

Jan 14th, 1899. W.P.

FOOTBALL - FOXFORD GERALDINES.

With characteristic energy and pluck the youthful members of the Foxford 'Geraldines' arranged a series of matches for the closing of the Christmas holidays. Their success was phenomenal. On Friday 6th, encountering a Killasser team of no mean calibre, they gained a rather easy victory. Physically they were far inferior to their more stalwart opponents, but tact and organization stood them in good stead. The score at call of thime - **FOXFORD**, 9 points; **KILLASSER**, 1 goal, 7 points - does not by any means present a criterion of the quality of the play, which was remarkably fast and skilful. Finished with victory they arranged a match with the Swinford juveniles for the following Sunday, Callow ~~being~~ the appointed venue. It was a great disappointment when the Swinford team did not turn up, but not dismayed the plucky youngsters agreed to a match of two thirties against Callow and Killasser combined, which resulted as follows:- **FOXFORD**, 3 goals 3 points; **CALLOW and KILLASSER**, 1 point. The following are the names of the Foxford team, who played a grand scientific game - Messrs CAFFERTY. WALSH. GAUGHAN. QUINN. GAUGHAN. BRODERICK. MULHERIN. CULLETON. COGHLAN. GAUGHAN. J. CAUGHAN -

(CAPTAIN)

1899.

Jan 28th, 1899. W.P.

BALLAGHADERREEN NOTES.

THE Creanane "Devil-may-Cares" football club has challenged the Charlestown junior "Sarsfield's" to play a match under Gaelic rules at Charlestown on Sunday, 29th inst. The "Devil-may-cares" after playing a few local matches in order to test their challenge to the junior "Sarsfield's" who have beaten the junior "Faugh's" of this town, is an evidence of pluck that bodes well for them.

Their teams will be composed of youths who have never played against Charlestown before and if the old saying "fortune favours the brave" be true fortune should certainly favour them.

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Feb 4th, 1899. W.P.

BALLYCASTLE FOOTBALL CLUB.

A largely attended meeting of above was held in the club-rooms on Sunday evening, Mr. George Ormsby, P.L.G., in the chair. A vote of thanks was passed to the outgoing officers and the following appointments made - President, Mr. George Ormsby, P.L.G; vice-president, Mr. D. W. Stanley; treasurer, Mr. F. O' Connell; sec, Mr. Charles McDonnell; captain; Mr. Pat Winters; vice-captain, Mr. Pat McHale; and a working committee of twelve.

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Football. 4th Feb. 1899.

On Sunday last the Castlemore 'Devil-may-cares' (a rather peculiar cognomen) met the Charlestown 'Sarsfields' on grounds kindly given for the occasion by Mr. Michael Moffitt, of Lowpark. Messrs Pat Philips, James Jolleran and Thomas Hopkins acted as referee and field umpires respectively and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Martin McDermott, Castlemore, was goal umpire for the visitors and Mr. James Parsons for the home team. Those who ought to know what quick scientific play means have pronounced the match as the best played here since Castlebar v Sligo

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F O O T B A L L

Castlebar v. Ballaghaderreen.

On Sunday last the above match was played at Swinford in the presence of a large number of spectators. The Castlebar team, accompanied by the splendid band of the Marist Brothers, arrived about an hour before the set time of the match. Shortly after their opponents arrived, each of the teams having been photographed by Mr. C. Wynne. The Castlebar won the toss and played with the wind, the ground was soft which was in favour of the Ballaghaderreen team. During the first half time it seemed as if it would be a draw, but at the second half the Castlebar worked for all they were worth, and shot five splendid goals, two of which were disputed, the remaining three being shot by Matt Flannelly (Captain), John Comber and Dan Gildea. The names of the Castlebar team are as follows: - T. Kelly, goal, D. Gildea, right half back, John Munnelly, left half-back, James Gavin, centre half-back, J. McGough, left fullback; M. McAlpine right full-back. Forwards- Matt Flannelly (Captain) John Comber, P. Gavin, Mayles Sweeney and M. Walsh. Photographs of the teams can be had at Mrs. Wynne, Castlebar. Mr. Dolphin acted as referee and gave general satisfaction on both sides. Mr. Davitt kindly gave the use of his field.

met for the provincial championship. At the end of play the score stood - 'Sarsfields', 1 goal 6 pts. 'Devil-me-cares', 1 goal. The scientific playing and passing of Walsh, Parsons, Coen, Cawley, Egan, the Cassidys, and the Plovers of the 'Sarsfields', commanded admiration. On the other side Creighton, Judge, Casey, and Camey deserved success. After the match the visitors were hospitably entertained at Howley's Hotel by some friends.

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	<u>Football</u>	<u>Hurling</u>	<u>Handball</u>
D. Gildea -	1899 1903	1903	
Matt Flannelly	1899 1903	1903	1899
T. Kelly	1899 1903.	1903	

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THE CASTLEBAR BALL COURT

Thomas ~~Kneafsey~~^{Kneafsey}, who lives near the Castlebar ball court, charged six boys named Patrick Flannelly, John Sweeney, Peter McNeeley, Richard Condon, John McGough and James Ward, with injuring his crops, by coming over the ball court wall to search for lost balls. From the evidence of Kneafsey and his wife it appears they were perpetually annoyed by boys coming into their garden. The ball-court committee charged players a shilling for each ball lost, and then gave three pence to anybody who found the lost ball. The chairman said it was very annoying. John McCawley, Manager of the Town Hall and Ball court, swore that the boys were not playing in the ball court on the 4th May, the day on which they were charged with being in the garden. The cases against Patrick Flannelly and John Sweeney were dismissed as Kneafsey could not swear they were there on 4th May. The other defendants were fined a penny and costs, and the chairman said if they were caught there again they would be fined 10s. Mr James Daly thought it was the ball court committee were at fault, it was too bad to have a poor man's crop destroyed. Mr A B. Kelly for Kneafsey, Mr Verdon for defendants.

4th March, 1899. W.P.

FOOTBALL.

CHARLESTOWN "SARFIELD'S" V BALLYMOTE "WANDERERS."

The above match was played at Lowpark in glorious weather. Messrs P. Phillips, J. Morrisroe, and Robinson acted as referee and field umpires respectively. After an hour and a quarter of quick and most scientific play the score stood as follows "Sarfields", 1 goal 3 points; "Wanderers," 2 points. It is only fair to add that the "Wanderers" raised an objection to the referee's decision and would have the record read: "Sarfield's" 2 points; "Wanderers," 2 points. The officers of the "Wanderers" were hospitably entertained by some friends after the contest.

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25th March, 1899. W.P.

FOOTBALL.

CHARLESTOWN "SARSFIELD'S" V ANNAGH "ROVERS".

The above match was played at Ballyhaunis on Sunday last in fine weather and before a large crowd. On the former meeting of these two teams the "Sarsfield's" secured the verdict by a small margin. The present match excited no little interest for both teams had not been defeated so far this season. With the advantage of a slight breeze the "Rovers" had most of the play in the first half time during which they scored several times, while the "Sarsfields" were unable to put a single point to credit. On changing sides, however, matters were reversed, and the "Rovers" had a lively time of it defending their posts from the well-directed shots of the "Sarsfields" who were playing a very scientific game. The "Sarsfields," aided by the breeze, scored repeatedly, and made desperate efforts to equalize. They failed however, the score at call of time being -"Rovers", 1 goal 10 points; "Sarsfield's"; 1 goal 6 points. Coen, Cassidy, Regan and Cawley were about the pick of "Sarsfields".

The passing of the former two along the wings was frequently applauded. Durcan, Gavaghan, Walsh, and Plover also played well. On the "Rovers", side Muldoon (Capt), Mack, Swifte, Frain, the brothers Garvey, and Keane were about the best. Roarke, Walsh, and Lyons at back deserve special mention for brilliant play. Mr. D. Raftery, Ballyhaunis, Celt's F.C. was referee, and discharged his duties in a most impartial manner.

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22nd April, 1899. W.P.

FOOTBALL.

BALLINROBE BRASS BAND V. COMMERCIALS.

The above match, under Association ~~RULES~~^{RULES}, was played on Sunday last at Ballinrobe. The teams were - Band - Messrs. P. Donnellon, Jas. Donnellon, J. Staunton, William Toole, P. Cunningham, P. Tougher, ~~Commer~~^{Com}ercials - Thomas Monaghan, J. Fallon, G. McGloine, F. Connolly, P. Gannon, M. Gannon, J. Kelly, Pat Freeick, Michael May, H. Fox, The teams lined up about 12.30, and after about twenty minutes play the referee whistled to give a free kick to the band, and it was alleged one of the members of the Commericals wrenched the ball with his hand. One of the members of the band immediately after the whistle was blown shot a goal. The Commericals objected to this on the ground that the ball was "dead" after the blowing of the whistle. The ~~Referee~~^{Referee} decided it was a fair goal as the Commericals had not lifted the ball when the whistle was blown. The Commericals refused to play, and both teams left the field, the members of the band playing their team into town - Con.

July 22nd, 1899. W.P.

INTERESTING HANDBALL MATCH AT CASTLEBAR.

On Sunday last an interesting handball match came off at the new ball court, Castlebar, between tow teams, vit - Castlebar v Westport, and Westport v Swinford. The play commenced at one o' clock and there was a large crowd of spectators in attendance. The first match was between B. Kelly and M. Greally, of Westport, against P. Flannelly and J. McNeela of Castlebar. The game was for a rubber of five games, of 21 aces each. The play was somewhat exciting, but all through Westport displayed a decided superiority ocer their opponents, the result being - Westport's scores - 21, 21, 18, and 21; while Castlebar made 12, 6, 21, 8. What was the principal event of the day then cameoff, viz - John O' Malley, of Westport, V Thomas Durkan, of Swinford, for a rubber of give games, of 21 aces each. Very few bets were to be obtained against the Westport player, upon whom long odds were placed by his supporters. Fomr start to finish O' Malley played as excellent game and showed that he was no mean exponent of the manly sport. He succeeded in scoring three games in succession, while Durkan only made 4, 8, and 13. Durkan remarkabl pulled upon the latter game as compared with his performance in the two first games. As announced last week, O' Malley and Grally challenge any handball team in Connaught to play a match with the half-solid ball for any stakes offered. All correspondene on the the subject to be addressed to Mr. P. Gill, WEstport.

Aug. 12th, 1899. W.P.

H A N D B A L L .

A challenge game of handball will take place in the splendid new court at Castlebar on Sunday next, at 2.15 p.m. between M. Geraghty and J. Armstrong, Balla, and P. Flannelly and M. Walsh, Castlebar. The match is to be a rubber of seven games, fifteen aces; winners of first four winner of the game; ball, half solid; admission 6d.

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19th Aug. 1899. W.P.

H A N D B A L L .

CHAMPIONSHIP OF WEST MAYO.

CASTLEBAR V BALLA.

The Balla men were successful in securing the above much-coveted prize at Castlebar on Sunday last. The match was played in presence of a vast crowd of onlookers from the surrounding towns, including Westport, Kiltimagh, Swinford and Ballinrobe. The competitors were Messrs Patrick Flannery and Michael Walsh, Castlebar, and Michael Geraghty and John Armstrong, Balla. The play was a rubber of seven games, 15 aces each game, the winners to procure the first fourt games. The score stood as follows:-

	<u>CASTLEBAR</u>	<u>BALLA.</u>
1st game	12 aces	15 aces
2nd "	15 "	12 "
3rd "	3 "	15 "
4th "	11 "	15 "
5th "	7 "	15 "

Betting - Evens at the start; at half-time, 2 to 1 on Balla. Much credit is due to Mr. Kilkelly, Castlebar, and Mr. McGreevy. Balla in providing such a good evening's sport. We may mention here that the winners of the above are open to any engagement so far as a friendly match will permit.

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19th Aug. 1899. W.P.

HANDBALL - ANOTHER VICTORY FOR WESTPORT.

On Sunday last Westport gained another brilliant victory at the hands of its sturdy representatives of handball, Messrs J. Malley and M. Greally, over the Castlerea team Messrs T. Brown and J. O' Connor, The match which was for a rubber of three out of five games, was played at Castlerea for a stake of £5 on each side. A large crowd of Spectators witnessed the game. The Westport men played splendidly. The Westport men play splendidly, and succeeded in scoring the three games in succession, having thereby secured the victory. The scores for the Castlerea played in those games were 20, 2 and 10. Although the Westport players have always met their opponents on foreign ground they have not yet experienced a defeat.

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9th Sept. 1899. W.P.

H A N D B A L L .

BALLA V SWINFORD.

This match was played at the Swinford Court last Sunday in presence of a large assemblage of spectators. Even money was given to the extent of about £5 on the match between Geraghty and Armstrong, Balla, and McLoughlin and Durkan, Swinford. The Swinford men won two games out of three and thus gained the rubber. In the single match between Geraghty, Balla, and Durkan, Swinford, the former won the first game, and Durkan put up two. Durkan won the second game, Geraghty putting up twelve. Geraghty won the final game, beating Durkan to fifteen, and thus won the rubber. The very best order was preserved throughout the play.

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HANDBALL.

S^Ept. 9th, 1899. W.P.

A handball match will be played at Sligo on Tuesday next between Westport and two players from Dunlavin, county Wicklow. The stakes are high, and it is expected there will be much betting on the result of the match.

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16th Sept. 1899. W.P.

HANDBALL MATCH AT SLIGO.

WESTPORT V DUNLAVIN (CO. WICKLOW).

The greatest interest among handball votaries throughout Mayo was centred in the handball match which came off on Tuesday at Sligo Court between John O' Malley and Martin Greally, of Westport, and P. Gorman and T. Tarsney, Dunlavin, county Wicklow. The Westport men travelled to Sligo on the previous evening, and on arriving there Mr. P. Gill, Westport, who has at all times displayed such a lively interest in the game on behalf of Westport, went about making final preparations for the match which was played at the ball court attached to the Sligo asylum. It was agreed that the winners of a rubber of six games out of eleven (15 aces each) with a semi-solid ball should be declared victors, each of the winning players to receive a valuable solid gold medal. The contestants appeared in the "pink of condition," and at 11.30 play was commenced. No bets were placed on the result of the match by the spectators who on being ~~Refused~~ admission into the court in consequence of its limited dimensions, ^{Crowded} ~~crowd~~ on to a scaffolding which was erected against the outside of the wall. At the outset the Wicklow men took the lead, and the Westport players realised that they had at last met foemen worthy of their steel, as Gorman had distinguished himself by his play in a match against Nowlan, said to be the second best player in Ireland, in Dublin some time ago. With the exception of the sixth and seventh games the finishes were most exciting, and the play on both sides was of the highest excellence. In the last game the Westport men showed their superior endurance, for when Dunlavin's score stood at "all but" they had only placed six aces to their credit. Vainly did the Wicklow men endeavour to secure the deciding ace, but despite their skilful play Westport fought them brilliantly and secured the match amidst loud acclamation from the onlookers. The result of the games is as follows:

WESTPORT: 15, 10, 15, 15, 15, 6, 15, 15; DUNLAVIN: 13, 15, 11, 11, 15, 15, 6, 14. In all probability arrangements for the holding of a great match at Westport will soon be made as the players from the town have not yet had an opportunity of giving an exhibition of their skill on their own ground. ~~Whoever is respon-~~

sible for the keeping of the ball court in repair then would do well to see that its defects are remedied so that in the event of a match coming off anything will militate against the players.

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30th Sept. 1899. W.P.

HANDBALL.

WESTPORT V DUNLAVAN.

On Sunday a handball match will be played between J. O' Malley and M. Greally, WEstport, and J. Torsnéy and P. Gorman, Co. Wicklow, at Dunlavin, in the latter county.

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H A N D B A L L T O U R N A M E N T .

21st Oct. 1899. W.P.

Lever Brothers, of Sunlight Soap fame, have offered a solid silver cup for the victors of a handball tournament for the province of Connaught, to be played at C_astlebar at an early date. Teams from all parts of the province are eager to compete.

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8th April, 1899. W.P.

BALLYCASTLE FOOTBALL CLUB.

On Monday evening last Mr. P. O' Connell, the able and indegatigable hon. treasurer of the Ballycastle football club, was entertained by a number of the members and presented with an address, which was read by Mr. Bourns, as a tribute of the high esteem in which Mr. O' Connell was held by the whole club and the community in general on the occasion, on his approaching departure for the new world, where we wish him all the success we feel he is deserving of.

Mr. Charles Mc^Donnell, the courteous hon. sec. on rising, said it was with feeling of the deepest regret that their meeting on that occasion was to bid farewell to one of their members. The loss they sustained would not be easily repaired. Since Mr. O' Connell came amongst them he had infused a new life and vigour into the district, owing to his activity and untiring efforts and real in working up all manly sports and pastimes. During his stay amongst them he had spayed no pains in bringing whatever he took in hands to a successful issue, and had by his kind and pnassuming manner endeared himself to all classes of the community. In business had had shown courtesy, tact, and ability, as was proved by the many friends and sustomers he made for his employer. In conclusion, he said he hoeped success may always attend him, and that his abilities would carve out a prosperous future for him in his new home.

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