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CRAOB peile na h-ÉIREANN
i bPÁIRC AN CRÓCAIS, 22-9-'46, AR 3.15 p.m.

★ CIARRAIDHE ★

v.

★ ROS COMÁIN ★

CRAOB peile na mIONAR
'ÁT CLIAĈ v. CIARRAIDHE
AR 1.45 p.m.

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8.05-8.08a

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county some years previously. To the County Chairman, Mr. Dan O'Rourke, T.D., and the County Secretary, Mr. J. J. Fahy, and the many willing helpers associated with them in this work, belongs the credit for the very happy position held by the county to-day. The Minors were again All-Ireland Champions in 1941. In 1943, and again in 1944, Roscommon captured the Senior All-Ireland title.

Win or lose to-day, Roscommon will keep up the good Gaelic work, and their teams will continue to visit the National Stadium as finalists in the championships that lie in the years before us. No matter what those years may bring, the playing of our native games, the speaking of our native tongue, and the upholding of our Gaelic traditions will surely find their reward in a peaceful and united Ireland.



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CIARRAÍDE

DACTANNA: SLAR ASUR buíde

1. D. Ó Caoimh (D. O'Keeffe)
2. D. Ó Laighin (D. Lyne)
3. Lt. S. Ó Ceócláin (Lieut. J. Keoghane)
4. P. D. Ó Dhomhnaicáin (P. Brosnan)
5. C. Ó Concubáir (C. O'Connor)
6. E. Ó Concubáir (E. O'Connor)
7. E. Dheathnaic (E. Walsh)
8. A. Ó Creimhin (Capt.) (A. Cremin)
9. D. Caomhánaic (D. Kavanagh)
10. L. Ó Dóinnall (W. O'Donnell)
11. P. Ó Cinnéir (P. Kennedy)
12. P. Ó Garbhara (B. Garvey)
13. S. Ó Laróin (J. Lyne)
14. P. de Búrca (P. Burke)
15. T. Ó Concubáir (T. O'Connor)

FIR TACA:

- (16) E. Ó Dubhlainn, (17) S. Ó Téacáin, (18) T. Ó Longaig, (E. Dowling) (S. Teehan) (T. Long)
- (19) D. Ó Céilleacáir, (20) T. Ó Súlleabáin, (21) C. Ó Súlleabáin, (B. Kelleher) (T. O'Sullivan) (C. O'Sullivan)

CIARRAÍDE	Cult Goals	Chúinn Points	Upearna Overs	50 Sl. 50s.	Saor-Éiceanna Frees.
An Céad Leath 1st Half	2	4	4		
An Dara Leath 2nd Half					
Iomlán Total					

Liam Ó Dubhname (Laoghaire) is the Referee

FEÁC—Cun an tuairisc agus na pictiúirí is feál
éireann,

NOTE—For the best report and pictures of the match

ROS COMÁIN

DAŽANNA:
Cuide ASUR DORIM

1. S. Ó Dubhlán
(G. Dolan)

3. S. Ó Caparláig
(W. Jackson).

4. E. de Uíor
(J. Casserley)

4. E. Ó h-Eatharca
(O. Hoare).

5. D. Ó Longríg
(B. Lynch)

6. L. Ó Caplur
(W. Carlos)

7. T. Ó Corleáin
(T. Collins)

8. P. Ó Muirpeáil
(P. Murray)

9. E. Ó Deóllán
(E. Boland)

10. U. Ó Beirne
(V. Beirne)

11. S. Ó Muirpeáil (Capt.)
(J. Murray)

12. D. Ó Cianáin
(D. Keenan)

13. S. Mac Cúinn
(J. McQuillan)

14. S. S. Ó Fallarhain
(J. J. Fallon)

15. S. S. Mac an Aipénnig
(J. J. Nerney)

FIR TACA:

(16) S. Ó Cúinn, (17) An Uir. E. Mac Siobáin, (18) M. Ó h-Eatharca
(J. Quinn) (Dr. H. Gibbons) (M. Heavey)

(19) S. P. Ó Ceallacháin, (20) S. Ó Uraoin, (21) T. Ó Longríg
(J. P. O'Callaghan) (J. Briens) (T. Lynch)

ROS COMÁIN	Cúl Goals	Cúilíní Points	Cearna Overs	50 St. 50s.	Saor-Ciceanna Frees.
An Céad Leath 1st Half	1	4	4		11
An Dara Leath 2nd Half					
Iomlán Total					

for to-day's Senior match.

Den gcluide d'fáil, léis "Draic Glas" i Sceala
Amáireac.

read "Green Flag" to-morrow in The Irish Press.

His Grace Archbishop Harty

PATRON OF THE G.A.A. SINCE 1928.

THIRD and worthy successor to the great Dr. Croke, G.A.A. founder, His Grace Dr. Harty, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, followed close to the great traditions of the See of Cashel from the martyr, Dr. Hurley, to our day. Born of a comfortable farming community on the Tipperary-Limerick border, in the hurling parish of Murroe, Dr. Harty was an ornament to the Church. Staunch nationalist of the true Croke instincts, he was a fine handballer in his college days, hurled with his neighbours at home, and in his brilliant theological scholarship always kept close in mind and spirit to his own people of the Irish countryside.

He graced the Fiftieth G.A.A. Anniversary in 1924 when unveiling a plaque marking the place in Thurles where the Association was founded in 1884. His inspiring address stirred us all that day. He became Handball's chief patron, endowed the colleges with Cups for Hurling and Football. Like all truly great Churchmen, he was meek, humble and retiring. He died much loved by the Irish people.

By his death the G.A.A. has lost not only an illustrious Patron, but also a life-long follower of the games of the Gael.

Go dtuagadh Dia sólas na bFiaitheas d'a anam.



MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL

A' CLIAIC

Datanna: Sopm agus Dán.

1. Catal Ó Finneada.
2. Donnada Ó MacGashma.
3. Pádraig S. Ó Leachdaig.
4. Níodlár Fingaláim.
5. Seóran de Dúrléir.
6. Séamur Ó Láimín.
7. Mícheál D. Mac Flannáda.
8. N. Ó Meadaig.
9. Seán Mac Cineáit.
10. Liam Ó Dongaile.
11. Orléan de Fhéiníde.
12. Dearmuidán Ó Scailaig.
13. Caomhán Ó n-Ifeamán.
14. Antón Ó Cloasáig.
15. Cormac Ó Maolagáin.
16. Dearmuidán Ó Cannán.
17. Pádraig Ó Mórán.
18. Pádraig Ó Cluanáin.
19. Tomás Ó Maolagáin.
20. Tomás Ó Riada.
21. Ciorcór Mac Éil.

CIARRAIDE

Datanna: Slap agus Durde.

1. Pádraig Ó Riam.
2. Seán Ó Cúpnán.
3. Tomás Ó Murchadair.
4. Lopeán Ó Conchubair.
5. Denon S. Ó Súilleabháin.
6. Dómnall Ó Murcháda.
7. Seán Ó Siotéán.
8. Pádraig Mac Siolla Dé.
9. Seán Ó Driam.
10. Seán Ó Súilleabháin.
11. Dómnall Ó Réagáin.
12. Tomás Ágar.
13. Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin.
14. Seapóro Ó Marín.
15. Seapóro Ó Driam.
16. Séamur Ó Fianáda.
17. Séamur Ó Spúicín.
18. Dómnall Mac Ionnsádaig.
19. Liam Mac Cúicín.
20. Liam Ó Riopáin.
21. Seán Lorbéar.

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Kerry is in many respects an enigma. The All-Ireland Championships were only four years old when Kerry won its first title. This was in hurling. Since then it has offered no serious opposition to the other areas which favour the caman. Alone of the Munster counties, the young men of Kerry do not take kindly to hurling. They concentrate on football to the almost total exclusion of all other pastimes.

The year following their hurling win (1891), Kerry first came to Dublin in the role of footballers. At old Clontarf Park the Laune Rangers, led by the late J. P. O'Sullivan, the greatest athlete of his day, went down before Dublin Young Ireland. That defeat finds a place in the folk-tales of Kerry; it is still spoken round the turf fires—the night journey of the team, their arrival in the capital in the "wee small hours" of Sunday, and the scenes at the playing-pitch.

Many Kerry teams of later years followed the trail blazed by the Laune Rangers. Like those of the Laune Rangers, it is a night journey for many of the followers. The "ghost train" is how the wags describe the special which leaves Tralee at Saturday midnight. Except in the emergency years the "ghost train" has been availed of by thousands who would otherwise be unable to make the trip. The running of a "ghost train" for the recent

semi-final, with connections to the uttermost ends of the county, is a sign that conditions are, once more, returning to normal. The All-Ireland Football Final holds a special fascination for Kerry men, as nothing else does. For many of them the journey to "the Final" is in the nature of an annual pilgrimage.

And how often has Kerry appeared in the final, and what proficiency has her sons shown at the big-ball game! Kerry are level with Dublin at the top of the Honours List—fifteen titles each. In Junior Football, Kerry has a commanding lead over the other counties. In the Minor grade Kerry has one win more than Dublin; the boys of the Metropolis may even matters to-day.

In other counties in which Kerry men have been temporarily domiciled they have shown their worth as footballers. They have assisted Dublin, Cork and Galway to win the All-Ireland. This year Galway's full-back, Condon, was a Kerryman, while Sayers, a son of the "Kingdom," filled a similar role for Laois. But it is in the green and gold of their county that Kerry men have secured the greatest meed of fame. In winning fifteen All-Irelands during this century, Kerry has a record of her own.

Kerry's reputation is long established, deeply rooted in the Association's annals. The early Kerry-Kildare games (1903-05) gave Gaelic Football its greatest impulse, the G.A.A. its strongest upward surge. The Croke Memorial Final between Kerry and Louth (1913) enabled the

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Association to purchase the pitch at Jones's Road, now known as Croke Park. Later games between Kerry and the men of Wexford, Kildare, Mayo, Cavan, Leitrim, Galway and Antrim have thrilled thousands in the Headquarters of the Gael. The 1944 final between Kerry and their opponents of to-day, Roscommon, attracted the largest attendance (79,245) ever seen at a sporting fixture in Ireland.

What hectic games the Kerry men have provided in their quest for All-Ireland honours: what a succession of great players have been cradled among the hills of Kerry; the Gorman brothers, Austin Stack, Dick Fitzgerald, O'Shea, Murphy, the Landers, Russel, Barret, Sheehy, Brosnan, Ryan, Doyle, and so many others. Their successors of to-day

have not lost the traditional ball-craft. It has been said that the young Kerryman is born with a football in his hand!

Nor have the present generation of Kerry players lost the glamour of the great men that preceded them. With the All-Ireland at stake Kerry rise to great heights, metaphorically and otherwise: they are always seen at their best in the wide open spaces of Croke Park. How often have they staged a final rally that turned seeming defeat into victory, old Croke Park-goers know full well.

I said at the outset that Kerry is an enigma. When beaten early last year most people believed the "Kingdom's" football sun had temporarily set. Such has been the fate of past champions who toppled from their thrones. But this year the Kerry men came back rejuvenated. They won out in Munster, beating their near neighbours, Cork, the reigning champions. Later they beat Antrim in the semi-final.

Win, lose or draw, Kerry may be relied upon to give of their best against Roscommon. On the one occasion the counties met in a final, victory went to the Connacht men. To-day the Kerry men are out to avenge their 1944 defeat. Conscious and highly appreciative of the worth of Roscommon, Kerry have specially prepared for this All-Ireland fray. May the clash of the counties prove worthy of the occasion, a credit to the players and to the Association, and may the better team win. *Bladh an buadh mór ar Cumann Luth Chléas Gaeleach!*



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Spain subsequently went to the States, where he was long prominent on hurling and football teams.

ROSCOMMON'S RECORD

Roscommon, to date, have the magnificent record of never having been beaten in a Senior All-Ireland final. They have won the only two finals in which they have appeared, beating Cavan in 1943 and Kerry in 1944. But there is another county which shares that proud distinction, Limerick, not noted for footballers at the moment, has also appeared in two finals and won both, being victorious in 1837 and in 1896.

HIGHEST SCORES

The highest score ever recorded in an All-Ireland final proper was chalked up by Cork when they beat Antrim's footballers in the 1911 final by 6-6 to 1-2. Mayo have the next highest total, for they beat Leit in 1936 by 4-11 to 0-5.

Tipperary, however, in the Home Final of 1902 beat Galway by 2-20 to 0-2, and subsequently beat London-Irish in the final.



MICHAEL O'RIAIN, O.S.,
Hon. Joint Sec., Kerry Co. Board, G.A.A.



J. MYLES,
Hon. Joint Sec., Kerry Co. Board, G.A.A.

KERRY'S FIRST—AND LAST?

Kerry won their first All-Ireland title in 1891 when they beat Wexford in hurling. The game was played at Clontarf Park, Dublin, and caused a major controversy at the time. On full time the scores were level, one goal and one point each. The referee awarded Wexford a close-in free. The free was pointed direct, but the score was not allowed by the referee, who maintained that the remaining time had expired between the time the ball was struck and the time it crossed the bar. An extra half-hour was then played and Kerry just won on a score of 2-3 to 1-5.

Since then the men from the Kingdom have confined themselves almost exclusively to the big ball game, although that classic football forward, John Joe Sheehy, was so useful with the camán that he was chosen for Munster interprovincial sides in Railway Cup games.

THE FIRST GAME

The first football game ever played under G.A.A. rules was played on February 15, 1885, between Kilkenny and Callan. The result was a scoreless draw. There were twenty-one players aside and thousands of spectators witnessed the match.

KERRY'S GREAT RECORD

Kerry are, at the moment, level with Dublin at the very top of the tree with 15 titles each, but Kerry's record is more impressive as they did not win their first title until 1903. Thus they have secured their 15 titles in 42 years.

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As chuag é ar lán.

KINDLIEST and simplest of souls, tireless worker, unselfish, tactful far-seeing, courteous—Liam MacÓda of Comer and Clomantagh, Co. Kilkenny, is mourned to-day throughout Gael-dom. From earliest years he threw himself heart and soul into every movement for the uplifting of the Irish people. Closely associated with the National endeavour, he studied Gaelic at Irish-speaking centres until he became a master. For many years he was Kilkenny's efficient G.A.A. Hon. Secretary, cycling long distances after school, watching over the preparation and equipment of the great teams of the Nore and Suirside—old and young. Wise in Council, he worked till he could work no more. Though suffering from a heavy cold, he saw the 1946 All-Ireland Championship to the end and sat on the Central Council on August 31st. A sportsman to his finger-tips, he was loved and esteemed by colleagues and rival. His school children lament for him—he taught them fine Irish, he organised Gaelic plays, spent money freely on their games. The language, pastimes and culture movements, Muinir na Tíre, Irish drama and history, industrial revival—all had in him a true champion. A pillar of our national structure has fallen and his people mourn him.

Ar beir Dé go raib a anam!

THE MEN OF THE WEST

While we honour in song and in story
The names of our patriot men,
Whose valour has covered with glory
Full many a mountain and glen—
Forget not the boys of the heather,
Who marshalled their bravest and best.

When Éire was broken in Wexford,
And looked for revenge to the West!

The hill-tops with glory were glowing,
'Twas the eve of a bright harvest day.

When the ships we'd been wearily waiting
Sailed into Killala's broad bay;

And over the hills went the slogan,
To waken in every breast.

The fire that has never been quenched, boys,

Among the true hearts of the West!

Chorus:

I give you "The gallant old West,"
boys!

Where rallied our bravest and best—
When Ireland was broken and bleeding.

Hurrah for the men of the West!

CIARRAIGE

(Fonn: "Pincull Pincula")

Do baintear Éire cimpall is Roinn na scóipa

I uirias mo bhois, i uirias mo bhois.

An Rinn, an Sliabh, an Fhannóg, is tinn na Míle-Deann

'San Spáin go léim, 'San Spáin go léim.

Ar éiríocht áiríe go twest lós caite o'n niamh an

Le páinn' an tae, le páinn' an tae

Do pháist mo chóiríe naomh deannas

Naomh go deannas

Mo bhois páinn, mo bhois páinn.

Go Ciarraige an gearr gac buain

Sead dígh an seime

Can lean naomh dígh, can lean naomh dígh

Céas gearr óm chóiríe ná fearas is

Caénas ná beiríe

Da scéipéac dínn, ba scéipéac dínn.

Caénas gearr gac buile is chan is chan

Gac beiríe ann

San sos gearr seic, san sos gearr seic

San bhois dínn naomh dígh páinn

Naomh dígh, Léimléic

San dínn dínn i, san dínn dínn i.

Chorus

Ciarraige, Ciarraige, níl an cin

mar i.

Ciarraige, Ciarraige, níl cin sa

bóimh mar i.

Si cin na scéipéac, si cin na scéipéac,

Si cin na scéipéac, si cin na scéipéac

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Cin na scéipéac



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 An uainte chéim go buacáil éirí,
 'S an spéim go mór náisiúnta.
 Is romham faoi na sinn éirí,
 'S go tianham glé moir éirí uain
 ló
 Fé éinneas éirí na hóróir an seó,
 Seo ló, canaíó ádhán na bfiann-

Cupá:

Sonn-ne Fianna Fáil
 Ádá fé geall ag éirí,
 Dúrbéas uain éirí
 Can éirí na náisiúnta éirí,
 Fé móir best saon.
 Seán éirí an sinneas faoi
 Ní fáigam fé'n tianam na fé'n éirí
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THE SOLDIER'S SONG

We'll sing a song a soldier's song,
 With cheering, rousing chorus,
 As round our blazing fires we throng,
 The starry heavens o'er us,
 Impatient for the coming fight,
 And as we wait the morning light,
 Here in the silence of the night
 We'll chant a Soldier's Song.

Chorus:

Soldiers are we, whose lives are pledged
 to Ireland,
 Some have come from a land beyond
 the wave,
 Sworn to be free, no more our ancient
 Ireland
 Shall shelter the despot or the slave.
 To-night we'll man the Bearna Beathail,
 In Erin's cause come woe or weal,
 'Mid cannon's roar and rifle's peal
 We'll chant a Soldier's Song.

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Táirgíng go bfuil an cúige ceannais na bliana 1903, nuair a casad Ciarraidhe (Múrdalag, Cháigil, Cill Áinne agus Oileán Ciarraidhe) agus Cill Dara an a céile trí n-uair—an bliain a bfuil cláiríocht an fad an an gCúige agus gun móiríocht suim faduil éiríocht go n-éiríocht ann. Do bí Ciarraidhe in uáirde sa Múrdalag 30 n-uair ó'n mbláim sin i luí agus cóirí nair san do bfuil ann Chraob na h-Éireann, na bliana 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, agus 1941. D'á Cláir an éiríocht éirí atá an an céim leó.

Is uáirde na Ciarraidhe do cláiríocht i gCúige ceannais—ó'n mbláim 1923 i leó nair bfuil onca ácc trí n-uair na na 13 craob-cláiríocht go na bfuil páirceáit ionna, agus mí na bfuil ácc trí cúlíocht an a móiríocht do bfuil onca in an éiríocht des na trí cúlíocht sin. Tá éiríocht sa bfuil (1-9-24) a bí ag Ros Comáin onca i 1944. Tá an uáirde go lóiríocht faid éiríocht agus an fad agus tá leiríocht D. S. Ó Máille (Cathóiríocht), agus M. Ó Ruairc agus D. Ó Maolmáire (Ráiríocht) mar éiríocht onca mí na bfuil go uáiríocht an an móiríocht sin.

Mí n-éiríocht ná éiríocht a cóiríocht bfuil an gCúige agus an gCúige i Ros Comáin—éiríocht na fíiríocht do ná bí na cláiríocht go lóiríocht ann sin an bfuilíocht C. le-cl. S. Ua le uáiríocht, áin, a bfuil áin cláiríocht agus cáiríocht uóiríocht féin. Díoráin i gcóiríocht an a móiríocht i gCúigeáiríocht go trí sin, agus gairtíngíocht Chraob an lóiríocht i 1905, 1912, agus 1915. i 1938 abead leagad bfuilíocht na fíiríocht atá ann ann ann nuair a éiríocht D. Ó Ruairc, C.O. (Cathóiríocht), atá ann mar uáiríocht an an gCúige, agus S. S. Ó Fadaig (Ráiríocht) éiríocht le n-éiríocht an Cóiríocht. Do cóiríochtíocht comá na n-éiríocht sin na bliain 1939 nuair a bfuil Ros Comáin Chraob na Mionán—1940 nuair a bfuilíocht Chraob na Sóiríocht agus Chraob na Mionán áin i 1941. Mí n-éiríocht, mar sin, go bfuilíocht na bfuilíocht fad nair nair i 1943 agus 1944, agus péiríocht cailíocht nó bfuilíocht áin éiríocht is éiríocht go bfuilíocht áin éiríochtíocht sin féin a bfuil móiríocht áin.

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WHEN the G.A.A. was established in 1884, Gaelic Football was very much alive in Co. Roscommon, and within four years the county was organised and affiliated to the new Association. There were eight counties affiliated in 1888, and Roscommon was one of them.

The late Jasper Tully, proprietor of the "Roscommon Herald," did much to ensure the establishment of the first County Committee, and he held the position of Chairman until 1901. The "Roscommon Herald," together with its colleague, the "Roscommon Champion," have never deviated from the position they took up almost 60 years ago, and their whole-hearted support played no small part in consolidating the position of the G.A.A. in Co. Roscommon in those early days.

From 1901 until 1915 the county was helped by many energetic and able enthusiasts whose untiring efforts are responsible for the healthy foundations on which the Association now stands.

Although Roscommon teams were ever prominent in the Connacht Championships, it was not until

1905, when Elphin William O'Briens emerged victorious, that they succeeded in annexing the Connacht Championship. At this time Ballina Stephenites were definitely the outstanding team in Connacht, and Mayo held the Connacht Football title from 1906 until Roscommon again emerged victorious in 1912. In 1913 and 1914 Galway and Mayo were the respective champions, but Roscommon's turn came again in 1915, when a team from Strokes-town, captained by D. O' O'Rourke, T.D., now President of the Association, captured the Connacht title for Roscommon. From that time until 1929 Roscommon's name does not appear on Connacht's Roll of Honour; but, in 1929, Roscommon became Junior Champions of the Province, a feat which was repeated in 1932. Then comes a period during which it would seem as if activity was at a low ebb in the county, however, as will be seen later, this was very far from true. In 1939 Roscommon Minor team became All-Ireland Champions, a performance which was repeated by the Juniors the following year. These successes were really according to plan, because they were the direct outcome of team building efforts set on foot throughout the

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