

A Tipperary Athletic Club

The first account of athletic activity in the parish of Moycarkey-Borris was around 1860 when a runner named Molumby from the Moycarkey area won a race against a Holycross runner for a bet!

It was another fifteen years before the O' Gradys of Archerstown came on the scene- Martin was a high jumper of note and Tom (the great hurling captain) was proficient at the weights and sprinting. The Gleesons of Drumboe, Horse & Jockey, - Tom, Mick and Dan were all middle distance runners. Jack Gleeson was a useful miler.

HISTORY AND FORMATION OF ATHLETICS CLUBS IN THE PARISH OF MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

1936 Moycarkey Coolcroo 2006

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70 Years of Athletics in a County Tipperary Parish

“Tipperary athletes swept the boards and not only maintained but enhanced the county’s great reputation in the near and distant past. Formed only two years before the Coolcroo Athletic Club has done for Tipperary, what all the great teams of the past failed to accomplish. With six in the first fourteen, the brilliant Tipperary contingent beat their nearest rivals Army Metro – by 12 points. Some few weeks ago Coolcroo in sharing the team results with Kilrush and providing the winner of the junior event in Belfast, . The difference in the competitions is of such nature that few have confidently expected this triumph making history for Tipperary once again.”

In 1947 four runners from Coolcroo A. C., Gerry Kiely (ninth and first Irishman home), Tom Walsh, Patsy Fitzgerald and Larry Donnelly won their international stripes in Paris. The following year Paddy Fahey joined Jerry Kiely and Patsy Fitzgerald. On Irish soil at Baldoye, Dublin in 1949 the same four Coolcroo runners were members of the Irish team. Brussels hosted the 1950 race where Patsy Fitzgerald and Paddy Fahey competed. At Caerleon in Wales in 1951 club mates Eamon Donnelly and Mixie Dunne joined Patsy Fitzgerald.

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