Kilrush & District Historical Society Meeting
Vandeleur Walled Garden, Kilrush
Saturday 27 October 2012

Talk Given by Cyril J Smyth
Fellow Emeritus TCD
Chairman of Dublin University Central Athletic Club
The Bulger Brothers of Kilrush & Trinity College Dublin
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Daniel Delany Bulger – 1892
Daniel Delany Bulger

• Born 19/20 December 1865
• School: French College, Blackrock, Dublin
• Spent one year Royal University before transferring to Trinity College Dublin
• Dublin University, Trinity College Dublin:

  B.A. (1886) – Comitia Æstiva (Summer Commencements) – 1 July 1886 – B.A. Not with Honours
Daniel Delany Bulger
Mid 1880’s
French College
Rugby Team
## Irish Athletic Championships Won [25]

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# Irish All-Round Championships

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Amateur Athletic Association of England Championships [World Champs]

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IRISH ATHLETIC TEAM,
Which Visited Canada and New York, 1885.

World & Irish Record
120 yards Hurdles

• At RDS Showgrounds, Ball’s Bridge, Dublin, on 1 August, 1892, Bulger equalled the then 120 yards Hurdles World Record of 15.8 sec. The hurdles race was held in conjunction with the IAAA All-Round Championship of Ireland.

• This would stand as an Irish record for almost 39 years until 27 June, 1931 when Theo Phelan (UCD) set 15.4 sec at the NACAI Championships in Croke Park.
Irish Record – 100 yards

• Set Irish Record for 100 yards of 10.2 sec in 1890
• Daniel Bulger held this record jointly with Norman D Morgan [1896], Denis Murray [1904], and James P. Roche [1907] until 1913 when Frederick R. Shaw (Dublin University Athletic Club) clocked 10.0 sec on 20 July in Belfast.
BULLETIN DU COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DES JEUX OLYMPIQUES

PARIS, 229, Rue Saint-Honoré

Liste des Membres honoraires et des Délégués du Congrès

Congress of the Sorbonne

• As representatives of the I.A.A.A., Daniel Bulger, as Vice-President of the I.A.A.A., and Joseph Magee of the I.A.A.A. Competitions’ Committee [I.A.A.A. 220 yd and 440 yd Champion in 1894] attended the Congress of the Sorbonne, organized by Baron Pierre de Coubertin in Paris, from 16th – 24th June 1894

• This international congress led to the establishment of the Olympic Games of the Modern Era, the creation of the International Olympic Committee, and the decision to hold the inaugural Olympic Games of the Modern Era in Athens [6–15 April 1896].
The Magee Family – Joseph T. Magee

Louis – 27 caps

Joseph – 2 caps

Louis-Margaret-John PP-Joseph-Jim
Master of Middlesex Stag Hounds & Enfield Chase Stag Hounds

Daniel H. Bulger
M SH
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on "Needles"

Master - Tomas 1909 - Enfield Chase Stag Hound
Daniel Delany Bulger

- Stockbroker
- Died 8 December 1930 at 10 Belsize Grove, London – almost 65 years old
- Revolver bullet wound of head and damage to brain
- Inquest held 9 December 1930
- Suicide – unsound mind
Michael Joseph Bulger - 1908
Michael Joseph Bulger

- Born 15 May 1867
- School: French College, Blackrock, Dublin
- Dublin University, Trinity College Dublin:
  - B.A., B.A.O., B.Ch., M.B. (1891) – Comitia Verna (Spring Commencements) – 10 February 1891 – B.A. not with Honours
  - M.A., M.D. (1897) – Comitia Æstiva (Summer Commencements) – 2 July 1897
Michael Joseph Bulger

- Played rugby for Dublin University Football Club in 1888-89
- He became Vice-Captain of Lansdowne RFC
- Played rugby for Leinster
- 1 Cap for Ireland at half-back
- Friendly against “New Zealand Maories” on 1 December 1888
- Played all 80 minutes of match
- Match won by New Zealand 4 goals and 1 try to Ireland’s 1 goal and 1 try
Michael Joseph Bulger

- After he moved to London, he became a founding member of London Irish RFC in 1898 for young ‘exiled’ Irishmen
- He became a physician to the Rugby Football Union
- He had a practice in Seven Sister’s Road, Holloway
- In 1906 he was appointed the representative of the IAAA on the Council of the British Olympic Association which organised the 1908 London Games
Olympic Marathon - London
Friday 24 July 1908

OFFICIAL ROUTE FOR THE MARATHON RACE
Olympic Games, London, 1908.

Marathon Race
To be held
On Friday, July 24th, 1908.

Starting from
Windsor Castle
(East Terrace)
(By the Gracious Permission of His Majesty King Edward VII)

And finishing at
The Great Stadium,
Shepherds Bush, London, W.

Distance 26 Miles 385 Yds. = 42.203 Kilometres.

Official Programme - Threepence.
Olympic Marathon- London
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Olympic Marathon - London
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55 Competitors started from the East Terrace of Windsor Castle
Olympic Marathon - London
Friday 24 July 1908

Dorando Pietri
Olympic Marathon – London 1908

Dorando Pietri
c. 4½ miles
Olympic Marathon – London 1908

Dorando Pietri
Running down tree-lined street in Wembley
circa 5 miles to go
Olympic Marathon 1908 - Finish
Olympic Marathon
London 1908

Jack Andrews
Clerk of the Course

Dr Michael Bulger
Chief Medical Officer
Olympic Marathon – London 1908

Michael Bulger - Arrowed
Olympic Marathon – London 1908

Jack Andrews  Dorando Pietri  Michael Bulger
A.J. Eggleston  Ambulance Man  Clerk of Course  Dr Bulger

Amsterdam  Clerk of Course  O'Balgros.

Trainer  Dorando Pietri
Disqualification of Dorando Pietri

Pietri, suffering the effects of extreme fatigue and dehydration, fell 5 times and took 10 minutes to complete the final ‘lap’ of the stadium, with assistance from officials, including Michael Bulger.
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Olympic Marathon – London 1908
Winner Johnny Hayes

Johnny Hayes came in second in the race, some way behind Pietri, but was awarded the gold medal when an appeal by the American team was upheld as a result of the help received by Pietri from race officials within the stadium.
Presentation of Gold Cup by Queen Alexandra to Dorando Pietri
Michael Joseph Bulger

• For the last nine years of his life he was a ship’s surgeon on the New Zealand Line steamers – The Tamoroa had arrived in London a few days before he died
• He collapsed on the upper deck of a bus going from Crouch End to Highgate
• He was pronounced dead at Royal Northern Hospital, London on 20 July 1938, aged 71 years
• Angina Pectoris, Myocardial degeneration
Laurence Quinlavin Bulger - 1927
Laurence Quinlavin Bulger

• Born 5 February 1870
• School: French College, Blackrock, Dublin
• Dublin University, Trinity College Dublin:
  – B.A. (1896) – Comitia Hiemalia (Winter Commencements) – 18 December 1896 – B.A. Not with Honours
  – B.A.O., B.Ch., M.B., M.D. (1898) – Comitia Hiemalia (Winter Commencements) – 16 December 1898
French College – Leinster Schools Cup Winning Team 1887
Laurence Bulger
DUFC 1
st XV

1892 — 1893

T. de C. STUDDERT.  R. DUNLOP.  E. B. STEELE.
L. H. GWYNN.  B. O'BRIEN.  A. D. CLINCH.  G. E. KENNY.  W. SPARROW.  W. S. BROWN.
A. P. GWYNN.  L. Q. BULGER.
T. S. JOHNS.  H. LINDSAY.  A. E. ROSS.  A. KENNY.
C. V. ROOKE.
D. OGLIVY.
## Home Nations Rugby Career

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- Position - Wing
- Points scored – 22 pts
- Tries scored – 3
- Conversions - 2
- Penalties - 2
British Lions Career

• 1896 British Isles ‘Lions’ tour to South Africa with still a student at TCD
• Played in all four tests, winning three
• Scored a try in the First Test at Port Elizabeth
• Set a tour record of 19 tries in 21 full matches played
Rugby Career

- Member of DUFC 1st XV from 1891-92 through 1895-96
- Joined Lansdowne RFC in the 1896-97 season after graduating from Dublin University
- He followed his elder brother Michael into practice in London
- Joined London Irish RFC
- Both brothers played together for London Irish
## Irish Athletic Championships

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Laurence Quinlavin Bulger

• Larry Bulger was awarded “Chevalier de l’Ordre de la Couronne de Belgique, Palmes d’Or” by Albert, King of Belgium, for distinguished public service on 9 April 1921.
Laurence Quinlavin Bulger

• Laurence Bulger was taken ill at Twickenham on Saint Patrick's Day, 1928, just before the start of the England v Scotland [Calcutta Cup] match
• He acted in an honorary medical capacity at matches at Twickenham
• He died shortly after leaving the ground; he was 58 years old
Thanks

• Cyril M White
• Tony O’Donoghue
• Patricia Bulger
• Patricia Zanini
• Oonagh Ryan
• Judith Bulger