely.

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Killeely — T. Hartnett, A. O'Loughlin, M. Lyons, D. O'Keefe, W. Buckley, R. McGrath, P. Ryan, M. O'Loughlin, T. Gilhooley, P. Redfern, J. McGrath, J. McCarthy, J. J. Bermingham, M. McKenna, M. Gleeson. Subs.: M. O'Keefe for W. Buckley, D. Bermingham for M. Gleeson.

### PALLAS DEFEAT FEOHANAGH

Pallas surprised their followers at Bruff on Sunday with a convincing eight points victory over Feohanagh in the first round of the Senior Hurling Cup. Feb 1967

Feohanagh were in control in the opening stages and looked all set for victory. Their forwards ran through a shaky Pallas defence, but wasted some good opportunities. The Pallas defence then settled down and Feohanagh, with only a two goals lead, were in an uncomfortable position at the interval, having had the aid of a stiff breeze in the opening period.

Pallas wasted little time in reducing Feohanagh's lead and went to the front approaching the last quarter. Feohanagh made a great attempt to get back in the picture, but Pallas had two further goals which put the issue beyond doubt.

Willie Shanahan, Con O'Dwyer, John Franklin and Olly Dillon, in defence, Dermot O'Dwyer, Tommy Creed and Jim Carr, in the forwards, were outstanding for Pallas.

## REPLAY 29-11-64

The replay between Pallas and Knockane was a disappointing game and was spoiled by rough tactics and unnecessary fouling.

Pallas, playing with wind advantage in the first half, were in complete control and they enjoyed a comfortable 1-6 to 0-1 lead at the interval.

Any hopes of a Knockane rally were quashed soon after the restart, when Pallas increased their lead with a goal and a point. Knockane tried hard but their light set of forwards got few chances from a rugged Pallas defence.

Pallas played much better this time and well deserved their win. There were a few nasty incidents just before full-time, when some spectators ran on to the pitch and players from both sides took part in a bout of fistcuffs.

Martin O'Rourke, Martin Sexton, Jim Redpath, Paddy Hayes, Willie Shanahan and Pat McCarthy played well for Pallas. Pakie Ryan, Laurence Ryan, Gerry O'Brien and Noel Loneragan were most in the picture for Knockane.

**Pallas**—B. Carr; P. Gleeson, T. Creed, H. Kennedy, S. O'Sullivan, M. O'Rourke, D. O'Dwyer, M. Sexton, M. Power, P. Hayes, J. Redpath, O. Dillon, P. McCarthy, C. Duggan, W. Shanahan.

**Knockane**—M. Breen; N. Ryan, P. Ryan, C. Ryan, M. O'Sullivan, T. Guerin, G. O'Brien, L. Ryan, L. O'Brien, E. Quirke, S. Guerin, G. Quirke, T. Kennedy, N. Loneragan, N. Ryan.

## OOLA

## G.A.A. Officers

The following elections took place at the A.G.M. of the Oola G.A.A. Club:— President, Very Rev. M. English, Adm.; Vice-President, Rev. E. Gorman, C.C.; Chairman, Kieran Bourke; Vice-Chairmen, John O'Donovan and Matthew Noonan; Hon. Secretary, David Quirke, N.T.; Treasurer, John M. Keogh.

It was decided to affiliate nine teams with the following as captains (vice-captains names are in brackets): Senior football, Patrick Ryan (Albe Heuston); junior football, Matthew Toomey (David O'Donnell); under-21 football, John Stokes (Thomas Fitzgibbon); minor football, Denis Holmes (Pat O'Dwyer); juvenile football, Jim Riall (P. J. Bourke); under-21 hurling, Seamus Holmes (James Guerin); juvenile hurling, Timothy McGrath (P. J. Bourke). Football selectors are Laurence Ryan, M. Noonan, J. O'Donovan, along with team captain and vice-captain.

Two trainers were appointed, Matthew Noonan, who will have charge of senior, junior and under-21 teams; Patrick Ryan, who will train minor and juvenile teams.

Some of the immediate plans of the club include a "45" drive and a concert of traditional music, singing and ballads, both of which will be held during Lent.

## PALLAS DEFEATED

Pallas failed to Ballybrown by the narrowest of margins in a re-play of the County junior hurling semi-final at Bruff last Sunday. 3-12-66

Pallas have given their supporters many thrills during the year and it was a pity that they failed so narrowly to gain a place in the final.

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Pallas will play the winners of the Doon v. Caherline game in the eastern final at a later date.

## East Limerick G.A.A. Roundabout

This week I am continuing the review of Eastern clubs, dealing with the performances of Pallas and Caherline.

## PALLAS.

The club had a very satisfactory year and this was mainly due to the success achieved by their junior hurling side. The latter scored a great double, taking the Eastern Cup and Championship. Pallas also enjoyed a great run in the senior hurling Cup, defeating Boher, St Patrick's and Ballybrown before failing to Cloughaun in the semi-final.

Pallas had to meet Fedamore twice in the final of the Eastern Cup but proved their worth in the re-play by scoring a runaway victory. They received a walk-over from Ahane and then defeated Boher and South Liberties to capture the Junior Championship. They had two hectic struggles with Ballybrown in the Co. semi-final and were only a point behind at the end of two thrill-packed hours of hurling.

Pallas failed to Fedamore in the first round of the Under-21 Championship. They fielded no minor hurling team but players from the club helped Cappamore win the Eastern title. The juveniles were beaten by Doon but had a run of successes in the losers' group. They had then to meet Doon again, only to fail for the second time.

Because of the overwhelming interest in hurling in the club this year, Pallas had less time to devote to football, and as a result did not meet with the successes of former years. They were ousted by neighbour, Knockane, in the junior grade, and were beaten by South Liberties in the under-21 Championship. Oola proved too strong for their minors, but the juveniles scored a win over Doon in the first round. The latter came through in the losers' group and later gained revenge for this defeat.

## PALLASGREEN

## G.A.A. Officers

The annual general meeting of the Pallasgreen G.A.A. Club was held recently at the Brook Hall, Pallasgreen. The officers elected were: President, Very Rev. Fr. Lee, P.P.; Chairman, Rev. Fr. Keogh, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, Joseph Shanahan; Secretary, Michael Kirby; Treasurer, James Carr. Committee: Timothy Ryan, Patrick J. Ryan, John McCormack, Patrick Dillon, Oliver Dillon, John Franklin, Peter Franklin and Cornelius O'Dwyer.

Team captains: J.H., James Howard; J.F., Con O'Dwyer; Under-21 H., Dermot O'Dwyer; Under-21 F., Brendan Carr.



The Oola minor football team which won the County Championship title last season. Front row (l. to r.): John Joe Howard, John O'Mahoney, Sean Holmes, Jim Guerin, Denis Holmes (capt.), Denis Ryan, Joe Ryan, Tim McGrath, Patrick Bourke. Back row (l. to r.)—Brian Butler, Willie Moore, Roger Ryan, Pat Anderson, Billy Ryan, Jim Riall, John Landers, Phil Ryan, Michael McGrath. Missing from above is Patsy Ryan, who played a big part in the success. Team trainers were David Quirke and Pat Ryan.



Pictured above are the members of the Oola juvenile football team which won the County Championship last season. Front row (l. to r.)—Dan Fitzgerald, Bill Downey, Pat English, John Ryan, Jim Riall (capt.), Donal Bourke, Pat McGrath, Joe Bourke, Tim Joe O'Connor. Back row (l. to r.)—Joe Ryan, Tim McGrath

## Pallas in J. F. Final

Pallas 2-3; Monaleen 0-3

This was quite an entertaining game, and was much more closely contested than Pallas' winning margin of two goals would suggest. True, there were some fisticuffs towards the end, but these bouts were shortlived and generally speaking the players played the game in a strenuous, but sporting, manner.

Pallas scored what was regarded by some as a fortunate goal. They were awarded a close in free and W. Shanahan drove the ball hard towards the goalmouth; it struck between the crossbar and the upright—just where they meet—and the umpires stated that it subsequently hit the rigging of the net and bounced out and, accordingly, awarded the score.

There was no doubt about Pallas' second goal which came in the second half, after Monaleen had reduced the arrears with a point. It was a fine movement which ended with P. Connolly crashing the ball to the net.

Scorers were (Pallas) P. Connolly (1-1), W. Shanahan (1-0), T. Creed (0-1), and J. Howard (0-1); (Monaleen) D. Fitzpatrick, T. McMahon and P. Flynn (0-1 each).

## Oola too good for Galbally

Oola ... 5-4  
Galbally ... 0-0

Adapting themselves better to the trying conditions at rain-drenched Kilmallock, Oola qualified for the Co. Limerick under-21 football final when they defeated Galbally in the semi-final by 5 goals and 4 points to nil.

## Oola Minor football

The Oola minor football team won their second successive county title by defeating Treaty-Sarsfields at Bruree on Sunday last. Oola dominated throughout and the final score was: Oola, 2-9; Treaty-Sarsfields, 0-3.

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**OOLA TOURNAMENT**  
Lattin-Cullen defeated Oola in the final of the Oola senior football tournament final at Oola on last Tuesday evening.  
Michael Maguire, Tom Breen, Mick Byrnes, John Condon and George Ryan were most impressive for the winners. Kieran Bourke, John Ryan, Tim Fitzgibbon, David Quirke and John O'Connell played well for Oola.

## Sept 68 Pallas in

Pallas reached the final of the Eastern senior football cup, in which they will meet South Liberties, as a result of their 2-8 to 1-4 win over Caherline at Murroe on Sunday last.

Pallas were completely in control in the first half and led at the interval by 1-6 to 0-1. Caherline had a large amount of the play after the resumption but never looked like troubling Pallas.

Martin O'Rourke, Michael Sexton, Olly Dillon, Harry Kennedy and Jim Carr were prominent for Pallas. Michael Dineen, Jim Ryan, Pat Hourigan and Pat McCarthy were most in the picture for Caherline.

## G.A.A. GAMES

Newtown Rangers won the Limerick minor football championship when beating Treaty-Sarsfields, 2-8 to 0-3 at Bruree on Sunday last.

## Oola Sale of Work

Oola Girls' Club is holding a sale of work in the Parochial Hall, Oola, on this Friday, August 30, at 7 p.m. The proceeds will be donated to the Oola Community Centre Fund. All items for sale are of top-class quality. There will also be side shows, and patrons can be assured of a gala night.

G.A.A.

The Oola minor football team are again in the county final following their convincing win over Camogue Rovers, who they defeated by 2-8 to 0-3 in the county semi-final at Limerick last week.

The Oola senior football team failed to follow the winning pattern of the minors, and were defeated by Athea in the county semi-final, which was also contested at Limerick. The score was: Athea, 0-10; Oola, 1-3.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

## Poor fare at Murroe

"SETANTA"

Two under twenty-one football ties were scheduled for Murroe on Sunday last. In the opening game, Oola, last year's county champions, had a facile 4-12 to nil victory over Caherline. This was certainly a disappointing game and the small number of spectators could grumble not only at the poor fare but because the game started twenty minutes late.

Oola, who were vastly superior in all sectors, were best served by Billy Ryan, Phil Ryan, Jim Guerin, Patsy Ryan, Denis Holmes, John O'Connell and John Landers. Patsy McCarthy played a lone hand for Caherline, and the only others to make any impression were Jack Hourigan, Pat Laffan and Denis Laffan.

## OOLA DEFEATED

Cloughaun gained revenge for their championship defeat by Oola when they turned the tables for a 2-11 to 2-4 win in the senior cup semi-final.

The game was much closer than the score suggests and if Oola had got an even share of the breaks it would have been a near thing. First blow came when one of the Oola defence scored an own goal and then Oola had the ball in the Cloughaun net but the referee had just blown for an infringement.

Oola were pressing hard in the closing stages and should have been awarded a penalty when a forward was brought down in the square. Even if Oola had goalied it would have made no difference to the result as they trailed at the time by seven points.

Joe Maher had another outstanding game between the Oola posts and his display should not go unnoticed by the county selectors. Kieran Bourke, Jim Guerin and John Ryan covered well in defence; Tom Fitzgibbon and Paddy Ryan held their own at midfield, while John O'Connell, David Quirke and Louis Dunne were the most dangerous in the forwards.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

### Oola for Under-21 Final

Oola defeated Galbally by 5-4 to no score in the semi-final of the under twenty-one football championship at Kilmallock on Sunday last. The final score, however, does not give a true picture of the game as Galbally were unlucky not to score on a few occasions.

The driving rain and greasy sod made matters difficult for both sides but Oola gave a marvellous display and their high fielding and control of the wet ball was spectacular.

Galbally, after winning the toss, decided to play with the wind but it changed after the first quarter to favour Oola. At this stage Oola led by 0-2 to nil and were not having matters all their own way. Galbally staged an all-out attack which was repulsed by the Oola defence, and Denis Ryan collected the clearance to score. Patsy Ryan added a point to leave Oola leading by 1-3 to no score at the interval. The Galbally supporters had reason to feel confident, being only six points down and having the advantage of a very strong wind in the second half. However, they underestimated Oola's ability, as the latter came out and besieged the Galbally goal all through the second half. They scored four picture goals which completely demoralised the Galbally fifteen and Oola were never in danger to win easily.

Jim English was a sound keeper and he was well covered by Billy Ryan, Phil Ryan and Louis Dunne. Jim Guerin was outstanding at centre-back and he had two reliable wing-halves in Bertie Quirke and Seamus Holmes. Patsy Ryan and Denis Holmes held the upper hand at mid-field, while John O'Connell was a great leader at centre-forward. Sean Holmes and Denis Ryan started some delightful moves from the wings which were turned to good advantage by the top line of John Landers. Tim McGrath, P. J. Bourke and Joe Ryan in the second half.

On this display it will take a good side to beat Oola in the second half, but their opponents, Glin, have a good game and it should be a very exciting final.

## UNDER-21 FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL

Eastern champions, Oola, travel to Croom on Sunday next to play Glin in the semi-final of the under-21 football championship. **16-3-68**

Glin will have benefited from recent challenge games with Askeaton and a Tralee selection, and are sure to be really fit. They have a strong, evenly-balanced team and won many admirers when winning through in the west last season.

Oola also reached last year's county semi-final, but were defeated by St. Patrick's in a replay. The majority of that side are still eligible, so Oola will not be found wanting in experience.

Oola already have two 1967 county trophies on the sideboard and they are hopeful of moving a step further for their third. Billy Ryan, Seamus and Denis Holmes, Tom Fitzgibbon, Bertie Quirke, Louis Dunne, John O'Connell, Patsy and Denis Ryan are the star players, on an Oola side which should gain a place in the final against Ballylanders.

## Eastern G.A.A.

### Roundabout

#### Under 21 title For Oola

Oola defeated Caherline by 3-14 to 0-2 in the 1967 eastern football final at Murroe on Sunday and qualified to play western champions, Glin, in the county semi-final at Croom on March 17th.

Oola were first to attack and had points from Louis Dunne, John O'Connell and Denis Ryan in the first ten minutes. Caherline then put on the pressure, and with the Oola defence out of position Raymond Bourke had a well-taken point. Patsy Ryan then had the best score of the game when he goaled for Oola and the same player had a point in the following minute. These were the decisive scores, as from this to the interval there was only one team in it and Oola increased their lead with points from Denis Ryan (2) and John O'Connell. The half-time score was Oola, 1-7; Caherline, 0-1.

As Caherline had played with wind advantage in the opening half, there was little doubt at this stage as to who would triumph. Oola piled on the pressure after the restart and Denis Holmes had a point from a sideline kick. They had their second goal when John O'Connell ran on to push home a partly-blocked shot from Patsy Ryan. Pat O'Dwyer had Oola's third goal and points were added by John O'Connell, Louis Dunne, Jim Guerin and Patsy Ryan.

Pat McCarthy had Caherline's lone score in the second half from a placed ball and he was narrowly wide with a similar effort shortly afterwards.

Billy Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Seamus Holmes, Jim Guerin, Denis Holmes, John O'Connell and Louis Dunne were outstanding for Oola. Colm Purcell, Pat Kelly, Pat McCarthy, Pat Buckley, Raymond Bourke and Buckley and Raymond Bourke were prominent for Caherline.

The teams were:

Oola—J. English, J. Stokes, B. Ryan, P. Ryan, S. Holmes, T. Fitzgibbon, B. Quirke, D. Holmes, J. Guerin, D. Ryan, J. O'Connell, P. Ryan, M. McGrath, P. O'Dwyer, L. Dunne.

Caherline—J. Hourigan, J. Heelan, P. Dineen, A. Creamer, P. Sullivan, C. Purcell, P. Kelly, P. McCarthy, P. Hourigan, R. Bourke, A. Buckley, P. Buckley, J. Wallace, L. Ryan, L. Brennan.

Following the game the cup was presented to the winning captain, John Stokes, by Mr. M. Finucane, Chairman, East Limerick G.A.A. Board.

Note—When these sides met in the minor final three years ago Caherline were convincing winners.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

### OOLA FOR FINAL

Oola advanced to the final of the 1967 under twenty-one Co. Football Championship when they defeated Glin by 3-5 to 1-2 at Croom on Sunday last.

Conditions were anything but favourable for good football and both Oola and Glin must be congratulated for very sporting displays. Oola, playing with the advantage of a very strong breeze, were camped in Glin territory throughout the first half. The Glin defence held out well for the first quarter but the Oola forwards then found their mark for the vital scores.

Goals from John O'Connell and Louis Dunne (2) and points from Denis Ryan (2), and Patsy Ryan gave Oola a comfortable 3-5 to no score lead at the interval.

#### PROMISING.

Glin had shown some promising touches in the opening period and though Oola held a commanding lead all looked forward to a rousing finish.

The expected Glin revival never materialised and most of their energy was spent as a result of their exertions in the first half. It took Glin ten minutes to register their first score and their further efforts were well held by the Oola defence.

Their goal came from a penalty and they added two further points to leave the final score: Oola, 3-5; Glin, 1-3.

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## UNDER-21 FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL

Eastern champions, Oola, travel to Croom on Sunday next to play Glin in the semi-final of the under-21 football championship. **16.3.68**

Glin will have benefited from recent challenge games with Askeaton and a Tralee selection, and are sure to be really fit. They have a strong, evenly-balanced team and won many admirers when winning through in the west last season.

Oola also reached last year's county semi-final, but were defeated by St. Patrick's in a replay. The majority of that side are still eligible, so Oola will not be found wanting in experience.

Oola already have two 1967 county trophies on the sideboard and they are hopeful of moving a step further for their third. Billy Ryan, Seamus and Denis Holmes, Tom Fitzgibbon, Bertie Quirke, Louis Dunne, John O'Connell, Patsy and Denis Ryan are the star players, on an Oola side which should gain a place in the final against Ballylanders.

## Eastern G.A.A.

### Roundabout

#### Under 21 title For Oola

Oola defeated Caherline by 3-14 to 0-2 in the 1967 eastern football final at Murroe on Sunday and qualified to play western champions, Glin, in the county semi-final at Croom on March 17th.

Oola were first to attack and had points from Louis Dunne, John O'Connell and Denis Ryan in the first ten minutes. Caherline then put on the pressure, and with the Oola defence out of position Raymond Bourke had a well-taken point. Patsy Ryan then had the best score of the game when he goaled for Oola and the same player had a point in the following minute. These were the decisive scores, as from this to the interval there was only one team in it and Oola increased their lead with points from Denis Ryan (2) and John O'Connell. The half-time score was Oola, 1-7; Caherline, 0-1.

As Caherline had played with wind advantage in the opening half, there was little doubt at this stage as to who would triumph. Oola piled on the pressure after the restart and Denis Holmes had a point from a sideline kick. They had their second goal when John O'Connell ran on to push home a partly-blocked shot from Patsy Ryan. Pat O'Dwyer had Oola's third goal and points were added by John O'Connell, Louis Dunne, Jim Guerin and Patsy Ryan.

Pat McCarthy had Caherline's lone score in the second half from a placed ball and he was narrowly wide with a similar effort shortly afterwards.

Billy Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Seamus Holmes, Jim Guerin, Denis Holmes, John O'Connell and Louis Dunne were outstanding for Oola. Colm Purcell, Pat Kelly, Pat McCarthy, Pat Buckley, Raymond Bourke and Buckley and Raymond Bourke were prominent for Caherline.

The teams were:

Oola—J. English, J. Stokes, B. Ryan, P. Ryan, S. Holmes, T. Fitzgibbon, B. Quirke, D. Holmes, J. Guerin, D. Ryan, J. O'Connell, P. Ryan, M. McGrath, P. O'Dwyer, L. Dunne.

Caherline—J. Hourigan, J. Heelan, P. Dineen, A. Creamer, P. Sullivan, C. Purcell, P. Kelly, P. McCarthy, P. Hourigan, R. Bourke, A. Buckley, P. Buckley, J. Wallace, L. Ryan, L. Brennan.

Following the game the cup was presented to the winning captain, John Stokes, by Mr. M. Finucane, Chairman, East Limerick G.A.A. Board.

Note—When these sides met in the minor final three years ago Caherline were convincing winners.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

### OOLA FOR FINAL

Oola advanced to the final of the 1967 under twenty-one Co. Football Championship when they defeated Glin by 3-5 to 1-2 at Croom on Sunday last.

Conditions were anything but favourable for good football and both Oola and Glin must be congratulated for very sporting displays. Oola, playing with the advantage of a very strong breeze, were camped in Glin territory throughout the first half. The Glin defence held out well for the first quarter but the Oola forwards then found their mark for the vital scores.

Goals from John O'Connell and Louis Dunne (2) and points from Denis Ryan (2), and Patsy Ryan gave Oola a comfortable 3-5 to no score lead at the interval.

#### PROMISING.

Glin had shown some promising touches in the opening period and though Oola held a commanding lead all looked forward to a rousing finish.

The expected Glin revival never materialised and most of their energy was spent as a result of their exertions in the first half. It took Glin ten minutes to register their first score and their further efforts were well held by the Oola defence.

Their goal came from a penalty and they added two further points to leave the final score: Oola, 3-5; Glin, 1-3.

Tom Fitzgerald, Billy Ryan, Jim Guerin, Denis Holmes, Patsy Ryan, John O'Connell, Denis Ryan and Louis Dunne were outstanding for Oola.

## OOLA DESERVEDLY IN "21' FINAL

*18/3/68*  
Oola 3-5; Glin 1-3

This Under-21 County Limerick football semi-final, played under appalling weather conditions at Croom Gaelic Grounds yesterday, resulted in a well deserved victory for Oola who led from start to finish and now qualify to meet Ballylanders in the final. At half-time they had registered 3-5 to no score for Glin and the latter playing with a strong wind advantage throughout the second half could only score three points from play, their remaining score, a goal, resulting from a penalty.

Scorers for Oola were L. Dunne (2-0), J. Connell (1-0), D. Ryan and D. Holmes (0-2) each and P. Ryan (0-1). Scorers for Glin were D. Geoghegan (1-0), R. McMahon (0-2) and P. Culhane (0-1).

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

*Nov 68*  
Oola minor footballers retained their title when they defeated Treaty Sarsfields in the County final by 2-8 to 0-3 at Bruree on Sunday last.

Oola, aided by a strong breeze, were in complete control in the early stages. However, the forwards were off target and shot wides from very favourable positions. J. J. Howard pointed after seven minutes and this was followed by points from P. J. Bourke (3), Joe Ryan, Tom Landers, Paddy Anderson and Sean Holmes, to give Oola an interval lead of eight points to two.

Just after the re-start Tom Landers crossed a delightful ball to the far post and this was fisted to the net by John Riall for a great goal. This score came just at the right time and when Joe Ryan put another good ball across, which was sent to the net by J. J. Howard, the Treaty lads were completely demoralised. Their challenge petered out and Oola went on for a very comfortable victory.

Jim Riall, Patsy Ryan and Tim McGrath, with Willie Moore and Sean Holmes at midfield, and forwards Paddy Anderson, J. J. Howard and Tom Landers were outstanding for Oola.

The winning team was: John Downey, John Mahoney, Philip Ryan, John Ryan, Jim Riall, Patsy Ryan, Tim McGrath, Willie Moore, Sean Holmes, Joe Ryan, Paddy Anderson, J. J. Howard, Tom Landers, P. G. Bourke, John Riall.

After the game the cup was presented to the winning captain, Philip Ryan, by Rory Kiely, vice-chairman of the County Board.

Oola had a much easier win over southern champions Ballylanders in the football final, the score being 3-13 to 0-3.

Ballylanders, playing with wind advantage in the first half, attacked in the opening minutes, but their forwards lost some good scoring chances. Oola's forwards, however, made use of the few opportunities that came their way during this period, so Ballylanders were far from being in a happy position when they were led by 1-2 to 0-4.

*Under 21 ONE-WAY F Final*  
It was all one-way traffic in the second half, as the Oola forwards really struck form and their defenders dealt capably with their opposite numbers. The forwards really clicked and some of their scores, which followed some fine passing movements, were a delight to watch.

*20-4-68*  
Billy Ryan and Tom Fitzgibbon were outstanding in defence. Jim Guerin and Denis Holmes held sway at midfield, and Patsy Ryan, John O'Connell, Denis Ryan and John Landers were the keymen in a very clever forward line.

### RECORD YEARS

These victories rounded off record years in the history of the Doon and Oola clubs.

Doon collected two '67 hurling titles, minor and under-21. During the past year they also won the '66 under-21 title and suffered narrow defeats in the juvenile and junior finals.

Oola had not won an underage county championship up to last year, but the club really did things in a big way by scoring a treble win when collecting the '67 juvenile, minor and under-21 titles.

### G.A.A.

The Oola senior team had a spectacular 1-6 to 1-5 win over Clonmel Commercial in the final of the Oola senior football tournament. The Oola team was: Joe Meagher; Patsy Ryan; Kieran Bourke, Billy Ryan; Philip Ryan, James Guerin, Louis Dunne; Tom Fitzgibbon, Seamus Cunningham; Paddy Ryan, John O'Connell, Denis Holmes, John Landers, David Quirke, Fr. Dan Casey.

At a dance after the game, at which the Fusiliers provided music, John O'Donovan, vice-chairman, Oola G.A.A. Club, and recently elected county selector, presented the J. J. Kenneally Cup and a set of plaques to Kieran Bourke, captain of the Oola team.

*Aug 1968*  
The Oola minor football team were flattered by their 2-8 to 1-1 win over Ahane in the eastern final at Murroe last week. The Oola team was: John Downey; John Mahoney, Philip Ryan, Jim Riall; Tim McGrath, Patsy Ryan, John Ryan; Willie Moore, Sean Holmes; Joe Ryan, Paddy Anderson, John J. Howard, Tom Landers, Patrick J. Bourke and Michael Martin.

The Oola under-21 football team received a walk-over from South Liberties in the eastern semi-final. They will be meeting Pallasgreen in the final.

### SENIOR CUP

*June 1968*  
Oola defeated Patrickswell by 1-5 to 0-7 at the second attempt in the first round of the senior football cup at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick.

Oola looked the more impressive side in the drawn game, and were expected to win comfortably. However, they were in for a shock in the replay, as Patrickswell showed immense improvement. The latter attacked for most of the game and could be termed somewhat unlucky.

Patrickswell, favoured by the breeze in the first half, had two points to spare at the interval. Oola were quick to wipe out the deficit. After the re-start Denis Ryan put them in front with a great goal. Paddy Ryan and Dave Quirke increased the lead with points from placed balls, but from this to the end it was all Patrickswell. They drew level with two minutes left for play and looked all set for the winning score. Oola, however, launched a final rally, from which John O'Connell punched over the winning score.

### SENIOR SEMI-FINAL

Oola play Athea in the semi-final of the senior football championship at Limerick on Sunday next.

*Sept 1968*  
Oola have reached this stage by disposing of county champions, Cloughaun, and Castle-mahon in a replay. They were far from impressive against the latter and will have to show improved form to defeat Athea.

Last time Oola played Athea in the senior championship was in 1965 when victory went to the Western lads. Oola, however, have since done well in the under-age competitions and nine of the team who won last year's under-21 championship

will be in action on Sunday. It may be argued that Oola are too young to win a senior championship and will show a lack of experience against their craftier opponents.

The Eastern lads also have very experienced players on their side in Joe Meagher, Kieran Bourke, Tom Fitzgibbon, John Ryan, Seamus Cunningham, brothers Pat and Tom Ryan and David Quirke, and their supporters are hoping that this blend of youth and experience will see them through.

Oola last won the senior championship in 1961, and have since had a very lean period. The club has never been beaten in a senior final, so their followers will be hoping for victory against Athea and a place in the county final against Treaty Sarsfields.

## Eastern G.A.A. *Nov. 1968* Roundabout

### CONGRATULATIONS to

Pallas, who scored a very impressive 1-12 to 1-1 victory over St. Mary's, Rathkeale, in the county junior hurling final at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, on Sunday.

Pallas held a comfortable lead at the interval and confirmed their superiority in the second half to score a very convincing win.

The Pallas defence got little opportunity to shine, but Paddy Hayes and Jim Howard, in particular, dealt capably with any surprise attacks by St. Mary's. Ollie Dillon and Dermot O'Dwyer were rampant at midfield, while John Franklin, Brendan Carr and John Ryan were impressive in attack.

Team trainer, Paddy Maher, had his team in great trim and to him also must go some of the credit for this great victory.

## EASTERN G.A.A. ROUNDABOUT

### *14/12/68* Pallas win again

Pallas continued on the winning trail when they defeated South Liberties by 3-7 to 3-4 in the 1967 Eastern Senior Cup final at Caherconlish last Sunday.

The first half was very closely contested and the sides were level, 2-1 to 1-4, at the break.

After the restart, South Liberties quickly shot into a goal lead and it looked as if Pallas were going to suffer their first defeat for some time. However, their superior fitness told and they piled on the scores to lead by six points. South Liberties, to their credit, kept trying and their perseverance was rewarded when they had a goal in the closing stages. This score came too late to halt the winning run of Pallas, who finished worthy winners.

Willie Shanahan, Jim Howard, Paddy Hayes and Maurice Power were in good form for Pallas. John Dooley, Joe Shanahan and the Hartigans tried hard for South Liberties.

## May be County but not *for* Divisional *1968* "Champs"

A strange situation may arise in this season's Limerick minor football championship. On Sunday last, Oola and Caherline were level when torrential rain forced a postponement of their game. It was agreed by East Board representatives and both clubs that Oola should advance to meet St. Senan's, Foynes, in the county semi-final to-morrow. Should Oola win and go on to become county champions they may have the distinction of being county champions, but Caherline could well be East Limerick champions. It was part of the agreement that Caherline and Oola would re-play for the Eastern title.

## Murroe

### *Sept 1968* Junior Hurling

At Murroe on Sunday last, before a record attendance, Pallas romped home very easy winners over Caherline in the East Limerick junior hurling championship final after a most disappointing game. The final score was: Pallas, 8-14; Caherline, 3-4. Caherline got away to an early start when after seconds from the throw in they had the ball in the back of the Pallas net. But this was the only score Caherline got in the opening half and Pallas dominated the scene until the final whistle. At the interval, Pallas led by 5-6 to 1-0.

In the second half, Caherline succeeded in scoring a couple of goals from close in frees. Pallas will meet Bruff in the Co. semi-final at Limerick Gaelic Grounds on Sunday next. Caherline's most notable weak spot was in goal where their goalie, Sean Murnane, was very badly at fault with most of the shots that passed him. Best for Pallas were Tommy Creed, Ollie Dillon, Pat Hayes, Dermot O'Dwyer, Willie Shanahan, goal, and John Franklin. In the picture for a most disappointing Caherline team were Ned O'Grady, M. Carroll, F. Dineen, T. Brennan.

## Oola

### *Aug '68* Senior Footballers

The spirit and determination not to accept defeat were the deciding factors in Oola's thrilling one point win over Claughaun in the first round of the county senior football championship at Bruff on Sunday last. The man of the match was undoubtedly Kieran Bourke, who had the game of a lifetime on Mick Tynan. The final score was Oola 0-10, Claughaun 1-6. Oola will meet Abbeyfeale in the next round.

Team: Joe Meagher, Louis Dunne, Kieran Bourke, Billy Ryan, John Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Patsy Ryan, Seamus Cunningham, Jim Guerin; Denis Holmes, John O'Connell, Denis Ryan, John Landers, David Quirke, Pat Ryan.

## Eastern G.A.A. *2-11-68* Roundabout

Oola minor footballers retained their title when they defeated Treaty Sarsfields in the County final by 2-8 to 0-3 at Bruree on Sunday last.

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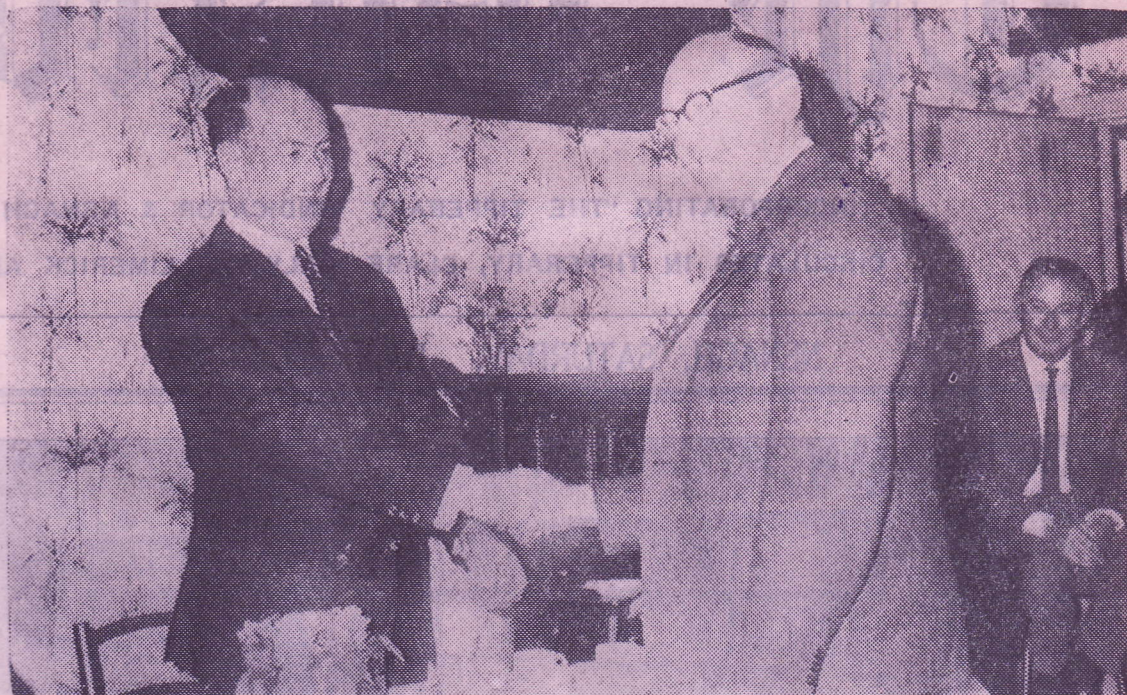
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## HURLING

*Aug 1968*  
Pallasgreen regained the Herbertstown junior hurling tournament and Wills Cup when they defeated Garryspillane by a single point in a very exciting final played before a large attendance on last Friday night.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1968



Mr. P. F. Treacy, President of Nenagh Golf Club, presenting his (President's) prize to Dr. R. Stokes at the Clubhouse on Sunday evening.

## GOLF NOTES

# PRESIDENT'S PRIZE FOR DR. STOKES

Sunday, 7th July, 1968, will be a day long remembered in the Nenagh Golf Club. It was, of course, on that date that the President's (P. F. Treacy) Prize competition was held. It was the type of day which provided memories calculated to endure. All the criteria by which any event can be gauged were present in abundance, quality golf, the spirit of challenge, an air of uncertainty, changing conditions, thrills, spills and a great deal of good humour too.

Exactly 80 competitors entered the fray, while there were others, who in true club spirit, turned out in tribute to the popular President. Straight away it can be said that the selection of event by the President—18 holes stableford with the top 12 to qualify for a further 9 holes play—was an outstanding success. That it was a fair type of event and did not militate against any handicap group may be judged from the handicaps of the 12 qualifiers—

23, 1968.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

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The Pallas defence got little opportunity to shine, but Paddy Hayes and Jim Howard, in particular, dealt capably with any surprise attacks by St. Mary's. Oily Dillon and Dermot O'Dwyer were rampant at midfield, while John Franklin, Brendan Carr and John Ryan were impressive in attack.

Team trainer, Paddy Maher, had his team in great trim and to him also must go some of the credit for this great victory.

## EASTERN G.A.A. ROUNDAABOUT

### *Aug 1968* Oola reach senior semi- final

Oola senior footballers made no mistake in the replayed championship quarter final game against Castlemahon at Croom on Sunday and gave a much improved display to win by 4-3 to 1-2.

Oola had a brilliant start and profited from slips by the Castlemahon defence to be two goals up after ten minutes. The first of these was scored by Denis Holmes and the second by Tom Ryan. The latter had another goal and Jim Guerin put Oola in a very comfortable position at the interval with a fourth goal. David Quirke and John Landers had points and Oola led at the interval by 4-2 to 0-1.

Castlemahon stepped up on their first half performance after the re-start, but at no stage were Oola in serious trouble. The backs continued to play soundly but the forwards lost many good chances of scoring and shot wides from very favourable positions.

#### IMPROVE

Oola gave a good all-round display but will have to show improvement if they hope to dispose of Athea in the semi-final.

Joe Maher, Kieran Bourke, Patsy Ryan, Louis Dunne and Tom Fitzgibbon were outstanding in defence, while in attack, brothers, Pat and Tom Ryan, Paddy Ryan, Jim Guerin and David Quirke did best.

## EASTERN G.A.A. ROUNDAABOUT

### *June 69* Oola Juniors Score Good Win

The Oola junior footballers defeated Killeely by 1-6 to 0-4 in the first round of the junior football championship at Cappamore on Sunday last.

Oola were on top in the opening minutes and went into an early lead with points from Joe Ryan and Ailbe Heuston. Some good approach work by centre-forward, Jim Nolan, led to John Stokes scoring Oola's only goal. Killeely tried hard to reduce arrears and after some near misses Jim McGrath had their first point, but Ailbe Heuston restored Oola's five points advantage with a point before the interval.

Killeely put on the pressure after the re-start, but their forwards missed chances from very favourable positions. At this stage, Jim Riall brought off some fine saves in goal and he received a good cover from a sound Oola defence. Killeely cut Oola's lead with two points and looked to be getting on top, but Oola came back for two like scores and well-deserved their win.

Jim Riall, John Mahoney, Phil Ryan, Tim McGrath, Bertie Quirke, Joe Ryan, P. J. Bourke and Ailbe Heuston were outstanding for Oola. Jim McGrath, Willie Staunton, the O'Loughlin and Birmingham brothers were

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## EASTERN G.A.A. ROUNDAABOUT

### Easy for Pallas

By "SETANTA"

Pallas became divisional junior hurling champions with a runaway 8-14 to 3-5 victory over Caherline at Murroe on Sunday last.

Caherline had a tonic start when they goaled in the first minute, but this was their only moment of glory in the first half. Pallas came completely on top and piled on the scores to lead by 5-6 to 1-0 at the interval.

Pallas looked assured winners at this stage, and though Caherline made a gallant effort after the restart, Pallas took no chances and increased their lead. Caherline, however, came back in the closing stages for a few well-taken goals which helped to take the bare look off the scoreboard.

Paddy Hayes and Jim Howard in defence, Olly Dillon and Dermot O'Dwyer at midfield, and Paddy Gleeson and Brendan Carr in attack were outstanding for Pallas.

Paul Sullivan and Michael Dinneen in defence and forwards Tony Brennan, Pat McCarthy and Bertie Murnane did best for Caherline.

#### TEAMS

Pallas — Willie Shanahan; John Ryan, Con O'Dwyer, Harry Kennedy, Paddy Hayes, Jim Howard, Dick Brennan, Olly Dillon, Dermot O'Dwyer, John Franklin, Tom Creed, John Ryan, Maurice Power, Paddy Gleeson and Brendan Carr.

Caherline — Sean Murnane; Ned O'Grady, Mike Carroll, Paul O'Sullivan, Pat Kelly, Michael Dinneen, Matt Ryan, Pat McCarthy, Jim Ryan, John Heelan, Bertie Murnane, Liam Ryan and Martin Ryan.

#### MINOR FOOTBALL

Oola qualified to meet South Liberties in the eastern minor football final with a comfortable win over Ahane by 1-2 to 0-2 at Cappamore on last Tuesday evening.

Oola are holders of the minor crown for the past two years, and on their present form it will take a good team to defeat them. They won the juvenile title two years ago, and with a large number of that side on the present minor team this could be another successful year for Oola in the under-age competitions.

Pallasgreen

G.A.A.

## Meeting

In the course of his address to the annual general meeting of the Pallasgreen G.A.A. Club the Chairman, Rev. Fr. J. Keogh, C.C., congratulated the Club on their wonderful achievement during the past twelve months. He referred to the victories of the junior hurling team in the East Championship, the Co. Championship, the East Senior and Junior Cups and various tournaments.

The Secretary, William Hayes, in his report described the past year as one of the most historic ever for the Club. He paid tribute to the junior hurling team on their achievements and to the Committee members for their handling of the Club's first hurling tournament.

The officers elected for the coming year were: President, Very Rev. Father Kee, P.P.; Chairman, Rev. Fr. Keogh, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, Joseph Shanahan; Secretary, William Hayes; Treasurer, James Carr; Assistant Treasurer, Oliver Dillon.

Committee — Charles O'Donnell, Patrick Hynan, William O'Dwyer, William Shanahan, Dan Quigley, P. J. Ryan, Joseph Franklin, Patrick O'Brien, Maurice O'Brien, Timothy Ryan, Patrick Dillon, Edmond Ryan, Denis McGrath, Patrick Maher, Patrick Hayes.

It was decided to affiliate teams in senior hurling, junior hurling, under twenty-one hurling, minor hurling, juvenile hurling; junior football, under twenty-one-football, minor football, juvenile football.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1969

## Oola

## Football League

The following are the six teams taking part in the local under 14 football league. The first named in each is a captain.

(1) Michael Landers, Matt Fitzgerald, Morgan Hayes, Larry Stokes, Larry Ryan, Gerard Coughlan.

(2) Tom Ryan, Edmond Landers, Niall Ryan, Pat Heuston, Liam O'Grady, Michael Ryan.

(3) Willie Mahoney, James Harding, William Ryan, John Holmes, John English, Pat Ryan.

(4) John Mahoney, Willie Godfrey, John English, Pat Harding, Pat English, Tom Mulcahy.

(5) Philip Mahoney, Tim Gleeson, Thomas Landers, Donie Ryan, Richard Hennessey, Michael Mahoney.

(6) Pat Fitzgibbon, Pius O'Grady, Tom Harding, Eddie Stokes, Dan Fitzgibbon, Robert Ryan.

Ten games will be played.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

OOLA RETAIN UNDER-21  
TITLE **18/10/69**

Oola won the Eastern under-21 football title for the third year in succession when they defeated Ahane by 4-5 to 0-2 at Murroe on Sunday last. Oola then went on to win the County title for the past two years and the present team will take some beating.

Ahane played with the wind in the first half but Oola did most of the attacking and went into an early lead. Their forwards combined well and were well on top against a shaky Ahane defence. The game was as good as over when Oola led at the interval by 4-1 to 0-2.

Ahane played much better in the second half and the Oola backs were under strong pressure in the third quarter.

They weathered the storm, and Oola were again in control in the final minutes.

Jim Guerin, Patsy Ryan, Denis Holmes, Joe Ryan, John Landers and Denis Ryan were impressive for Oola. Ahane were best served by Frank Berkerry, John Byrnes, Billy Connolly, Pat and Murt Ahearne.

Oola — John Downey, John Mahoney, Billy Ryan, Philip Ryan, Seamus Holmes, Jim Guerin, Tim McGrath, Patsy Ryan, Joe Ryan, Sean Holmes, Denis Holmes, Denis Ryan, P. J. Bourke, John Landers, Tom Landers.

Ahane — Michael Ryan, Pat Collins, Frank Berkerry, Sean Flynn, John Joe Hartigan, John Byrnes, Billy Connolly, Sean Kelly, Tom Ryan, Pat Ahearne, Liam O'Reilly, Murt Ahearne, Sean Fyfe, Peter Conway, Tom Power.

After the game the cup was presented to the winning captain, Jim Guerin, by Sean Cunningham, chairman, Eastern GAA Board.

**Oola's** **26**  
**successful** **4**  
**run** **69**

### By "SETANTA"

The Oola senior football side maintained their unbeaten record this season when they defeated St. Patrick's by 3-6 to 0-5 in the senior football cup at Bruff last Sunday. They are at present at the top of Group C with maximum points from three games. They must still meet Patrickswell and will be hoping to continue their successful run to ensure a place in the final.

Playing against the wind, Oola had the best of matters in the opening half and led at the interval by 2-3 to 0-4. St. Patrick's showed improved form after the re-start, but could not upset a lively Oola side who well deserved their victory.

Billy Ryan, Phil Ryan, John Ryan, Jim Guerin, Patsy Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, John O'Connell, Seamus Holmes, Pat Ryan and David Quirke were in good form for Oola, while St. Patrick's were best served by Brendan Cross, John Frost and Michael Collopy.

## EASTERN G.A.A. ROUNDABOUT

**6/9/69**  
**A record**

St. Nicholas', Oola, defeated Fr. Casey's, Abbeyfeale, in the county final of the minor football championship at Croom on Sunday last. This being Oola's third successive minor football title, was a club record, a feat only achieved once before — some thirty years ago by the Treaty Club.

The game, played before a large attendance, provided plenty of clean, open, sporting, tense football. Oola got off to a flying start and after two minutes Donal Bourke sent to the net from a Tim Joe O'Connor lob. Shortly afterwards Abbeyfeale replied with a point from George Brown. Following a pass from a sideline kick, Fintan Ryan had a goal for Oola. Abbeyfeale then forced a fifty, but a long clearance from Oola full-back, John O'Mahoney, went to Joe Ryan who pointed. In the twentieth minute Morris Griffin pointed for Abbeyfeale after they had missed some scoring chances. Joe Ryan pointed a fourteen yards free for Oola. Abbeyfeale, with plenty of opportunities, again failed to raise a flag. Fintan Ryan collected from a clearance by the Oola full-back and following a solo effort, sent a shot to the Abbeyfeale net to leave the half-time score 2-3 to 0-2 in Oola's favour.

Abbeyfeale attacked from the beginning of the second half. George Brown pointed a free from an awkward angle and some further shots brought two magnificent saves from Oola goalkeeper, John Downey. John Ryan and Jim Riall had good clearances for Oola and following some good forward combination Joe Ryan pointed. George Brown replied with two points from frees. Joe Ryan again had an Oola point. Abbeyfeale forwards again made an all-out attack but the Oola backs were determined that nothing would pass. Then Tim McGrath sent a long lob to the Abbeyfeale square and after a forward melee, Michael Martin goaled to leave the final score, Oola, 3-5; Abbeyfeale, 0-5. Although the score does not reflect on the closeness and excitement of the game, Oola were deserving winners. Their man of the match was full-back John O'Mahoney. They were also well served by Joe Ryan, John Ryan, John Downey, the Riall brothers, Tim McGrath, Fintan Ryan and Donal Bourke. John Collins, Gerard Doody, L. Aherne, Maurice Griffin tried hardest for Abbeyfeale.

The cup was presented to the Oola captain, Joe Ryan, by Mr. Tom Boland, Secretary, County Board.

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**A.G.M.** **2/69**

Mr. Kieran Bourke, chairman, presided at the annual general meeting of the Oola G.A.A. Club in the Parochial Hall recently. He thanked all present for attending the meeting and for their support during the past twelve months. He referred to the minor team retaining their county title and wished the best of luck to the under-21 team who would soon be meeting Glin in the county final.

He had a special word of praise for the under-age teams, who, he said, are paving the way for great things in the future. However, if we are to have continued success in the coming year, he continued, greater attention will have to be paid to training. If the seniors show the same dedication to training as the under-age teams they would have a great chance of winning the championship and he hoped all players would adopt a serious approach for the year.

The secretary, David Quirke, in his report, recalled the highlights of the past year and said it had been one of the busiest seasons in the history of the club.

The treasurer, Mr. John M. Keogh, presented the balance sheet and after a lively discussion on the best methods of lowering expenditure in the coming year, this was unanimously adopted.

The following officers were elected: President, Very Rev. Fr. M. English, Adm.; vice-president, Rev. Fr. A. Stritch, C.C.; chairman, Kieran Bourke; vice-chairmen, John O'Donovan and Matt Noonan; treasurer, John M. Keogh; hon. secretary, David Quirke; asst. secretary, Paddy Ryan.

Committee: P. J. Bourke, Tim McGrath, Billy Ryan, Jim Guerin, John Stokes, John O'Connell, Tom Fitzgibbon and Tom Landers.

### TEAM CAPTAINS

Senior—Tom Fitzgibbon; vice-captain, Kieran Bourke.

Junior — John Stokes; vice-captain, Bertie Quirke.

Under-21 — Jim Guerin; vice-captain, Billy Ryan.

Minor—Joe Ryan; vice-capt., Jim Riall.

Juvenile—Donal Bourke; vice-capt., Joe Bourke.

Under-14—Sean Fitzgibbon.

Juvenile Hurling—Bob Heuston; vice-capt., Donal Bourke.

### SELECTORS

Senior, junior and under-21—Tom Fitzgibbon, snr.; Peter Bourke and Sean Ryan, with captains and vice-captains.

Minor and juvenile — Paddy Ryan and David Quirke, with captains and vice-captains.

### TRAINERS

Senior, Sean Nash; under-21, David Quirke; minor and juvenile, Paddy Ryan; under-14, Billy Quirke.

It was decided to affiliate teams in the following championships: Under-14 football and hurling, juvenile football and hurling, minor, under-21, junior and senior football.

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**G.A.A. 1969**  
Pallas advanced to the semi-final of the county senior hurling championship on Sunday last when they defeated Doon at Caherconlish. The final score was: Pallas, 4-9; Doon, 2-8. This was a very good display by the Pallas team. The full lineup was: W. Shanahan; T. Ryan, C. O'Dwyer (capt.), H. Kennedy, P. Hayes, J. Howard, D. Brennan, D. O'Dwyer, O. Dillon, M. Power, T. Creed, B. Carr, S. Ryan, P. Gleeson, J. Franklin. Sub., J. O'Dwyer for T. Creed.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

### First time for Pallas

Pallas are appearing in the county senior hurling final for the first time in their long and distinguished history. Way back in 1929 they reached the county senior hurling semi-final, but on that occasion they were defeated by Young Irelands. Pallas have won the county junior hurling title on three occasions. The first of these was some fifty-four years ago, in 1915. Their other junior titles were in 1958 and last year.

In the senior championship of ten years ago, Pallas were defeated by St. Patrick's, but they had sweet revenge this year when they had a deserving victory over St. Patrick's in the county semi-final. In the junior championships of '61, '65, '67, Pallas failed to impress, being beaten by Dromcollogher and Ballybrown on the two latter occasions.

Pallas are playing very well this year and every victory has been a team success. Con O'Dwyer and Jim Howard, who represented Limerick in the semi-final of the Munster intermediate hurling championship of two years ago, have retained all their dash and fervour. In this year's intermediate championship they have been joined on the Limerick team by Willie Shanahan, Dermot O'Dwyer, Ollie Dillon, Brendan Carr and Paddy Hayes, all of whom will line out on Sunday. The Pallas trainer, Paddy Meagher, told me that at present his men were never fitter. "They are a determined bunch of lads" he said, "and with spirits high it will take an exceptionally good team to beat them."

Pallas have proven time and time again, even as lately as against St. Patrick's in the semi-final, that they are never beaten until the final whistle. Next Sunday's final will be a tough, close, sporting game and the issue will be in doubt until the end. Jim Howard, one of the Pallas key men, has been troubled of late by an old injury, but is very likely to line out on Sunday.

Pallas will have the good wishes of all eastern supporters and all will be hoping that their first appearance in the County Senior Hurling Final will be a successful one.

## Eastern G.A.A.

### Roundabout

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In the second game, Pallas defeated Knockane by 5-3 to 0-5. Knockane were on top in the early stages and Eamonn Quirke put them in the lead with a point after ten minutes. The Pallas forwards then began to combine well and they went through for four smoothly taken goals and led at half-time by 4-2 to 0-3. Knockane made an effort after the restart but this quickly petered out and Pallas were worthy winners.

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**Knockane** — J. J. Farrell, D. Rafferty, N. Ryan, P. McCarthy, J. Quirke, M. Sullivan, D. Kennedy, T. Kennedy, L. Ryan, T. Ryan, M. Ryan, P. McCarthy, E. Quirke, G. Hartigan, J. O'Sul-

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## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

### Pallas for semi-final

19/9/69

Pallas defeated Doon by 4-9 to 2-8 in the senior hurling championship at Caherconlish on Sunday last. They have now qualified for the semi-final of this competition, in which they will meet the winners of the second round game between Ballybrown and St. Patrick's.

Doon were reduced to fourteen men following an incident very early in the first half. They were completely disorganised for the remainder of this half and Pallas took advantage to deservedly lead by 2-8 to 0-2 at the break. The Pallas forwards played brilliantly, and Brendan Carr in particular had some fine scores.

Doon got down to business after the restart and slowly but surely reduced the big Pallas lead. With six minutes left for play they trailed by only a point and looked like achieving the impossible. Pallas, however, regained the initiative and their forwards combined well for two late goals to give them a hard-earned victory.

Brendan Carr, Olly Dillon, Jim Howard, Paddy Hayes and Maurice Power were in top form for Pallas. Jim O'Donnell gave yet another powerful display for Doon, and he was well supported by Pat Treacy, Bert Maher, Roger Ryan and Tom O'Donoghue.

## REPLAY

The replay between Pallas and Knockane was a disappointing game and was spoiled by rough tactics and unnecessary fouling.

Pallas, playing with wind advantage in the first half, were in complete control and they enjoyed a comfortable 1-6 to 0-1 lead at the interval.

Any hopes of a Knockane rally were quashed soon after the restart, when Pallas increased their lead with a goal and a point. Knockane tried hard but their light set of forwards got few chances from a rugged Pallas defence.

Pallas played much better this time and well deserved their win. There were a few nasty incidents just before full-time, when some spectators ran on to the pitch and players from both sides took part in a bout of fisticuffs.

Martin O'Rourke, Martin Sexton, Jim Redpath, Paddy Hayes, Willie Shanahan and Pat McCarthy played well for Pallas. Pakie Ryan, Laurence Ryan, Gerry O'Brien and Noel Loneragan were most in the picture for Knockane.

Pallas—B. Carr; P. Gleeson, T. Creed, H. Kennedy, S. O'Sullivan, M. O'Rourke, D. O'Dwyer, M. Sexton, M. Power, P. Hayes, J. Redpath, O. Dillon, P. McCarthy, C. Duggan, W. Shanahan.

Knockane — M. Breen; N. Ryan, P. Ryan, C. Ryan, M. O'Sullivan, T. Guerin, G. O'Brien, L. Ryan, L. O'Brien, E. Quirke, S. Guerin, G. Quirke, T. Kennedy, N. Loneragan, N. Ryan.

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## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

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### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Next Sunday is D-Day for Pallasgreen, who are meeting St. Patrick's in the county senior hurling championship, semi-final at Kilmallock. Pallasgreen, the only Eastern team remaining in the senior hurling championship, have trained very well and should be a very fit and determined combination. They won the junior title last year and are making a very good impression in senior competition. St. Patrick's will be expected to win, but Pallasgreen are always best when matters do not appear to be in their favour.

They have an excellent netminder in Willie Shanahan, and Con O'Dwyer, Jim Howard and Paddy Hayes are the backbone of a good solid defence. The centrefield pairing, Olly Dillon and Tom Creed, will provide their forwards with a good supply of the ball, while Bren-

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Feb. 1970

## Champs again

The Oola minor football team retained their county minor football championship title by defeating Fr. Casey's, Abbeyfeale, in the final at Croom on Sunday last. The score was Oola, 3-5, Abbeyfeale, 0-5. This is Oola's third successive minor title, a club record. The Oola under-21 team will be attempting to emulate the feat of the minors as all wish them every success.

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## Football league

A football league for the under 16 age group is being organised by the Oola G.A.A. Club. Following are the six teams taking part (the first-named in each is a captain):

Team A: Bob Heuston, Tom Fitzgibbon, Tom Ryan, Tom Harding, John English, Donal Ryan.

Team B: Michael Landers, Matthew Fitzgibbon, Edmund Landers, Morgan Hayes, Donal Fitzgibbon, Noel Ryan.

Team C: Gerard Mahoney, Noel McGrath, Laurence Ryan, James Harding, William Ryan, Michael Mahoney.

Team D: William Ryan, John Mahoney, William Coffey, Dick Quinlan, Richard Hennessy, Pat Ryan.

Team E: Kevin Holmes, Pat Fitzgibbon, Philip O'Mahoney, Philip Ryan, Pius O'Grady, David Whelan.

Team F: John Ryan, Michael Fitzgerald, William Mahoney, Pat Harding, Pat Heuston, Pat English.

A total of ten matches will be played, with each team taking part in every game. The winners will receive a set of medals.

Oola

Oct 1970

## County finalists

Oola reached the county senior football final after a fully-deserved and very exciting 1-11 to 2-7 win over Askeaton in the second replay of the county semi-final at Limerick on Sunday last.

The Oola team was: Jim Riall; Philip Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Kieran Bourke; John Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Tim McGrath; John Landers and William Ryan; Joe Ryan, John O'Connell, Denis Ryan; Patrick J. Bourke, David Quirke (capt.), Patrick Ryan, James Guerin.

Oola's last appearance in the County senior football semi-final was in 1961 when they were victorious over Western Gaels. They will be meeting old rivals, Cloughaun, at Limerick on Sunday week in what promises to be a game to remember.

The Oola junior football team play Fedamore in the East final

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### G.A.A. CONCERT

The annual concert of the Oola G.A.A. Club will be held in the Parochial Hall, Oola, on Thursday, April 16. A very entertaining programme has been arranged. Taking part will be All-Ireland G.A.A. talent finalists Limerick G.A.A. talent finalists and noted cabaret artistes and children of Oola N.S. This show has set a very high standard since its inception and next week's presentation will be no exception. Patrons are advised to come early.

### SENIOR FOOTBALL

The Oola senior football team continued their successful sequence in the county senior cup with a deserving win over Treaty Sarsfields at Caherconlish on Sunday last.

1969 Under 21 F.

Oola will have the majority of last year's successful team in action, including county players Billy and Paddy Ryan, Denis Holmes and John Landers. They have a great record in under age competition, but they will have to be in top form to dispose of Galbally. The latter will be all out to avenge last year's defeat, but Oola will be trying hard to make up three titles in a row, and they should advance to the final.

Oola, 1-5; Galbally, 0-4.

Oola advanced to the final of the Co. Limerick Under-21 football final by virtue of their well earned win over Galbally on the score of 1-5 to 0-4, played before a big crowd at Hospital, yesterday.

Oola took advantage of a gale force wind in the first half and led by 1-3 without reply from Galbally at half-time. Early in the second half Galbally reduced the arrears by three points, but then the strong wind died down somewhat and it was at this stage that Oola put the issue beyond doubt.

Scorers—Oola: D. Ryan (1-2), D. Holmes (0-2), J. Ryan (0-1). Galbally: S. Ryan (0-2), S. Burke and J. Hedigan (0-1 each).

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### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The under-16 football league, promoted by Oola G.A.A. Club, has now concluded and the following is the final score table: Bob Heuston, 16 points; John Ryan and Kevin Holmes, 12 points each; Billy Ryan and Michael Landers, 8 points each; Gerard O'Mahony, 4 points.

The members of the winning team are: Bob Heuston, Tom Fitzgibbon, Tom Ryan, Tom Harding, John English, Donal Ryan. They will receive a set of medals.

Oola, who have won the minor title for the past three years, take the first step in defence of their crown when they play Ahane at Murroe on next Wednesday night. If Oola win the minor championship again this year, they will set up a new record for Limerick, as no club has managed to win it four years in succession.

### TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Oola, who had defeated Cloughaun in the semi-final, scored a narrow victory over Galbally in the final of the Galbally Tournament on last Sunday evening.

The winners led by five points at the interval and look assured of an easy win when they increased this to nine points after the restart. Galbally came storming back and with time running out they led by a point. Oola put everything they had into a final rally which brought the winning goal from Billy Ryan.

Kieran Bourke, Phil Ryan, John Ryan, Tim McGrath, Billy Ryan, John Landers, David Quirke, Paddy and Denis Ryan played well for Oola.

Jim O'Donnell, Bill Noonan, John Hedigan, Jim O'Donnell, John Frazer and Mike Sheehan

### GAA TALENT

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Oola GAA Club won four of the six categories in the East Limerick talent competitions held at Doon last week. The Oola winners were: Traditional music, William Quirke; ballad singing, Mary J. Holmes, Sean, Holmes, Billy Ryan, John Ryan; solo singing, John Stokes; question time, John Ryan, David Quirke, John O'Connell.

They will represent East Limerick in the county championship at Limerick on this Thursday evening.

Oola

1970

## Tournament win

Oola had a deserving two point win over Galbally in the final of the Galbally senior football tournament on Sunday last. Oola, who easily defeated Claughaun in the semi-final, were comfortably ahead at half-time. However, Galbally gradually reduced their lead and with a few minutes remaining were 1 point ahead. Then Oola retaliated with a goal by Billy Ryan and this left the final score: Oola, 2-12; Galbally, 3-7. Oola, captained by David Quirke, were presented with the Meagher perpetual trophy and a set of plaques. They will be opposed by Solohead in the final of the Lattin senior tournament on this Friday evening.

Limerick S.H. C'Ship.

1970

## Big win for Pallas over Eire Og

Pallas ... .. 9-12  
Eire Og ... .. 4-2

Eire Og were in this game with a chance for three quarters of the game, but then they faded completely out of it and Pallas went on to have a big win by 9 goals and 12 points to 4 goals and 2 points, at Bruff last Sunday, and thus qualified for the second round of the Limerick Senior Hurling championship.

It was a see-saw struggle in the opening quarter, at the end of which Pallas had the edge and were leading by 3 goals and 1 point to 2 points. Eire Og were more in the picture in the second quarter and they added, 1-1 to 0-2 for Pallas, who led at half time by 3 goals and 3 points to 3 goals and 1 point.

Pallas were again more prominent in the early stages of the second half but Eire Og were holding well, and at the end of the third quarter the Pallas men were leading by 4-9 to 4-2. In the last quarter, however, there was no doubting the superiority of the Pallas team, who took over, as Eire Og faded, and they crashed home five goals and three more points to win comfortably.

Referee: Mr. S. O'Connor, Claughaun.

Scorers—Pallas: J. Ryan and B. Carr (2-2 each), T. Creed (2-0), P. Hayes (1-3), J. Franklin (1-1), M. Power (0-3), P. Gleeson (1-0) and D. O'Dwyer (0-1).

Eire Og—R. O'Shea, D. Sherlock, P. Healy and L. Ryan (1-0 each), and D. Kelly (0-2).

### TEAMS

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Eire Og—S. Shaw; J. Loneragan, M. Berkery, D. Hickey; T. McGrath, B. Long, J. Meade;

## WHELAN CUP FINAL

The final of the Whelan Cup and Lattin-Cullen G.A.A. tournament was played by the senior footballers of Oola and Solohead clubs, on Friday, 19th last, at the G.A.A. Field, Lattin. Oola won by two points after a keenly contested game. Referee was Sean Moloney, Bansa. 1970

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Eastern G.A.A.  
Roundabout

## Oola retain title

Oola, who have dominated the under 21 football championship in recent years, had little difficulty in retaining their title when they defeated Knockane by 3-8 to 0-3 at Murroe last Sunday.

Oola were well on top in the first ten minutes but their forwards had numerous wides from good positions. Knockane, however, had a point from their first attack but the Oola forwards gradually clicked into top gear and they had built up a comfortable 1-6 to 0-2 lead at half-time.

The second half did not provide many thrills for the small attendance. Oola, who had the game sewn up, were content to do just enough to maintain their lead. Knockane seemed to accept that defeat was inevitable and they never offered a serious challenge.

Oola were best served by Billy Ryan, John Landers, Joe Ryan and Tom Landers. Pat McCarthy, Jack O'Dwyer, Martin and Noel Ryan tried hardest for Knockane.

Oola—John Mahoney, John Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Phil Ryan, Billy Ryan, Jim Guerin, Tim McGrath, John Landers, John Ryan, Joe Ryan, Denis Holmes, Denis Ryan, Tom Landers, P. J. Bourke, Sean Holmes.

Knockane—Noel O'Donoghue, Jim Quinn, Dave Kennedy, John Quinn, Phil McCarthy, Pat McCarthy, Jim Quirke, Jack O'Dwyer, Martin Ryan, Noel Ryan, Liam Ryan, Eamonn Quirke, Gerry Hartigan, Pat Barry, Bill O'Connell.

After the game, Mr. Niall Sheehan, secretary, Eastern G.A.A. Board, presented the cup to the winners' captain, John Landers, and he wished Oola the best of luck in their bid for County honours.

## ASSOCIATED WITH PARISH

Mr. Sean Holmes, Oola, and his sister, Mary, members of the Oola Ballard Group which won the Ballard Group competition in the County Final of the G.A.A. Talent Competition in Limerick last week, are both very strongly associated with the parish of Cappamore, as their father, Mr. Denis Holmes, victualler, Oola, is a native of the parish. 1970

Jan OOLA 1970

This was another successful year for Oola and it was historical from the point of view that they won the county minor title for the third year in a row. The under 21 side are still in the running for a similar record-breaking feat.

With so many up and coming young players it augers well for the future of the senior team in the parish.

### Football.

The under 14s failed to impress in their group and the juveniles also went out in the early stages. The minors were very impressive and scored great wins over Ahane, South Liberties, Garryspillane and Abbeyfeale to take the title.

The under 21 team beat Doon, Pallas and Ahane and will next meet the Southern champions in the county semi-final. The juniors played well to defeat Killeely and then failed by a point to Knockane in the second round.

The seniors had a great run in the cup and defeated Abbeyfeale, Newcastle West and St. Patrick's before losing to Claughaun in the decider.

They disappointed in the championship when failing to Athea in the first round.

Oola reached the semi-final of the Eastern Cup by defeating Caherline and then receiving a walk-over from Killeely in the second round.

### Hurling.

The under 14 and juvenile teams were well beaten in their respective championships. The minor and under 21 players in the parish played with Doon and helped this club reach the final of these championships.

## VICTORY SOCIAL 18-4-70

Oola G.A.A. Club recently held a victory social in the local Parochial Hall.

It was a very enjoyable function, and the winning teams were presented with their County medals.

The cup for the under 21 football championship, which was presented by the wife of the late Pat O'Reilly to the County Board, was presented to the winning captain, Denis Ryan, by Alan O'Reilly, son of the late Mr. O'Reilly.

He thanked the Oola Club for inviting him to the social and said he was delighted to present the cup in memory of his late father. He congratulated Oola on winning, and said he hoped the trophy would always be won by a good sporting side.

Other speakers were Very Rev. Fr. English, Adm., Oola and Solohead; Mr. Rory Kiely, Limerick G.A.A. Board chairman; Kieran Bourke, Oola G.A.A. chairman, and John O'Donovan, vice-chairman, Oola G.A.A.

Very Rev. Fr. English presented the medals to the winning minors, while Mr. Kiely presented the victorious under 21 side with their trophies.

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### Oola retain title

Oola, who have dominated the under 21 football championship in recent years, had little difficulty in retaining their title when they defeated Knockane by 3-8 to 0-3 at Murroe last Sunday.

Oola were well on top in the first ten minutes but their forwards had numerous wides from good positions. Knockane, however, had a point from their first attack but the Oola forwards gradually clicked into top gear and they had built up a comfortable 1-6 to 0-2 lead at half-time.

The second half did not provide many thrills for the small attendance. Oola, who had the game sewn up, were content to do just enough to maintain their lead. Knockane seemed to accept that defeat was inevitable and they never offered a serious challenge.

Oola were best served by Billy Ryan, John Landers, Joe Ryan and Tom Landers. Pat McCarthy, Jack O'Dwyer, Martin and Noel Ryan tried hardest for Knockane.

**Oola**—John Mahoney, John Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Phil Ryan, Billy Ryan, Jim Guerin, Tim McGrath, John Landers, John Ryan, Joe Ryan, Denis Holmes, Denis Ryan, Tom Landers, P. J. Bourke, Sean Holmes.

**Knockane**—Noel O'Donoghue, Jim Quinn, Dave Kennedy, John Quinn, Phil McCarthy, Pat McCarthy, Jim Quirke, Jack O'Dwyer, Martin Ryan, Noel Ryan, Liam Ryan, Eamonn Quirke, Gerry Hartigan, Pat Barry, Bill O'Connell.

After the game, Mr. Niall Sheehan, secretary, Eastern G.A.A. Board, presented the cup to the winners' captain, John Landers, and he wished Oola the best of luck in their bid for county honours.

#### G.A.A.

The Oola under-21 football team had an easy 4-5 to 0-2 win over Ahane in the Eastern final at Murroe on Sunday last.

Tom Fitzgibbon, a member of the Oola senior football team, was full-back on the Limerick team which convincingly defeated Roscommon in the National Football League tie last Sunday.

#### G.A.A.

The Oola junior football team has reached the eastern final following their fully deserved 3-8 to 1-7 win over Caherline on Sunday last.

The Oola team was: Tim Ryan, John Stokes, Tom Casey, John Kiely, Robert Quirke, Matthew Toomey, Pat Anderson, John Ryan and Sean Holmes; Michael Martin, Don Fitzgerald, John Landers; John Riall, Ailbe Heuston, Joe Meagher.

The Oola senior team meet Askeaton in the second replay of the county semi-final. A very exciting game is forecast, and supporters may avail of a special coach service to the game.

#### OOLA A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the Oola G.A.A. Club was held recently.

The chairman, Mr. Kieran Bourke, congratulated the minors and under-21 players on winning county titles last year. He also said that the seniors were somewhat disappointing and he hoped they would do better in the coming year.

The Secretary, Mr. David Quirke, outlined the performances of all teams in his report. He stated that the minors had made history by winning the championship three years in a row. The under twenty-one side, who have reached the county semi-final, were in a position to equal this feat.

He also stated that he was not in a position to continue as club secretary and thanked all those who had co-operated with him during his three years in office.

Mr. John M. Keogh, Treasurer, said the club was in a sound financial position.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Very Rev. Father M. English, Adm.; Vice-President, Rev. Father A. Stritch, C.C.; Chairman, Kieran Bourke; Vice-Chairmen, Matthew Noonan and John O'Donovan; Treasurer, John M. Keogh; Secretary, John Stokes; Team Captains (vice-captains in brackets), Senior, David Quirke (Tom Fitzgibbon); Junior, John Mahoney (Sean Ryan); Under 21, John Landers (Tim McGrath); Minor, Joe Ryan (John Ryan); Juvenile, John Mahoney (Bob Heuston); Under 14, Willie Mahoney.

Selectors—Senior, Junior and Under 21: Tom Fitzgibbon, Ailbe Heuston, Jerry Ryan, with captains and vice-captains. Minor and Juvenile: David Quirke and Patrick Ryan, with captains and vice-captains.

It was decided not to affiliate any hurling teams this year, but teams would be entered in all the football competitions.

#### TOURNAMENT WIN

Oola defeated Solohead by 2-8 to 1-7 in the final of the Lattin senior football tournament on Friday last. The Oola team was: John Mahoney, Kieran Bourke, Tom Fitzgibbon, Philip Ryan, John Ryan, Pat Ryan, Tim McGrath, John Landers and John Ryan; Denis Ryan, Roger Iyan, Billy Ryan, Pat Ryan, David Quirke (capt.), P. J. Bourke.

They were presented with the Joe Whelan perpetual challenge trophy and a set of medals.

## Co. Senior Football Championship

# Oola Master Galbally in Thrilling Game

by "S.M."

OOLA ..... 0-13 : GALBALLY ..... 0-0.

OOLA qualified to meet Askeaton in the semi-final of the County senior football championship on Sunday next when at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last they defeated last year's finalists, Galbally, in the re-play of their quarter final tie on the scoreline 0-13 to 0-8.

After the poor fare served up in the county hurling final, this game was a revelation, providing sixty minutes of power-packed football. The first half was tame enough, with Oola dictating terms. It was spoiled somewhat by petty fouling and some late tackling, but referee Tom Halpin took a firm stand on the tactics and once the players realised he was standing for no nonsense, the standard of football rose considerably. Oola led 0-8 to 0-2 at the interval and when P. J. Burke pointed on the resumption they looked set for an easy victory, but Galbally fought back strongly and in a thrilling second half spectators were treated to a fine exhibition of the code. There was some excellent fielding by both sides, while the forward movements were a treat.

Oola laid the foundations for their success at mid-field where John Landers and Bally Ryan reigned supreme and laid on a constant supply of the ball for the forward division in which Joe Ryan, P. J. Burke, Denis Ryan and Davy were most prominent.

The Oola defence were always masters of the situation, with Tom Fitzgibbon, Patsy Ryan, Kieran Burke and Phil Ryan in top-top form. Goalie Jim Ryall had some powerful saves to his credit, including a pile-driver from Mick English in the second half. Galbally tried gallantly throughout the hour to combine their movements but the forwards lacked cohesion and missed many scoring opportunities due to poor finish. The half back line trio of Davy Bourke, Pat Fitzgerald and Noel Hedigan was the strongest sector of the team and they were strongly supported by Lar Hennebry, John Hedigan, John Sheahan, Mick English, Joe Frazer and Sean Bourke.

#### THE PLAY

Oola played with the wind in the first half and Davy Quirke opened their scoring in the 3rd minute with a point from a free. Two minutes later John Hedigan levelled matters with a point from play for Galbally. Joe Ryan restored Oola's advantage by pointing a free, while Sean Bourke was off target with a Galbally free kick. In the 12th minute Davy Quirke pointed an Oola free and Denis Ryan stretched their lead still further with a point from play. Sean Bourke reduced the deficit for Galbally with a point from a

free in the 18th minute, from this to the interval Oola were in complete command with points from P. J. Bourke (2) Billy Ryan and Joe Ryan. They led 0-8 to 0-2 at half-time.

Sean Bourke tried for a goal from a free on the resumption but his effort was cleared away immediately P. J. Burke raised a white flag for Oola. Mick English, looking very fit and bronzed after his sojourn with the Irish Army in Cyprus, brought the crowd to their toes when he soloed his way through but a sizzling shot was expertly saved by Jim Ryall, in the Oola goal. But English was not to be denied and kicked two powerful points from play in rapid succession to bring Galbally back in the reckoning. Oola stormed the attack once more and pointed on Paddy Ryan and Joe Ryan (2) put them in a strong position once more. John Frazer started another Galbally comeback with a point from play and Sean Bourke tagged three further minors from free but Oola finished on a stroke with P. J. Burke kicking another point to leave the worthy winners, 0-13 to 0-8.

The teams lined out:

**Oola** — Jim Ryall, Kieran Bourke, Tom Fitzgibbon, Patsy Ryan, John Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Timmy McGrath, John Landers, Billy Ryan, Denis Ryan, Joe O'Connell, Joe Ryan, P. J. Bourke, Davy Quirke and Paddy Ryan.

**Galbally** — Tommy Hennebry, Lar Hennebry, Billy Hennebry, Jim O'Donnell, Davy Bourke, Pat Fitzgerald, Noel Hedigan, John Hedigan, Conny Bourke, John Sheahan, Mick English, Patsy Ryan, John Frazer, N. Sampson, Sean Bourke, Sub B. Noonan, J. McInerney and Walshe.

Referee—Tom Halpin.

## Eastern G.A.A.

### Oola show good form 10/10/70

Oola were impressive when defeating Galbally by 0-13 to 0-8 in the quarter-final of the senior football championship at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, last Sunday.

Oola, playing with the wind in the first half, were slow to settle down. They gradually came on top and following some good passing movements by the forwards, they led by 0-8 to 0-2 at the interval.

Galbally put on the pressure after the re-start but the Oola defence played brilliantly to clear some very dangerous situations. Oola increased their lead to seven points but Galbally had three quick points and were now only four behind with ten minutes left.

The final minutes were very exciting, but Oola continued to play well, and had the final say with a point just before full time.

Jim Riall, Tom Fitzgibbon, John Larder, David Quirke, John, Patsy, Billy, Denis, Joe and Paddy Ryan, and P. J. Bourke played well for Oola. Willie Henebry, Mick Fitzgerald, John Hedigan, Mick English and Sean Bourke were most in the picture for Galbally.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout 1970

### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pallas have reached the Co. final of the senior hurling championship by their 3-6 to 1-9 win over St. Patrick's at Kilmallock on Sunday. This result, following a somewhat disappointing game, upset many pre-match forecasts. However, Pallas were worthy winners and will now be attempting to emulate the feats of other great eastern sides.

St. Patrick's were on top at the end of the first quarter. Pallas were awarded a 21 yards free and Jim Howard, who had a great game in defence, crashed the ball to the net. This was the tonic Pallas needed and they never looked back. In the second half matters were pretty evenly contested. Approaching the last quarter St. Patrick's staged a great rally and, with five minutes remaining, they goaled to draw level. Pallas were not unduly disturbed and showed great spirit to come back for the winning scores.

Willie Shanahan saved the Pallas goal on many occasions and had good cover from a solid defence in which Jim Howard, Con O'Dwyer and Paddy Hayes were most prominent. Olly Dillon and Tom Creed shared the spoils at centrefield, while Brendan Carr and John Ryan were notable in attack.

## EASTERN G.A.A.

### CLUB

#### PALLAS

This club, who were junior hurling champions in 1968, quickly made the grade in senior ranks. They improved with every outing and gave some very impressive displays before reaching the final, in which they failed to Patrickswell. This was a great performance by Pallas and they can look forward to the "seventies" with great confidence.

#### Hurling

The under 14 side played in the group won by Doon, while Ahane defeated the juveniles. The minors were beaten by Cappamore in a replay and they lost to Fedamore in the losers' group. The under 21 team and the juniors both lost to Doon. The juniors beat Caherline in the cup and will next meet Doon or Fedamore.

The seniors lost to South Liberties in the Eastern Cup and they did not impress in the County Cup.

They made up for these lapses by defeating Bruree, Doon and St. Patrick's to reach the final of the senior championship, which was won by Patrickswell.

#### Football

The under 14's took part in the group won by Knockane, while the juveniles gave a walk-over to Ahane. The minors also conceded a walk-over to Killeely and the under 21 side defeated Knockane before losing to Oola. The juniors proved too good for Murroe, Ahane, Knockane and Caherline, but they failed to Kilmallock in the Co. semi-final.

They have yet to play their first round senior cup game, in which they meet South Liberties.

### Oola

Oola and Mitchelstown will meet in the replay of the semi-final of the local senior football tournament on this Friday, August 8. The other semi-finalists are from Treaty Sarsfields v. St. Kieran's or Ardfinnan.

#### UNDER-14

Oola and Croom drew 1-3 in the county semi-final of the under-14 football championship.

#### SPONSORED WALK

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## Pallasgreen

### Wedding bells

Congratulations to Miss Celine O'Dwyer, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Dwyer, New Pallas, who was married during the week to Mr. Joseph Scott Wexford.

#### G.A.A.

St. Bridget's, the local minor football and hurling club, are having a very successful year. The hurlers are scheduled to meet Doon in the East final at Caherconlish on Sunday evening next. The footballers qualified for the East final when they had a convincing victory over Caherline at Caherconlish.

## LIMERICK LEADER, SATU

### Oola

### Archbishop's 13/10/71

### visit

Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Morris, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, celebrated Mass in Oola church on Friday evening of last week. Later in the year he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to children in the parishes of Oola and Solohead.

#### YOUTH CLUB

Solohead Youth Club wishes to thank all who subscribed so generously to their annual church gate collection held recently. The club is now making arrangements for its winter schedule.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Ahane defeated a somewhat unlucky Oola by 3-5 to 3-3 in the eastern junior football semi-final at Murroe on Sunday last. The Oola team was: Noel McGrath, John Ryan, John Kiely, Matt Toomey, Richie Martin, Con O'Connell, John Quinlan, Denis Holmes and Dan Fitzgerald, Bob Heuston, Tom Landers, Pat Anderson, Michael McGrath, ToMm Lynch, Patrick Ryan.

#### TALENT COMPETITIONS

Oola G.A.A. club intends holding preliminary rounds to select its entrants for the forthcoming Scor '71 talent competitions which include recitations, solo ballads, motion speaking, cello or figure dancing (for groups of not more than 8), question time (teams to 3) instrumental music, set dancing (groups not exceeding 8), ballad groups.

All intrested should contact John Stokes, Sec., Oola G.A.A. club on or before next Friday, November 19th.

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**Oola**

## Garda appointment

Congratulations to Joseph Ryan, son of Mrs. Catherine Ryan, Old Road, Oola, and the late Mr. Thomas Ryan, on his success in the Garda entrance examination. He was educated at Oola N.S. and at Tipperary C.B.S. and is a keen G.A.A. enthusiast, having played for Limerick in the minor and senior football grtds.

### JUVENILE Talent.

Oola G.A.A. Club, represented by Bob Hueston, Kevin Holmes and John Ryan, were the winners of the question time competition in the scor '70 juvenile talent competitions (Eastern division) at Murroe last week. In a very exciting contest, they defeated teams from Ballybricken, Ahane and Doon.

G.A.A. Oola defeated Old Christians in the senior cup (1970) tie at at Oola, by 1-11 to 0-8.

## EASTERN G.A.A.

### Oola scor

10-4-71  
Oola collected full points in their first cup game of the year when they scored a runaway 6-14 to 1-2 win over Treaty Sarsfields at Croom last Sunday.

The losers were short a few regulars but even at full strength they would not have been a match for Oola, who played very attractive football. The winners defence had an easy day but the forwards combined well for some very good scores.

Oola were best served by Jim Guerin, Tom Fitzgibbon, John Rogers, Billy, Dennis and Patsy Ryan, John Landers, John O'Connell and David Quirke. Tom Meaney, Ken Rennison, Donal Jackson and Amby Lawlor tried hardest for the losers.

### NEXT SUNDAY

Oola play Ahane in the semi-final of the under 21 football championship, at Murroe, next Sunday.

20-4-71  
Oola have won the Eastern under 21 football title for the past five years, and have only been beaten once in this competition since its introduction. They should be well served by Patsy Ryan, Tim McGrath, Phil Ryan, P. J. Bourke, Sean Holmes, Dan Fitzgerald and John Ryan. Ahane have prominent players in Flan Connolly, Paddy O'Brien, Brian Berkery, Pat Herbert and Murt Aherne.

Ahane are playing well this season, but Oola should have the ability and experience to advance to yet another final.

### U-21 REPLAY 10-4-71

Oola and Glin meet in an under twenty-one football replay at Limerick.

The drawn game was very exciting with both sides lucky enough to get a second chance. Glin came from seven points behind to forge ahead in the closing stages but Oola recovered for a late equaliser.

Oola did not produce their best form in that game and they will have to show improvement to dispose of this determined Glin team.

The eastern lads may have relaxed their grip when they led last time and with a more business-like approach they should win the replay.

**Oola**

## 1971 Footballers draw

Oola and Glin played a draw in the semi-final of the 1970 under 21 football championship. Oola held a commanding lead approaching the last quarter, but Glin's determination earned them a replay. Best for Oola were Jim Riall (who brought off some magnificent saves), Billy Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Tim McGrath, John Landers, P. J. Bourke and Philip Ryan.

### DRAMATICS

Oola Youth Club are rehearsing a one-act comedy, "Love And Acid Drops," by Seamus de Burca, and will be staging the play in Oola in the near future. The members of the cast are Breda Ryan, Margaret Landers, Marguerette Holmes, Michael Landers, Bob Hueston and Liam English.

The G.A.A. Scor '71 Talent Competitions (junior section) were held in Doon on Friday last. The Oola question-time and dancing teams reached the finals of the eastern division. These will be held in the near future.

### TALENT COMPETITIONS

There was a large attendance at Monard Hall last week for the preliminary round of the Cashel Diocesan Youth talent competitions. Oola were represented by Patsy Ryan, John Landers, John O'Connell, Sean Holmes, Patrick J. Bourke, David Quirke, Jim Guerin.

**Oola**

## March 1971 Eastern champions

The Oola under 21 football team retained their eastern championship with a decisive 3-8 to 0-3 win over Knockane at Murroe on Sunday last.

The Oola team was — John O'Mahoney, John Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Philip Ryan, Billy Ryan, James Guerin, Tim McGrath, Joe Ryan and John Landers (capt.); John Ryan, Denis Holmes, Denis Ryan, Tom Landers, P. J. Bourke, Sean Holmes.

## 6-11-71 Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

### Oola are champions

Oola became the holders of the first Eastern senior football title when they defeated South Liberties by 2-9 to 1-7 in an entertaining final at Caherconlish last Sunday.

Liberties won the toss but decided to play against the wind and hill. Oola were in control in the early stages but the forwards were slow to find their scoring touch and they only had two points in the first ten minutes. Oola then had a gift goal when a South Liberties defender deflected the ball over his own line and for the remainder of this half Oola piled on the points to lead by 1-7 to 0-2 at half-time.

It was Liberties' turn to put on the pressure after the restart and they bombarded the Oola goal, which had a few narrow escapes. Liberties scored three points in quick succession but missed many more opportunities. Liberties looked like adding this title to their senior hurling crown when they goaled after a melee and they still had ten minutes to wipe out Oola's two point lead. There was only a point between them seconds later but Oola replied with a like score.

### VITAL SCORE

Whatever chance Liberties had of winning disappeared quickly when the Oola forwards combined well and John O'Connell banged home the all important goal. This score put Oola in a safe position and they held on for a well deserved win. If Liberties had taken all their scoring chances the result would have been different, but Oola's craft and experience were the deciding factors and they are worthy holders of the title.

Tim Ryan, John O'Mahoney, Tom Fitzgibbon, Billy Ryan, John Landers, Denis Ryan, Sean Holmes, David Quirke and Jim Guerin were in good form for Oola. Liberties were best served by Pat Hartigan, Eamonn Grimes, Walter Shanahan, Walter O'Donoghue, Larry Grimes, Tom Toomey and Eamonn Dooley.

Oola—Tim Ryan, John O'Mahoney, Tom Fitzgibbon, Billy Ryan, John Ryan (captain), Patsy Ryan, Tim McGrath, John Landers, John Ryan, Denis Ryan, John O'Connell, Sean Holmes, Patrick J. Bourke, David Quirke, Jim Guerin.

South Liberties—Joe Grimes, Paddy Wade, Ben O'Riordan, Jim Madden, Eamonn Grimes, Pat Hartigan, John Flynn, Ger Horgan, Walter Shanahan, Denis O'Sullivan, Larry Grimes, Walter O'Donoghue, Mike London, Eamonn Dooley, Jim Moynihan.

Subs.: Tom Toomey for Jim Madden, Michael Grimes for Jim Moynihan.

Ref., Tom Halpin (Limerick).

## Senior Football :

# EAST TITLE FOR OOLA

Oola ..... 2-9  
South Liberties ..... 1-7  
As was generally expected, Oola captured the East Limerick Senior Football Championship at the expense of South Liberties, at Caherconlish, on Sunday last. Oola deserved to win, but it must be conceded that if South Liberties took their chances they would have won hands down.

In the first half it was all Oola, and they led 1-7 to 0-2 at the interval. Their goal came as a result of a defensive blunder in South Liberties full back line. A hopping ball that seemed to be going wide was deflected by a South Liberties player, and it crossed the goal-line for a simple Oola goal.

South Liberties completely out-ran their opponents in the second half, and, with eight minutes remaining to be played, had narrowed the gap to one point. As well as scoring a goal and five points, they missed at least five points from scorable positions. In contrast, Oola made only three excursions into Liberty territory, and had two well-taken points and a goal in the dying minutes.

### SCORERS

Oola—D. Quirke, 0-3; D. Ryan, 0-3; J. Ryan, 0-1; J. Guerin, 0-2; J. O'Connell, 1-0, and an o.g.  
South Liberties—L. Grimes, 1-0; W. Donoghue, 0-2; E. Grimes, 0-1; P. Hartigan, 0-1; E. Dooley, 0-2; T. Twomey, 0-1.  
Referee—T. Halpin.

erline and Anne in the line up.

### OOLA A.G.M. 1971

The following officers were elected at the annual general meeting of the Oola G.A.A. Club: President, Rev. Father Hogan, Adm.; vice-president, Rev. Father Stritch; chairman, Kieran Bourke; vice-chairmen, John O'Donovan and Matthew Noonan; treasurer, John McKeogh; hon. sec., John Stokes. Senior captain, John Ryan; vice-captain, Tom Fitzgibbon. Junior captain, John Kiely; vice-captain, Ailbe Heuston. Under 21 captain, Patsy Ryan; vice-captain, John Mahoney. Minor captain, John Ryan; vice-captain, Bob Heuston.

Senior, junior and under 21 selectors: Tom Fitzgibbon, Ailbe Heuston, Jerry Ryan and captain and vice-captain.

Under age selectors: P. J. Bourke, D. Quirke, Paddy Ryan and captain and vice-captain. Team trainer: Sean Nash.

Oola gained their sixth under twenty-one football title in a row when they defeated Caherline by 3-7 to 1-5 in the 1971 final at Cappamore last Sunday.

The winners, who played with the wind in the first half, missed numerous scoring chances but still held a 2-3 to no score lead at the interval. Caherline made a determined effort after the restart.

P. J. Bourke, 0-4; Jack Moloney, 1-1; Sean Holmes, 1-1; Paddy Anderson, 1-0; John Ryan, 0-1; scored for Oola. Junior Heelan, 1-0; Pat Hourigan, 0-2; Ger Brennan, Willie Cussen and Kieran McCarthy 0-1 each replied for Caherline.

Oola—Noel McGrath, Tim McGrath, John Ryan, Pat McGrath, Jack Mahoney, Patsy Ryan, Tom Landers, John Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, Bob Heuston, Sean Holmes, Paddy Anderson, Tom O'Connell, P. J. Bourke, Kevin Holmes.

Caherline—Jim Hourigan, Mike Ryan, John Carroll, Mick Fitzgerald, David Casey, John Hourigan, Tom Hourigan, Pat Hourigan, Pat Buckley, John Purcell, Ger Brennan, Willie Cussen, Pat Casey, Junior Heelan, Kieran McCarthy.

Sub., P. J. O'Dwyer for Pat Buckley.

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## Oola 1971 Juvenile talent

Marguerite and Paul Landers, Gurtakineed; Patrick Gourey, Oola; Gerry Ryan, Gleece, members of the Landers School of Dancing, will represent Oola G.A.A. Club in the juvenile Scór '70 Talent Competitions (eastern finals), at Murroe, on Friday evening.

The Oola participants in the question time are John Ryan, Oola; Kevin Holmes, Oola; Bob Heuston, Monoola.

### G.A.A.

Oola, short a number of regulars, had an easy win over Treaty Sarsnelds at Croon in the Senior Cup (1970) competition.

The Oola under 21 football team were defeated by Glin in the county semi-final replay (1970) championship. Best for Oola were Billy Ryan, Philip Ryan, Patsy Ryan, John Ryan, Jim Guerin, Tom Landers, Sean Holmes, Denis Ryan.

### A.G.M.

The following officers were elected at the A.G.M. of the

Oola

## Garda trainee 1971

Joseph Ryan, son of Mrs. Catherine Ryan, Oola, and the late Mr. Thomas Ryan, has started training in the Garda Training Depot, Templemore.

He was educated at Oola N.S., and Tipperary C.B.S., and is a very keen G.A.A. enthusiast, having represented Limerick in a number of football grades at inter-county level.

### DANCE

As will be noted from our advertising columns, Solohead A.C.

leaving the success of these G.A.A.

The Oola minor team had a narrow victory over St. Bridget's in the opening round of the Eastern Championship last week.

### OUTING 1971

A very successful and enjoyable outing to Tramore was organised by the Legion of Mary on Sunday last.

A bus will leave Oola on this Sunday, July 25 immediately after 10.30 a.m. Mass for the Munster Hurling final at Kilkenny.

### FIELD EVENING

Solohead Macra na Feirme hold their 15th annual field evening at the Creamery Field on this Sunday, July 25th.

### LEAGUE

After nine games the following is the score table in the Oola under 16 football league: Pat Fitzgibbon and Billy Godfrey, 11 pts.; Tom Ryan and John O'Mahoney, 9 pts.; Matt Fitzgibbon and Sean Fitzgibbon, 7 pts. Playing well in the league are John and Stephen Ryan, John English and Tom Mulcahy. The two leading teams will be in opposition in the tenth and final game which will be played in the near future.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

### DOON WIN SENIOR CUP

Two senior hurling games were played at Murroe last Sunday where Pallas defeated Ahane by 3-10 to 0-10 in the first round of the championship and Doon won the 1970 senior cup with a comfortable 4-11 to 2-5 victory over Caherline.

Ahane, playing with a strong wind, led by four points after ten minutes, all coming from the accurate Murt Ahearne. Frank Berkery then had a point from eighty yards and P. J. Keane increased their lead with three good points from play. Pallas failed to score in the first half and just before the interval Donal Coffey increased Ahane's lead to nine points.

After the restart Pallas quickly got on top and they had points from Patrick Connolly, Dermot O'Dwyer and John Ryan. The latter had another point which was soon followed by a goal from Patrick Connolly. John Ryan put Pallas ahead for the first time with a goal at the end of the third quarter. Brendan Carr raised a white flag but Ahane got one back when Sean Kelly had a well taken point. Pallas, however, were in command, and John Ryan had his second goal to send Pallas five points clear. Maurice Power finished off the scoring with a point in the closing minutes.

Willie Shanahan had his usual sound game in goals, while Jack O'Dwyer, Paddy Hayes and Dick Brennan were impressive in defence. Dermot O'Dwyer and Olly Dillon got the upper hand at midfield as the game progressed. Patrick Connolly and John Ryan were the pick of the forwards.

Jimmy Hassett, Pat Herbert and Frank Berkery were impressive defenders for Ahane. Philip Byrnes worked hard, with P. J. Keane and Murt Ahearne dangerous in attack.

The game was played in the traditional championship style, hard and sporting. There was, however, some loose pulling in the final quarter, which somewhat marred an otherwise enjoyable spectacle.

The teams were:

**Pallas**—W. Shanahan, M. Connolly, C. O'Dwyer, J. Murphy, J. O'Dwyer, P. Hayes, J. Brennan, O. Dillon, D. O'Dwyer, B. Carr, P. Connolly, M. Power, S. Ryan, P. Gleeson, M. O'Donoghue.

**Ahane**—D. Tierney, J. Hassett, J. Hourigan, M. Tierney, P. Herbert, F. Berkery, L. O'Reilly, P. Byrnes, P. Ahearne, S. Kelly, P. J. Keane, W. Humphries, M. Ahearne, D. Coffey, M. Kelly. Sub: G. Houlihan.

Ref.: J. O'Connor (Limerick).

### UNDER-21 HURLING:

## PALLAS BEAT AHANE IN POOR GAME

Pallas and Ahane provided very poor fare at Caherconlish on Sunday last in the quarter-final of the East Limerick under 21 hurling championship. Both sides sparkled in the earlier rounds of the championship, but on Sunday last they never seemed to produce the brand of hurling they are capable of. The high wind and soden pitch did not help matters, and it was obvious that players had difficulties the ...atmthe most t culty controlling the ball. Pallas deserved their win. Their first time pulling paid dividends, while Ahane were inclined to lift the ball when ground hurling would have borne results.

### O'DWYER SHINES

Jack O'Dwyer, at centre-half back, shone for the winners. He gave a polished performance in the second half, and at one stage, early in the half when Pallas were two points in arrears, he banged home a twenty-one yards free to give his side the lead, a lead which they gamely held on to. Martin O'Donoghue and Paddy Barry were others to star in the Pallas defence.

Pat Conway, Frank Berkery and Pat Herbert were prominent defenders for Ahane. Frank Berkery, in particular, had a very sound game. John Ryan, Brendan O'Connell and Con O'Dwyer were a constant source of worry to the Ahane defence, while Louis Quirke, Brendan Berkery and substitute, P. J. O'Connor, were the pick of the losers forward lines.

### THE PLAY

Bernard Berkery opened the scoring in the fifth minute with a point from a twenty-five yards free. Pallas went in front when Johnnie Ryan sent over three points in succession. All three came from play, and two were helped over with the aid of the uprights. Points from Kelly, Quirke and Connolly gave Ahane an interval lead of one

### GREAT GOAL

On the resumption, Louis Quirke increased Ahane's lead with a point from play. Pallas began to press hard, and in the eighth minute their brilliant centre back moved upfield and blasted home a twenty-one yards free. Two minutes later he pointed a long range free. Con O'Dwyer, a half time substitute, put Pallas further ahead when he netted following a ruck in the Ahane goalmouth. Brendan Berkery raised a white flag for Ahane, after they had failed to score from three close-in frees. In the concluding stages, defences were completely on top, and Berkery's point, six minutes from the final whistle was the last score of the game.

The scorers: (Pallas) — J. O'Dwyer, 1-1; J. Ryan, 0-3; C. O'Donoghue, 1-0.

The teams lined out:—

**Pallas** — N. O'Donoghue; M. Ryan, P. Barry, C. Breen; M. O'Donoghue, J. O'Dwyer, J. Dillon; M. O'Dwyer, T. O'Shea; J. Kirby, J. Ryan, J. Dillon; B. O'Connolly, D. Kennedy. M. Hayes.

Sub.: C. O'Dwyer for D. Kennedy.

**Ahane** — P. O'Brien; P. Kelly, P. Conway, D. Lawlor; M. Kelly, F. Berkery, P. Herbert; F. Connolly, P. Hassett, M. Collins, P. Ryan, B. Berkery, L. Quirke, P. Hourigan, T. Lawlor.

Sub.: P. J. O'Connor for P. Hourigan.

Referee: J. O'Grady (Mungret).

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## Wedding bells

The marriage took place of Miss Elizabeth O'Connell, Mar-ion Terrace, to Mr. Christopher McNamara, Castleconnell. The marriage also took place of Miss Catherine O'Rahilly, Barna, to Mr. John English, Oola.

### ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between John Whelar, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Whelar, Old Bridge, and Miss Deirdre McKenzie, N.T., Dublin.

### G.A.A.

At the A.G.M. the following appointments were made: President, Very Rev. Canon Lee; chairman, Rev. J. Keogh, C.C.; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Shanahan; secretary, Mr. Tom Ryan, Reask; treasurer, Patrick Ryan, Ballvfookeen.

### PARISH SOCIAL

social was held in the Parkway. Over 300 people attendel, and it was a most enjoyable night.

### DEATH

The death occurred of Mr. James Donegan, late of Cloughadreen, Old Pallas, son of Mrs. and the late P. H. Donegan, M.C.C.

### REHABILITATION

Some members of the Pallasgreen Branch travelled to the Savoy, Limerick, to celebrate the 21st anniversary.

## Under 21 Football 1971

Ocle gained their fifth Eastern under 21 football title in a row when they defeated Caherline, 3-7 to 1-5, in the 1971 final at Cappamore.

Their winning players were—Noel McGrath, Tim McGrath, John Ryan, Pat McGrath, Jack Mahoney, Patsy Ryan, Tom Ladders, John Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, Bob Heuston, Sean Holmes, Paddy Anderson, Tom O'Connell, P. J. Bourke, Kevin Holmes.

## OTHER GAMES Oct 1971

Pallas defeated Knockane by 5-2 to 2-3 in the first round of the junior football championship at the same venue. Both sides were slow to settle down and were guilty of missing simple chances. Knockane showed in front for a short time but Pallas had drawn level, 2-1 each, at the interval.

Pallas benefited from some defensive mistakes after the restart and built up a good lead. Knockane tried hard but Pallas remained on top for a deserved win.

Maurice Power, Jack O'Dwyer, Willie Shanahan and Olly Dillon played well for Pallas. Noel Lonergan, Pakie Ryan, John and Jim Quinn tried hardest for Knockane.

# Oola players on parade

**OOLA PLAY** Claughaun in the 1971 senior football final at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, next Sunday. The following are some facts on the players that lined out in the semi-final, in which they had a hard-earned win over South Liberties.

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**Tim Ryan.** A reliable 'keeper who is noted for his coolness. Played with the county seniors a few years ago. He collected a runners-up medal last year, but, unlike most of his teammates, will be seeking his first county medal.

**John Ryan.** At present playing at right full-back, but previously was a regular in the half-back line. John is the team captain, and he will also be seeking his first county medal.

**Tom Fitzgibbon.** A very strong full back, who is a regular with the county team. He won an under 21 title with Oola in 1967.

**Tim McGrath.** Tim has won six county medals with his club, one juvenile, three minor and two under 21. A half-back last year, but he has now been switched to the left full-back position.

The half-back line trio of Jim Guerin, Patsy Ryan and Denis Holmes have all gained the same honours with their club. They each hold two county minor and two county under 21 medals and have years of experience playing together.

**John Ryan.** A great fielder. John is also the holder of several under-age medals. This is his first year as a regular on the senior team.

**Dan Fitzgerald.** Another good fielder of the ball. Dan has a fine collection of under-age medals, and this is also his first year as a regular.

**Billy Ryan.** At present plays at left-full back for the county. He has played in several positions for Oola and is now a regular in the half-forward line.

**John O'Connell.** A strong centre-forward, who won county under twenty-one medals in '67 and '68. He has performed reg-

ularly in this position in recent years.

**Sean Holmes.** He is another of Oola's promising young players who has won several awards with his club. A very fit player and a good opportunist.

**P. J. Bourke.** A regular at left-full forward and the holder of several under-age medals. A dangerous forward when in possession, who often gets his name on the scorer's list.

**David Quirke.** Plays at full-forward and one of Oola's most experienced players. Won a senior medal with his club in '61 and with Paddy Ryan is the only member of that team still on the panel.

**Denis Ryan.** A great opportunist and a threat to any defence. Denis is also the holder of several under-age county medals.

**John Landers.** Injured for the semi-final, he is a certain starter on Sunday. He has also won several honours with his club. A great trier who gets through a lot of work in the game.

Other players on the panel for the final are John Ryan, Philip Ryan, Roger Ryan, John Mahoney, Paddy Ryan and William Burns. These lads form a very strong reserve squad, and any one of them could be included when the team lines out on Sunday.

All the Oola players have worn the county jersey in one grade or another, and this is a fact that any club would be proud of.

David Quirke and Paddy Ryan are the only players who have won a senior championship and though their teammates have all won county under-age championships, their main ambition is to win a senior title, and this they hope to do on Sunday.

P. Ryan and D. Quirke the only two players from the 1961 winning S.F. team

## UNDER 21 HURLING

At the same venue, Pallas, who trailed Ahane by 0-4 to 0-3 at half-time, came from behind to win by 2-6 to 0-5. Noel O'Donoghue brought off some good saves for Pallas while others to do well were Mike O'Donoghue, Jack O'Dwyer, Ted O'Dea, John and Gerry Dillon, Bill O'Connell and John Ryan. Pat Herbert, Francis Berkerry, Mike Kelly and Flan Connolly were best of an Ahane side which accepted defeat rather easily.

The teams were: **23-10-71**  
Pallas — Noel O'Donoghue, Martin Ryan, Pat Barry, Chris Breen, Mike O'Donoghue, Jack O'Dwyer, Michael O'Dwyer, Ted O'Dea, John Dillon, John Kirby, Garry Dillon, Martin Hayes, John Breen, David Kennedy and Bill O'Connell.

Ahane—Paddy O'Brien, Paddy Kelly, Pat Conway, David Lawlor, Pat Herbert, Francis Berkerry, Mike Kelly, Flan Connolly, Pat Hassett, Bernard Berkerry, Louis Quirke, Martin Collins, Pat Hourigan, Paddy Ryan and Pat Lawlor.

## Sixth successive title for Oola <sup>1/4 72</sup>

Oola gained their sixth under twenty-one football title in a row when they defeated Caherline by 3-7 to 1-5 in the 1971 final at Cappamore last Sunday.

The winners, who played with the wind in the first half, missed numerous scoring chances but still held a 2-3 to no score lead at the interval. Caherline made a determined effort after the re-start.

P. J. Bourke, 0-4; Jack Moloney, 1-1; Sean Holmes, 1-1; Paddy Anderson, 1-0; John Ryan, 0-1; scored for Oola. Junior Heelan, 1-0; Pat Hourigan, 0-2; Ger Brennan, Willie Cussen and Kieran McCarthy 0-1 each replied for Caherline.

Oola—Noel McGrath, Tim McGrath, John Ryan, Pat McGrath, Jack Mahoney, Patsy Ryan, Tom Landers, John Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, Bob Heuston, Sean Holmes, Paddy Anderson, Tom O'Connell, P. J. Bourke, Kevin Holmes.

Caherline—Jim Hourigan, Mike Ryan, John Carroll, Mick Fitzgerald, David Casey, John Hourigan, Tom Hourigan, Pat Hourigan, Pat Buckley, John Purcell, Ger Brennan, Willie Cussen, Pat Casey, Junior Heelan, Kieran McCarthy.

Sub., P. J. O'Dwyer for Pat Buckley.

Monday, June 28.

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1971

The halfway stage of the under 16 football league was reached during the week-end and following is the scoretable: Pat Fitzgibbon and Sean Fitzgibbon, 7 points each; Willie Godfrey and John Mahoney, 5 points each; Tom Ryan and Matt Fitzgibbon, 3 points each.

As the scoretable indicates, the six teams are evenly matched and the concluding stages should be very exciting. In addition to the captains, the following players are distinguishing themselves: Morgan Hayes, John Holmes, Dick Quinlan, Pat Ryan, Pat English, Tom Harding, Pat Heuston.

G.A.A. officials in charge of the league are John Stokes and Patrick Ryan.

## CLASSIC FINAL

Oola and Carrickerry gave a top class display in the very exciting 1971 Under-21 Football Championship final at Limerick last Sunday. The honours went to Oola with a three points win, and it was a welcome change of luck for them as they had suffered a few unexpected defeats in county finals in recent years.

The entire team played very well, but the following gave outstanding displays: Patsy Ryan, John Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, Paddy Anderson, Sean Holmes and P. J. Bourke.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

## Oola had easy win

Two senior football championship games were arranged for Murroe on Sunday last, but only one was played, as Pallas failed to put in an appearance against Ahane. Oola had an easy victory, defeating Caherline by 4-12 to 1-3.

Heelan, John Carroll, Richard Ryan, Tom Hourigan, Sean Hickey, Michael Dineen.

Referee: P. O'Dwyer (Clauhaun).

## WALK-OVER

The senior football championship opened on a disappointing note, when it was learned, just before starting time that Pallas would not field. Some of the Pallas players had arrived at Murroe, but they had not sufficient to make up a team. Ahane then took the field, and were awarded a walk-over.

Only a handful of spectators turned up for the game, but they were very disappointed to see it called off in the last minute. As they would have to wait over an hour for the start of the Oola v. Caherline game, many decided to leave, and were given pass out tickets by Treasurer, Frank Moore.

## OOLA WIN

Oola were not impressive in the opening half against Caherline. The latter contested every ball in a spirited manner, and had the only goal of the first half after ten minutes. Oola settled for minor scores, and led 0-8 to 1-1 at the interval.

After the re-start, the experienced Oola lads got on top, and had some spectacular goals. Caherline continued to try hard, but their backs were constantly under pressure, due to very weak kick outs. Oola continued to pile on the scores for an easy win.

The winners were best served by Patsy Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, P. J. Bourke, John O'Connell, Paddy and Denis Ryan, and David Quirke. John Carroll, Ger Brennan, P. J. Hickey, and Jack Hourigan tried hardest for Caherline.

Oola — Tim Ryan, Phil Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, John O'Mahony, John Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Tim McGrath, Dan Fitzgerald, Roger Ryan, Denis Ryan, John O'Connell, P. J. Bourke, Paddy Ryan, David Quirke, John Landers.

Caherline — Sean Murnane; Mike O'Connell, Conor Ryan, Bill O'Sullivan; Pat Kelly, Jack Hourigan, Jim Hourigan, Ger Brennan, P. J. Hickey; Junior

## EASTERN G.A.A. ROUNDABOUT

## First Senior Cup games

Two games were played at Caherconlish last Sunday where Oola had a comfortable 3-6 to 0-2 victory over South Liberties in the senior football cup, and Ahane scored a deserved 5-8 to 5-4 win against Pallas in the senior hurling cup.

## UNFAVOURABLE

Good football was ruled out due to a near galeforce wind which was blowing straight down the pitch. This game was won and lost in the first half when South Liberties, though playing with the wind, could only lead by two points to one at the interval. The Oola defence played brilliantly and none better than Tim Ryan, who brought off some brilliant saves in goal.

The second half was only a matter of form, and though Liberties threatened danger on a few occasions, Oola coasted to a facile victory.

Tim Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Jim Guerin, Dan Fitzgerald, John Landers, Sean Holmes and Denis Ryan were prominent for Oola. Pat Hartigan, Mike Lundon, Walter Shanahan and Tom Toomey tried hardest for South Liberties.

Oola — Tim Ryan, John Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Tim McGrath, John Landers, Jim Guerin, Denis Holmes, John Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, Denis Ryan, John O'Connell, Sean Holmes, Tom Landers, David Quirke, P. J. Burke.

South Liberties — Jos Grimes, Dan Butler, Seamus Hartigan, Ben O'Riordan, Paddy Wade, Mike Lundon, Michael Grimes, Walter Shanahan, Pat Hartigan, Tom Toomey, Tom Ryan, Jim Moynihan, Jim Madden, Eomonn Dooley, Ben Clifford, Sub. Jim Flynn for Dan Butler. Referee, John Butler (Doon).

# G.A.A.

Oola and Claughaun contest the 1971 County Senior Football final at Limerick on this Sunday. All are hoping that this will be Oola's turn to win the title. A bus will leave Oola to accommodate all intending supporters.

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Oola minor football club are organising a league and the following are the four teams taking part:—

Team A—Bob Heuston (capt.), Pat Fitzgibbon, Michael Landers, Philip O'Mahoney, Pat Heuston, James Harding, John English, Michael Moloney.

Team B—Kevin Holmes (capt.), Tom Flazgibbon, Matt Fitzgibbon, Billy Godfrey, Michael Ryan, Pius O'Grady, Paddy Moloney, Donal Ryan.

Team C—William Ryan (capt.), Noel McGrath, Dick Quinlan, Larry Ryan, Tom Ryan, Edmund Landers, Pat English, Sean English.

Team D—John Ryan (capt.), Gerard O'Mahoney, Michael Fitzgerald, Tom Harding, Willie O'Mahoney, Patsy Harding, Willie Ryan, Larry Ryan.

Team C plays team D on this Friday, May 19, at 7.30 p.m. Team A plays Team B on Saturday evening.

## CLASSIC FINAL

Oola and Carrickerry gave a top class display in the very exciting 1971 Under-21 Football Championship final at Limerick last Sunday. The honours went to Oola with a three points win, and it was a welcome change of luck for them as they had suffered a few unexpected defeats in county finals in recent years.

The entire team played very well, but the following gave outstanding displays: Patsy Ryan, John Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, Paddy Anderson, Sean Holmes and P. J. Bourke.

## East Limerick Roundabout

### Oola flattered by margin

Oola defeated South Liberties by 2-7 to 1-3 in the semi-final of the 1971 Senior Football Championship, at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, last Sunday, but the final score is not a true indication of how hard they had to work for victory.

South Liberties, playing with the wind, were well in control in the first quarter, but their forwards squandered many chances. Had they been on target they could have built up a winning lead at the interval. Oola made use of the few chances that came their way, and trailed by only a point, 1-2 to 0-4, at half-time.

After the restart, South Liberties continued to dominate, and signs of panic were noticeable in the Oola team. The teams were level with about eight minutes remaining, and Oola struck for a goal. This was the vital score, and they quickly added a point to put the result beyond doubt. South Liberties rallied, but, with most of their players up-field, Oola had the final say when they had a second goal in the dying minutes.

Tim Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Tim McGrath, Jim Guerin, Billy Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald and David Quirke were prominent for Oola. Pat Hartigan, Mike Landon, Walter Shanahan, Eamon Grimes, Eamon Dooley and Larry Grimes played well for Liberties.

The game between Pallas and Doon was more interesting but it never reached the standards of previous meetings between the sides. Pallas, with wind advantage, held a territorial advantage in the first half, and their forwards picked off some fine scores to lead by 3-8 to 1-1 at the interval.

Doon had a dream start to the second half and they rattled in two goals in as many minutes. This reduced the Pallas lead to seven points and Doon were back in the picture. Pallas, however, tightened up their defence and shortly afterwards they benefited from a slip up by the Doon defence to score a vital goal.

They were unlucky to have another one disallowed, and following this, Doon staged a rally which reduced the Pallas lead to two points.

## SHCUP FITTER 43-72

Pallas were the fitter side, and they stuck to their task better to come back for the all important goal in the closing stages. It may be argued that Doon could have won, but Pallas played with more spirit and deserved their victory.

Willie Shanahan, Paddy Hayes, Jack O'Dwyer, John Ryan and Ollie Dillon performed well for Pallas. Doon were best served by Con O'Connell, John Quinlan, Paddy Anderson, Roger and Fintan Ryan.

Pallas—Willie Shanahan, John Murphy, Pat Barry, Mike O'Dwyer, Dick Brennan, Paddy Hayes, Jack O'Dwyer, Ollie Dillon, Dermot O'Dwyer, Mike O'Donoghue, Maurice Power, Mike Howard, Bill O'Connell, John Franklin and John Ryan.

Doon—John McLoughlin, Patsy Ryan, Pat Monaghan, Denis Kennedy, John Cummins, Con O'Connell, Donie Anderson, Paddy Anderson, John Quinlan, Pat Ryan, Roger Ryan, Richard Martin, Fintan Ryan, Brian Butler, Pat Shanahan.

Ref., Pat Wade (South Liberties).

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Oola held an unassailable lead at half-time and the second half was only a formality.

After the game the cup was presented to the Oola captain, Joe Ryan, by Frank Moore, treasurer, Eastern G.A.A. Board.

On Sunday next Oola play Garryspillane in the county semi-final at Limerick. Garryspillane have quite a reputation in the south and with such players as Pat Russell, John Fraser and Tom Hanrahan on their side are sure to be quite a handful. John Mahoney, Tim McGrath, Joe Ryan, Sean Holmes, Tom Landers and John Riall are in great form at present and Oola will take some beating.

day, February 20th.

## G.A.A.

There was a large attendance at the annual general meeting of the Oola G.A.A. Club. The following officers and committees were elected. President, Very Rev. Thomas Hogan, Adm.; vice-president, Rev. Arthur Stritch, C.C.; chairman, Sean Ryan, Moanoola; vice-chairmen, John O'Donovan, Ballyfreen; Matthew Noonan, Oola; Kieran Bourke, Oola; hon. secretary, John Stokes, Boherdotia; treasurer, John M. Keogh, Ballylahiff. Finance committee, David Quirke, John Ryan, Knockure; Thomas Fitzgibbon (Jnr.), Oola, and the club officers. Selection committee: Jerry Ryan, Oola; Thomas Fitzgibbon, Oola; Kieran Bourke and the team captain and vice-captain. Captains (vice-captains in brackets): Senior, Denis Ryan, Moanoola (John Ryan, Knockure); junior: Thomas Landers, Glebe (Patrick Ryan, Moanoola); under-21: John O'Mahoney, Old Road (Tim McGrath, Ballybeg).

## "45" DRIVE

The annual G.A.A. "45" drive will be held in Oola Hall on this Sunday, February 20, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. There is £25 prize money.

## LADIES RETREAT

## iq-2-4 OOLA A.G.M.

The following officers were elected at the recent Oola A.G.M.: President, Very Rev. Fr. M. Hogan, Adm.; vice-president, Rev. Fr. A. Stritch, C.C.; chairman, Mr. Sean Ryan; vice-chairmen, Mr. Matthew Noonan, Mr. John O'Donovan, Mr. Kieran Bourke; secretary, Mr. John Stokes; assistant secretary, Mr. John O'Donovan; treasurer, Mr. John M. Keogh. S.F. captain, Denis Ryan; vice-captain, John Ryan. J.F. captain, Tom Landers; vice-captain, Paddy Ryan. Under-21 F. captain, John Mahony; vice-captain, Tim McGrath. Finance committee: David Quirke, John Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon with the club officers. Senior selection: Jerry Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Kieran Bourke with captain and vice-captain. Minor selectors: Paddy Ryan,

J. Bourke and David Quirke as captain and vice-captain. The following officers were elected for the minor club: chairman, Kevin Holmes; secretary, Bob Heuston; treasurer,

## Novel G.A.A.

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## Free taking Competition

Oola G.A.A. Club have finished arrangements for a "2 yards free-taking competition" which will be held in the local field on Wednesday, August 2nd. A very successful football free-taking competition was recently held before an inter-county game at Tralee, but this venture by the Oola G.A.A. Club is the first of its kind in Ireland.

The Oola committee have invited several top class players to take part, and amongst those who have accepted are inter-county stars, Eamonn Cregan, Richard Bennis, Eamonn Grimes, Pat Hartigan, Phil Bennis, Sean Foley, Babs Keating and Jimmy Doyle. Some local players will also be in action, including Jim Howard (Pallas) and Roger Ryan (Doon).

Each player will take five frees, and they will be trying to shoot past a line of experienced goalkeepers, including Jim Hogan (Limerick), John O'Donoghue (Tipperary), Leonard Enright (Patrickswell), Pat Treacy (Doon), Willie Shanahan (Pallas) and Mattie Ryan (Solohead). Only goals will count, and there will be prizes for

## East G.A.A. <sup>20</sup> Roundabout <sup>1</sup>/<sub>72</sub>

Pallas advanced to meet Doon in the 1971 Eastern under 21 hurling final when defeating a fancied South Liberties side, at Caherconlish, last Sunday, by 5-3 to 1-5.

Pallas had the edge in a closely contested first half, and led by 2-0 to 0-4 at the interval. They remained in control after the start and well deserved their comfortable victory.

They were best served by J. O'Dwyer, M. O'Donoghue, J. Quane and J. Ryan. P. Hartigan, J. Grimes, M. Feury and D. O'Sullivan played well for South Liberties.

Pallas — N. O'Donoghue, P. Barry, B. O'Brien, M. Hayes, J. O'Dwyer, M. O'Donoghue, S. Dillon, M. O'Donoghue, T. O'Dea, J. Kirby, M. Hayes, J. Dillon, W. O'Connell, J. Quane, J. Ryan.

South Liberties — D. Kennedy, J. Grimes, J. Butler, P. Conway, M. Leahy, P. Hartigan, M. Feury, J. Moynihan, P. Shanahan, J. Moynihan, W. O'Donoghue, D. Shanahan, J. McDonagh, T. O'Donoghue, D. O'Sullivan.

## East football final

Pallas had a great win over Ahane at Caherconlish G.A.A. field last Sunday in the East Limerick Junior Football title, by a point after a hectic game in which 3 players were sent to the side line.

Ahane, playing against the hill and wind were leading by 1-4 to 3 pts. at half-time. But the trend of events changed completely in the final quarter of the game as Pallas showed their real old traditional spirit when P. Hayes scored a goal and 3 pts. to put them on level terms going into the last 10 minutes of play.

Ahane tried hard to hold this game but in the dying seconds Jack O'Dwyer sent over the bar the winning point for Pallas amidst great excitement.

Scorers for Pallas: Hayes 1-3, Connolly, Dwyer and Shanahan completed the total score of 1-6.

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## Pallasgreen

## Recent Appointments

Miss Catherine McNamara, New Pallas, has left to take up an appointment in Dublin. We wish her every success in her new job.

We also wish to welcome Garda Paul Bergin, who recently took up a position in Pallasgreen. Mr. Bergin is a native of Rathdowney.

### CHURCH CEREMONIES

Large crowds attended Mass and Holy Communion for the Forty Hours adoration which was held during the week.

### G.A.A.

Pallas had a run-away victory over Garryspillane in the final of the Killeely Tournament on Friday night last. Best for Pallas were Jimmy Howard, Ollie Dillon, Brendan Carr, Tommy Creed and Dick Brennan.

## Oola

## Girls' Clubs

The Oola and Solohead Girls' Clubs which have been formed recently will hold a united parish social at Monard Hall. This is the first occasion in recent times that such an undertaking is being organised and, without question, it is worthy of the support of all. An excellent night's entertainment is assured.

### APPOINTMENT.

Congratulations to Denis Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan, Moanoola, on taking up an appointment with C.I.E. in Dublin. Denis is a prominent member of Oola G.A.A. Club and won county minor hurling and football medals as well as an under-football title last season.

## Pallasgreen G.A.A. club officers

The annual general meeting of the Pallasgreen G.A.A. Club was held at the Brook Hall. The officers elected for the coming year were:

President, Very Rev. Canon P. J. Lee, P.P.; chairman, Rev. Father J. Keogh, C.C.; vice-chairmen, Joseph Shanahan and William O'Dwyer; secretary, Thomas Ryan; assistant secretary, James Carr; treasurer, P. J. Ryan; registrar, Michael O'Dwyer. Captain senior hurling team, William Shanahan; vice-captain, Ollie Dillon. Captain senior football team, Connie O'Dwyer; vice-captain, Ollie Dillon.

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### MINOR FINAL

Knockane defeated Oola by 1-10 to 1-5 in the minor football final at the same venue.

Oola played with the wind in the first half. They led by 1-4 to 0-2 just approaching half-time but a Knockane goal just before the whistle was the vital score of the game. *oola*

Knockane assumed control after the re-start and though Oola rallied a few times they could only manage one point in the second half. Knockane took some time to get on top, but they gradually built up a five points lead and were very worthy winners.

Knockane were best served by Jim Quinn, Joe Ryan, Ted O'Dea, Martin Hayes, Pat Cosgrave and Mike Ryan. John Ryan was Oola's best player, and Jim Hayes, Sean Fitzgibbon, Noel McGrath and Bob Heuston were also in the picture.

Knockane — Paddy Creamer, Denis Ryan, Jim Quinn, Mike Barry, Tom O'Connell, Joe Ryan, Willie Hayes, Tom O'Dea, Martin Hayes, Richard Bond, Pat Cosgrove, Mike Ryan, Dan Quinn, Garry Dillon, Jim Beary. Sub.: John Quane for Richard Bond, Richard Bond for Pat Beary, Tom Hayes for Denis Ryan.

Oola — Larry Ryan, Jim Hayes, Billy Ryan, Gerard Mahoney, Michael Landers, John Ryan, John Keogh, Bob Heuston, Sean Fitzgibbon, Kevin Holmes, Noel McGrath, Pat Fitzgibbon, Tom Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Matt Fitzgibbon. Sub.: Willie Hayes for Matt Fitzgibbon, Richard Quinlan for Tom Ryan.

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## Talent competition

The winners of the Scor '74 competitions held recently in Oola were: John Stokes, Boherdotia (solo singing); John Ryan, Knockure; Bob Heuston, Oola; Tom O'Connell, Garryduff (question time); David Quirke, John Ryan, Donal Bourke, Oola (novelty act); Laurence Ryan, Miss Bridget Ryan, Oola; Timothy Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Michael O'Mahoney, Glebe (set dancing); Thomas Cummins, Oola (instrumental music); Robert Quirke, Michael McGrath, Ballybeg; Tom O'Connell (ballad group). They will represent Oola in the eastern championship.

The adjudicators were: John McGrath and P. J. McNamara

EASTERN GAA: 17-3-73

## Another 21 football title for Oola

Oola continue to dominate the under 21 football championship and though they were not over impressive when defeating Pallas by 2-5 to 0-3 in the 1972 Eastern final at Caherconlish last Sunday, they scored a comfortable win.

Pallas played with the wind, but Oola did most of the attacking in the first half. Their forwards wasted chance after chance, and instead of enjoying a comfortable lead at the interval they were held to a 1-1 to 0-1 margin by Pallas. The latter, however, rarely looked dangerous, and at this stage it seemed as if Oola would win easily.

### SECOND GOAL

Oola had a quick goal after the restart, but some of the chances they lost of increasing their lead had to be seen to be believed. They fired numerous shots wide and Pallas gradually came back at them. They enjoyed a fair amount of the play but could only increase their tally by two points, and Oola assumed control near the end for an eight points victory.

John Mahony, William Burns, Don Fitzgerald, John Ryan, Sean Holmes, Tom Landers, John Keogh and Tom O'Connell played well for Oola. Pallas were best served by Pat Barry, Mike O'Dwyer, Billy and Martin Hayes, Tom O'Connell and Pat Cosgrave.

After the game, Mr. James Kirby, vice-chairman, Eastern G.A.A. Board, presented the Vincent Finucane Cup to the winners' captain, John Mahoney.

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**Pallas**—Kieran Daly, Mike Barry, Pat Barry, Chris Breen, Mike Hayes, Mike O'Dwyer, Billy Hayes, Martin Hayes, John Dillon, Tom O'Connell, Ted O'Dea, Pat Cosgrave, Tom Hayes, John Dillon, John McCarthy. Sub.: Paddy O'Dwyer for Tom Hayes.

Ref.: Pat O'Dwyer (Cloughaun).

### SENIOR CUP

Oola moved to the head of the league table by virtue of their win over Ahane. They were in control in the early stages, but were off target too often, including a number of poor efforts from close-in frees. They eventually found their mark and had three first half goals, and a similar number of points. Failure to score a penalty was a costly miss for Ahane during this period, but from a limited number of attacks they scored one goal and three points. Half-time: Oola, 3-3; Ahane, 1-3.

### HAT-TRICK 0-3.73

Ahane reduced the lead to four points, but Sean Holmes came to Oola's rescue. This player had scored two goals in the first half, and he made it a hat-trick with a brilliant third effort. This put Oola in a comfortable position, and though Ahane increased their tally to 2-6, they never looked like winning.

Tom Fitzgibbon, Jim Guerin, Billy Ryan, Johnny Ryan and Sean Holmes, were in good form for Oola. Ahane were best served by Pat Hassett, Pat Mescall, Flan Connolly, John Byrnes and M. J. Ahearne.

**Oola**—Tim Ryan, Tim McGrath, John O'Connell, Roger Ryan, Jim Guerin, Tom Fitzgibbon, John Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, Billy Ryan, John Landers, Paddy Anderson, Tom Landers, P. J. Bourke, Sean Holmes.

**Ahane**—John O'Regan, Dan Mescall, Pat Hassett, Michael Kirby, Pat Hassett, Pat Mescall, Tom Lawlor, Flan Connolly, Michael Givens, Michael Collins, M. J. Ahearne, Philip Byrnes, Louis Quirke, Pat Ryan, Sean Kelly.

Subs.: John Byrnes for Dan Mescall, Tom Conway for Pat Ryan.

Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout: Nov. 1973

## Oola retain SF title in poor game

Oola retained their senior football title at Doon on Sunday last when defeating a gallant Caherline side by 2-10 to 2-3. Oola, though winning, gave one of their poorest performances to date, and will have to show a vast improvement if they hope to make a bid for county honours.

### APPEAL

This game went on instead of the scheduled senior hurling final, which was postponed. Liberties had lodged an appeal with the Munster Council against the constitution of the County Appeals Committee, which upheld the decision of the Eastern Board when awarding that much discussed game to Doon.

### OOLA LEAD

The Oola forwards combined well and quickly moved into a three points lead. Caherline began to settle and shocked Oola when getting through for the equalising goal. Oola again pulled away to a four-points lead, but back came Caherline with the best goal of the game from P. J. Hickey. The remainder of the half was closely contested, with both sides exchanging points to leave the half time score: Caherline 2-3, Oola, 0-9.

### PENALTY

The second half was only a minute old when Oola were awarded a penalty. The Caherline 'keeper collected an easy lob and was soon challenged, but not impeded by an Oola forward. The 'keeper thought the whistle had blown and overheld the ball, and the referee had no option but to award a penalty to Oola. Sean Holmes made no mistake with the resultant spot kick.

This seemed to take the sting out of Caherline, and from then on their challenge petered out. Oola, however, failed to press home their advantage, and their second goal could also have been prevented. Tom Landers mis-kicked a close-in free, but it was deflected to the net by a Caherline defender.

Oola had two further points and Caherline got through in the closing stages for their only point of the second half.

### CONTESTED

The game was contested in a very sporting manner, and both clubs are also to be congratulated on playing the final at such short notice, as they were requested to do so only three nights previously.

Patsy Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, Tom Landers, John Ryan and Sean Holmes played well for Oola.

Caherline's best were Pat Hourigan, Eamonn Boland, Ger Brennan, John Purcell, Jim Balfry and P. J. Hickey.

The Oola scores came from: Tom Landers, 1-4; Sean Holmes, 1-0; John O'Connell, 0-2; Donal

Bourke, 0-2; P. J. Bourke, 0-2; John Ryan, 0-1.

Caherline's scorers were: Ger Brennan, 0-4; P. J. Hickey, 1-0; Jim Balfrey, 1-0.

After the game, East Board chairman, Mr. Jim Ryan, presented the cup to the winners captain, Patsy Ryan.

### TEAMS

**Oola**—Tim Ryan, Phil Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Tim McGrath, John Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Willie Burns, Dan Fitzgerald, Tom Landers, P. J. Bourke, Sean Holmes, John Ryan, Roger Ryan, John O'Connell, Donal Bourke.

**Caherline**—Billy Sullivan, Sean Hickey, Pat Hourigan, Pat Kelly, Dave Casey, Jack Hourigan, Ned Boland, Ger Brennan, John Purcell, Bertie Murnane, Junior Heelan, Jim Balfrey, Walter O'Donoghue, Tony Brennan. P. J. Hickey. Subs.: B. Buckley for D. Casey, Tom Hourigan for Billy Sullivan.

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Sub.: Billy Godfrey for Denis Ryan.

## Senior Hurling Championship semi-final:

# Thrilling draw between Pallas and Kileedy

PALLASGREEN, 3-4;

KILEEDY, 0-13

**AFTER A VERY** slow and sub-standard first half this county senior hurling championship semi-final at Kilmallock, between Pallasgreen and Kileedy, developed into a thrilling and exciting game and the final twenty minutes produced the best hurling seen in the championship so far this season.

The sodden, underfoot conditions were not conducive to good hurling, but this is hardly the excuse for the poor fare served up in the opening thirty minutes. It was unbelievably slow, as both sides picked and poked, but, whether it was due to interval advice or not, the second half saw the sides play powerful ground hurling, and, as a result, the standard reached great heights.

Ben Mullane, Kileedy, and Mick O'Dwyer, Pallasgreen, were forced to retire early in the first half, after they had accidentally collided. Both suffered slight concussion.

Anybody who had preconceived ideas about Kileedy, following their shock dismissal of South Liberties a week earlier, were in for a surprise. Kileedy played the better hurling throughout, and indeed, were a shade unlucky not to have won. As in the game against Liberties they pulled out all the stops in the second half, and with Willie Fitzmaurice again the dominant figure at midfield, they delighted their large following with another top class display.

### NEVER HAPPY

Paudie Fitzmaurice, at centre half forward, proved too great a handful for Pallasgreen's Jack O'Dwyer, and for once this year, the eastern half back line of Paddy Hayes, O'Dwyer and Mick O'Dwyer, were in trouble. Ollie Dillon did reasonably well when moved to defence, with the retirement of Mick O'Dwyer. Haulie Connolly, at right full back, had a fine game for Pallasgreen, and was easily the best of a full-back line that were never happy with the strict refereeing of Frank Murphy.

The Kileedy defence were suspect at times, and their half-back in particular, had difficulty in holding off many Pallasgreen attacks in the closing minutes. John Franklin, operating in the number eleven spot, was a constant thorn in their side, and neither Jim Mulcahy nor Denis O'Connor could really gain the upper hand of the Pallasgreen veteran.

### THE PLAY

After 2½ minutes play, Paudie Fitzmaurice pointed from far out for the opening score of the game. Ninety seconds later, Pallasgreen were awarded a twenty one yards free and Jimmy Howard sent the ball past an unsuspecting Kileedy defence for a simple goal. The Pallasgreen defence came in for a real roasting from the referee and Paudie Fitzmaurice had three points from close in frees. Points from play by Ollie

Dillon and Pat McCarthy put Pallasgreen ahead for the second time and in the 22nd minute Jimmy Howard was awarded a free over thirty yards out. The burly Pallasgreen man missed the free and incredibly his ground shot went all the way to the net. Paudie and Willie Fitzmaurice had Kileedy points to leave the score at half time, 2-2 to 0-6 in favour of Pallasgreen.

Willie Fitzmaurice and Dermot O'Dwyer exchanged points after the change over, but it was the western brigade who were gaining control. Points by Paudie and Willie Fitzmaurice saw the teams on level terms and in the 13th minute Willie Fitzmaurice sent Kileedy ahead with a point from play. They led 0-12 to 2-3 after 18 minutes and then Pallasgreen set up many dangerous attacks. With nine minutes remaining they goaled, but the referee penalised one of their forwards for charging before the ball entered the net. Pallasgreen continued to press and were rewarded when an Ollie Dillon free was tapped to the net by substitute Mike O'Donoghue.

Kileedy quickly recovered and Paudie Fitzmaurice put his side ahead once again with a point. With three minutes remaining Jimmy Howard equalised with a free. Kileedy swarmed into attack in the closing 90 seconds and were unlucky not to have scored the winning point. Willie Fitzmaurice squandered a good chance, and with the second last puck of the game, Paudie Fitzmaurice sent wide from a scorable position.

### SCORERS

Pallasgreen—J. Howard, 2-1 (from frees); M. O'Donoghue, 1-0; O. Dillon, P. McCarthy, D. O'Dwyer, 0-1 each.

Kileedy—P. Fitzmaurice, 0-7 (0-5 from frees); W. Fitzmaurice, 0-5 (0-2 from frees); W. Cronin, 0-1.

Pallasgreen—W. Shanahan; H. Connolly, C. O'Dwyer, M. Hayes, P. Hayes, J. O'Dwyer, M. O'Dwyer, P. McCarthy, D. O'Dwyer, M. Hayes, J. Franklin, T. Creed, J. Ryan, J. Howard, O. Dillon.

Subs.: M. O'Donoghue for O'Dwyer; M. Power for McCarthy.

Kileedy—P. Meehan; T. O'Connor, M. Delee, C. Magner, P. J. Cronin, J. Mulcahy, D. O'Connor, N. Herbert, W. Fitzmaurice, M. Fitzmaurice, P. Fitzmaurice, B. Mullane, J. Magner, P. O'Connor, W. Cremen. Sub.: M. Scanlan for Mullane.

Referee—F. Murphy (Cork).

## 20.1.73 Pallasgreen GAA club's meeting

The annual general meeting of the Pallasgreen G.A.A. Club was held in the Brook Hall on Saturday, December 30th, at 8 p.m. The attendance was small and the most disappointing feature of the meeting was the lack of attendance of players and ex-players. Unfortunately, the practice in Pallasgreen seems to be that once your playing days are over your G.A.A. activities are over. Most of our retired players seem to forget that they have had many years of enjoyment as players, but it never occurs to them that they have something to offer in the nature of advice and encouragement to our younger players.

The Rev. chairman and the secretary, in their addresses, expressed hopes for better efforts and better results in the coming year.

The treasurer had a most encouraging report, which showed a credit balance of almost £300.

The officers elected for the coming year were:—

Hon. president, V. Rev. Canon P. J. Lee, P.P.; chairman, Rev. Fr. J. Keogh, C.C.; vice-chairmen, William O'Dwyer, Joseph Shanahan, Timothy Ryan; secretary, Thomas Ryan; asst. secretary, Michael O'Donoghue; treasurer, P. J. Ryan; registrar, Michael O'Dwyer.

Committee—Patrick Barry, William Shanahan, Edmond Breen, James Carr, Patrick O'Dwyer, William Hayes, Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Hennessy, Joseph Franklin, Patrick Dillon and Haulie Connolly. P.R.O., William Hayes.

### SELECTORS

Senior hurling: William Hayes, Patrick Maher; junior hurling: Patrick Dillon, James Howard; u.21 hurling: team captain and vice-captain.

Senior football: James Redpath, William Hayes; junior football: Patrick Maher, Patrick Dillon; u.21 football: James Howard, team captain and vice-captain.

U.18 and u.16 teams: Michael O'Donoghue and Thomas O'Connell.

Senior hurling: Captain, Jack O'Dwyer; vice-do., Paddy Hayes.

Junior hurling: Captain, Martin Hayes; vice-do., Garry Dillon.

U.21 hurling: Captain, Garry Dillon; vice-do., Mick O'Dwyer.

Minor hurling: Captain, Billy Hayes; vice-do., Tommy O'Connell.

U.16 hurling: Captain, Thomas Hayes; vice-do., Paudie Corbett.

U.14 hurling: Captain, James O'Donnell; vice-do., Paschal O'Connell.

Senior football: Captain, Paddy Hayes; vice-do., Willie Shanahan.

Junior football: Captain, Haulie Connolly; vice-do., John Dillon.

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Sub.: Billy Godfrey for Denis Ryan.

### U/21 SEMI-FINAL

Oola, winners of the eastern under 21 football championship, for a record breaking nine years in a row, take on Carrickerry in the county semi-final at the same venue.

Oola's last county success was in 1971, so they will be striving hard for victory and a place in the final against Treasarsfields.

John Ryan, Dick and John Quinlan, Joe Bourke, Sean Fitzgibbon, Noel McGrath and Bob Heuston have been the leading lights in their successes to date, and Oola will be looking most to these players bring them victory.

### OOLA IMPRESS

Oola took their scoring chances when ousting Knockane by 5-8 to 3-4 in the junior football championship at Caherconlish. Two converted penalties gave them a comfortable 2-3 to 0-3 lead at the interval. Knockane reduced arrears to two points after the re-start, but Oola hit them with three further goals. Knockane never gave up, and to their credit, rallied, but Oola had the game in safe keeping long before the final whistle.

**Oola**—Pat Fitzgibbon, Kieran Bourke, John Mahoney, Pat Ryan, Con O'Connell, John Quinlan, Bob Heuston, Sean Fitzgibbon, Noel McGrath, Tom O'Connell, Paddy Anderson, Joe Bourke, Denis Ryan, David Quirke, Paddy Ryan. Subs.: John Keogh for Denis Ryan, Willie Mahoney for John Keogh, Larry Ryan for Pat Fitzgibbon.

**Knockane**—Pat Creamer, John Ryan, Noel Lonergan, Chris Ryan, Mike Quinn, Gerry O'Brien, Eamonn Quirke, John Quinn, Tadhg O'Meara, Dom Quinn, Gerry Quirke, Pat Ryan, Noel Ryan, Larry O'Brien, Mike O'Brien, Mike Ryan. Sub.: Tim Quirke for Noel Ryan.

### EASY FOR OOLA

Oola were always in control against Ahane, and were in the lead throughout. Ahane put on a fair amount of pressure in the first quarter, and were unlucky not to score on a few occasions. They were awarded a penalty, but this was sent wide, and seemed to lose heart after this. Oola had the simplest of tasks and showed a fair amount of class, even though they were never at full stretch.

Tom Fitzgibbon, Patsy Ryan, Philly Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, were to the fore for Oola; John Byrnes, Pat Hassett, Teddy Ryan, Tony Bradley, Martin Rainsford and Murt J. Ahearne were gallant in defeat for Ahane.

**Oola**—Tim Ryan, Phil Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Tim McGrath, Billy Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Willie Burns; Dan Fitzgerald, John Ryan; John Ryan, Tom Landers, Sean Holmes; P. J. Bourke, John O'Connell and Donal Bourke.

**Ahane**—Martin Hassett; Frank Berkery, John Byrnes, Mike Tierney; Pat Hassett, Billy Connolly, Mick Fitzgibbon; Tony Bradley, Teddy Ryan; Sean Kelly, Murt. J. Ahearne, Martin Rainsford, Pat O'Connor, Pat Ahearne, Paddy Mescall. Sub.: Tom Lawlor for Pat O'Connor.

Ref.: B. Crehan (Ballybricken).

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## Pallas v. Doon in S.H. final on Sunday

For the first time since its introduction, three years ago, the senior hurling final will be played without South Liberties. Pallas and Doon meet in this year's decider, and this also means we will have new champions, as neither side has won the title before. Liberties had won all three, but their appeal to the county board against the decision of the East Board was unsuccessful on last Monday night, so, they are out.

The Liberties team has the sympathy of all Gaels, as it would be great to see them get a chance to defend their title. By stating, however, that they would not be fulfilling a fixture, they were breaking the rules, and both the Eastern and County Boards had no other option but to rule them out.

### THIRD TIME LUCKY

Pallas have appeared in two finals to date, but failed narrowly both times to Liberties. They are a cool side on the big occasion, and most people feel that their chance has now come. They were very sluggish at the start of the year, but their young players have been showing steady improvement, and they have a well-balanced side.

They were short a few regular players when disposing of Ahane, and it is hoped that they will have a full panel to pick from on Sunday. They have a 'keeper of great experience in Willie Shanahan and sterling defenders in Paddy Barry, Mike and Jack O'Dwyer and Mike O'Donoghue. Paddy Hayes and Dermot O'Dwyer are a first class mid-field pair while the Hayes and Dillon brothers Con O'Dwyer and John Ryan will also be striving hard for a Pallas victory.

This is Doon's first time in the final, but they are a team to be feared in any championship game. They are a stylish side which can sometimes strike the form that would annihilate any team. They have been labelled a "soft team," a "fifty-minute" team—names which tell us that Doon fail to last out the hour.

This indeed is Doon's great failure. They have led some great teams a merry dance for three quarters of a game, only to see victory snatched from their grasp in the closing minutes. This will be their number one worry on Sunday, but the players are more experienced now and may pace themselves better.

Doon have had numerous goal-keeping problems recently, but in Patsy Ryan they claim they have found a reliable man. Willie Moore, Jim Ryan, Jim Allis and Con O'Connell are sound in defence, while up front they have outstanding players in John Quinlan, Paddy Anderson, Brian Butler and John McLoughlin.

### PALLAS FANCIED

Doon usually carry the tag of favourites into a final, but this time Pallas will be the fancied side. It should be a very close contest as is customary between the sides, but Pallas may be to the fore at full-time.

## Oola tournament finals

Two very attractive tournament finals will be played at Oola on Wednesday evening, August 7th. West Tipperary champions, Cappawhite, will be opposed by a talented Doon side in the juvenile hurling final. This game is timed for 7 p.m., and these sides should provide many thrills and skills in their bids for victory. The winners will receive a set of medals and the winning captain will be the recipient of a beautiful perpetual trophy.

The senior football final should be a tremendous game, with the home side, Oola, taking on county champions, Treaty Sarsfields. Oola are hoping to do well in this year's championship, and they will be anxious to do well against the current champions.

Treaty Sarsfields have a number of fine players, including Mick Ahearn, Tony Meaney, Ken Rennison, Steve O'Shaughnessy and Mick Bromell. Oola defeated Clonmel Commercial in the final last year and they will be hoping to retain the Kenneally Cup.

In the tournament to date

they have been well served by Tom Fitzgibbon, Patsy Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald, Tom Landers, John Ryan and John O'Connell.

This should also be a very close contest and with two finals on the programme the attendance can certainly look forward to a good night's entertainment.

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**OOLA A.G.M. 1974**  
The following officers and committee were elected at the recent annual general meeting of the Oola G.A.A. Club.

President, Rev. Fr. Hogan;

vice-president, Rev. Fr. Stritch; chairman, Sean Ryan; vice-chairmen, Kieran Bourke, John O'Donovan, John Stokes; secretary, David Quirke; asst. secretary, John O'Donovan; treasurer, John M. Keogh; registrar Patrick Ryan. Committee: John R.y.e.n., Donal Bourke, Jim Guerin, John Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Jr.

Senior football selectors: Tom Fitzgibbon (Snr.), John Stokes, Kieran Bourke, David Quirke, Paddy Ryan.

Minor Football Club: chairman, Bob Heuston; secretary, William Godfrey; treasurer, Donal Bourke.

Captains: Senior Football, Patsy Ryan (John Landers); Junior Football, Willie Burns (Philip Ryan); U/21 Football, Donal Bourke (Bob Heuston); Minor Football, William Godfrey (Tom Ryan).

## WARWICKSHIRE HURLING 12/10/74

Limerick was well represented in the Warwickshire senior hurling final recently, between John Mitchells, the winners, and Sean McDermotts.

Paddy Ryan of Pallasgreen is the chairman of John Mitchells and Des Dillane of Fedamore was a member of the playing XV.

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traception be legalised. How does such a possible result show up when examined in the light of God's WILL?

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### TOURNAMENT REPLAY

There should be a big turnout in Oola on this Thursday evening, August 15th, for the replay of the senior football tournament final between Oola and county champions, Treaty Sarsfields. The drawn game was a thriller, with Oola grabbing the equalising goal in the final minute, and another exciting game must surely be in store.

### OOLA IN CONTROL

Oola qualified for yet another football final with a comfortable 3-8 to 1-1 victory over Pallas. Oola, slow to settle, had built up a 2-3 to 1-1 lead at the interval.

Pallas were held scoreless in the second half, and Oola experienced little difficulty when earning an easy victory.

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Pallas — Kieran Daly; Haulie Connolly, John O'Sullivan, Mick O'Grady; Matt O'Connell; Martin Hayes, Paddy O'Dwyer, John Dillon; Tom O'Connell, P. P. O'Sullivan; Brendan Carr, Dick Brennan, Bill O'Connell, Paddy Gleeson, Tom Ryan.

Ref.: Paddy O'Dwyer (Cloughaun).

### SENIOR FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL 15/4/74

Another Eastern club which holds an important engagement is Oola, who meet Carrickerry in the county senior football semi-final.

Oola have a respectable record in this competition in recent years, having been finalists in 1970 and 1971. They won their last title in 1961, and as this was thirteen years ago, it could be Oola's lucky year.

Oola's performance against Glin was their best performance of the year, and they proved they are capable of taking on the best. Tom Fitzgibbon, John Ryan and Jim Guerin formed the backbone of a very sound defence. Patsy Ryan and Tom Landers formed a great midfield partnership, while the forwards served up a brilliant display. Amongst the most efficient of this group were Sean Holmes, P. J. Bourke and John Ryan, but their team-mates also lent a good hand and were all capable of taking their scores.

Carrickerry defeated Oola by a point in the quarter-final last year, and this should be another strong tussle. Oola have trained hard, and as they will face the match in a more cautious man-

### Oola 24/8/74

Oola senior football team retained their Eastern title with a 2-11 to 2-4 win over Caherline at Doon on Sunday last. The members of the Oola side were: Tim Ryan, Philip Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Tim McGrath, John Ryan, Patsy Ryan (capt.), Willie Burns, Dan Fitzgerald and John Ryan, Patrick J. Bourke, Sean Holmes, Tom Landers, Roger Ryan, John O'Connell, Donal Bourke.

### TOURNAMENT

In a very exciting replay, Treaty Sarsfields scored a one-point win over Oola in the final of the local senior football tournament.

### SCHOOL SPORTS

### Eastern G.A.A.

## Pallas come

## from behind

Cappamore, playing their best hurling for some time, combined well for some brilliant scores and fully deserved their 3-4 to 2-4 interval lead over Pallas in a senior hurling championship game at Caherconlish last Sunday. Liam O'Brien and Tim Butler ruled the roost at mid-field, while Maurice Gleeson, at centre-forward, was boring holes through a hesitant Pallas defence.

The mentors must have had a serious chat with the Pallas lads, as they were a transformed team after the interval. They also made a shrewd switch when introducing Brendan Carr soon after the re-start, as he picked off some fine scores and he helped Pallas to a 3-13 to 3-4 victory. Other Pallas players to shine were Jack O'Dwyer, Olly Dillon, Paddy Hayes and Dermot O'Dwyer. Paddy Butler brought off some fine saves for Cappamore, and team mates, Jim Butler, Liam O'Brien, Tim Butler, Con Hayes, Maurice Gleeson and John Mooney were also glorious in defeat.

The field was in great condition, and those who got it ready did a fine job.

Pallas—Willie Shanahan, Mike O'Donoghue, Paddy Barry, Haulie Connolly, Mike O'Dwyer, Jack O'Dwyer, Olly Dillon, Dermot O'Dwyer, Paddy Hayes, Pat Cosgrave, Larry Bowles, John Quane, Maurice Power, Garry Dillon, John Ryan. Sub.: Brendan Carr for Larry Bowles.

Cappamore — Paddy Butler, John Ryan, Thady Butler, John Campbell, Jim Hogan, Jim Butler, Mike Hickey, Liam O'Brien, Tim Butler, Con Hayes, Maurice Gleeson, John Mooney, Pat Beary, Pat Power, John O'Donoghue. Sub.: Bobby Hamersley for Mike Hickey.

### NINE IN-A-ROW

I wonder how many clubs can proudly boast of winning nine titles in-a-row? This, however, is the fantastic record achieved by the Oola under twenty-one football team, who gained a narrow, but well deserved, 2-5 to 1-8 victory over Ahane at Caherconlish last Sunday. A feature of the game was that Oola played the three Fitzgibbon brothers, Matt, Pat and Tom, in

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their full-forward line. Oola led by 2-4 to 0-2 at the interval, but soon after the re-start Ahane were awarded a penalty. This was excellently saved by keeper Mike Slattery, but the rebound was sent to the net by the kicker, Sean Ahearne. Ahane were now back in the picture and with a few minutes to go they trailed by only a point. Oola had no notion of relinquishing their crown without a struggle and they had the last word when Sean Fitzgibbon pointed free in the last minute to give his side a two-point victory.

John Ryan, Pat Ryan, Joe Bourke, John Quinlan, Sean Fitzgibbon, Noel McGrath and Donal Bourke and Matt Fitzgibbon were outstanding for Oola. Ahane were best served by Michael Bridgeman, Michael Givens, Sean Ahearne, Pat Herbert and Tom Lawlor.

After the game the cup was presented to the winners captain, Donal Bourke by Easter Board chairman, Mr. Jim Ryan.

Oola — Mike Slattery, Bill Ryan, John Ryan, Pat Ryan, Joe Bourke, John Quinlan, Noel Heuston, Sean Fitzgibbon, Noel McGrath, Billy Godfrey, Donal Bourke, Ted O'Dea, Pat Fitzgibbon, Tom Fitzgibbon, Matt Fitzgibbon. Subs.: Tom Ryan for Joe Bourke, Dick Quinlan for Tom Fitzgibbon.

Ahane — Tom Hassett, John O'Regan, Pat Kelly, Dan McCall, Tom Lawlor, Jim Madde, Mike Bridgeman, Matt Givens, Pat Herbert, Kieran Herbert, P. O'Connor, Bernard Berker, Jim O'Driscoll, Larry O'Connor, P. J. O'Connor.

Ref.: E. Wade (South Liberties).

## OOLA - East Senior Football Champions for the third successive year. Will they take the County titles also?

Back row (l. to r.): Dan Fitzgerald, Tom Fitz, Patsy Ryan, David Quirke, John Landers, Timmy Ryan, John O'Connell, Jimmy Givern. Front row (l. to r.): Billy Ryan, Timmy McGrath, Denis Ryan, John



26/7/75

# First u-14 football title for Oola

Oola scored a runaway 7-3 to nil victory over Murroe-Boher in the under fourteen football championship final at Caherconlish on last Monday evening. Down through the years Oola have enjoyed frequent successes in all other grades of football, but this was a special occasion for them as they had never previously won an under fourteen title.

Oola led by 5-3 to no score at the interval and though Murroe-Boher improved and very nearly had a few scores in the second half, Oola were comfortable winners.

All the Oola team played well, but particularly Pat Ryan, Frank Ryan, Donal Fitzgibbon, Joe Lynch, Michael Landers and Gerard Fitzgerald. Frank Ryan (3-1), Michael Landers (2-0), Richard Hewitt (1-0), Ger Fitzgerald (1-0) and Donal Fitzgibbon (0-2) were the scorers. George Healy, John Quigley, Denis O'Malley, Pat Clohessy and Pat McNamara tried hard for Murroe-Boher.

## Oola on top in replay

Oola defeated Monaleen by 2-5 to 0-6 in the re-play of the junior football semi-final at Kilmallock last Sunday.

Oola played with a strong wind and driving rain in the first half, but it was Monaleen who looked more dangerous in the early stages. They opened the scoring and after Oola had equalised Monaleen pointed again. Oola gradually settled and forged ahead to lead by 1-3 to 0-2 at half-time.

The football throughout was played at a furious pace and Oola were under severe pressure for long periods in the second half. Their defence played brilliantly and when Monaleen began to tire in the closing stages Oola broke upfield for a goal that set the seal on victory.

Roger Ryan, Kieran Bourke, Paddy Anderson, John Quinlan, Tim McGrath, Pat Heuston, Sean Fitzgibbon and Denis Holmes were outstanding for the winners.

John Leonard, Willie Nicholas, Paul Cosgrave, Noel Bridgeman, Diarmuid Leonard, Pa Moloney and Eamonn Nicholas tried hardest for Monaleen.

**Oola** — Mick Slattery, Dick Quinlan, Roger Ryan, Kieran Bourke, Paddy Anderson, John Quinlan, Tim McGrath, Sean Fitzgibbon, Pat Heuston, Denis Holmes, John Landers, Bob Heuston, Paddy Ryan, David Quirke, Willie Mahoney.

Subs.: Willie Godfrey, Pat Fitzgibbon.

**Monaleen** — Denis Foley, John Leonard, Eddie Franklin, J. J. Fitzpatrick, Willie Nicholas, Paul Cosgrave, John O'Brien, Noel Bridgeman, Diarmuid Leonard, Tommy Scanlan, John Gilmartin, Pa Moloney, Sean Scanlon, Dave Fitzpatrick, Eamonn Nicholas.

Subs.: Tony McMahon, Maurice Murphy.

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## Double for Oola

It has been a great year for the under-14 footballers from Oola. They completed the championship and League double when they defeated South Liberties by 4-4 to 0-2 in the final game of the league series at Caherconlish last week.

Doon pulled off the hurling double in the same age-group and a full report on their final league game will appear next week.

This means that Frank Ryan, Sean and Niall Maher, J. J. and Martin Hayes, Pat McGrath, Richard Hewitt from Doon, with John and Pat Ryan from Oola, have each won four medals, a very notable achievement indeed. Doon and Oola field combined hurling and football teams in under-age competitions.

### OOLA IN CONTROL

Oola led by three goals at the interval and had little difficulty in maintaining their superiority in the fading light of the second half. John, Frank and Pat Ryan, Sean Maher, Donal Fitzgibbon, Martin and J. J. Hayes played well for Oola. South Liberties were best served by Shay Noonan, Mike Mangan, John Kennedy, Paul O'Riordan and John McGinley.

### EASY FOR OOLA

South Liberties shocked Oola when going into a goal lead in the opening minutes. It took Oola some time to recover from this blow, and though shooting a number of wides, they had gone into a three points lead, 1-5 to 1-1 at half time. 10-5-75

It was all Oola in the second half, and they sauntered to victory. Dick Quinlan, Larry Ryan, John Ryan, Pat Heuston, Ted O'Dea, Sean, Matt and Pat Fitzgibbon were Oola's leading players. Don Leahy, Terry Carey, John Cooney and Pat Shanahan played well for Liberties.

**Oola**—Mike Slattery; Mike Landers, Dick Quinlan, Larry Ryan; Billy Godfrey, John Ryan, Bob Heuston; Sean Fitzgibbon, Pat Heuston; Larry McGrath; Ted O'Dea, Matt Fitzgibbon; Patsy Harding, Pat Fitzgibbon, Willie Mahoney.

**South Liberties** — Tom Garry, John Keane, Eamonn Leahy, Ger Meaney; Michael O'Brien, Don Leahy, Michael Butler; Terry Carey, Lar Conway, John Cooney, Pat Shanahan, Fergus Carey, Aidan McMahon, Michael Meaney, Martin Butler.

Ref.: Willie Coffey (Monaleen).

## Oola

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The Oola under-14 football team scored a convincing 7-3 to nil win over Murroe-Boher in the eastern final. This was the club's first win in this championship and credit is due to the trainers, Patrick Ryan and William Godfrey. The members of the team were: Sean Maher, Doon; John Ryan, Castlilloyd; John Ryan, Newtown; John Ryan, Keelogue; Joe Lynch, Oola; Pat Ryan (Moanoola (captain)); Ben English, Gurtaleen; Frank Ryan, Doonard; Donal Fitzgibbon, Oola; Martin Landers, Glebe; Niall Maher, Doon; J. J. Hayes, Doon; Pat McGrath, do.; Gerard Fitzgerald, Shanacloy; Richard Hewitt, Doon. Subs. Martin Mulcahy, Moanoola; Frank Ryan, Cullen Road.

They meet Croom in the County semi-final at Hospital on this Friday, August 1. A bus will leave Oola at 7 p.m.

The Oola under-16 football team are in the eastern final following a good win over Knockane.

### TOURNAMENT.

Ardfinnan, Tipperary champions, and St. Kieran's, Limerick runners-up, meet in the Oola football tournament on next Tuesday.

### KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

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## MINOR FOOTBALL 26-4-75

Oola defeated Cappamore by 2-4 to 1-1 in the first round of the minor football championship. After the Oola forwards shot several wides, their brilliant mid-field pair, Pat Heuston and Eamonn Maher, twice, shot over points. Cappamore equalised shortly before the interval, when Davy Charles goaled from a well angled free.

Oola took over after the restart, and Patsy Harding punched home a goal from a Sean Danagher centre. The same player added a point before Pat Ryan ended off a good run up the wing before sending in a high shot which deceived the Cappamore keeper and hopped into the net. Cappamore continued to try hard, and they were rewarded with a consolation score, when Davy Charles pointed a free.

Eastern Board chairman, Mr. Eddie Wade, refereed this game when the appointed official failed to turn up.

**Oola:** Larry McGrath; John Holmes, Willie Mahoney, Pius O'Grady; Sean Danagher, Willie Godfrey, Mike O'Donnell, Pat Heuston, Eamonn Maher; Eamonn Maher, Pat English, Ger McNamara, John Keane, Patsy Harding, Pat Ryan.

**Cappamore:** Dan Murphy; Denis Keating, John Mullins, Jim Blackwell; Liam Creamer, Charlie Mulcahy, Donal O'Brien, Mike Lonergan, Roger Ryan, Mike Clarke, Davy Charles, Eamonn Mulcahy, John Sheehan, Mike McLoughlin, Eddie Lonergan.

Referee: Eddie Wade (South Liberties).

# Comfortable victory for Oola

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The only game played at the weekend resulted in a comfortable 3-9 to 1-5 victory for Oola over Killeely/Dromkeen in the semi-final of the Junior football championship at Caherconlish. Oola, who now meet Ahane in the final, led by 0-5 to 0-2 at the interval. They increased this with two points soon after the restart but then Killeely/Dromkeen got on top for some time. They cut the lead to a goal but Oola realised the danger and hit back with two major scores. Killeely/Dromkeen seemed to give up hope but they did manage a goal in the final minute to take the bare look off the scoreboard. Roger Ryan, Tim McGrath, John Quinlan, John Landers, and Billy Ryan nimpresed for Oola. Billy O'Keefe, Mike O'Loughlin, Gerard McGrath, John McCarthy and Joe Lyons were in the picture for Killeely/Dromkeen.

## AHANE IN UNDER-21 FINAL

Ahane defeated Pallas by 0-12 to 2-3 in the semi-final of the under 21 hurling championship and qualified to meet Cappamore in the final. There was little between the sides throughout and though Ahane had to play all the second half with fourteen players, after Bernard Berkery, received marching orders in the first half, they held on for victory. Ahane's outstanding players were Larry O'Connor, Tom Lawlor, Frank Kelly, and Sean Og Herbert. John Quane, Martin Hayes and Mike Barry played best for Pallas.

Ahane — Gerry Collins, Mike O'Donovan, Larry O'Connor, Mick Hickey, Tom Joyce, Tom Lawlor, Frank Kelly, Pat O'Connor, Kieran Herbert, Gerry Mescall, Bernard Berkery, Eamonn Mescall, Sean Og Herbert, Martin Byrnes, Eamonn Kelly.

Sub., Aidan Herbert for Tom Joyce.

Pallas — Pat Cosgrave, Billy Hayes, Sean Barry, Sean O'Malley, Tom Cosgrave, Thomas Hayes, James Mulcahy, John Quane, Pat Ryan, Matt O'Dwyer, Martin Hayes, Eddie Hayes, Anthony Cosgrave, Kieran Daly, Don Quinn.

Sub., P. P. O'Sullivan for Matt O'Dwyer, T. Harty for P. P. O'Sullivan.

Referee, Liam Shanahan (Croom).

mates for a Pallas victory.

## THREE IN A ROW

Oola won their third junior football title in a row when convincingly defeating Ahane by 2-10 to 1-2 in the final at Murroe last Sunday. The game was played in poor conditions, as there was a heavy drizzle throughout.

Both sets of forwards were well held by their opposite numbers in the first half at the end of which Oola had edged slightly in front by 0-4 to 0-1.

If Ahane had been on target with some fair chances, they would at least have been on level terms at this stage.

Oola increased their lead with two points after the restart, but after exerting a fair amount of pressure, Ahane reduced the lead when breaking through for a goal. This score, however, seemed to awaken Oola from their slumber as they were well on top in the final quarter and added 2-4 to their tally, without reply from Ahane.

Roger Ryan, Tim McGrath, John Quinlan, John Landers and Billy Ryan were to the fore for Oola.

Ahane were best served by Mike Kirby, Larry O'Connor, Willie Humphreys, Pat Conway and Louis Quirke.

David Quirke (0-6), Paddy Anderson 1-2, Willie Mahoney 1-0, Bob Heuston and Billy Ryan 0-1 each, scored for Oola.

Pat Conway 1-0, Larry O'Connor 0-1 and D. O'Connor 0-1 replied for Ahane.

After the game, Mr. Eddie Wade, chairman, Eastern G.A.A., presented the cup to the winner's captain, Paddy Ryan.

## PALLAS A.G.M. 8-3-75

The following officers were elected at the recent Pallas G.A.A. Club's A.G.M., held in the Parochial Hall, Nicker: president, Very Rev. Canon Lee, P.P.; chairman, Rev. Fr. Keogh, C.C.; vice-chairmen, William O'Dwyer and Joe Shanahan; secretary, Tom Ryan; treasurer, Patrick Ryan; registrar, James Mulcahy; assistant secretary, Marie O'Brien. Selection committee: Joe Franklin, John McCorman, Willie Shanahan. S.H. captain, Paddy Hayes; vice-captain, Mike Hayes. S.F. captain, Dermot O'Dwyer; vice-captain, Martin Hayes.

## F RUNAWAY VICTORY

The Oola juniors made no mistake when scoring a runaway 8-14 to 1-2 victory over a Pallas side which provided very poor opposition. Oola led by 7-8 to 0-0 at the interval, but Pallas showed slight improvement in the second half, when getting through for a few scores.

Oola were best served by Roger Ryan, Tim McGrath, Denis Holmes, Billy and Paddy Ryan. Best for Pallas were, Dick Brennan, Eddie Hayes, James Mulcahy, P. P. O'Sullivan and Brendan Carr.

Oola: Mike Slattery; Kieran Bourke, Roger Ryan, Pat Fitzgibbon, Dick Quinlan, Tim McGrath; Joe Bourke, Denis Holmes; Ted O'Dea, Bob Heuston, Billy Ryan, Paddy Anderson, Paddy Ryan, David Quirke, Willie Mahoney.

Pallas: Kieran Daly, Mike Cosgrave, Haulie Connolly, Tony Cosgrave, Tom Cosgrave, James Cosgrave, Dick Brennan, Eddie Hayes, James Mulcahy, Dan Beary, P. P. O'Sullivan, Sean O'Malley, Brendan Carr, Laurie Cosgrave and Tom Ryan.

## Oola

The junior football team had a thrilling draw with Monaleen in the County semi-final at Bruff on Sunday. The final score was 2-7 each. Oola's Billy Ryan scored 3 points directly from 50s and also got the equaliser from a difficult free with the last kick of the game.

LATE MR. DAVID McGRATH

## Oola

The junior football team have reached the county final with a deserved 2-5 to 0-6 win over Monaleen at Kilmallock. The team was: Michael Slattery; Dick Quinlan, Roger Ryan, Kieran Bourke; Tim McGrath, John Quinlan, Pat Anderson; Sean Fitzgibbon and Pat Heuston; John Landers, Denis Holmes and Bob Heuston; Patrick Ryan, David Quirke and Willie O'Mahoney. Subs.: Pat Fitzgibbon, William Godfrey.

APPOINTMENTS

## Oola

Oola junior team retained their eastern football title with a deserved 2-10 to 1-2 win over Ahane at Murroe on Sunday. The members of the team were: Michael Slattery, Doon; Pat Fitzgibbon, Oola; Roger Ryan, Doon; Kieran Bourke, Oola; John Quinlan, Doon; Tim McGrath, Oola; Dick Quinlan, Portane; Denis Holmes, Oola and Sean Fitzgibbon, Oola; Bob Heuston, Oola; Billy Ryan, Lisnakeilly; Paddy Anderson, Doon; Patrick Ryan, Oola (capt.); John Landers, Glebe; David Quirke, Oola. Sub.: Willie Mahoney, Glebe.

## JUVENILE WINNERS

Cappamore defeated Ahane in the final of the local under 11 hurling tournament. They were presented with the Kiely's Bakery Perpetual Trophy and plaques.

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## EASTERN G.A.A. ROUNDOABOUT

# Pallas and Cappamore advance to finals

Pallas and Cappamore advanced to the finals of the under 21 football and hurling championships respectively with clear-cut victories at Doon last Sunday. Pallas defeated Caherline by 4-4 to 0-2, while Cappamore had a 5-7 to 2-4 winning margin over Murroe.

### PALLAS IN CONTROL

Caherline put up a very poor show against Pallas and though they won easily they will have to improve considerably if they hope to trouble Ahane in the final. Pallas played with the strong wind in the first half and were by no means secure when leading by 3-2 to 0-1 at the interval. Caherline, however, tended to overplay the ball in the second half when long kicks with the wind would have been a better tactic. They also missed a penalty and after this their challenge petered out. Pallas, who were well on top in the final quarter, had outstanding players in Billy and Tom Hayes, Pat Cosgrave, James Mulcahy and P. P. O'Sullivan. Caherline were best served by Tim Hourigan, John Purcell, Jim Balfrey and Michael Lynch.

Pallas — Kieran Daly, Tony Cosgrave, Billy Hayes, Thomas Cosgrave, Kieran O'Sullivan, Thomas Hayes, Mike Brosnihan, Tommy O'Connell, Patrick Cosgrave, Eddie Hayes, P. P. O'Sullivan, James Mulcahy, Matthew O'Dwyer, Sean O'Malley, Danny Greene.

Caherline — Tom Hourigan, Seamus Hourigan, Tim Hourigan, Denis Hourigan, James O'Connell, John Purcell, Michael O'Connell, Jim Balfrey, Michael Lynch, Pat Fitzgerald, Pat Casey, Gerard O'Grady, Tony Wallace, John Nelligan, Bernard Laffan. Subs.: P. J. Breen for Bernie Laffan, Seamus Madden for Denis Hourigan.

Referee, D. Quirke (Cork).

### Oola

24/5/76

The under 21 team defeated Murroe-Boher in the eastern championship on Saturday last. The minor team were defeated by Caherline in the championship. The under 14 team had a good win over Cappamore in the league.

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### Oola

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Oola fully merited their 2-14 to 2-9 win over Claughaun in the county senior football semi final at Bruff on Sunday last. They trailed by six points at half time despite scoring two goals, one by Sean Sean Holmes in the opening seconds and another by Joe Ryan in the closing second of the first half. Their game in the second half was inspired and a treat to watch. The team was — Tim Ryan, Tim McGrath, Tom Fitzgibbon, Philip Ryan, Willie Burns, Patsy Ryan, Roger Ryan, Sean Fitzgibbon, Dan Fitzgerald, Sean Holmes, Tom Landers, Joe Ryan, Patrick J. Bourke, David Quirke, Noel McGrath. Subs., Billy Ryan and Dick Quillinan.

### OBITUARY

diated side for the game.

### THRILLER

Oola had a point to spare 2-7 to 2-6, in a thrilling minor football game against defending champions Ahane, at Caherconlish, on last Tuesday evening. Oola led by 2-6 to 2-2 at the interval, but Ahane gradually drew level. In the final minute Frank Ryan soloed from far out and raced through to record Oola's only, but vital, second half point.

Outstanding for Oola were Pat Heuston, Morgan Hayes, Edward Landers, Frank Ryan and two-goal hero, Tony McGrath. Ahane, who sorely missed the services of Sean Og Herbert, were best served by Brendan Collins, Eamonn Kelly, Robert Roche, Eamonn Mescall and Vincent Callinan.

Oola will now meet Cappamore in the semi-final at Pallas on Wednesday evening.

Oola — Pat Ryan, John Holmes, Martin Ryan, John Ryan, David Whelan, Pat Heuston, Morgan Hayes, Edward Landers, Mike O'Donnell, Martin Thompson, Frank Ryan, Donal Fitzgibbon, Tom McGrath, Pius O'Grady, Tony McGrath.

Ahane — Aidan Herbert, Liam Moynihan, Sean Ryan, Seamus Ryan, Brendan Collins, Michael Hickey, Eamonn Kelly, Robert Roche, Eamonn Mescall, Vincent Callinan, Pat O'Connor, Eugene Power, Michael Foley, David Regan, John O'Halloran. Sub.: Noel Tuohy for Eugene Power.

Ref.: Brendan Crehan (Ballybricken).

7.8.76

Sunday August 8

### PALLAS ON TOP

A late rally by Pallas gave them a narrow 2-6 to 1-7 victory over an unlucky Killeely-Dromkeen side.

### WELL ON TOP

Killeely-Dromkeen had three quick points, from play by Eamonn McGrath, a beautiful sideline cut by Phil Murphy and a free from Willie Hennessy. The latter and Brendan Carr exchanged pointed frees before Eamonn McGrath sent Killeely-Dromkeen's hopes soaring with a goal after a mighty clearance from Mike O'Loughlin, Pat McCarthy and Willie Hennessy added points before Brendan Carr, who was the only Pallas scorer in the first half, had his third point. Killeely-Dromkeen led at the interval by 1-7 to 0-3.

### PALLAS IMPROVE

Pallas got the goal they badly needed when a long drive from Paddy Hayes went all the way to the Pallas net. They still found scoring a difficult task, but Brendan Carr, from a free, and Jack O'Dwyer from play, were on target for points. A Jack O'Dwyer pointed 70 reduced the lead to a point, and when a half-hit penalty from Brendan Carr went to the Killeely-Dromkeen net, Pallas were in front for the first time. They held out to the end, but Killeely-Dromkeen had some near misses and the Pallas goal had some close shaves in the final minutes.

Willie Shanahan, Con O'Dwyer, Jack O'Dwyer, Paddy Hayes and Brendan Carr were best for Pallas. James O'Loughlin, Mike O'Loughlin, Willie Hennessy, Phil Murphy, Gerard and Eamonn McGrath played well for Killeely-Dromkeen.

Pallas — Willie Shanahan, Pat O'Dwyer, Con O'Dwyer, Dick Brennan, Mike O'Donoghue, Jack O'Dwyer, Mike O'Dwyer, Paddy Hayes, John Quane, Pat Cosgrave, Dermot O'Dwyer, Martin Hayes, John Ryan, Haulie Connolly, Brendan Carr. Sub.: John Franklin for Pat Cosgrave.

Killeely-Dromkeen — Pat Redfern, Andrew O'Loughlin, Toss Ryan, James O'Loughlin, Gerard McGrath, Mike O'Loughlin, Pat O'Dea, Willie Hennessy, Phil Murphy, Tom Gilhooley, J. J. Kenny, Ben O'Loughlin, John Joe Birmingham, Eamonn McGrath, Pat McCarthy. Subs.: George Murphy for J. J. Kenny; P. J. Breen for Brendan O'Loughlin.

EAST LIMERICK G.A.A.: 10-4-76

## Oola's quick double

Oola retained their senior county football league title with a great win over a fancied St. Kieran's side at the Gaelic Grounds last Sunday. For a club whose last senior success at county level was way back in 1961, the last fortnight has been a hectic one. If they can maintain their current sparkling form they will definitely be a major force in this year's championship.

A full report of the game can be read in "Caman's" column.

Eastern G.A.A.:

# Oola to the fore in Under 21

Oola won the Eastern under 21 football championship when they defeated Ahane by 2-6 to 1-5 in the final at Caherconlish last Sunday. This was real championship fare with the winners just forcing their way to the front in the final quarter.

**Outstanding:**

Dick Quinlan, Morgan Hayes, Sean Fitzgibbon, Billy Godfrey, Pat Heuston, Eamonn Maher, Sean Danagher, Matt Fitzgibbon and Mike O'Donnell were brilliant for Oola. Ahane's best players were Mike Hickey, John O'Regan, Mike Cussen, Bernard Berkery, Peter McDonnell, Ger O'Loughlin, Ger Mescall and Liam Moynihan.

**Oola**—Mike Slattery, Pat English, Dick Quinlan, Mike Landers, Morgan Hayes, Sean Fitzgibbon, Billy Godfrey, Pat Heuston, Eamonn Maher, Sean Danagher, Mike Fitzgibbon, Mike O'Donnell, Edward Landers, Willie Mahoney, James Harding. Sub.: Tom Howard for James Harding.

**Ahane**—Brendan Collins, Mike Hickey, John O'Regan, Seamus Ryan, Eamonn Kelly, Mike Cussen, Frank Kelly, Bernard Berkery, Peter McDonnell, Ger O'Loughlin, Sean Og Herbert, Eamonn Mescall, Ger Mescall, Liam Moynihan, Vincent Callinan.

Referee, Pat Lane (St Senan's).

**Oola**

May 1976

Oola senior team won the 1975 final (replay) of the Galbally Tournament against Ballylanders. They play Bansha in the current tournament on Sunday.

**Oola**

21.2.76

A party was held recently by the Oola minor GAA club at which medals were presented to members of the very successful under-14 football teams. The recipients were: John Ryan, Keelogue; John Ryan, Newtown; John Ryan, Castlelloyd; Joe Lynch, Pat Ryan (O), Bernard English, Donal Fitzgibbon, Martin Landers, Gerard Fitzgerald, Martin Mulcahy, Patsy Mulcahy, Jim Mulcahy, Joe Mulcahy, Donal English, Patrick Ryan, Francis Ryan (M), Gerard Ryan, Noel Ryan, Thomas O'Mahoney, Jim Ryan, Sean Meagher, J. J. Hayes, Martin Hayes, Francis Ryan, Richard Hewitt, Patarick McGrath, Richard Quigley.

The officers of the club are: Chairman, Patrick Heuston; hon. sec., Pat Ryan (O); treasurer, Patsy Ryan.

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**G.A.A.**

The Oola 7-a-side team of Paddy Ryan, John Ryan, Tim McGrath, Willie Burns, Patsy Ryan, Donal Bourke, Patrick J. Bourke (subs., Pat Heuston, Willie Godfrey, Laurence Ryan) won the final of the Ardfinnan tournament on Sunday last. The result of the local GAA competition was: 1, Kevin Holmes; 2, Thomas Lonergan, Ballylahiff; 3, Maura Heuston, Moon-oala.

**OBITUARY**

The death has taken place at

1976

Oola and Ballybricken scored football victories at Caherconlish last Sunday before the smallest attendance of the year. Oola, after a slow start, easily defeated Pallas by 2-10 to 0-7 in the under 21 football championship. The victory of Ballybricken over South Liberties in the junior football championship was also a comfortable one, with a winning margin of 4-7 to 0-3.

**U-21 FOOTBALL**

Oola were well matched by Pallas in the first half and only led by 1-3 to 0-2 at the interval. Pallas had no answer to their improved performance in the second half. They had a chance to reduce arrears at the three quarter stage when they only managed a point from a penalty, but a goal at this stage would have made no difference to the final result.

Outstanding for Oola were Dick Quinlan, Sean Fitzgibbon, Morgan Hayes, Pat Heuston, Billy Godfrey, Sean Danagher, Matt and Pat Fitzgibbon. Best for Pallas were Kieran and P. P. O'Sullivan, Anthony and Thomas Cosgrave, Thomas, Billy and Eddie Hayes, and goalkeeper, Mike Bresnihan.

**Oola**—Pat Ryan, Martin Ryan, Dick Quinlan, Philip Mahoney, Morgan Hayes, Sean Fitzgibbon, Pat English, Pat Heuston, Billy Godfrey, Willie Mahoney, Matt Fitzgibbon, Sean Danagher, Tom Howard, Pat Fitzgibbon, Martin Thompson.

**Pallas**—Mike Bresnihan, Danny Green, Kieran O'Sullivan, Anthony Cosgrave, Martin Cosgrave, Thomas Cosgrave, Declan O'Sullivan, Thomas Hayes, Billy Hayes, Eamonn Ryan, P. P. O'Sullivan, Eddie Hayes, Tony Breen, Sean O'Malley, Thomas Hayes.

Ref.: Willie Coffey (Monahan).

OOLA AGAIN . . .

# Clear-cut winners over St. Kieran's

**OOLA COMPLETED** a great double at Pairc na nGael last Sunday when they beat a strongly fancied St. Kieran's side, 3-6 to 0-5, to retain the County Senior Football Cup secured only the previous week in the final of the preceding year's competition, when a fine win over Claughaun was recorded.

St. Kieran's opened in very fine Oola drive in the eighteenth satisfying fashion on Sunday minute, and then the western and, although playing into the teeth of the lively breeze, they had Oola pinned to their own lines most of the opening ten minutes, at the end of which they led by a brace of points scored by Tommy Greaney and Pa Leahy.

In the eleventh minute the Oola lads came into the scoring picture when No. 11, Joe Ryan, opened up for them with a point from a free. Both goalies were in the picture with good saves in the ensuing minutes and then, just with the ending of the first quarter, a long shot by Sean Holmes bounced off the left upright, Davy Quirke caught the rebound and it was swiftly crashing to the net.

A good service from midfield kept the Eastern lads well in the picture. Davy Quirke nabbed a ball out on the wing that appeared to be travelling wide, and his cross-drive was turned by Pa Joe Quirke to the net.

Oola were taking every advantage of their chances hereabouts, and Davy Quirke collected a ball from Sean Fitzgibbon and kicked it high over the crossbar. Again Oola were attacking and Donal Bourke appeared to spearhead a drive that ended in the back of the Western net. Play was called back, however, and Oola were awarded a penalty instead, which Joe Ryan netted. Patsy Ryan broke a hot St. Kieran's onslaught and Donal Bourke from an angle put Oola into a 3-4 to 0-2 lead for the interval break.

St. Kierans re-assured their supporters with a great point by Pa Leahy quickly after resuming, but as the Western boys continued to press it was evident that the Oola defence was in superb form and playing with great confidence. The holders were doing very well also at midfield and as time lengthened the Oola superiority grew. Actually they were kicking into the strong breeze equally as well as St. Kieran's were with its aid, and their passing movements and understanding of others play became very marked as the hour progressed.

Sean Fitzgibbon pointed a G.A.A.

minute, and then the western boys came briefly into the picture as Tommy Greaney sent over two points for them from successive frees. Any rising St. Kierans hopes were sharply quenched with the nicest score of the game—a Sean Holmes shot from near the touchline that registered a beauty point. St. Kieran's fought gallantly on—they tried hard but Oola were in rampant mood and richly deserved their 3-6 to 0-5 win, with Patsy Ryan carrying away county senior football cup honours for the second Sunday in a row.

This Oola team—the same as on the previous Sunday, was as well balanced a side as we have seen for a good bit and certainly it was their best display in premier ranks for many a day. They had pace and stamina, cleverness and a fine sense of position, and should be capable of tackling the best in the coming championship. For St. Kierans it was a disappointing day. They entered the fray with high hopes—started off in great steam—but once Oola swung into the lead they had nothing aggressive enough football wise to stem the tide.

Sean O'Connor as referee kept the sides well under control and ensured a good sturdy but wholly sporting encounter.

The teams lined out—

**Oola**—Timmy Ryan, Dick Quinlan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Johnny Ryan, Willie Byrnes, Patsy Ryan (capt.), Tom McGrath, Noel McGrath, Sean Fitzgibbon, Tommy Landers, Joe Ryan, Sean Holmes, Pa Joe Bourke, Davy Quirke, Donal Burke.

**St. Kierans**—Pat Nolan, Paddy D. Connors, Doney Enright, James Flynn, Stephen Murphy, Tom Larkin, John Windle, John Sheehy, Tadg Crowley, Chris Connors, Stephen Kenneally, John Keane, Tommy Greaney, Tommy Cregan, Pa Leahy. Subs., Paddy O'Sullivan, John Hartnett, Con Cremin.

The trophies were presented to the winning captain, Patsy Ryan, by Declan Moylan, treasurer Limerick County Board

**Oola**

19.6.76

The senior football team had a decisive win over Ballylanders in the final of the Galbally tournament. They have also defeated Arravale Rovers in the Lattin tournament and meet

July 1976

Oola had an eight point victory margin over defending champions, South Liberties, when they won the eastern senior football final by 1-13 to 1-5 at Caherconlish last Sunday. The final score flatters Oola as they were made fight very hard for their win and only got on top in the final quarter.

#### EARLY LEAD

Oola availed of the very strong breeze to build up an early lead. They scored six points without reply from South Liberties before the latter broke through for a vital goal. The Oola keeper, Tim Ryan, saved well but the ball ran loose and Tom Ryan was nearby to finish to the net. Before the South Liberties cheers had died down Oola broke through for a great goal. Most of the forwards had a hand in a good passing move and Sean Fitzgibbon applied the finishing touch. Goalkeeper, Terry Carey, made a great effort to save but he could only manage to deflect the ball and it spun into the net. Both sides had a brace of points before the interval to leave the half time score Oola 1-8, South Liberties 1-2.

#### MIDFIELD POINT

Pat Hartigan, who had a splendid game, gave Liberties a tonic start to the second half. He fielded the throw-in and from midfield launched a mighty kick which went straight between the posts for a great point. His team mates responded and the next quarter belonged to Liberties. At no stage did they allow the ball beyond midfield but they squandered some fine scoring chances. They reduced the Oola lead to three points with twelve minutes remaining, but Oola saw the danger and finally came to life. Tim Ryan brought off a great save from Denis O'Sullivan and this gave renewed inspiration to Oola.

#### PURPLE PATCH

They struck a purple patch to which Liberties had no answer and they sent the champions reeling with five first class points in the closing minutes. Oola were well in control when referee Pat Lane sounded the final whistle. The game was played in a very sporting manner and the man in the middle, Pat Lane, did a first class job.

Right half-back Willie Burns was Oola's man of the match and was best supported by Tim Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, Philly Ryan, Sean Holmes, Donal Bourke and Joe Ryan. Pat Hartigan's fielding was a joy to behold, with Walter Shanahan, Mike Grimes, Tom Toomey and Tom Ryan also prominent.

After the game, Mr. Eddie Wade, chairman, East Limerick G.A.A. Board, presented the cup to the winners' captain, Patsy Ryan.

**Oola:** Tim Ryan, Phil Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, John Ryan, Willie Burns, Patsy Ryan, Tim McGrath, Tom Landers, Sean Holmes, Donal Bourke, Joe Heuston, Davy Quirke, P. J. Ryan, Sean Fitzgibbon, Bob Bourke, Subs., Dick Quirke for John Ryan, Billy Ryan for Tim McGrath.

**South Liberties:** Terry Carey, Ben O'Riordan, Joe McKenna, Michael Marrinan, James Moynihan, Walter Shanahan, Mike Grimes, Pat Hartigan, Joe Grimes, Tom Toomey, Tom Ryan, Eamon McGinley, Joe Grimes, Denis O'Sullivan, Eamon

Donley Sub. Mike O'Brien for

## Eastern G.A.A. Rot

# Oola ser county

Oola gained compensation for some frustrating defeats in the past decade when defeating Claughnaun by 1-9 to 0-4 in the county league Division One final at Croom last Sunday. Oola had won many under age championships in recent years but the last major success the club had at senior level was in 1961 when winning the championship.

#### SEVEN POINTS LEAD

Oola played with the strong wind in the first half, and though not playing too impressively, they had worked their way to a 0-8 to 0-1 lead at half-time. Just before the interval they had strong claims for a penalty turned down.

#### LEAD REDUCED QUICKLY

Claughnaun looked as if they would quickly wipe away Oola's lead as they started with a bang in the second half. They scored three quick points but then Oola began to play with great spirit and determination.

Tom Fitzgibbon was in brilliant form at full back while captain, Patsy Ryan, began to dominate in the number six berth. Noel McGrath was majestic at midfield and his brilliant fielding was a joy to behold. He got great assistance from Sean Holmes, Joe Ryan and the Bourke brothers, P. J. and Donal, began to make lanes through Claughnaun's defences.

Oola broke through for a vital goal from Donal Bourke and this score put Oola on the road to victory. Claughnaun rallied but were out of luck when an Eamonn Cregan penalty came back off the crossbar. This was their final dangerous challenge and Oola were not troubled in the closing stages to gain a deserved victory.

Peter O'Dwyer, Eamonn Cregan, Tom Marsh, Conor Cregan and Dan Sheehan were most to the fore for Claughnaun.

**Oola**—Tim Ryan, Dick Quinlan, Tom Fitzgibbon, John Ryan, Willie Burns, Patsy Ryan, Tim McGrath, Noel McGrath, Sean Fitzgibbon, Tom Landers, Joe Ryan, Sean Holmes, Donal Bourke, David Quirke, P. J. Bourke.

**Claughnaun**—Eric Daly, Martin Griffin, Peter O'Dwyer, Billy Gorman, John O'Dwyer, Eamonn Cregan, Michael Naughton, Brendan Barry, Tom Marsh, Tony Kennedy, George McGrath, Denis Keane, Liam O'Brien, Conor Cregan, Dan Sheehan. Ref.: Brendan Cross (St. Patrick's).

#### OTHER RESULTS

Though not considered to be the strongest football division in the county, the East now has a great chance of scoring a double in the 1974-75 county leagues. Oola have won the first leg, while South Liberties went a step nearer to a victory in Division Two by beating Ballylanders last Sunday. They will meet Kilmallock in the final at a later date.

Fedamore had no luck in their hurling league final and they lost to Croom at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick.

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## Oola

Oola regained the Eastern Senior Football Championship with a 1-13 to 1-5 win over South Liberties at Caherconlish on Sunday. The team was: Tim Ryan, Philip Ryan, Tom Fitzgibbon, John Ryan, William Burns, Patsy Ryan (capt.), Tim McGrath, Bob Heuston, David Quirke, Patrick J. Bourke. Subs.: Dick Quillinan, William Ryan.

#### OUTING

Many outings

## Oola

Oola defeated the more fancied Galtee Rovers in the final of the 7-a-side tournament at the Festival of Tipperary on Friday last.

The monthly meeting of the club will be held on this Friday at 9 p.m.

## Oola

#### SCOR '76

Oola will contest the eastern final of the ballad group competition at the Oyster Ballroom on next Monday, February 16th. The members of the group are James Mansfield, Sean Holmes and Robert Quirke.

#### DAY OF REPARATION

Sunday, February 8th was

## Pallasgreen

### A.G.M.

At the recent A.G.M. of Pallasgreen G.A.A. Club the following officers were elected for 1976: president, V. Rev. Canon Lee, P.P.; chairman, Rev. Fr. Keogh, C.C.; vice-chairmen, William O'Dwyer and James Carr; secretary, Tom Ryan; treasurer, P. J. Ryan; asst. sec., Maurice O'Brien; registrar, James Mulcahy.

The following committee were elected: Mike O'Grady, M. Hennessy, Ed Breen, M. Ryan, Joe Franklin, Tony Greene, Donal Burke, M. Ryan, B. McNamara.

The selection committee elected were: Joe Franklin, Jimmy Carr, M. Ryan, Ed Breen and Michael Hennessy.

P.R.O., Tony Greene.

6/3/76

# Unfancied Oola hand St. Kieran's a shock

OOLA ..... 3-6  
ST. KIERANS ..... 0-5  
FANCIED St. Kierans received a real shock in the final of Division A of the County Senior football league, when they were whipped by a lively and enterprising Oola fifteen.

St. Kierans looked good in the opening minutes and had points playing against a strong breeze. But it was the

fitter Oola side who made all the running after the end of the first quarter and a great goal by David Quirke sent their hopes soaring. Oola really took over at this stage and at the interval they led

3-4 to 0-2.

St. Kierans improved a little in the second half, but not enough to overtake the brilliant East Limerick team.

Oola commence their championship programme on

## Mac Lear's GAA ROUND-UP

17.4.76

April 25 and the defending champions South Liberties will have to be at their best if they are to retain the title.

Oola: T. Ryan, D. Quinlan, T. Fitzgibbon, J. Ryan, W. Byrnes, P. Ryan, T. McGrath, N. McGrath, S. Fitzgibbon, T. Landers, J. Ryan, S. Holmes, P.J. Bourke, D. Quirke, D. Bourke.

St. Kierans: P. Nolan, P. O'Connors, D. Enright, J. Flynn, S. Murphy, T. Larkin, J. Windle, J. Sheehy, T. Crowley, C. Connors, S. Kennedy, J. Keane, T. Greaney, T. Cregan, P. Leahy. Referee: S. O'Connor.

## Limerick G.A.A.:

May 1976

## Pallas overcome Doon in extra time

**BECAUSE OF** a ban on all players engaged in next Sunday's Munster championship games at Thurles from playing any local games a week before, the programme was a restricted one.

The most important fixture was at Caherconlish, where Pallas came from behind to snatch a draw with Doon in the second replay of the East SHC, losers' ground final.

In extra time they took over and fully deserved their win. Early in the game a player from each side was sidelined and this was the only incident of note in a very sporting encounter.

Sean McLoughlin goalied for Doon in the first minute, Brian Butler added another almost immediately, and at this early stage it looked as if Doon would win in a canter.

Pallas pegged away and at the interval they trailed 3-6 to 1-6. They came very much into the picture in the second half and should have it wrapped up well before the end of ordinary time.

John Quane, Dermot O'Dwyer, Paddy Hayes and Billy Hayes missed points from close in, but were happy to be still there after sixty minutes of enjoyable hurling.

Paddy Hayes was outstanding at midfield for Pallas, Connie O'Dwyer at full back had a great game and others to star in the Pallas colours were Jack O'Dwyer, Billy Hayes, Willie Shanahan and Brendan Carr.

Patsy Ryan at centre half back was the Doon man of the match and he received good support from John Quinlan, Donie Anderson, Roger Ryan, Willie Reale and Fintan Ryan.

Pallas now meet Ahane in the divisional semi final, with the winners going forward to oppose South Liberties in the decider and a place in the

## SCOR NA nOG

There was a good attendance at the local Scor na nOg talent competitions. The winners were: Pat Ryan, Moanoola; John Stokes, Cullen Road; Gerry Ryan, Glebe; Martin Landers, Glebe (question time); Tina Ryan, Newtown (solo song and recitation); the Kiely family, Oola (figure dancing).

The adjudicator was Pádraig O Doherty, Tipperary.

## OBITUARY

The death took place at St

## SPORTSFIELD

The new sportsfield in Pallasgreen will be opened on this Sunday evening with a senior hurling game between Limerick and Tipperary. A magnificent has been presented to the committee by Mr. David Cahill, Dromlara, Pallasgreen. Mr. Cahill had the trophies flown in from the United States. The goal posts and nets were presented by local businessman, Mr. Sean Bane.

The game will start at 7.30 p.m. sharp, with Mr. J. Woods, Clare, as referee.

Murroe

22/5/76

30/6/76

# The sad state of football

The Pallas v. Doon senior hurling tie could well be compared with the marathon event in the coming Olympic Games. The sides were again level at the end of the second replay, and it took extra time to prove that Pallas were the superior side. They were the fitter side and lasted the pace better to win 4-18 to 4-9. To decide this tie, the teams played a total of three and a half hours.

## EARLY GOALS

John McLoughlin had two goals for Doon in the opening minutes. It looked easy for Doon and they soon cruised to a 3-6 to 0-4 lead. Pallas recovered somewhat and had reduced the leeway to two goals at the interval.

## PALLAS PRESSURE

Doon could only manage to add three points in the second half and Pallas put on the pressure and had drawn level with six minutes to go. They should have added further scores but hasty shooting led to missed chances in the closing minutes.

It was one-way traffic in the extra time, and Pallas fully deserved their nine-point winning margin. The game was again played in a sporting manner, apart from one incident in the first half, which resulted in a player from each side receiving marching orders.

## OUTSTANDING

Con, Jack and Dermot O'Dwyer, Paddy, Mike and Martin Hayes were outstanding for Pallas. Man of the match for Doon was Patsy Ryan, and he was best supported by Jim Ryan, John Quinlan, Sean Danagher and Roger Ryan.

Pallas—Willie Shanahan, Mike O'Donoghue, Con O'Dwyer, Mike Hayes, Dick Brennan, Jack Hayes, Mick O'Dwyer, John O'Dwyer, Paddy Hayes, Billy O'Dwyer, Tom Cosgrave, Dermot Quane, Brendan Carr, Martin Hayes, John Ryan.

Doon—Willie Reale, Patrick Whelan, Jim Ryan, Pat Ryan, Ger McNamara, Patsy Ryan, Sean Danagher, John Quinlan, Donal Anderson, Fintan Ryan, Roger Ryan, Paddy Anderson, John McLoughlin, Brian Butler and John Cummins.

Ref.: George Ryan (Lattin).

## OTHER ITEMS

Oola advanced to meet Ahane in the minor football decider as a result of receiving a walk-over from Knockane. The latter were due to meet Oola in the semi-final at Pallas on last Friday evening but failed to put in an appearance and Oola were awarded the game.

The next meeting of the Eastern Board will be held at Caherconlish on this Friday evening, July 19.

## EXCITING DRAW

Following a lukewarm first half, Doon and Pallas raised the tempo of their game when drawing 0-11 to 2-5 at Caherconlish last Sunday.

Doon went into a three-point lead with one point from John Quinlan and two from Roger Ryan. Brendan Carr then goaled from a semi-penalty for Pallas after John Quane had pointed. John Cummins quickly had the equaliser but Pallas were soon back in front when the lively and elusive John Quane soloed through to goal with a shot that deceived the Doon keeper, Willie Reale. John Quinlan and John Quane exchanged points but Martin Hayes had the last score of this half when pointing to increase the Pallas lead 2-3 to 0-5.

Doon had played with the wind advantage and their task looked a hopeless one.

## Doon Take Over:

It was all Doon after the restart and they quickly wiped out the Pallas lead when John Quinlan popped over three frees and John Cummins was on target from play.

Minor, James Mulcahy, restored the Pallas lead with a great point from the touch-line, but John Quinlan put his side back on level terms from a placed ball. Roger Ryan then made a typical break through for a point but Brendan Carr gave Pallas the chance of a replay when equalising from a free.

Referee George Ryan sent one Pallas player to the line at the start of the final quarter.

## On The Ball:

He was at all times well up with the play and it was a pleasure to watch this young referee who has inter-county experience, in action.

Mike Hayes, Dick Brennan, Jack O'Dwyer, John Quane, Dermot O'Dwyer and Martin Hayes shone for Pallas.

Willie Reale, who kept Doon in the game with two fantastical saves in quick succession, Patsy Ryan, Paddy and Donal Anderson, Brian Butler, John Quinlan, Roger Ryan and John Cummins were in great form for Doon.

Pallas—Willie Shanahan, Mike Hayes, Con O'Dwyer, Dick Brennan, Mike O'Donoghue, Jack O'Dwyer, Tom Cosgrave, Dermot O'Dwyer, John Quane, Mike O'Dwyer, James Mulcahy, John Ryan, Martin Hayes, Brendan Carr.

Doon—Willie Reale, Pat Whelan, Patsy Ryan, Pat Ryan, John Quinlan, Paddy Anderson, Sean Danagher, Donie Anderson, Roger Ryan, Brian Butler, John Cummins, George Lonergan, Tom Howard, John McLoughlin, Jim Quinlan. Sub., Pat Lonergan for Jim Quinlan.

## FOURTH DRAW

Pallas will soon be known as the draw experts. They performed another 'Houdini' act when coming from an impossible position to escape defeat at the hands of Ahane in the senior hurling semi-final at the same venue. The final score was 4-8 each.

## 13-POINT LEAD

This game was a story of two halves. The strong wind dictated the terms and Ahane took advantage in the first half. They were very much in control and crashed home four goals, the scorers being Ger Ryan, Jimmy Cahill, Bernard Berkery and Murt Ahearne. They added seven points, the chief contributor being Sean Og Herbert. Pallas kept in touch with a Martin Hayes goal and three points from midfield man, Paddy Hayes. They enjoyed a 13-point lead at the interval, 4-7 to 1-3, but as it transpired later this was a 'lucky number' for Pallas.

## LITTLE IMPRESSION

It was expected that Pallas would take complete control after the restart, but such was not the case. Ahane continued to do most of the hurling, but did not add to their total. Pallas broke through for a Martin Hayes goal and added three points and had got themselves within striking distance when trailing by seven points at the threequarter stage.

Ahane replaced Pat Ahearne who seemed to me to be doing quite well, and Pallas strengthened their grip. They finally cut the lead to a goal and, amid great excitement, Paddy Hayes got the equaliser in the closing seconds.

Donal Coffey, Mike Fitzgibbon, Tony Bradley, Billy Connolly, Murt Ahearne, Bernard Berkery, Sean Og Herbert and Jimmy Cahill were to the fore for Ahane. Pallas were best served by Jack O'Dwyer, Paddy Hayes, John Quane, Billy and Martin Hayes. Full marks to Pallas for coming from an impossible position. They kept plugging away when most sides would have thrown in the sponge.

## OVER ROBUST

The game was very exciting, but there were definitely an excess of over robust tackles, plus a few incidents between rival supporters on the far side.

The replay is scheduled for Caherconlish on Sunday next.

Pallas—Willie Shanahan, Tom Hayes, Con O'Dwyer, Pat O'Dwyer, Mike O'Donoghue, Jack O'Dwyer, Tom Cosgrave, Paddy Hayes, Dermot O'Dwyer, John Quane, Mike O'Dwyer, James Mulcahy, Brendan Carr, Martin Hayes, Billy Hayes. Subs.: John Ryan for Brendan Carr; Mike McCarthy for Mike O'Dwyer.

Ahane—Paul Kennedy, Teddy Ryan, Donal Coffey, Pat Kelly, Kieran Herbert, Mike Fitzgibbon, Sean Kelly, Tony Bradley, Billy Connolly, Bernard Berkery, Matt Ahearne, Pat Ahearne, Sean Og Herbert, Jimmy Cahill, Ger Ryan. Subs.: Tom Lawlor for Pat Ahearne; Francis Berkery for Ger Ryan.

## Oola

March 77

At the recent AGM the Oola minor football club elected the following officials: Chairman, Pat Heuston, Moonoola; hon. sec., John Stokes, Boherdotia; asst. sec., John Ryan, Newtown; treas., Sean Ryan, Moonoola; selectors, William Burns, Oola, Patrick Ryan, Moonoola; Robert Heuston, Moonoola.

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## SENIOR FOOTBALL

Ahane stayed with Oola for the first half and but for some poor shooting may have led by more than 0-7 to 1-3 at the interval. Oola dominated the second half to such an extent that

they added 2-4 with Ahane only scoring a point. Joe Ryan was on target from the penalty spot and when Patsy Ryan added another goal the title holders were on the road to victory.

Dick Quinlan, John Ryan, Tom Landers and Joe Ryan were prominent for Oola. Ahane were best served by Mike Fitzgibbon, Pat Herbert, Robert Roche, Paddy Mescall, Billy Connolly and Bernard Berkery.

Oola—John Ryan, Philip Ryan, Dick Quinlan, Jim Guerin, John Ryan, Willie Burns, Tim McGrath, Tom Landers, Billy Godfrey, Joe Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Sean Fitzgibbon, Sean Holmes, Davy Quirke, Billy Ryan.

Ahane—Seamus Ryan, Tom Carrig, John Byrnes, Michael Fitzgibbon, Sean Kelly, Pat Herbert, Kieran Herbert, Paddy Mescall, Robert Roche, Tom Lawlor, Billy Connolly, Tony Bradley, Bernard Berkery, Pat Ahearne, Murty Joe Ahearne. Sub., Brendan Jones for Michael Fitzgibbon.

EASTERN GAA:

# Wins for Oola and Ahane

Oola advanced to the eastern senior football final when defeating South Liberties by 0-6 to 0-1 in Caherconlish last Sunday. At the same venue, Ahane comfortably defeated Pallas by 0-13 to 0-3 in the senior hurling championship, and will next meet Liberties in the semi-final.

## STRONG DEFENCES

Both sets of defences held the upper hand in the first half of the football game. Conditions did not favour high scoring, but it was still a poor reflection on both sets of forwards that the interval score was: Oola, 0-2; South Liberties, 0-1.

## OOLA ON TOP

Oola improved somewhat after the interval and managed to get through for a few further points. Though South Liberties still managed to win a fair amount of ball, they could never break down a resolute Oola defence. Phil Ryan, Dick Quinlan and Tom Fitzgibbon starred in front of 'keeper John Ryan, who dealt capably with everything that came his way.

Other players prominent for Oola were Willie Burns, Dan Fitzgerald, Tom Landers and P. J. Bourke.

Joe McKenna, Eamon Grimes, Walter Shanahan, Tom Toomey, James Moynihan, Eamonn McGinley and Eamonn Dooley played best for Liberties.

Both sides were short a number of regulars, but Liberties probably suffered most in this regard. Liberties will now meet Ahane, with the winners playing Oola in the final.

**Oola:** John Ryan, Phil Ryan, Dick Quinlan, Tom Fitzgibbon; Sean Fitzgibbon, Willie Burns, Tim McGrath, Dan Fitzgerald, John Ryan, Billy Ryan, Tom Landers, Willie Godfrey, Bob Houston, David Quirke, P. J. Bourke.

**South Liberties:** Mick London, Mike O'Brien, Joe McKenna, Tom Toomey, Eamonn Grimes, Walter Shanahan, Mike Grimes, Joe Lyons, Eamonn McGinley, Michael Butler, Joe Grimes, James Moynihan, Eamonn Dooley, Ben O'Riordan, Seamus Butler. Subs.: Larry Grimes for Mike Butler, Mike Butler for Seamus Butler.

Ref.: Pat Hourigan (Caherline).

## SECOND GAME

In the second game, Oola scored their goal early in the second quarter and they continued to have the upper hand to half time when they led by 1-5 to 0-3.

Father Casey's were on top early in the second half and sent over three points to come within two points of the winners. Oola replied with a point and from then to the end, despite strong opposition from Father's, kept their grip on the game to deserve their four points win.

Scorers: Oola: P. Hueston (1-1), J. Ryan (0-4), T. Landers, P. Ryan and J. Landers (0-1 each).

Father Casey's: D. P. Ahern (0-3), G. Moloney, G. Browne, D. Keating and P. O'Callaghan (0-1 each).

Referee: Mr. P. Byrnes, South Liberties.

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

Oola defeated a depleted Ahane side by 3-12 to 0-7 in the semi-final of the senior football championship. They included about half of their junior squad and were no match for the defending champions.

Though Oola won easily they will have to play much better if they hope to retain the title. Their goal scorers were Sean Fitzgibbon, Tom Landers and Dick Quinlan, while Phil Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Dan Fitzgerald and Noel McGrath were also prominent. The only Ahane players to show promise were Tom Lawlor, Murt Ahearne, Tony Bradley, Paddy and Eamonn Mescall.

**Oola:** John Ryan, Phil Ryan, Patsy Ryan, Tim McGrath, John Ryan, Dick Quinlan, Willie Burns, Dan Fitzgerald, Noel McGrath, Sean Holmes, Joe Ryan, Sean Fitzgibbon, Tom Landers, Billy Ryan, Davy Quirke.

**Ahane:** Tom Hassett, Dan Mescall, Seamus Ryan, Brendan Jones, Tom Lawlor, Paddy Mescall, Mike Hickey, Murt Ahearne, Eamonn Mescall, Vincent Callinan, Tony Bradley, Dermot Power, Brendan Collins, Pat Ahearne, P. J. O'Connor.

Ref.: J. Byrnes (Ballyneety).

## FOOTBALL FINAL

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This was a very closely contested game, with Murroe-Boher territorially on top in the first half. They were also playing with the wind, but lost many scores. They should have sewn up the result by the interval, but only led by a point to nothing.

They increased this to three points after the re-start, but then Oola struck a purple patch. They took over for ten minutes and scored five points without reply from their stunned rivals.

Murroe-Boher launched an all-out drive in the final minutes and one of their forwards was brought down just outside the area. A goal was needed from the free, but it was blocked down a packed Oola defence and the final whistle sounded.

Three John Ryans (no relations) figured prominently for Oola, as did Martin Landers, Tony Cummins, J. J. Thompson, Martin Hayes, P. J. Richardson, Gerard McGrath and substitute, Joe Lynch. Murroe-Boher were best served by Timmy Ryan, Pat McNamara, Jimmy Hayes, John Tuohy, Tony Mackey, Pat Clohessy, John Cooke and Timmy Landers.

**Ools:** Sean Maher, Michael Keogh, John Ryan, Pat Ryan, Richard Quigley, John Ryan, Martin Landers, Michael Ryan, Tony Cummins, J. J. Thompson, Martin Hayes, P. J. Richardson, Gerard McGrath, John Ryan, Jimmy Mulcahy. Sub.: Joe Lynch.

**Murroe-Boher:** Mike Cunningham, Eamonn Power, Timmy Ryan, Vincent Cusack, Paul Byrnes, Pat McNamara, Willie Keyes, Jimmy Hayes, John Tuohy, John Cooke, Pat Clohessy, Tony Mackey, J. J. Boyle, Timmy Landers, Willie Hanley.



Oola, who lost to South Liberties in the East under 14 F.C. final.