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GREAT SUCCESS

SPORTS FIXTURE AT BALLYLANDERS

Ballylanders sports meeting, held on Tuesday last, was a pronounced success. Its a few years ago since an athletic meeting, under the rules, was held. The track, competently laid out by Con Kiely, veteran Gael and sportsman, was in grand order and the judges had a very difficult task in naming the winners, as all the competitions were ably contested and close tape finishes was the order of the day. Every event had a full quota of competitors, some travelling long distances to compete. The prizes displayed in Crowley's windows were a splendid collection and the winners of the different events were very well pleased. It was very generous of the various firms and private people to donate such a splendid assortment, and Rev. Father Morris, C.C., president of the sports committee, and Spiritual Director of the Catholic Young Men's Society, who sponsored the athletic meeting, wish to thank most sincerely all who contributed, financially and otherwise, to make the sports meeting a success. W. A. Walsh, M.I.A.A., lent every aid towards the good cause, and the committee of the church repair fund appreciate his generous gesture. The stewarding was superb and large contingents came from the local areas. The Liam Lynch Memorial Pipe Band lent enchantment to the scene and played very national and appropriate music.

The Coursing Club gave every aid possible, and their good work is also appreciated. The large crowd who attended were well pleased with the day's enjoyment, and it's a foregone conclusion that this meeting will be an annual enterprise. The Committee wish to thank Mr. Maher, hon. secretary, Limerick County Board, who gave every assistance to promote the interests of the meeting.

The Social Club held a very successful cinderella dance in Walsh's Hall on the night of the sports, and Miss Steepe and her dance band are to be congratulated on their magnificent performance. The very large attendance enjoyed the function.

RESULTS.

Boys' under 14—1, D. Buckley; 2, P. Neville.

100 yards confined—1, John Davin, 2, Tom Walsh.

100 yards (open)—1, P. O'Brien; 2, D. Houlihan.

Girls under 14—1, A. Kiely; 2, A. English.

1 mile cycle—1, T. O'Dwyer; 2, W. Mulcahy.

Half-mile (open)—1, D. Brown; 2, T. Naughton.

Girls race (80 yards)—1, K. Kirby; 2, P. Ryan.

220 yards (open)—1, D. O'Brien; 2, M. Mullins.

3 miles cycle—1, J. Mortell; 2, T. O'Dwyer.

220 yards (confined)—1, J. Walsh; 2, P. Walsh.

440 yards (open)—1, P. Houlihan; 2, M. Lyons.

Sack race—1, M. McNamara; 2, J. Walsh.

1 mile flat—1, J. Hickey; 2, T. Naughton.

5 miles cycle—1, J. Mortell; 2, T. O'Dwyer.

High jump—1, M. Lyons; 2, T. McCann.

Long jump—1, M. Lyons; 2, P. Mullins.

Hop, Step and Jump—1, J. McCann; 2, J. Gleeson.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

On Sunday next, at Ballingarry, the thrice postponed junior football tie between Ballyagran and Dromcollogher is down for decision. Though the locals are more or less an unknown quantity, they have strung a useful side together and are hopeful of advancing to the closing round.

PROMOTION OF TEACHER

Congratulations are extended to Miss K. O'Connell on her promotion to Milford National School as teacher (writes our Kilmeedy correspondent). During her term of four years teaching at Kilmeedy she endeared herself to all, and regarded as her primary duty to instil into the youthful minds of the children the fundamental principles of their holy religion they first learned at their mother's knee. All join in wishing this highly talented young lady many years of health and happiness in her very important calling.

Treacy family, Stokesfield; Ryan family, Caher; Harry Knight, Dublin; F. McCarthy, Dromcollogher; Michael and Nellie Lynch, Ballybunion; J. Walsh, Listowel; Mary Perryman, Ballybunion; Bridget Boyce, Surrey; Brian Geary, Kilmeedy; Michael Clifford, Multycarishm; Helen and Michael Murtagh, Cloyne; Phil and Teresa Sheehy, Dublin; Patrick Conway and Katie Casey, Glin; Ralph and John O'Dwyer, Limerick; Mr. Prendergast, Limerick; H. J. Lee, Dublin; Monica Clarke, Dublin; Lawrence Cusack, Dublin Dr. O'Connor and family, Kilmallock; O'Kane family, Cobh; Mrs. Deasy, Bandon; Mrs. B. Maloney, Abbeyfeale; Jim Keane, Dublin; Jim O'Dea, Limerick; Cecelia Murphy, Ballybunion; Dony Aherne, Croom County Hospital; John Mulcahy, Dublin; Kennedy's, Dublin; Madigan, Kilkee; Eleanor Murphy Dublin; Mr. Moloney, Dublin; May Hannan, Dublin; Michael Dalton, Dublin; Dr. Joe Crowley, Dublin; Tom Treacy, Limerick; Geary's, Limerick; Mick and Tilly Byrne, Ballybunion; Falvey's, Listowel; Annie O'Connor, Kilrush; O'Leary family, Kilkee; Tom O'Dea, Dublin; O'Sullivan, chemist, Ahascragh; Mr. and Mrs. Guerin, Corgrig, Foynes; Mr. Downing, Limerick; Maurice and Joe Prenderville, Castleisland; Con and Katty Flynn, Newmarket.

Letter:—Eileen and Paddy Hall, Cobh Dolly Woulfe, The Glen, Abbeyfeale; Mrs. Colgan, Rathmines Road, Dublin; Sr. M. Xaverius, St. Catherine's Convent, Newcastle West; Ita O'Shaughnessy, Bridge St.; Mrs. Spiller, Bridge St., Newcastle West; Michael and H. Guerin, Corgrig, Foynes; Wm. L. Dunne, Charleville; Margaret Leahy, Terenure, Dublin; Martin J. Flavin, Athboy; Nurse Mollie Culhane, Richmond Hospital, Dublin; Nora K. O'Keeffe, Bank House, Charleville; W. H. O'Donnell, O'Connell Street, Limerick; C. Hayes, Dalkey; L. Scanlan, Coolygorman; Billy Hobbs, Cork; T. P. Murray, Dublin; Thomas Keyes, Limerick; Sister M. Helen, Convent of Mercy, Newcastle West; Mary Hayes (Moloney), Meanus, Kilmallock; Very Rev. R. A. Harnett, C.S.Sp., Rathmines Road, Dublin; Rose and Michael Ryan, Bank House, Cahir; Desmond Dwyer, Cork; M. O'Neill, Cork; Julia M. Lane, N.T., Shanagolden; D. J. Hennessy, College Road, Cork; Thomas Bridgeman, Ardagh; May Brosnan, Ballybunion; Nora Treacy, Stokesfield; Bridget Boyce, Surrey; Peggy Callanan, Munster and Leinster Bank, Dublin; Margaret O'Kane, Cobh; Jenny and Josie Culhane, Bishop Street; Dr. Joe Crowley, Mater Hospital, Dublin; Emily Madigan, Ballybunion; E. Holliday, Limerick; Tim Hennessy; Passage West; F. J. Geary, Limerick Mary Nash, Monlena; Margaret McDonnell, Shanagolden; Denis A. O'Dwyer, Caherciveen; Mr. and Mrs. D. Mullane, Ballagh; Mrs. Lavan, Galway; Rev. P. Coffey, S.J., Mungret College; Wm. S. Harrington, Cork; Marjory Kennedy, Kildimo; Phil Gallagher, Mountrath; Mr. Patterson, Limerick; T. J. Loughrey, Limerick; Sheila Cronin, Cork; Joseph Healy, Ballykelly, N.T.; May Banningan, Clonakilty; Ted Cronin, New Brunswick; Sr. M. Isidore, St. Mary's, Limerick.

Wreaths were sent by the family and Patrick Leonard, B. Agr. Sc., and Mrs. Leonard.

OBITUARY

MR. MICHAEL A. CRONIN, NEWCASTLE WEST.

The death occurred on Sunday, 13th June, of Mr. Michael Anthony Cronin, eldest and dearly beloved son of Mr. T. J. and Mrs. Cronin, Agricultural House, The Square, Newcastle West, after a prolonged illness. Deceased, who was aged only 29 years, was possessed of a most charming and loveable personality, and his many fine qualities endeared him to a wide and ever increasing circle of friends and acquaintances. Deceased was attached for a long number of years to the extensive business carried on by his father, and in which he displayed outstanding ability. Although not altogether unexpected, his passing in the prime of young life and manhood evoked widespread and sincere regret, and deep sympathy will be extended to the sorrowing parents, brothers, sister, and other relatives on the loss of a loving and devoted son. The funeral, which took place from Newcastle West Parish Church to Churchtown Cemetery, on Monday, 14th inst., was of remarkably large proportions, and was representative of all sections of private, professional and business interests.

Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G., officiated at the graveside, assisted by Very Rev. C. O'Sullivan, P.P., Killeedy; Rev. M. Quinn, P.P., Templeglantine; Rev. M. O'Grady, P.P., Fedamore; Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., N.C. West; Rev. M. Kennedy, C.C.; Rev. W. Cremin, S.C.; Rev. Fr. Gilbourne, Ballyguileen.

The chief mourners included: Mr. and Mrs. Cronin (parents); Helen Cronin (sister); Jack and Nial Cronin (brothers); Michael Woulfe, Patrick and Tom Cronin (uncles); Mrs. B. Cronin, Cecelia Cronin (aunts); Patricia, Richard, Eileen, Angela, Tommy and John Cronin; Michael P. Woulfe, Cratloe West; Mary Woulfe, do.; John Woulfe, Killeanymore; Maurice Woulfe, solr., Abbeyfeale; Dolly Woulfe, The Glen; Lt.-Comdr. T. J. Wren, Chicago; John J. P. Woulfe, The Glen; Gore family, Tullylease, etc. (relatives).

Mass Cards:—Dad and Mam; Helen, Jack, Ted and Neil; Uncle Michael; Uncle Pat, Aunt Bridie and Patricia; Auntie Nana, Cobh; Uncle Tom, Aunt Cecilia and Cousins Richard, Eileen, Angela and Tommy; Uncle Con, New York; Michael P. Woulfe, Cratloe; Peg Bennett, The Square; Patie O'Connor, Newcastle West; John and Lena Barrett, Church Street; John O'Connor and family, Newcastle West; Jones family, Churchtown; John J. Carroll, The Square, Listowel; Denis Healy, Newcastle West; Paddy Mullins, Newcastle West; Paddy Buckley and family, Newcastle West; Sean Kennedy, Bishop Street, Newcastle West; Madge and James Cribbin, Shanagolden; Mrs. Lee, Shanagolden; Mrs. Lee, Rooska; The Committee and members, Newcastle West Golf Club; Dan and Mrs. Mulcahy, Bishop Street, Newcastle West; Pat and Biddy Leonard, South Quay; Maureen and Michael Madigan, Newcastle West; Matthew Graham, Limerick; Margaret Woulfe, Ashgrove; Lyons family, Bridge St., Newcastle West; Colette Roche, Newcastle West; Thos. and Mrs. Roche, Sfuare House; Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, Cullinagh, Newcastle West; Cregan family, Ballyshane, Newcastle West; Mary and Jim Phelan, Bishop St., Newcastle West; Richard Leonard and family, Bridge St., Newcastle West; Brennan family, Kilmeedy; O'Donnell family, Kilrodane; Leahy family, Churchtown Road, Newcastle West; Browne family, Moanruebeg, Newcastle West; O'Neill family, Maiden St., Newcastle West; Legion of Mary, Newcastle West; Denis and Anne McAuliffe, Boherbuoy, Newcastle West; Buntie Hannan, Knockaderry, Newcastle West; Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Regan and family, Munster and Leinster Bank, Newcastle West; Dick and Lauretta Nash, Church St., Newcastle West; Joe Crowley, Dublin; Eugene and Catherine Scanlan, The Square, Newcastle West; Billy and Kitty O'Connor, Market View, Newcastle West; Eddie Cussen, Church St., Newcastle West; Kathleen and John Treacy; Mai Fitzgibbon, Bishop St., Newcastle West; Barry and Kitty McEnery, Home View, Newcastle West; Mullane family, Killoughteen; Garda John and Mary Purcell, Bishop St., Newcastle West; David and May Nash, Rathanean; William O'Connor, Church St.; Nurse Bridie Ward, County Home; Anglim family, Killeedy; Kit and Mary Burke, Chapel St.; Curtin family, The Square; Pat and Han McAuliffe, Boherbuoy; Connie Moore, Knockane; O'Gorman family, Maiden St.; Patrick Raleigh, Castlemahon; Forde family, The Square; Mr. and Mrs. Donal Ahern, Newcastle West; Kennedy family, Bishop St.; Joe Geary, Limerick; Edmond and Mrs. Egan, Central Hotel; Madge and Tom Kennedy, Corbally, Shanagolden; O'Dwyer family, Provincial Bank, Newcastle West; Dooley family, Bishop St.; Joseph O'Shea, N.T., Newcastle West; Cremin family, Maiden St.; Michael Dunne and family, St. Ita's Terrace; Paddy and Sybil O'Mahony, Bishop St.; C. J. Cremin, M.R.C.V.S., Newcastle West; Frank Geary, Limerick; John Joe Walsh, Knockane; Michael Leonard, Ringwood; Mrs. M. Scanlan, Bishop St.; Annie and Mary O'Connor, Market View; Michael and Mrs. Ambrose, Newcastle West; Mrs. S. Ambrose and family, The Square; Peggie O'Connell, Maiden St.; Jack and Dell O'Donoghue, Bridge St.; Denis A. O'Dwyer, Caherciveen; Mr. and Mrs. P. Ahern, Templeglantine; Mai Dalton, Ashgrove; Jim and Mary Fulham, Ardagh Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anglim, Ballykenny; James and Bridie O'Leary, Bishop St.; Pat and Chris O'Riordan, Chapel St.; Bill and Maureen Raleigh, The Square; Michael O'Halloran and family, South Quay; Miss B. McDonagh, Church Street; Michael F. Dunne, Charleville; Scanlan family, Coolygorman; Mrs. Nolan and family, Cappa, Foynes; Sheila and cousins; John Cronin, Athlone.

Telegrams:—Ted Cronin (brother), Quebec, Canada; Mrs. Halpin, Greystones, Dublin; Aunt Nan, Cobh; Aunt Sheila, Cork; Tommy Cronin (cousin), Ennis; Mr. Twomey, Cork; Cecelia O'Kane, Ballyshannon; Frank and Mrs. Bird, Waterford; Mr. O'Donovan, Cork; Rev. Father Michael Browne, Lisdoonvarna; Seamus O'Kane, Ballyshannon; Mr. Noonan, Cork; Maureen Mulvihille, Ballybunion; Bennett family, Dromcollogher; Denis O'Dwyer, Caherciveen; Michael Curtin, Tournafulla; Diggins family, Ballybunion; Alice Nolan, Dublin; Mrs. Quaid, Ardvuleen, Kilmallock; J. D. and Mrs. Harnett, Abbeyfeale; Owen and Mary O'Brien, Athea;

(Continued on preceding Column).

OUR NATIONAL PASTIMES

How Limerick Played In Cork

POINTERS FOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

A Game That Did Not Flatter

(BY "CRAOBH RUADH")

Limerick defeated Tipperary at the Cork Athletic Grounds on Sunday evening and thus overcame the first obstacle on the road to championship honours. Strangely enough, however, title prospects have not been enhanced by the victory, but rather the reverse, and at this stage it is obvious that there will have to be wholesale improvement in the side if they are to get any further.

Limerick Flattered and Then Flopped.

The game was, taken all round, a disappointing one, a perplexing, puzzling contest to a great extent, for never did a team flatter so much and then flop so badly as did Limerick on Sunday evening, and what was true of Limerick could equally be applied to Tipperary. For thirty minutes visions of All-Ireland honours had come very close to Shannonside supporters, as they saw their representatives out-hurl and out-play Tipperary at every point. Forwards never put a foot wrong and it appeared as if all problems in this department were righted at last. Then came the second half and as the minutes sped weakness after weakness became apparent, so that for a finish hardly more than two or three of the fifteen remained who had not tarnished their reputations.

Defences Were Weak.

To what extent did the weather influence the play? Had Tipperary started with the wind, would there have been a different ending? What would have happened had not Limerick set up such a commanding lead by the interval? All these questions arise as a result of this extraordinary clash. There can be no doubt about it that the wind played a big part, but the high scoring cannot be attributed to this factor alone, for if one thing above another manifested itself on Sunday evening, it was the extremely poor standard of defensive play. Tipperary's back line, especially the full backs, were non-existent in the first half, and every Limerick ball that dropped inside the "21" eventually found its way to the net. There was nothing artistic, nothing stylish about these scores, nor about the manner in which they were achieved, but after all results were all that counted and that green flag waving on seven successive occasions was a pleasing sight. Had Tipperary one good defender in this line he might have saved enough to give them a fighting chance at the interval. Jimmie Maher had about the worst game of his career. I don't think he got his hurley to the ball more than a couple of times in the hour.

17 Points Lead Pointed to a Repeat Victory.

With seventeen points of a lead, the stage was set for a repetition of the 1947 runaway victory, or so it seemed. Yet in the first half signs were not wanting that this Limerick defence was not as solid as expected. The Tipperary forwards in the first half didn't get a lot of the ball, but every sally into Limerick territory was dangerous, and forwards who did succeed in scoring two goals and as many points against the wind could not be dismissed lightly. Still, withal, seventeen points was a tremendous lead. The game was not long re-started, however, when the worst fears of a shaky Limerick defence materialised and before the final quarter was reached it was a case of whether the long blast would save Limerick or otherwise. Tipperary got the time and chances to get on terms but they were tired by the struggle to get within striking distance and never put real heart in their play. The Tipperary effort has been praised as an exhilirating, desperate one; it was never this. True, they hurled hard and all honour to them for the manner in which they brought down a seventeen point lead to six, but they seemed to take it for granted that they had no hope of winning outright and even their best endeavours never savoured as those of a team who recognised they had a fighting chance.

Where Limerick Failed.

Where did Limerick fail? At every point almost at different periods. Paddy Collopy (in goal) has met with some criticism for letting in six goals, but it must be remembered that four of these came as a result of long distance frees and 70's, and that besides having to cope with the opposing forwards, he was hampered by his own defence, who fell back right into the goalmouth. Collopy's display in the second half was great, and time and again he stood between Limerick and defeat. When the position was at its worst, only three players in this sector were still standing for Limerick—Sean Herbert, who called on an amazing reserve of energy in the last quarter; Jim Sadlier, who fought a tremendous battle all through, and Collopy between the sticks. Our full-back line on Sunday were generally at sixes and sevens, and on the whole their play left much to be desired. Thomas O'Brien was not up to his usual standard at any stage.

What of the mid-field sector, where we expected to have a decided pull and never did? We were there in patches as Fitzgerald and Ryan shone out in turn, but honours for the best individual performance in this sector must go to veteran Tom Wall, who played a hero's part in the Tipperary resurgence. He got good support from his partner, Mick Ryan.

Mulcahy, John Mackey and Derry McCarthy I write down, without hesitation, as the best of the Limerick attack. I thought Stokes was never in it, even in the first half. Jackie Power was out of his element in the half-line and was moved early on. I still think he should figure as a defender. Our back-line has never been the same since he was taken out of it. He got a couple of the grandest scores of the day. Toddy O'Brien did as good as anybody else on Jim Devitt; at least he did much better than any of those who replaced him on that wing.

Devitt a Star.

Best player in the thirty was Jim Devitt, and rarely has a player risen to such dazzling heights as did the Cashel man on Sunday. Here, there and everywhere he did the work of three men, and another like him in the Tipperary defence would have meant all the difference. I mentioned the Tipperary full-back line before, and, suffice to say, they were never able to cope with John Mackey and company, although Tommy Purcell did some nice things at times. If the Tipperary backs were to blame in the first half, it was the attack who eventually lost the game, for rarely did a forward get such golden chances and fail to turn them to account. Doyle, for three-quarters of the hour, gave an exhibition second to none, but he tired near the finish at a vital stage. Carroll was always in the picture; Madden was effective, but Gouldsboro and the rest were not up to the mark.

The Play.

A Tipperary defender down injured as Limerick break away from the throw-in. A Limerick free in front of the posts and Stokes drives wide. Fitzgerald hits back from mid-field, and again Stokes is astray. Tipperary get away in a terrific burst and Mick Herbert clears. Back at the other end again, where John Mackey is almost through from a nice cross from Power. The ball is cleared to touch, and from the puck-in Paddy Fitzgerald collects to score a grand point right from the corner.

Devitt and Stokes are seen in a great duel. Honours go to the Tipperary man and in a flash Tommy Doyle is racing along the wing. He strikes a hard shot in but Collopy clears. Play at midfield once more and hectic duels and hard clashing are a feature of this game, which promises at this early stage to be a thrilling one. Paddy Fitzgerald gets his puck in, Derry McCarthy makes a great effort, but Jimmie Maher intercepts. A further combined effort by the Limerick forwards and another wide. Power now switches with Mulcahy and the Cappamore man comes into the picture as he gets scope to operate. Limerick asserting superiority, the next score, a point, comes from a free by Dick Stokes.

Ten minutes have elapsed. Tipperary are doing well. Doyle places nicely from a free but Fitzgerald, dropping back, relieves the situation. A long ball from Mulcahy and John Mackey finishes to the net for the first goal of the match after thirteen minutes play. John Mulcahy returns again and this time Toddy O'Brien collects the sliotar and beats Maher for a second goal. Limerick force a "70" in the next bout. Sean Herbert strikes but Devitt returns and play in a flash is at the other end, where Collopy saves at the expense of a "70." Jim Devitt stoops and lifts the ball and drives a "picture" shot all the way to the net as Sean Ryan helps the sliotar to its destination. The score puts new heart in the Tipperary side but no further scores came as Gouldsboro and Ryan are wide in turn. From the puck out Mick Ryan sends Limerick into the attack. Purcell returns but a long ball from Fitzgerald drops on the square and Power is through for a grand goal, leaving the position 3-2 to 1-0.

Tom Wall does trojan work around midfield but these Tipperary backs are failing to cope with the hard hustling tactics of the Limerick men. Paddy Fitzgerald strikes a "70" but it falls short; he collects again but this time his effort is wide. Jim Sadlier takes a long free and places Mulcahy, who sends between the uprights. Tom Wall gets a good drive in from midfield and with the Limerick defence beaten all ends up and Collopy out of the "gap." Carroll misses what looked like a certain goal, the ball going over the bar for an "impossible" point. A Limerick free at the other end and Stokes drives a low shot. It reaches the net through a bunch of players. John Mackey makes a rare dash to the wing and in style reminiscent of his great days as a brilliant winger cut a grand ball across the square, where Jackie Power connects for a spectacular goal, one of the classiest of the match. The figures now read 5-3 to 2-1.

Tipperary fight back. Tommy Doyle, the prime mover in a grand raid which Collopy saves at the expense of a "70"; Devitt again on the mark, and for the second time a beautiful shot which travels all the way, to pass by the side of the upright for an amazing goal. Carroll fails to repeat the performance and misses a goal by inches, and in a return bout the Limerick men are moving in at the other end. Nice stick-work by John Mackey as he flicks the ball to Jackie Power, who scores Limerick's sixth goal. Doyle, Derry McCarthy, Sadlier, Devitt, Wall and Fitzgerald all seen to advantage in the closing minutes of this half. Limerick pressing and Derry McCarthy zips in for a goal, to leave the interval position 7-3 to 2-1.

Why did we come here; didn't we know this would happen? seemed to be the general comment at the interval as Limerick supporters banked on and easy victory. They had reason to change their opinion early on in this second moiety. Devitt places Joye from the second throw-in but the latter shoots wide. Wall sends back and Cregan misses from Doyle, leaving the way clear for Carroll, who goals inside of a minute. Collopy saves at point blank range from the same player, but the ball has gone over the line for a "70." Dangerous things with Devitt in such form and once more for the third time the Cashel man is on the mark and a green flag signals another goal direct from his perfectly placed shot.

New life in the game and hard hitting in all quarters. Derry McCarthy misses a chance, but Stokes makes amends with a point from a free. Tipperary out for revenge, and Wall hits a rasper, which Herbert kicks out of danger. Wall hits back, and Tommy Doyle bursts through and drives over the bar for a point. Devitt is great, and Purcell fools Jackie Power, but Power is on the ball again, and helped by John Mackey and Derry McCarthy, he gets the ball to the "square," where Derry McCarthy claims a goal, to leave it double figures: 8-4 to 4-2, in favour of Limerick.

Tipperary are faced with a herculian task, but they settle down to their work in gallant fashion. Barry replaces Toddy O'Brien at this point, but cannot subdue Devitt. Collopy saves a ball from the toes of the Tipperary forwards, as they race the ball in for a kill, but a Tipperary free results, and Doyle sends between the uprights. A great effort by John Mackey is beaten off by Wall, and Gouldsboro meets with a similar experience. Devitt places a great free, but Collopy clears, saving at full length as the ball makes for the corner of the net. Devitt takes another long free and, as has happened on three previous occasions, he strikes all the way. Collopy gets the ball in his hand, but is pulled into the net for a Tipperary goal. Ten points between them now, it is only nine, as Devitt points from a "70," with the score reading: 8-4 to 5-4.

We enter the final phase. Tipperary are fighting hard, but their finish is poor, and it is only after missing many chances that Gouldsboro gets to the net from a pass from Doyle. There is only six points in it now. Limerick sees the danger signals, but seem unable to do anything about it, as Tipperary dominate the scene. Picture to yourself the last ten minutes with twenty-eight of the thirty players, gathered in the Limerick end of the field, as forwards fall back to help to save the day. Paddy Fitzgerald is doing great work, nipping in here and there to save many a dangerous situation, Doyle starts a promising movement, but Gouldsboro is out of luck, as Cregan just gets to the ball. Another breath-taking minute as that sliotar literally shivers on the goaline before Collopy gets it to safety. Devitt with terrific drives, Doyle hitting with all he knows, Sean Herbert and Jim Sadlier bearing the brunt of the attacks, in and out of the Limerick defence as most of the drives are half blocked down and travel but a few yards. Tipperary have found the effort too much for them, Limerick are holding, have held, their six point lead as Quain blows the final whistle.

A last word before we leave the big game. After behaviour which ended so disastrously on previous occasions, Limerick Convention this year decided that in future only one man, the County Secretary, would direct operations from the sideline. Why then had we the spectacle of two, three and sometimes more 'advisers' on Sunday afternoon. Surely it is about time that a stop should be put to this type of thing which does more harm than good. Let us hope that this is a matter that will be discussed by the committee when next they meet, too many cooks could again spoil the . . .

Limerick Minors Deserved a Better Fate.

While nobody will suggest that the Limerick miners should have won, there can be no doubt about it that they did not deserve to be beaten by such a wide margin as 8-6 to 1-4. For a long time in Sunday's bout with the All-Ireland champions, they more than held their own, and were in the game with a chance almost up to the final quarter. Here, however, the Tipperary lads showed their worth and completely dominating play in the final quarter they simply won as they liked.

The failure of the forwards to make full use of the wind in the opening half led to Limerick's downfall. They were in front at the interval by a margin of six points; with a little luck it should have been much more, as they had fritted away many grand chances. It was a grand game in this period; ground hurling for most of the way, with hard clashing and determined tackling. Exchanges were even and the ball travelled from end to end. On the whole defences were better of the issue, and s few and far between. only fell once in this Limerick's six point adv made up of points mo from frees by a good ma Madigan.

After twenty-two minu Limerick were leading (1 to nil; Madigan (2) and (1) being the scorers. then had a goal by O'Ma left the position even. points by Madigan, a O'Connell, and a point fr gave Limerick their half Thirteen minutes after t Limerick were still ahead six point majority had one, with a goal from points each from O'M Crowley. Tipperary ahead when O'Meara s the net, and from this on only one team in it. fenders were run off th the closing stages, and Butler with goals, O'M brace of similar flags, from Butler and Crowle the big winning margin.

In an uneven Limeric tion Eugene O'Brien sound defender, Holmes goal, while others in were Madigan, Brown and Ryan.

Sunday's Fixtures.

Two senior hurling down for decision, at day next, Treaty-Sa Ahane meet in Gr while in the second haun and Croom meet

GAELS MEET

Question Of Field At Castleconnell

CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Very Rev. E. Punch, P.P., Chairman, presided at a meeting of the Limerick County Board of the G.A.A., held in the Gaelic League Rooms, Thomas Street, Limerick, on Saturday last.

The other officials in attendance were:—Mr. M. Fitzgibbon, treasurer; and Mr. J. O'Connell, secretary.

A letter was read from the Castleconnell Guild, Muintir na Tire, in reply to the Board's communication regarding a playing pitch at Castleconnell, stating that they were willing to leave the matter of purchasing the pitch in the hands of the County Board, as suggested.

The Rev. Chairman explained to the delegates that the Limerick Co. Council had acquired the ground from the Land Commission and were willing to dispose of it to the Castleconnell Guild for £150. The Board were agreeable to finance the latter so that they could purchase the ground, but the Board had stipulated that the ground should be set aside exclusively for Gaelic games.

Mr. Senn Cunningham (East Board)—And they have agreed to that?

Rev. Chairman—Yes; they have agreed to that now.

The Secretary suggested that it would be better if the Club took it over. A similar position had arisen in the past in Croom and now the Board could not do anything about the pitch there. It certainly would be a more legal procedure if a Club took over the ground at Castleconnell.

Without further discussion, it was decided to leave the matter to the Finance Committee of the Board.

TO PLAY AGAINST CORK.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Ballylongford, on behalf of the local Carnival Committee, asking the Board to send a senior hurling team to Ballylongford on July 11th, to play Cork. The match would close the Carnival, which was arranged to help local G.A.A. funds.

The Rev. Chairman said they would certainly send a team.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES.

During the course of selecting referees for the under-mentioned fixtures, Mr. M. Fitzgibbon said that the question of umpires was equally important. It had happened in recent weeks that they had the referees at matches but they were short of umpires. He expressed the hope that co-operation would be given to ensure that there would be the required number of umpires at all the matches.

The fixtures for the 25th July are provisional, due to the Munster Senior Hurling semi-final with Cork on the 18th July. If Limerick win, the fixtures listed for the 25th July will be re-arranged; otherwise, there will be no change.

The following are the fixtures:

SENIOR HURLING.

July 4th, at Adare — Ahane v. Treaty-Sarsfields; Mr. P. Clohessy; and Croom v. Claughaun.

July 25th, at Limerick Gaelic Grounds—South Liberties v. Young Ireland; Mr. M. Mackey.

Same date, at Adare—St. Patricks v. Knockaderry; Mr. J. Roche or Mr. P. Clohessy.

SENIOR FOOTBALL.

July 8th (Thursday), at St. Munchin's Grounds—Ballysimon-C.I.E. v. St. Patricks; referee, Mr. J. Sadlier.

July 25th, at Caherconlish Ahane v. Oola; Mr. M. Croker.

Same date, at Limerick G.A.A. Grounds—Treaty-Sarsfields v. 12th Battalion; Mr. Cox or Mr. Sadlier.

COUNTY HURLING TEAM

Mairtin O Seadha, Main Street, Rathkeale, in the course of a lengthy letter, suggests that the County Selection Committee should make some changes in the championship team. The line of defence, he says, requires strengthening. He expresses the view that if Paddy McCarthy and Paddy Fitzgerald were brought back the team would be greatly improved.

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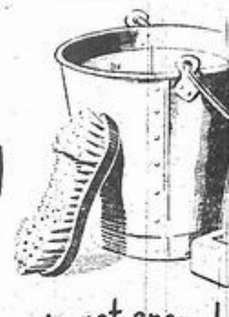

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