

SPORTING MEMORABILIA

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GAA 1885-86: Championship Medals, won by J. Hennessy for 3 and 7 mile walk

Pair of scarce and early Gaelic Athletic Association Championship Medals awarded in the first and second year of the Association's existence. Both won by J. Hennessy, the first for the 3 Mile Walk, 1885 the second for the 7 Mile Walk, 1886. Attractive white metal medals, the obverse decorated with Gaelic symbolism and motifs, the reverse with a shamrock bearing the names of Dr. Croke, Davitt and Parnell and inscribed with details of the race and recipient. (2 items)
€800-€1,000 (£667-£833 approx)

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1893: GAA All Ireland Football Championship Medal won by Wexford in extraordinary circumstances

Hallmarked gold medal awarded to Michael Curran of Young Irelands. Engraved "GAA. all Ireland Football Championship Won By Wexford 1893" to reverse and "M. Curran" in circular cartouche to obverse. The 1893 final was played in June 1894 between Young Irelands, Wexford and Dromtariffe of Cork. The final was without doubt was one of the most unusual in the history of the association. The match was arranged to be played at Ashtown near the Phoenix Park but the pitch was unplayable, described by the *Wexford Independent* at the time as "a graveyard overgrown with grass..." The crowd of approximately 2,000, which had come to see the game made their way to the polo pitch in the nearby Phoenix Park in hope that the game could take place there. The polo pitch, however, had no markings or goalposts that were suitable for a football match, but ingenuity triumphed and city drivers placed their jaunting cars at intervals around the pitch while the people in between the cars acted as the boundary lines. When the match finally did get underway the Young Irelands went into an early lead with the benefit of the hill. The second half saw Cork disallowed a goal and "a Cork man swooped down on Paddy Curran who was bending over the ball and gave him an open kick in the face which turned his left eye out of his head...". This led to a mass invasion of the pitch and after the Dublin referee did eventually restore order and asked the teams to replace their casualties, the Cork team refused to return to the pitch handing the title to Wexford with a winning score of 1-1 to 0-2. A hard-earned and scarce medal. For more information see *The Wexford Hurling & Football Bible 1887-2008* by Dominic Williams. 1.25 x 1 in. (3.18 x 2.54cm)
€8,000-€10,000 (£6,667-£8,333 approx)

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GAA 1894 Football challenge medal won by Monasterevan
Hallmarked 9ct gold by Moore & Co. Grafton Street. An early GAA medal inscribed on the reserve "Football Challenge, 1894, Monasterevan v Queens County, won by Monasterevan, W. Kennedy". An interesting brooch medal. 1.40 x 1.40in. (3.56 x 3.56cm)
€300-€400 (£250-£333 approx)

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GAA 1909-1958: Prize medals including Leinster Colleges medal
1957-8 Leinster Colleges Senior Football Championship medal awarded to St. Joseph's Fairview. Also 1909 Inter Championship medal, 1934 medal awarded to St. Pauls. Early GAA medal with no inscription by Egan of Cork. Harp pin back badge inscribed S.P.S. (5 items)
€100-€150 (£83-£125 approx)

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GAA 1914: Dublin Senior Football Championship medal awarded to Geraldines
Hallmarked 9ct gold. Dublin Senior Football Championship medal in the usual form for this period with hallmarks and makers marks to reverse. This Geraldines team won three titles in four years between 1914 and 1917. 1.50 x 1.50in. (3.81 x 3.81cm)
€300-€500 (£250-£417 approx)

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GAA 1968 La Touche Cup winners medal

Hallmarked silver. An attractive medal decorated with shamrocks, harp and football. Engraved and hallmarked on reverse. 1.50 x 1.50in. (3.81 x 3.81cm)
€50-€70 (£42-£58 approx)

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GAA Collection of Irish Press hurling photographs

Including National League, An t-Oireachtas, 'Tipperary v Rest of Ireland', Railway Cup Croke Park finals, camogie etc. (64 items)
€200-€300 (£167-£250 approx)

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GAA Collection of Irish Press photographs

Large selection of photographs by the Irish Press. Including Croke Park finals, Munster Senior Finals, Football League, Railway Cup, Congress etc. (70 items)
€200-€300 (£167-£250 approx)

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Soccer: 1922 I.R.A. Benefit Match medal awarded to Fairview Celtic

An unusual and interesting football medal with Celtic motif design. Hallmarked Dublin silver and inscribed on reverse "D. Head I.R.A. Benefit Match 1922/Winners/Fairview" and subsequently engraved underneath "C.B." 'D. Head' possibly referring to Dublin Headquarters.
€300-€400 (£250-£333 approx)

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Soccer: 1958 Manchester United 'Busby Babes' autographs

Collection of Manchester United autographs on a single page within an autograph book with many of the 'Busby Babes' including Eddie Colman, David Pegg, Mark Jones, Jackie Blanchflower, John Doherty etc. 4.25 x 6.50in. (10.80 x 16.51cm)
€300-€400 (£250-£333 approx)

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Soccer 1966 (7 December) European Nations Qualifier, Spain v Republic of Ireland, poster

Scarce Spanish colour poster printed in Valencia advertising the qualifying match between Spain and Ireland in December 1966. 25 x 17in. (63.50 x 43.18cm)
€200-€250 (£167-£208 approx)

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Soccer 1970s-2000s: Collection of Manchester United players' autographs

Collection of 50 cards, letters and photographs signed by well known Manchester United players. Including Fabien Barthez, David Beckham,, Jesper Blomqvist, Mark Bosnich, Wes Brown, Steve Bruce, Nicky Butt, Andy Cole, Steve Coppell, Jordi Cruyff, Rio Ferdinand, Alex Ferguson, Diego Forlan, Mark Hughes, Paul Ince, Denis Irwin, Andre Kanchelskis, Roy Keane, Lou Macari, Kevin Moran, Gary Neville, Phil Neville, Ruud van Nistlerooy, Bryan Robson, Paddy Roche, Louis Saha, Edwin van der Saar, Peter Schmeichel, Paul Scholes, Jap Stam etc.
€350-€400 (£292-£333 approx)