



## EDITOR'S NOTES

Six months after our inaugural issue, and with the hurling season well into swing, it is surely time for the "Emmets Review" to re-appear.

Our first issue was something of a 'trial-run', but we were well pleased with its reception. Most people thought it a good idea, while the worst criticism we heard was that the cover was the best part of it. At any rate the first issue is now out of print and those who still have a copy should preserve it, for who can tell that it may not become valuable!

As promised, there will be a charge for this issue, but at 5p it is surely beyond the reach of no-one.

This issue will be more or less on the same lines as the last time. No articles have yet been presented for publication but we would still welcome them.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

It was decided at the Annual Meeting to ask those interested in supporting the Club to contribute £1 annually and become members of the Club. This is more essential than ever this year, in view of the fact that the Weekly Draw is no longer held. To date, sixteen people have subscribed. This is certainly not a very encouraging start when one considers the number of hurlers alone that we have.

This year already, we have spent:

£60	.....	Hurling Sticks
£26	.....	New Nets
£33	.....	Entry Fees to Competitions
£15	.....	Hiring of Buses

There are new toilets installed at the Strand House which still have to be paid for. The new jerseys are not included, as they were paid for out of a different fund, but it is quite easy to see that much expense is involved in running the Club, and now with teams in two Divisions of the County League, that more money will be needed.

The number of methods of raising money open to us are very few, so we appeal to all you hurlers and supporters to come up with your subscriptions soon.

The first event worth recording this year was the Club's First Annual Dinner.

Although no-one was quite sure how it would turn out, as it happened, it was an outstanding success. Almost 200 people sat down to an excellent meal which was followed by a very enjoyable dance.

The organisers have no doubt that next year, no-one will want to miss it. A word of thanks is due to Mrs. McNeill, Randal and the Staff of McBride's Hotel, who did so much to make the evening such a success.

After a few warm-up matches the playing season got under way on the 29<sup>th</sup> April and no-one can remember when we had such a good start with 6 wins in a row and no defeats.

This year it was decided not to enter a Minor team, but instead apply for entry to Division III of the All-County League.

It was felt that our Minors would not be strong enough to hold their own in the Minor Leagues, and there were quite a number of players over Minor age, who would not get a place on the Senior team, a second Senior team would be better.

To date only one match has been played by the 'B' team, but it is evident that there will be great competition for places on it.

#### MATCH REPORTS

CUSHENDUN 6 – 3      GLENARM 6 – 1

The Emmets, playing against a strong breeze were 2 goals down in as many minutes but in the second half gradually reduced Glenarm's lead and when we got ahead with only a few minutes to go it looked all over. However, Glenarm came back for their only score of the second half – a goal – which put them in the front again, but on the final whistle Eamonn McLister soloed from centre-field to score the goal of the match and ensure our first victory in Glenarm for many years.

CUSHENDUN 9 - 8      RANDALSTOWN 0 – 3

Randalstown, newly promoted from Division III, turned out to be no match for the Emmets. This was probably the best display of the season so far, and all seemed to hit top form with Liam O'Hara having an excellent game.

CUSHENDUN 4 – 8      CAREY 1 – 5

Carey seem to be a jinx team for the Emmets. Without a victory and a bad season behind them they nevertheless came to Cushendun determined. This match was a dull struggle in the first half, the hurling was bad and it was only because Cushendun has the edge in fitness that they ran out comfortable winners in the end.

CUSHENDUN 6 – 1      GAEL ULADH 3 – 1

Our first visit of the year to Belfast proved successful. Gael Uladh, although hit by injuries and suspensions gave us a hard match in atrocious weather conditions. Only that their goalkeeper let them down, there would not have been much between the teams. Martin McKeegan and Mick O'Neill gave very fine displays.

CUSHENDUN 'B' 5 – 2      O'DONNELLS 1 – 0

The 'B' team's first outing resulted in a very easy victory, but it is fair to say that the opposition was very poor. However, David McAuley, Sam and Dessie McKeegan impressed while Sean McHenry got 2 goals.

### F E I S   C U P

CUSHENDUN 13 – 8      GLENRAVEL 2 – 1

The result of this match speaks for itself and gives a very easy passage to the Feis Cup Final. But most of the Cushendun team appreciated that Glenravel, an excellent Football Club, were only to be praised for their efforts to start hurling in the tenth Glen.

It is not many years since Cushendun suffered an even greater defeat at the hands of Loughgiel – also in the Feis Cup. Paddy O'Mullan recalls that the only score Cushendun got that day – a goal by John McQuillan – came when half the Loughgiel team, including the goalkeepers, had retired to the line for a smoke!

We now await the winners of the Armoy – Carey Match to see who our opponents will be on Feis Sunday.

### O B I T U A R Y

Many readers may not be aware that PADDY ELLIMAN who played a leading role in the 1931 Championship Final, described in this issue, was again in the news headlines just two years ago. This time it was in very tragic circumstances, for Paddy Elliman was one of the victims of the Belfast Curfew trouble. Those who remember the final all speak of the brilliance of Elliman as a goalkeeper. His anticipation and agility are still described.

For nine successive years he was the goalkeeper on Antrim's Senior Team and was probably the best ever in this country to have filled this position.

May he rest in peace.

## COLOUR - BLIND ?

No! Those of you who were present at the Glenravel – Emmets Feis Cup Match were not colour-blind – the new saffron jerseys were used for the first time!

For twenty years since the early 1950's, the Emmets togged out in their Green and Black stripes. Some thought it was time for a change, as a Sweepstake was organised to collect money to buy the new strip. The man behind the idea and organiser of the Sweep was PADDY HAMILTON, to whom much credit is due for his work on this venture.

For those who are sentimental, the green and black jerseys are not being disregarded completely. Cushendun 'B' team will use them on days when we have two matches or the 'A' team may tog out in them if there is a colour clash with the new strip.

## FIXTURE LIST

SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> June:

At Ahoghill – 3.00 p.m.

### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

CUSHENDUN      v      EIRE OG

SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> June:

At CUSHENDUN – 2.15 p.m.

CUSHENDUN 'B'      v      EIRE OG

SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> June:

At CUSHENDUN – 3.30 p.m.

CUSHENDUN 'A'      v      ST. GALLS

## EMMET REVIEW

The first edition of the Emmet Review contained a summary of the early history in Cushendun. This time we are continuing our Historical notes with an account of what must have been the Emmets' finest hour, the SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY in 1931.

This article is reprinted from the "GLENSMAN" - a magazine which was in circulation at that time. To some it may appear tedious and long, but we are sure many will be interested in it, and as it is now impossible to obtain a copy of the "GLENSMAN", it is an article which may well like to preserve.

### ANTRIM HURLING FINAL

Three cheers for Cushendun Emmets! And again three cheers! Hearty cheers, too – cheers that are still echoing in Glendun, Glenarm and Glencorp. I never doubted that Emmets would be the victors. They played well and hard, displaying a knowledge of style and team work. Denis McKeegan is an asset, so too are Archie McSparran, Dan McCormick, McGavock and John McLoughlin. It is good to see that the old fault of keeping the ball too long is dying out. In the past there was a desire on the part of some players to try success on their own – usually ending in failure. Now passes and mutual help are the order and the game is becoming more virile and more interesting in the glens every season.

O'Connells are good players, capable of some really magnificent shots. I think the Emmets deserved to win. The draw made the replay exciting to look forward to and though there was plenty of pep in it, the first match was the better. Nevertheless, we are proud of the Cushendun men, and we are to hear more about them in the future.

### CUSHENDUN MINORS

The Cushendun Minors showed the way to their Seniors in winning the Minor Championship on 12<sup>th</sup> September, against the Geraldines, Randalstown, South West Champions. Young Leavey and the two Campbells played a good game. They have a good goalie and good backs and the making of a firm Senior Team.

### THE GAME IN DETAIL

September, 12<sup>th</sup>

### ANTRIM HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

The Final of the Antrim Hurling Championship at Cushendun produced a rousing game that increased in intensity and ended in a blaze of excitement, with the teams scoring alternatively, O'Connells losing a slender lead to regain it, and lost it again in the closing minute, Emmets making a gallant attempt to bring the Donnelly Cup to Cushendun for the first time. O'Connell's defence saved the game. Elliman by brilliant goalkeeping and McDermott and Sadlier by safe tacking. The teams were:

CUSHENDUN: J. McDonnell; J. McAllister; J. McBride; J. McLaughlin; H. McGavock; A. Delargy; J. McHenry; J. Gore; Harry Scally; Archie McSparran; Alec McKay; Neil Delargy; Denis McKeegan; Dan McCormick; P. McGuaig

O'CONNELLS: P. Elliman; R. Sadlier; G. McDermott; D. Armstrong; A. Smith; G. O'Connell; W. Mulvenna; W. McDermott; J. Maguire; J. Tuohy; J. Taggart; D. Craig; A. McGrady; J. McAuley; F. Lewis

REFEREE: Mr. George Nash

Emmets in a lively opening scored a point by McKay and a goal by McKeegan, O'Connells were nervy, but when Taggart scored their first goal they developed a fine game. Twice Maguire lifted and kicked from his own goal area, and from a second effort McGrady got in a strong cross-shot which McDonnell stopped, but which could not clear and Lewis scored O'Connell's second goal.

Maguire was again prominent for O'Connell's and Tuohy receiving crossed for Lewis to catch, swerve past McAllister to slash the ball past McDonnell. From a "70" McKay caught the return and pointed for Cushendun. The North men attacked vigorously. Elliman saved from Delargy and twice parried fierce shots from McKeegan. He conceded a "70" from which McKay pointed. Emmets kept pressing, and McKeegan scored another minor. O'Connell saved in his own goalmouth from a fine touch-puck by McGavock and McSparran finished a dribble by a scoring shot which Elliman sent to touch. From the puck-out McKay received to point. On the interval McKay with a point levelled the scores, which then read:

EMMETS	1 goal 6 points	O'CONNELLS	3 goals
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Soon after the resumption Emmet's backs were hard pushed to keep out O'Connell's forwards. Finally Mulvenna placed for McGrady to score a brilliant point. A Cushendun rush was beaten off, but after a fruitless O'Connell free, McKeegan placed a similar award in O'Connell goal area and Delargy brought the scores level again.

Salier inspired the O'Connell players by his work at this period. He forced up without success, but returning, he sent Taggart in to regain the lead with a minor. O'Connells stood up to a stiff Emmet Attack, and soon afterwards McCormick sent over the equalising point. Both sides strained hard to gain the ascendance but in a thrilling finish the score remained unchanged; RESULT:-

EMMETS: 1 goal 8 points (11 points) O'CONNELLS 3 goals 2 points (11 points)

September 19<sup>th</sup>

Consequent on the draw of 12<sup>th</sup> September, Emmets met O'Connells at Cushendun again on September 19<sup>th</sup>, in a replay for the Championship. A large and enthusiastic crowd witnessed the game, the weather being ideal. Mr. Nash was again Referee. The Cushendun men were out to win from the start, working well from start to finish. TEAMS:-

CUSHENDUN EMMETS: J. McDonnell; J. McAllister; J. McBride; J. McLaughlin; H. McGavock; A. Delargy; J. Gore; D. McKeegan; A. McSparran; H. Scally; Neil Delargy; P. McQuaig; D. McCormick; J. McHenry.

O'CONNELLS: P. Elliman; R. Sadlier; G. McDermott; D. Armstrong; I. Hoaley; A. Smith; W. Mulvenna; W. McDermott; J. Maguire; J. Tuohy; J. Taggart; D. Craig; A. McGrady; I. McHenry; F. Lewis

With a strong breeze behind them, Emmets forced in. Elliman saved from Delargy, conceding a "70" which McKeegan pucked outside. Sadlier returned a free by McKeegan, but the latter secured and notched a point. Aggressive play kept Cushendun in possession. From McHenry, McKeegan placed to McCormick, who beat Elliman from close in. Thus Emmets opened in manner similar to last week, but O'Connells did not repeat their "hat trick" of the previous week. Armstrong placed a good free for O'Connells without result, but a second free left McGrady with McDonnell only to beat, but the winger muffed his shot, which went the wrong side of the post. O'Connells appeared low in approach work, and in a fight for possession the Glensmen usually won. McDermott retained a fine shot by McKeegan, and Sadlier cleared when Cushendun were dangerous but the North Champions came back with greater power, and McQuaig had an easy task in beating Elliman. A good free by Armstrong carried wide of the Cushendun goalpost. From the puck-out McGrady met the ball to score a great point for O'Connells. Right away Scally pointed for Emmets, and from the right touch-line McKeegan added another minor.

From a free Tuohy put McGrady through, but McDonnell, saved when a goal seemed certain for O'Connells. Strong work by McKay put Emmets left wing in possession, and Elliman saved a strong shot by McCormick, a "70" ensuing. McKeegan placed the free close to goal and McCormick banged the ball through. O'Connells now revealed some of their know form. Smith and Maguire opened play on the right, and McGrady got in a fast shot which McDonnell parried, but Lewis, standing close rushed in and kicked the ball through. A bad puck-out enabled Taggart to increase O'Connell's score by a point. Smith did good work for O'Connells, but Gore checked him and transferred to Scally who scored a nice point for Emmets.

INTERVAL SCORE: EMMETS 3 goals 4 points O'CONNELLS 1 goal 2 points.

Emmets were eager to improve their position, and on the restart got to grips with O'Connells defenders. Twice G. McDermott cleared brilliantly, and followed determined defensive work, the O'Connell three-quarters livened up and a dashing run by Taggart ended in a point by the same player. Maguire, trying to emulate his comrade, went close. Trick work by Maguire and a long shot found the net, but the Referee's whistle had gone for an infringement against the defender.

Smith took the free, which was returned to Mulvenna who shot into the corner of the net. This narrowed the difference in the score considerably and gave



the Belfastmen renewed hope that the game was not lost. Their hope was shortened as the Glensmen renewed their attack with increased vigour, which was bound to earn more scores. Delargy scored another goal and McKay a point;  
RESULT:-

CUSHENDUN: 4 goals 6 points (18 pts) O'CONNELLS 2 goals 3 points (9 pts)

## ROUND-UP OF G.A.A. AFFAIRS IN NORTH ANTRIM

by Roving Reporter

In the first Division of the Senior League, Loughgiel and Ballycastle are undefeated. Ballycastle, however were surprisingly eliminated from the Feis Cup by Dunloy. Cushendall meet Loughgiel and Dunloy now meet Glenariffe in the Feis Cup Senior Semi-Final.

In the Junior Section of the Feis-Cup, Armooy and Carey will contest the second Semi-Final on this Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> June). Armooy, undefeated in the League, look to be the biggest threat to Cushendun.

Our near neighbours, and old rivals, Cushendall, have not had a great start to the Season, but in view of their policy of bringing on young players, startling results are not to be expected. However, they did surprise Dunloy in the Senior League, with a well-merited win.

Glenariffe are getting strong at the moment and have eliminated Mitchels from the Championship. They also had good wins over St. Hohn's and Cushendall in the League.

Carey are going through a bad spell and it is rumoured that they were on the point of quitting. This would certainly be a pity, for no-one would like to see the departure of such an old established Club. However, they recorded their first win a couple of weeks ago in Belfast – a victory over St. Paul's – so perhaps better days are coming.

### FORECASTS

SENIOR LEAGUE	DIVISION I	:	BALLYCASTLE
“	“	:	CUSHENDUN
“	“	:	EIRE OG
FEIS CUP	SENIOR	:	GLENARIFFE
“	“	:	ARMOY