

More Snippets

1940, Aug. 31: Kells Handball Club won the final of the county Kilkenny junior softball championship when they defeated Mothel at Kells court on Sunday. It was a very exciting contest and the handball reached a high standard. Kells were the better team and showed a decided superiority. The Kells club are to be congratulated on their well-deserved victory, as the club has only recently been revived after a lapse of some years. A special word of praise is due to Mr. James Phelan, the painstaking and energetic hon. Secretary, who played a big part in helping to revive the club. The Kells team was: J. Hurley and Tony Marnell, P. Fleming and P. Comerford, J. Phelan and E. Barry.

1954, March 13: Ball Alley For Dunnamaggin

At Kilkenny County Council Meeting on Friday, Mr. P. Mullins suggested that provision be made under the National Development Fund for a new handball alley at Dunnamaggin village and that a grant be provided for the purpose out of that fund. Mr. Mahoney and himself had attended a meeting at Dunnamaggin, at which the matter was discussed. The ball alley was estimated to cost £900, and he suggested that a 50% grant be made available. Mr. Deegan, secretary, advised him to get a local committee going in the area.

1959, Aug. 8: Seven-a-side:

Nothing puts a bit of life into a spot more than a seven-a-side match, and we had the best ever in Goodwinsgarden during the week, when we had the local "Rag-ball Rovers" lined up against "All-Stars" in Mr. Micheal Barry's field. 'Twas a great hours hurling with plenty of give and take and oceans of excitement. Sean Holden- Callan's "Micheal o' Hehir", turned up and rattled off what we might call a galloping commentary; and his "quick one" were just as fast and as plentiful as the scores which read 9-12 to 8-10 in favour of the R.B.R.'s at the long whistle. Sean's anticipation of what was going to happen was that quick that he was often in the net before the ball! The "big-man" of the evening was little Larry Joe Ryan, who delighted the side-liners with a varied hour of music from his melodeon. And what a player Larry is. One of the best. Despite his forty years in the district and forty more in the states, Larry says he has signed a contract to keep going 'till he's 104. He lives in Kells and bikes it twice a week to Thomastown, once to draw his pension and the second just to "keep himself fit". The line-out on the field was:

Rag-ball Rovers: Seamus Hurley (Goodwinsgarden), Johnnie Joe Meara (Kilmoganny), Paddy Condon (Baurascoob), Peter Brennan (Loughsollis), Pete Moore (Dunnamaggin), Billy Brownrigg (Vinesgrove), Billy Lahart (Goodwinsgarden).

All-Stars: Jack Lanigan (Thomastown), Phil and Tom Lahart (Goodwinsgarden), Paddy Morrissey (Kells), Johnnie Doran (Kilree) Harry Cullen and Jimmie O' Brien (Thomastown).

Mick Lahart, B.A., of Glasnevin had an enjoyable hour as referee.