Enniscorthy boys into Leinster final

FOR possibly the first time in history, Enniscorthy C.B.S. qualified for a Leinster Colleges' football championship final, at Arklow on Wednesday of last week when their juvenile (under-14) footballers scored a 5-5 to 0-2 win over De La Salle, Wicklow, in the semi-final, writes "Peileadoir".

Even though the rain came down in buckets and the pitch was water-logged in places, the powerfully built Enniscorthy team made light of the conditions, as they served up another exhilarating display of football, and all through the game they were complete masters. Despite facing the very stiff breeze and rain in the first half, Enniscorthy dominated and led by 2-1 to 0-1 at the interval. Without ever moving into top gear, the winners held complete control in the second moiety and added a further 3-4 to their first half tally with the losers securing a point.

HAPPY TRAINERS

The happiest men in Arklow that afternoon and for good reason, too, were the Enniscorthy team trainers — Br. Quirke and Pat Lambert. They now intend to leave no stone unturned in their efforts to bring the championship to Enniscorthy, and the same rigid training programme which proved so successful to date will be adhered to. Their opponents in the final will be Naas C.B.S. or the Dublin winners.

In this game, Enniscorthy were a team of stars. Michael Pepper handled anything that came his way with ease. Big Brian Kane had a tremendous game at full-back, while the half-back line of John Treacy, Owen Dwyer and Padge Courtney was unbeatable. Without ever hitting top form, Mick Millar and Vincent Hanlon controlled midfield, while in attack, Billy Quinn, Sean Nolan, Joe Mewe and Davy Jordan were in brilliant form.

This team with three exceptions — full-backs John Walsh (Ferns), Brian Kane (Davidstown) and Martin Farrell (Marshalstown) —are from Enniscorthy, and they should in time win back much lost football glory for the Cathedral Town. They are all highly-skilled footballers, and, even more important, possess tremendous physique. They must go into the final with a great chance of victory.

Wicklow were anything but a weak team, as they won their three games in their section with ease, and then handed out a sound beating to Tullow, winners of the Carlow/Kilkenny/Laois area, and entered this game with high hopes of victory. But they had little chance against this powerful Enniscorthy outfit.

Enniscorthy C.B.S. scorers: W. Quinn (2-1); J. Mewe (1-1); M. Foley (1-0); W. Davis (1-0); M. Millar (0-1); D. Jordan (0-2).

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Switches paid off for St. Peters

ST. Peter's College, Wexford, junior footballers followed the example of their juvenile footballers by qualifying for the Leinster Colleges' (Div. A) semi-final when they scored a very clearcut 1-10 to 0-4 win over Knockbeg College, Carlow, at Tullow on Thursday of last week, writes "Peileadoir".

Even though St. Peter's showed a good improvement from their display when beating Ballyfin College recently, they never moved with their usual rhythm in the first moiety. At the half-time break, the sides were on level terms (0-4 each). Team trainer, Rev. Paddy Curtis, however, was watching proceedings very closely, and he made some very shrewd positional switches for the second half. The most effective ones were the moving of Diarmuid Clancy to mid-field from attack, and Noel Barry from the corner to the half-forward line. These switches paid of in a big way, for St. Peter's took over completely on the restart, added 1-6 to their first-half total, while Knockbeg a single score, and shot a big number of wides.

IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY

Over all, it was an impressive display by the winners, but yet a further improvement will be required before they meet Gormanston, reputed to be very strong in the semi-final, in the immediate future. The ability is there all right, but they will need to make better use of their scoring opportunities.

Liam Fardy was seldom tested, but showed his ability on a few occasions as goal. Pat Hanlon had another storming game in the full-back line, with a brilliant Jimmy Marshall and John Cooney outstanding in the half-back line. Pat Neville fielded well at mid-field, and partner Declan Furlong shone when moved to attack.

Diarmuid Clancy once again showed what a complete footballer he is, and gave his side a big pull at mid-field, when moved to that sector. In addition, he finished top scorer with 0-6. Noel Barry was the star of the attack, showing tremendous appetite for work, with Billy Rowesome and Tommy Atkinson also showing to advantage in this sector.

St. Peter's College scorers: D. Clancy (0-6), W. Rowesome (1-1), N. Barry (0-2), T. Atkinson (0-1).

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Subs.: J. Moynihan (Ferns), P. Kinsella, Tintern, D. Rowesome (Monageer), J. Breen (Horeswood), Des Nolan (Dublin).

Clohamon boys score convincing win

Clohamon-Buncloddy collected their second brace of points in the Jim Byrne Cup (county minor football league) when they scored a very convincing (4-6 to 1-4) victory over Monageer at Buncloddy on Sunday.

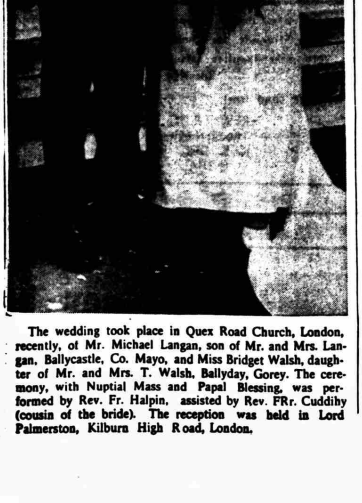
The winners, who greatly pleased their mentors, gave a polished display of football all through with Nicky Byrne, Chris Murphy, Pat Boggan, Pat Butler, Martin Nolan and Joe Jordan excelling themselves. On this display they will take a lot of beating in this section, and right now must be hot favourites to advance to the quarter finals, though they have yet to meet class sides like Starlights, Ballyhogue and Duffry Rovers.

Monageer, who were only reorganised this year, lacked the skill of the winners, but they more than made up for this by their enthusiasm and determination, while players like John Stamp, Andy Rigley, Jim Murphy, John Donohoe and Peter Murphy displayed good football ability.

Clohamon-Buncloddy — Seamus McGrath (goal), Martin Nolan, Martin Bolger, Pat Foley, Nicky Byrne, Martin Murphy, Pat Butler, Chris Murphy, Pat Boggan, Pat Coleman, Jim Doran, Jim Murphy, Joe Jordan.

Monageer — Arthur Murphy (goal), John and Andy Rigley, Mact Flynn, Andy Fenlon, John Stamp, Jim Murphy, John Donohoe, Seamus Beggan, Peter Murphy, Tom Breen, Tom Stamp, Vincent Murphy.

Referee—Tony O'Loughlin.



The wedding took place in Quex Road Church, London, recently, of Mr. Michael Langan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Langan, Ballycastle, Co. Mayo, and Miss Bridget Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Walsh, Ballyday, Gorey. The ceremony, with Nuptial Mass and Papal Blessing, was performed by Rev. Fr. Halpin, assisted by Rev. FRr. Cuddihy (cousin of the bride). The reception was held in Lord Palmerston, Kilburn High Road, London.

Bridgetown team's outing to Waterford

BRIDGETOWN Vocational School Trainer Tony Dempsey took a team selected from his first year students to Kill, Co. Waterford, on Sunday for a tournament game, against a local under-14 selection who are Waterford champions in that grade.

Although the Bridgetown side contained many brilliant young players and played with tremendous fire and determination all through, writes "Peileadoir", they had to give best to the Waterford team who triumphed by 2-4 to contested game.

The main weakness in the Bridgetown side was in attack, for time and again they sent wide when well-placed, and in the last quarter alone shot ten wides.

BRILLIANT SAVES

On the Bridgetown team, Michael Roche was loudly applauded for some brilliant saves in goal. Michael McGee and Billy Watters, two classical players, were the stars in defence, with Jim Keegan and Kevin Barry also to the fore. Lar Martin and Michael Neville, two accomplished footballers, gave their forwards a good service from midfield, while Seamus Hanlon, Eddie Maloney and Sean Sinnott were the best in attack.

Bridgetown V.S. — Ml. Roche (Duncormick) (goal), Phil Kendrick (do.), Jim Keegan (Carrig), Pat Walsh (Duncormick), Michael McGee (Kilmore), Billy Watters (Bannow), Kevin Barry (Kilmore), Lar Martin (Tullicanna), Michael Neville (Carrig), Bernard Harpur (Duncormick), Seamus Hanlon (Horeswood), Eddie Maloney (Broadway), Sean Sinnott (Duncormick), Billy Lambert (Kilmore), Oliver Bennett (Bannow).

Subs.: John Watters (Tullicanna), Liam Kennedy (Kilmannon), David Stewart (Tacoat).

Referee—S. Keevans (Kill).

The Bridgetown team were entertained to tea in Kill Clubrooms after the game, while their trainer Tony Dempsey, ably assisted by Colm Doyle, Willo Roche, Tim O'Leary, showed the films of five All-Ireland football and hurling finals for the benefit of the two teams with many local followers also attending. This gesture was greatly appreciated.

Elizabeth and Leo O'Connell, The Stag Grill, Rosslare Strand, handing over a cheque for £40 to Rev. A. J. Scallan, C.C., Enniscorthy, at the County Hotel, Wexford, in the cause of the Mentally Retarded Children of Co. Wexford. The presentation follows the opening night of the New Discotheque at Rosslare Strand, at their premises.

Civic reception for world handball champions

A wonderful tribute was paid to the prowess and sportsmanship of Wexford's world champion handballers Seamus Buggy, Commercial Quay, and formerly of Tuskar View, William Street, Wexford, and Richie Lyng, Ballyanne, New Ross when former world champion Joe Maher from Drogheda said he would willingly travel a thousand miles to play against them.

Mr. Maher is the former world champion singles handballer and his tribute came when he was speaking at a civic reception given by the Mayor and Corporation to the great players of the County Hotel, Wexford, last Saturday night.

The civic reception was agreed to by the Corporation at a meeting in recent weeks, and the function was organised by a special sub-committee.

The reception was accorded by the Mayor, Ald. T. F. Byrne, M.C.C., and Corporation, but councillors Des Corish and Tony O'Flaherty were unavoidably absent.

There was an attendance of about sixty, including Rev. M. J. Berney, Adm., and Rev. Canon E. F. Grant, Rector, Ardcolm and St. Iberius Church of Ireland, who came prior to the repast to pay their respects to the world champions.

BROUGHT HONOUR TO WEXFORD

Speaking before the assembly dined, the Mayor pointed out that the occasion was sponsored by the Civic Authority of Wexford, and he was very grateful to his Corporation colleagues who supported the idea.

On behalf of his colleagues and himself, he welcomed the two handballers from the county who had brought world honours to Wexford and he also welcomed their parents.

Referring to Mr. James Buggy, senior, the Mayor said he was the father of many great players in the field of sport in the county and he was very proud of the Buggy family.

The Mayor said it was important to encourage the youth of the county to participate in sport because he had contended for many years that where they had a healthy physique they had, no doubt, a healthy mind.

The Mayor said he was happy to have with them a colleague of his on the Co. Council — Mr. Leo Carty — who, during the lean period of handball in the county stood by the Handball Board, and like Mr. Carty, he was very proud of the occasion and the honours which had been brought to Wexford.

They had another outstanding figure there in the person of Jonn Ryan of Bridgetown. John had acquitted himself in most outstanding fashion in the handball alley for several years. As far as his prowess in that sport was concerned, he had won many honours. "I am proud of you, John", said the Mayor, adding, "and we are very pleased to have you here."

Having wished all present a hearty ceadmile failte, the Mayor said he tendered a very special welcome to an ex-world-champion singles handballer — Joe Maher from Louth. He was very happy that Joe was able to be with them on such an historic occasion.

The most enjoyable dinner followed the Mayor's address, at the conclusion of which the Mayor proposed the toast to Ireland which was suitably honoured.

Mr. Seamus Buggy, speaking on behalf of his partner, Richie Lyng and himself, said they were honoured to accept the invitation to the reception, and it was indeed an honour for them, being Wexfordmen, to be there that night. They appreciated the reception very much.

HISTORIC OCCASION

Mr. Leo Carty, M.C.C., President of the Wexford Co. Handball Board, said he deemed it a privelege and an honour to be asked to speak on such an historic occasion. He thanked them for the manner in which they had honoured the world champion handballers that evening.

He thanked the Mayor and members of the Corporation for honouring the representatives of what was once the cinderella of Irish sport.

Handball, said Mr. Carty, was a wonderful sport and on an occasion like that they could not forget the great players of the past who pioneered the pastime down the years, the Drumgoods, Paddy Kearns and many others at the turn of the century down to 1952 when they had that immortal player, one of the greatest they had in the country for a long, long time, John Ryan of Bridgetown.

It was a lovely gesture on the part of the organisers of the reception to invite John Ryan there because John was the holder of nineteen All-Ireland titles, a record which spoke for itself. Then they had the wonderful minors from Taghmon, Quigley and Redmond and Murphy, who had also brought honours to the county.

He was also pleased to meet the former world champion, Joe Maher, who, though he had won his honour in Canada, was a great Irishman and a great Gael.

Handball might not have been the most profitable of sports, said Mr. Carty, and it did not perhaps receive the support it deserved, but he though that Richie Lyng and Seamus Buggy had given handball the greatest injection the game had had for a long time, and that was not surprising when one looked back on the contribution which the Buggy and Lyng families had made in general to sport in Co. Wexford.

WONDERFUL EXPONENTS

Mr. Carty said the occasion was tinged with a certain amount of sorrow, and he then referred to Richie Lyng's brother, the late Willie Lyng, who died in recent months, and said he made a wonderful contribution to handball in his native Ballyanne and throughout the county.

The speaker also paid tribute to another handballer, young John Lacy from Barntown, and congratulated him on winning a medal at the International Apprentices' competition in Tokyo.

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Wexford riflemen win prizes

Five members of the newly formed Wexford Rifle Club took part in a competition promoted by the Rathdrum Rifle Club, Co. Wicklow, on Sunday.

The Wexford marksmen fared splendidly, their Secretary, and one of the founders of the club, Jurd Dick Conway, winning the competition after a triple tie in which his clubmate, Sean Healy, St. Aidan's Crescent, also figured prominently.

Healy had two ninety-eights for a total score of 196 out of a possible 200. He was in front for over five hours, and then Dicer Glisserman of the Rathdrum Club drew level. Shooting very well also was Dick Conway who equalled 196.

In an exciting triple 'sudden death' shoot off, Healy just grazed the edge of the 'bull', but Conway and Glisserman were 'dead on'. Healy was eliminated, and, after the second shoot off, Conway pipped his German rival by a fraction to bring the honour to the Wexford Club.

It will be agreed that it was a very good performance by the Wexford Club men to take a first and third prize in their first-ever competition promoted by another club. There were two hundred entries, which makes their performance all the more meritorious.

Gorey rugby seconds' biggest victory

DAN O'Connell's (Wexford) advanced to the final of the district junior football championship by defeating Our Lady's Island by 2-8 to 3-3 at Wexford Park on Sunday in a very poor game which only sparkled to life for brief periods in the second half.

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Practically the only excitement for the few spectators who remained for this game was provided by the closeness of the scoring in the final stages when Our Lady's Island made a determined come-back from being seven points behind mid-way through the second half.

Indeed they came within a hairs-breath of victory which was denied them in the dying seconds when Pat Howlin made a marvellous, despairing save from Bob Kearns who made a great effort to snatch the match-winning goal.

TERRIBLE MISSES

But on the whole, this was an exhibition of how not to play football: passes continually went astray, there were some terrible misses by both sets of forwards, and the amount of fumbling had to be seen to be believed. The Dannos could have won by a far wider margin, and the Island could also have had an easy victory, if either side had taken the many chances afforded them.

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Ferns Fine Gael dinner

MR. Godfrey Timmins, Fine Gael T.D., for Wicklow addressed members of Ferns Fine Gael branch at their annual dinner in Murphy-Flood's Hotel, Enniscorthy, last week.

He emphasised the disunity of the Fianna Fail Cabinet at the present time with the resultant paralysis of Government. He also stressed the vacillation recently when policies announced were reversed within weeks.

And he went on: "Not only is this situation undesirable at any time, but at present failure to take appropriate action may lead to irreparable damage to our economy. It is now evident that the Fianna Fail government are incapable of decisive action, even if they knew what is needed to be done."

WORRYING SITUATION

"Another very worrying situation is the fact that there are dangerous men on the Fianna Fail back benches who will take over when Mr. Lynch looses control. In the national interest, this kind of party must be put in opposition benches at the earliest possible date," he declared.

Mr. Timmins added: "We in Fine Gael must strive to the utmost to ensure that our party shall have the strength and support to give the country the responsible leadership it yearns for."

Sir A. C. Esmonde, T.D., said that although Fianna Fail were succeeding in clinging to power at the present time, nevertheless considering the divisions within the ranks and the coming economic crisis, the government could not last long.

He added: "The economic situation shall be the instrument that shall bring down the Fianna Fail government as they are incapable of any decisive action in the matter. The break-up shall not come immediately but I anticipate big changes in the political situation in the new year."

Other speakers at the dinner were Mr. Michael Darcy, M.C.C., Mr. Tod O'Loughlin, M.C.C., Mr. Michael Hart, M.C.C., and Mr. John Esmonde.

Boys' Club Penny Bank

Though St. Patrick's Boys' Club (Enniscorthy) Penny Bank attracted a record number of subscribers and a record total deposit in 1970, the actual sum accruing to the organisers will be one of the lowest on record.

This is because of the long-drawn-out bank strike, and the club was left unable to deposit money saved by members. Instead, the organisers put the money to good use by making available much sought-after "change" for a number of local firms.

A representative of one of the firms this week declared that that service was appreciated.

The total subscribed by 2,100 members when collections for 1970 ceased on Friday night of last week was £35,000—£3,000 more than in 1969. The money, when paid out to depositors early next month, will be a tremendous boost to Christmas trade in Enniscorthy.

Beagles' good hunt

Gorey and District Beagle Hunt's followers were provided with excellent sport after they had met at Castletown in ideal conditions on Sunday. The beagles had a number of exciting runs in the Ashore, Kilgorman, Kilbegnet, Clonor and Tomnabely areas. Master of the Beagles was Mr. F. Webb; Huntsman, Mr. S. Hall; and the whips were Messrs. M. Phillips and P. Byrne. Next Sunday the Beagles will meet at Glynn at Coolboy (2 p.m.) and on Sunday week at Arklow. See advt.

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