

# The Liffey Swim Results from Newspaper Reports 1930 – 1939

**11<sup>th</sup> Liffey Swim  
Monday 18 August, 1930, 17.30**

Place	Name	Club	Handicap	Time
1	William F. "Billy" Case	Clontarf SC	7 min 30 sec	27:38
2	P. Bird	Rechabites SC	5 min	100 yds
3	K. O'Grady	Clontarf SC	5 min	NT
4	J.A. Burke	Sandycove SC	5 min	NT
5	C.P. Grier	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	NT
6	F. Horlacher	Sandycove SC	3 min 30 sec	NT
7	J. Forde	Garda Sc	4 min	NT
8	J. Jordan	Rechabites SC	2 min 30 sec	NT
9	E. Mullen	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	NT
10	H.P. Dockrell	Dublin SC	2 min 30 sec	NT
11	T.A. O'Reilly	Clontarf SC	3 min	NT
12	C. Manning	Garda SC	5 min	NT
13	G. Blair	Republican SC	4 min	NT
14	C.P. O'Toole	Republican	2 min 30 sec	NT
15	J. Horgan	Garda SC	3 min	NT
16	E. Kay	Dublin SC	3 min 30 sec	NT
17	J. Groome	Republican SC	5 min	NT
18	W. Maguire	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	NT
19	J.L. O'Brien	Sandycove SC	Scratch	25:00
20	H. Harrison	Sandycove SC	2 min 30 sec	NT
21	P.J. Lavery	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	NT
22	A.E. Crossley	Imperial Tobacco Co SC	4 min 30 sec	NT
23	M.J. White	Clontarf SC	5 min 30 sec	NT
24	C. Lunn	Rechabites SC	4 min 30 sec	NT
25	E. Lewis	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	NT
26	J.C. Barry	Dublin SC	2 min	NT
27	A. McCombe	Clontarf SC	3 min	NT
28	L.K. Hughes	Sandycove SC	3 min	NT
29	P.L. Murray	Clontarf SC	3 min 30 sec	NT
30	P. Morgan	Bray SC	2 min 30 sec	NT
31	R.N. Case	Clontarf	Scratch	NT
32	R.M. Darby	Imperial Tobacco Co. SC	4 min 30 sec	NT
33	J. O'Farrell	Unattached	0 min 30 sec	NT
34	M. Casey	Half Moon SC	4 min 30 sec	NT
35	P. Hutton	Half Moon SC	4 min 30 sec	NT
36	L. Reynolds	Republican	3 min	NT
37	W.P. Willis	Imperial Tobacco Co SC	1 min 30 sec	NT
38	N.A. Butler	Republican SC	3 min	NT
39	P. McCormack	Garda SC	4 min 30 sec	NT
DNF	L. Tozer	Sandycove SC	9 min	NT
DNF	J. O'Brien	Clontarf SC	6 min 30 sec	NT
DNF	C. Archer	Clontarf SC	6 min	NT
DNF	J. Ennis	Republican SC	4 min 30 sec	NT
DNS	H.W. Stephenson	Pembroke SC	3 min	—
DNS	J.P. Wallace	Dublin University SC	0 min 30 sec	—

**12<sup>th</sup> Liffey Swim**  
**Friday 21 August, 1931, 18.30**

Place	Name	Club	Handicap	Time
1	E.J. Doyle	Clontarf SC	4 min	32:45
2	J. Cummins	Sandycove SC	2 min 30 sec	31:40
3	Charles "Cecil" Fagan	Sandycove SC	2 min	31:35
4	H.G. Ellerker	Pembroke SC	2 min 30 sec	
5	J.P. Wallace	Dublin University SC	1 min	
6	P.J. Verlin	Pembroke SC	3 min	
7	W.F. Case	Clontarf SC	1 min 30 sec	
8	L. O'Brien	Sandycove SC	0 min 30 sec	
9	G.F. Mitchell	Dublin University SC	3 min 30 sec	
10	M.D. Fletcher	Pembroke SC	Scratch	
11	C.A. Brady	Sandycove SC	2 min	
12	P.J. Lavery	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	
13	K. O'Grady	Clontarf SC	3 min	
14	D. McCabe	Emerald Rechabite SC	3 min	
15	A.E. Crossley	Imperial Tobacco Co SC	3 min 30 sec	
16	R.S. Montgomery	Pembroke SC	3 min	
17	A.F. Horlacher	Sandycove SC	3 min	
18	R. O'Farrell	Pembroke SC	4 min 30 sec	
19	C.J. O'Reilly	Republican SC	3 min	
20	C. Grier	Clontarf SC	2 min	
21	J. Jordan	Emerald Rechabite SC	2 min	
22	J. Groome	Republican SC	4 min 30 sec	
23	M. Kelly	Sandycove SC	3 min	
24	B. Banks	Half Moon SC	2 min 30 sec	
25	Pte P Bird	Emerald Rechabite SC	2 min 30 sec	
26	D. McNeill	Republican	2 min	
27	J.A. Burke	Sandycove SC	2 min 30 sec	
28	J.C. Barry	Dublin SC	2 min	
29	J.H. Morton	Pembroke SC	1 min 30 sec	
30	J. Fitzpatrick	Republican SC	3 min	
31	N. Harrison	Army SC	2 min	
32	J.W. Collins	Pembroke SC	3 min 30 sec	
33	J. O'Neill	Carlow SC	3 min	
34	F. Murphy	Pembroke SC	3min	
35	G.C. Higginbotham	Sandycove SC	2 min 30 sec	
AC	H. Somerville	Guinness SC	4 min 30 sec	
AC	C. Archer	Clontarf SC	4 min 30 sec	
AC	J.D. Stafford	Pembroke SC	4 min 30 sec	
AC	J. O'Brien	Pembroke SC	4 min 30 sec	
AC	D. McNeill	Republican SC	4 min	
AC	H. Gaffney	Clontarf SC	4 min	
AC	M.P. Kelly	Garda SC	3 min 30 sec	
AC	W.G. Taylor	Dublin SC	3 min 30 sec	
AC	N.A. Butler	Republican SC	3 min 20 sec	
AC	B. Boyd-Barrett	Republican SC	3 min 20 sec	
AC	P.J. Hannigan	Republican SC	3 min 20 sec	
AC	L. Reynolds	Republican SC	3 min 20 sec	
AC	R. Frame	Bray SC	3 min	

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Time</b>
AC	T. Etherington	Sandycove SC	3 min	
AC	E. Keogh	Sandycove SC	3 min	
AC	P.L. Murray	Clontarf SC	3 min	
AC	M. Casey	Clontarf SC	3 min	
AC	P.J. Mooney	Clontarf SC	3 min	
AC	T.F. Eager	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	F. Nicholson	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	J. (C.?) L. O'Reilly	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	W. Maher	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	M. Groome	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	P. Cassidy	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	P.J. Ryan	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	R. Rowlette	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	J. Wade	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	Leo Maher	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	T. Mooney	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AC	F. Moran	Clontarf SC	3 min	
AC	Sergt Towey	Garda SC	3 min	
AC	J. Corcoran	Emerald Rechabite SC	3 min	
AC	J. Pierce	Emerald Rechabite SC	3 min	
AC	J. Harris	Emerald Rechabite SC	3 min	
AC	M. Stewart	Emerald Rechabite SC	3 min	
AC	G. Walsh	Irish Insurance Federation	3 min	
AC	H. Hogan	Half Moon SC	3 min	
AC	R. McSwiney	Half Moon SC	3 min	
AC	W. Begley	Pembroke SC	2 min 30 sec	
AC	J.K. Doran	Sandycove SC	2 min 30 sec	
AC	H. Cullen	Sandycove SC	2 min 30 sec	
AC	L.K. Hughes	Sandycove SC	2 min 30 sec	
AC	P. O'Byrne	Garda SC	2 min 30 sec	
AC	R.J. Walsh	Dublin SC	2 min 30 sec	
AC	C.P. O'Toole	Republican SC	2 min	
AC	R.C. Brolchan	Clontarf SC	2 min	
AC	C.A. Cullen	Sandycove SC	1 min 30 sec	
AC	P. Morgan	Bray SC	1 min 30 sec	
AC	G. O'Connor	Republican SC	3 min	
AC	G. Blair	Republican SC	3 min 30 sec	
DNS	P. McCormack	Garda SC	4 min 30 sec	
DNS	T.A. O'Reilly	Clontarf SC	3 min	
DNS	J.J. "Jack" Kennedy	Sandycove SC	3 min	
DNS	W.M.E. Anderson	Dublin University SC	2 min 30 sec	
DNS	E. Kay	Dublin SC	2 min 30 sec	
DNS	M. Horgan	Garda SC	2 min 30 sec	

## 13<sup>th</sup> Liffey Swim

### Monday 11 July 1932, 18.30

Due to the increased pace of the flow of the river through the new reinforced concrete Butt Bridge opened in June 1932, which replaced the original structural steel swivel bridge, the Leinster Branch I.A.S.A. deemed it prudent to shorten the course by 100 yards, such that the finishing point was nearly in line with Hawkins Street, where the Rosie Hackett Bridge is today. The start time was also put back to over an hour after high tide.

Place	Name	Club	Handicap	Time
1	Leo Maher‡	Republican SC	3 min	25:42
2	J. Jordan	Emerald Rechabite SC	2 min 30 sec	50 yds
3	James Brady	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	
4	M. Horgan	Garda SC	3 min 30 sec	
5	R.J. Walsh	Dublin SC	3 min	
6	P.J. Verlin	Pembroke SC	3 min	
7	C.J. O'Reilly	Republican SC	3 min 30 sec	
8	H.G. Ellerker	Pembroke SC	2 min 30 sec	
9	M. Kelly	Sandycove SC	3 min	
10	C.A. Doyle	Dublin University/Pembroke SC	2 min 45 sec	
AF	D. McNeill	Republican SC	4 min	
AF	John O'Neill	Carlow SC	3 min 30 sec	
AF	T.A. O'Reilly	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	
AF	H.G. Butler	Dublin University SC	3 min	
AF	P.J. Lavery	Imperial Tobacco Co. SC	2 min 30 sec	
AF	B.G. Kearon#	Dublin University SC	3 min	
AF	E.J. Doyle	Clontarf SC	2 min	
AF	R.E. Montgomery	Dublin University/Pembroke SC	2 min 45 sec	
AF	J.E. Green	Half Moon SC	3 min 45 sec	
AF	D. Fitzgerald	Dublin University/Sandycove SC	2 min	
AF	D. Smallman	Half Moon SC	4 min	
AF	C.P.H. Grier	Clontarf SC	2min	
AF	J. Matheson	Half Moon SC	3 min 45 sec	
AF	W. Dormer	College of Surgeons SC	4min	
AF	M. Brady	Republican SC	3 min	
AF	J. Pierce	Emerald Rechabite SC	3 min 30 sec	
AF	F. Horlacher	Sandycove SC	3 min 30 sec	
AF	C. Fagan	Sandycove SC	2 min	
AF	P.J. Hogan	University College SC	3 min 30 sec	
AF	James Brennan‡	Terenure College SC	4 min 30 sec	
AF	W.F. Case	Clontarf SC	1 min 30 sec	
AF	R. Rowlette	Republican SC	3 min 30 sec	
AF	J. Forde	Garda SC	4 min	
AF	J.H. Corrigan	Clontarf SC	2 min 45 sec	
AF	M.D. Fletcher	Pembroke SC	Scratch	
AF	James O'Neill	Carlow SC	3 min 30 sec	
AF	E. Keogh	Sandycove SC	4 min 30 sec	
AF	J. Bremner	Pembroke SC	3 min 15 sec	
AF	S. Scully	Sandycove SC	Scratch	
AF	D. Fitzgerald	Dublin University/Sandycove SC	2 min	
AF	P. Sheehan	Garda SC	4 min 15 sec	
AF	L. O'Brien	Sandycove SC	Scratch	
AF	G.C. Higginbotham	Sandycove SC	3 min	
AF	P. Morgan	Bray SC	1 min	
AF	F. Murphy	Pembroke SC	3 min 15 sec	
AF	M.J. White	Clontarf SC	3 min 30 sec	
AF	W.M.E. Anderson¶	Dublin University SC	3 min 30 sec	

Place	Name	Club	Handicap	Time
AF	A.E. Crossley	Imperial Tobacco Co/Pembroke SC	3 min 30 sec	
AF	P.J. Murray	Skerries SC	3 min	
AF	R.S. Baskin	Dublin University SC	3 min	
AF	H. Harris	Army SC	3 min	
AF	Chas. O'Reilly	Republican SC	3 min 30 sec	
AF	T.F. Eager	Dublin University/Dublin SC	4 min 15 sec	
AF	P. Dockrell	Dublin University/Dublin SC	1 min	
AF	L. Reynolds	Republican SC	3 min 20 sec	
AF	F. Moran	Clontarf SC	2 min	
AF	D. O'Donoghue	University College SC	2 min 15 sec	
AF	D. McCabe	Emerald Rechabite SC	3 min	
AF	P. Bird	Emerald Rechabite SC	3 min	
AF	H. Somerville	Guinness SC	4 min 30 sec	
AF	P. Murray	Clontarf SC		
AF	W.G. Taylor	Dublin SC	4 min 15 sec	
AF	J. Burke	Sandycove SC	3 min 30 sec	
AF	P. Carr	Half Moon SC	4 min 30 sec	
DNS/DNF§	E. Dalton	Guinness SC	4 min 30 sec	
DNS/DNF	A. Tobin	Guinness SC	4 min 30 sec	
DNS/DNF	Joe Lynch	Blackrock College SC	4 min	
DNS/DNF	H.B. Montgomery	Dublin University/Pembroke SC	3 min 45 sec	
DNS/DNF	P.J.L. Murray	Clontarf SC	3 min 45 sec	
DNS/DNF	Sean Fitzpatrick	Republican SC	3 min 30 sec	
DNS/DNF	T. Mooney	Republican SC	3 min 30 sec	
DNS/DNF	W.B. Rothwell	Dublin SC	3 min 15 sec	
DNS/DNF	J.J. Cullen	Clontarf SC	3 min	
DNS/DNF	R. O'Brolchain	University College SC	3 min	
DNS/DNF	C. Wallace	Emerald Rechabite SC	3 min	
DNS/DNF	Leo K Hughes	College of Surgeons SC	3 min	
DNS/DNF	Ken O'Grady	Clontarf SC	3 min	
DNS/DNF	H. Cullen	Sandycove SC	3 min	
DNS/DNF	A. Cullen	Sandycove SC	2 min 45 sec	
DNS/DNF	J. Doran	Sandycove SC	2 min 45 sec	
DNS/DNF	C.P. O'Toole	Republican SC	2 min 30 sec	
DNS/DNF	R. Banks	Half Moon SC	2 min 30 sec	
DNS/DNF	C. Waters	University College SC	2 min 15 sec	
DNS/DNF	G. Breffni	Sandycove SC	2 min 15 sec	
DNS/DNF	T. Etherington	Sandycove SC	2 min 15 sec	
DNS/DNF	J. Cummins	Sandycove SC	1 min 30 sec	

Of the 85 entries, 77 started and 64 finished

- § It is not possible to identify from press reports which of these 22 swimmers were the 8 who did not start in the race
- ‡ First win by a member of a Junior club
- † The youngest competitor at age 15 who swam back-stroke
- ¶ Captained Dublin University SC in 1931–32
- # Captained Dublin University SC in 1933–34

## 14<sup>th</sup> Liffey Swim

### Friday 14 July 1933, 18.15

Place	Name	Club	Handicap	Time
1	John "Johnny" Ellis	Clontarf/Half Moon SC	4 min	27:07
2	P. Hannigan	Republican SC	2 min	25:32†
3	J. Duffy	Sandycove SC	4 min	
4	Charles "Cecil" Fagan	Sandycove SC	1 min 30 sec	
5	H. Smallman	Half Moon SC	4 min 15 sec	
6=	W.F. Case	Clontarf SC	2 min	
6=	C.J. Murray	College of Surgeons SC	3 min	
8	J. Bremner	Pembroke SC	3 min 30 sec	
9	J.E. Green	Half Moon SC	3 min	
10	E.J. Doyle	Clontarf SC	2 min	
11	C.P. Grier	Clontarf SC	2 min	
12	T. F.B. Eager	Dublin University SC	3 min 30 sec	
13	M.J. White	Clontarf SC	3 min	
14	R. Rowlette	Republican SC	4 min	
15	P.J. Lavery	Imperial Tobacco Co SC	2 min	
16	E. Dalton	Greystones SC	4 min 15 sec	
17	G. Mitchell	Dublin University SC	0 min 45 sec	
18	H.G. Butler	Dublin University SC	3 min 30 sec	
19	S. Scully	Sandycove SC	Scratch	
20	L. O'Brien	Sandycove SC	Scratch	
21	R.E. Montgomery	Pembroke SC	1 min 15 sec	
22	L. Maher	Clontarf SC	Scratch	
23	J.W. Brennan§	Terenure College/Clontarf SC	3 min	
AE‡	R.C. Trapnell	Pembroke SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	W. Cassidy	Clontarf SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	J. Flanagan	Republican SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	D.C. McDonnell	College of Surgeons SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	M. Whelan	Republican SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	C. McAdam	Republican SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	D. Shaw	Sligo SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	J.J. Kelly	Sligo SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	J. Currid	Sligo SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	H. Lowry	Clontarf SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	P. McRory	Republican SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	J.J. O'Brien	Republican SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	J.E. Price	Dublin University SC	4 min 30 sec	
AE	M. Ronan	Greystones SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	E.A. Keogh	Sandycove SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	S. Hutchinson	Pembroke SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	C.J. O'Connell	Sandycove SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	H. Phillipson	Pembroke SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	M. Tomey	Garda SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	P. Byrne	Republican SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	H.G. Oldham	Dublin University SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	J. Healy	Greystones SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	M. Kiersey	Greystones SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	P.J. Mulcahy	College of Surgeons SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	T. Smith	Republican SC	4 min 15 sec	
AE	D. O'Flynn	Clontarf SC	4 min 15 sec	

† Fastest time § The youngest swimmer in the race at 16, the son of H.F. Brennan, Hon Secretary of the Leinster Branch IASA

Place	Name	Club	Handicap	Time
AE	T. Mooney	Republican SC	4 min	
AE	J. Corcoran	Greystones SC	4 min	
AE	H. Somerville	Greystones SC	4 min	
AE	C. Morgan	Republican SC	4 min	
AE	J. de B. Whyte	Dublin University SC	4 min	
AE	C. Manning	Garda SC	4 min	
AE	J.H. Sloan	Skerries SC	4 min	
AE	J.W. Collins	Pembroke SC	4 min	
AE	J. Burke	Sandycove SC	3 min 30 sec	
AE	J.D. Mathewson	Half Moon SC	3 min 30 sec	
AE	C. Stevens	Pembroke SC	3 min 30 sec	
AE	G. O'Connor	Greystones SC	3 min 30 sec	
AE	J. Forde	Garda SC	3 min 30 sec	
AE	W.G. Taylor	Dublin SC	3 min 30 sec	
AE	P. Cosgrove	Clontarf SC	3 min	
AE	F.S. Etchingham	Clontarf SC	3 min	
AE	N. Butler	Republican SC	3 min	
AE	A.F. Horlacher	Sandycove SC	3 min	
AE	D. McNeill	Republican SC	3 min	
AE	R.B. Sheridan	Clontarf SC	3 min	
AE	H.M. Hogan	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AE	F. de Whyte	Dublin University SC	3 min	
AE	G. Hart	Pembroke SC	3 min	
AE	G.C. Higginbotham	Unattached	3 min	
AE	K. O'Grady	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	J. Pierce	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	H. Harrison	Sandycove SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	M.J. Brady	Republican SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	L.K. Hughes	College of Surgeons SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	Sean Fitzpatrick	Republican SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	J. Cullen	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	John O'Neill	Carlow SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	James A. O'Neill	Carlow SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	J. Graham	Emerald Rechabite SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	P.J. Bird	Emerald Rechabite SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	C. Corcoran	Emerald Rechabite SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	M.A. Groome	Republican SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	G. Watson	Sandycove SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	S. Mullen	Clontarf SC	2 min 30 sec	
AE	R.J. Walsh	Dublin SC	2 min	
AE	D. McCabe	Half Moon SC	2 min	
AE	Donal B.W. Good¶	Dublin University SC	2 min	
AE	J. Cummins	Sandycove SC	2 min	
AE	J.H. Morton	Pembroke SC	2 min	
AE	W.O.R. Nolan	Pembroke SC	2 min	
AE	L. Reynolds	Republican SC	2 min	
AE	W.M. Maguire	Clontarf SC	2 min	
AE	J.N.G. Drury	Dublin University SC	2 min	
AE	M.J. Molony	U.C.D. SC	1 min 30 sec	
AE	C.A. Brady	Sandycove SC	1 min 30 sec	

¶ Captained Dublin University SC in 1932–33

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Time</b>
AE	J.K. Doran	Sandycove SC	1 min 30 sec	
AE	M.J. Halton	U.C.D. SC	1 min 30 sec	
AE	A. Cullen	Sandycove SC	1 min 30 sec	
AE	C.A. Boyle#	Dublin University SC	1 min 30 sec	
AE	F. Murphy	Pembroke SC	1 min 30 sec	
AE	H.G. Ellerker	Pembroke SC	1 min 30 sec	
AE	M. Keely	Sandycove SC	1 min 30 sec	
AE	D.M. Rudd	Pembroke SC	1 min 15 sec	
AE	J. Jordan	Emerald Rechabite SC	1 min	
AE	J.P. Wallace	Pembroke SC	0 min 30 sec	
AE	D. Murtagh	Pegasus SC	Scratch	

‡ Also entered: there were 110 entries; 105 swimmers started, of whom 100 finished. Newspapers reports do not record who were DNS and the names of all finishers. Thus, 10 of those labelled “AE” are either DNS or DNF.

# Captained Dublin University SC in 1934–35



## 15<sup>th</sup> Liffey Swim

### Friday 20 July, 1934, 19.00

At the Annual General Meeting of the Leinster Branch of the Irish Amateur Swimming Association held in the Grosvenor Hotel, Dublin, on 13 April, 1934 (The President, Alderman E.E. Benson presiding) the Hon. Secretary H.F. Brennan stated that drastic changes in the conduct of the Liffey Swim were required and advocated that entries be restricted and that handicapping of the race be abolished. Noel Purcell proposed the adoption of the Secretary's report, seconded by J.S. Brady. In 1934 for the first time in the history of the Liffey Swim it became a scratch race to which a team race was added.

Place	Name	Club	Time
1	Richard N. "Ritchie" Case†	Clontarf SC	27:02‡
2	Dermot Murtagh	Dublin SC	
3	William F. "Billy" Case†	Garda SC	
4	L. O'Brien	Sandycove SC	
5	Charles "Cecil" Fagan	Sandycove SC	
6	Leo Maher	Clontarf SC	
7	W.L.M. Maguire	Clontarf SC	
8	E.J. Doyle	Clontarf SC	
9	H. Halton	Sandycove SC	
10	R. Cleeve	Kilkenny C.V.M.S. - Individual	
11	H. Daniels	Dublin University SC	
12	J. Tallon	Sandycove SC	
13	P. Willis	Clontarf SC	
14	J.J. Ellis	Half Moon SC	
15	H. Montgomery	Pembroke SC	
16	J.E. Greene	Half Moon SC	
17	J.P. Wallace	Pembroke SC	
18	T. Etchingham	Clontarf - Individual	
19	J. Jordan	Emerald Rechabite SC	
20	W. Farrell¶	Garda SC	
21	F. Dowds	Dublin SC	
22	W. Jones	Dublin University SC	
23	D. Rudd	Pembroke SC	
24	J. Etherington	Half Moon SC	
25	C. Duffy¶	Individual	
AC	C.P. Kenna	Sandycove SC	
AC	J. Barry	Dublin SC	
AC	W. Rothwell	Dublin SC	
AC	W.G. Taylor	Dublin SC	
AC	F. Murphy	Pembroke SC	
AC	W.O. Nowlan	Pembroke SC	
AC	C. Greeve	Garda SC	
AC	J. Conway	Garda SC	
AC	M. Brady	Garda SC	
AC	P.O'Byrne	Garda SC	

† Brothers

‡ Fastest time;

¶ Neither of these swimmers was on the published entry list in the *Irish Independent*

Place	Name	Club	Time
AC	P. Byrne	Half Moon SC	
AC	J. Healy	Half Moon SC	
AC	B.G. Kearon	Dublin University SC	
AC	C.A. Boyle	Dublin University SC	
AC	M.D. Fletcher	Dublin University SC	
AC	P.J. Bird	Emerald Rechabite SC	
AC	J. Graham	Emerald Rechabite SC	
AC	W. Wray	Emerald Rechabite SC	
AC	J. Harris	Emerald Rechabite SC	
AC	P. Hannigan	Republican SC	
AC	J. Fitzpatrick	Republican SC	
AC	C.P. O'Toole	Republican SC	
AC	H. Newman	Republican SC	
AC	R. Rowlette	Republican SC	
AC	P. Morgan	Bray SC - Individual	

Of the 48 starters 43 finished; the published reports on the race do not allow one to identify the starters and finishers other than the first 25 finishers or who the team scorers outside of the first 25 finishers were.

## Team Competition

The club with the smallest number of points based on the sum of the placing positions of its first four finishers would be the winning team. Club teams comprised five declared entries. The members of each team wore distinctive, coloured and numbered caps. Nine club teams of 5 swimmers and 3 individuals were entered, all of whom started. The team colours were Clontarf (Blue & Yellow, caps 1–5), Dublin (Blue, caps 6–10), Dublin University (Green, caps 11–15), Pembroke (Black & White Stripes, caps 16–20), Sandycove (Red & Blue, caps 21–25), Emerald Rechabites (Green & White, caps 26–30), Republican (Black & White, caps 31–36), Garda (Light Blue, caps 37–40), Half Moon (Black & White Quarters, caps 41–45). Individual entries swam without caps.

Place	Club Team	Placings	Points
1	Clontarf SC	1, 6, 7, 8	22
2	Sandycove SC	4, 5, 9, 12	30
3	Dublin SC	2, 21, 27, 30	80
4	Pembroke SC	15, 17, 23, 29	84
5	Garda SC	3, 20, 34, 35	92
6	Half Moon SC	14, 16, 24, 39	93
7	Dublin University SC	11, 22, 31, 33	97
AC‡	Republican SC	NP	NP
AC‡	Emerald Rechabite SC	19, NP	NP

‡ The placings of these two teams, other than one placing for Emerald Rechabite SC, were not reported

## 16<sup>th</sup> Liffey Swim

### Thursday 8 August, 1935, 18.30

The race in 1935 was again a scratch race. There were 46 entries, including two "A.N. Others", of whom 31 started and all finished. Seven clubs were entered. Garda SC was incomplete with two DNS. Sandycove SC did not compete. Only one of the Dublin University SC team competed. One of the Clontarf team and one Clontarf SC individual did not start. One Sunday's Well SC individual was a DNS. One member each of the Dublin University and Sandycove teams were reported in newspapers as "A.N. Other".

Place	Name	Club	Time
1	Andrew Crosbie	Sunday's Well SC, Cork - Individual	27:04
2	Patrick Kinsella	Half Moon SC	
3	Leo Maher	Clontarf SC	
4	J. Ellis	Half Moon SC	
5	J. Dowds	Dublin SC	
6	H.A. Daniels	Dublin University SC	
7	William F "Billy" Case†	Garda SC	
8	Richard N. "Ritchie" Case	Clontarf SC	
9	E. Gebler	Dublin SC	
10	D. Hart	Pembroke SC - Individual	
11	W.L.M. Maguire	Clontarf SC	
12	F. Etchingham	Clontarf SC	
13	E. Kay	Dublin SC	
14	K. O'Grady	Clontarf SC - Individual	
15	A. Russell	Highfield SC, Cork - Individual	
16	S. Fitzpatrick	Republican SC	
17	P. Morgan	Half Moon SC	
18	P. Etherington	Half Moon SC	
19	T. Smith	Republican SC	
20	P. Hannigan	Republican	
21	W.G. Taylor	Dublin SC	
22	W.G.F. Wilkinson	Railway Union SC - Individual	
23	W. Cassidy	Republican SC	
24	J.J. Conway	Garda SC	
25	A. Power	Republican SC	
26	J. Davenport	Republican SC - Individual	
27	L. Reynolds	Garda SC	
28	J.J. Healy	Half Moon SC	
29	E. Dalton	Guinness SC	
30	E.J. Mullen	Clontarf SC - Individual	
31	P. Roche	Clontarf SC - Individual	
DNS	J. Crosbie	Sunday's Well, Cork - Individual	
DNS	R.P. Cleere	Clontarf SC – Individual	
DNS	E.J. Doyle	Clontarf SC	
DNS	D. Murtagh	Dublin SC	
DNS	R. Jones	Dublin University SC	
DNS	G. Daly	Dublin University SC	
DNS	B.G. Kearon	Dublin University SC	
DNS	J. Cummins	Sandycove SC	
DNS	C. Brady	Sandycove SC	
DNS	L. Collery	Sandycove SC	
DNS	J. Forde	Sandycove SC	
DNS	C.P. Grier	Garda SC	
DNS	W.G. Farrell	Garda SC	

† Was entered as a member of the Garda SC team, but appears in results as a member of Clontarf SC

## Team Competition

<b>Place</b>	<b>Club Team</b>	<b>Placings</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Clontarf SC	3, 8, 11, 12	34
2	Half Moon SC	2, 4, 17, 18	41
3	Dublin SC	5, 9, 13, 21	46
4	Republican SC	16, 19, 23, 25	83
—	Garda SC	7, 24, 27, —	Incomplete

## 17<sup>th</sup> Liffey Swim

### Wednesday 29 July, 1936, 19.30

At its Annual General Meeting the Leinster Branch of the I.A.S.A. decided by 27 votes to 7 votes to discontinue the annual in the River Liffey for health and safety reasons. The Leinster Branch further decided not to grant permission to any club to hold a race in the Liffey between Guinness Wharf and Butt Bridge. The President, H.F. Brennan, felt that the Association should not rush into making a decision to abolish the race, because the Liffey Swim for the *Irish Independent Cup* had done much to promote and boost the sport. The Association made it known that it was prepared to receive suggestions for a change of venue for the race. Initially the Swimming Committee recommended that the race not be held in 1936 while consideration was given to possible alternatives for the race. It was agreed that the sponsor, the *Irish Independent*, should be approached with a view to holding the race at another venue. At its meeting on 27 March the Leinster Branch Committee possible alternative venues were discussed – the upper and lower reaches of the Liffey, Salthill to Blackrock Baths, Howth Harbour, and Dun Laoghaire. The matter was referred to the Swimming Committee to report at Leinster Branch meeting on 17 April. At the meeting of the Leinster Branch on 21 May, the final decision as to the venue for the race for the Liffey Swim trophy was left to the President (H.F. Brennan, Clontarf SC), Hon Secretary (T.J. Tallon, University College Dublin SC) and Hon Treasurer (Captain O’Kelly, Half Moon SC). The final decision was a new course at the Bull Wall over 1¼ mile on 29 July.

The start for the Liffey Cup Race was at the shelter on the Dublin side of Bull Wall nearest the lighthouse end where a 30-ton private pleasure cruiser and the *Irish Independent* launch were moored at right-angles to Bull Wall to act as the starting platform. The competitors swam towards the shore parallel to Bull Wall and then under the bridge into Dollymount Inlet with the finishing point being a boom at the jetty opposite the Dollymount Hotel. The race was a scratch event, as it had been in the Liffey for the previous two years, with a team competition scored in an identical manner to that used for the Liffey race. In order to ensure that “only the best swimmers compete”, Leinster swimmers had to have been timed to swim half a mile in less than 16 minutes since 7 July. Previously the standard had been half a mile in 18 minutes. Official time trials were held at Clontarf Baths and Blackrock Baths. Entries from clubs outside Leinster had to be vouched for by the Hon Secretary of their Branch of the I.A.S.A.

Place	Name	Club	Time
1	Richard N. “Ritchie” Case	Clontarf SC	29:59
2	Andrew Crosbie	Dolphin SC, Cork	31:09
3	L. O’Brien	Sandycove SC	32:06
4	Pat Kinsella	Half Moon SC	32:19
5	William F. “Billy” Case	Clontarf SC	33:05
6	W.L.M. Maguire	Clontarf SC	33:28
7	L. Maher	North Dublin Winter/Clontarf SC	33:29
8	F. Etchingham	Clontarf SC	34:04
9	P.J. Lavery	Clontarf SC	35:07
10	J. Cummins	Sandycove SC	35:19
11	W.G. Taylor	Dublin SC	35:33
12	S.J. Scully	Clontarf SC	35:43
13	J. Forde	Sandycove SC	35:44
14	J. Jordan	Republican SC	35:58
15	J.J. Ellis	Half Moon SC	37:28
16	J. Healy	Half Moon SC	39:55
AC	J. Crosbie	Dolphin SC, Cork	—
AC	J. Matthewson	Half Moon SC	—
AC	E. Mason	Half Moon SC	—

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Nett Time</b>
DNS	K. O'Grady	Clontarf SC	
DNS	J. Lannin	Dolphin SC, Cork	
DNS	J. Moore	Dolphin SC, Cork	
DNS	J. O'Brien	Dolphin SC, Cork	
DNS	R.C. Bogan	Dolphin SC, Cork	
DNS	A. Russell	Highfield SC, Cork	
DNS	J. Etherington	Half Moon SC	

Out of the 26 accepted entries, 19 started and 16 finished. Only two of the Cork entries travelled To Dublin, the Crosbie brothers of Dolphin SC. The swimmers found the course to be more strenuous than the Liffey course. The race took place in warm sunshine with the sea like a mill-pond. Andrew Crosbie was the youngest swimmer at 16 years of age.

## **Team Competition**

There was only one complete club team of four finishers. Half Moon SC had five competitors, but two did not finish.

<b>Place</b>	<b>Club Team</b>	<b>Placings</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Clontarf SC	1, 5, 6, 7	19
—	Half Moon SC	3, 15, 16, —	Incomplete

## 18<sup>th</sup> Liffey Swim Friday 16 July, 1937, 18.30

As in 1936 the Liffey Race was run over the course parallel to Bull Wall into the Dollymount Inlet with the finish at the jetty opposite the Dollymount Hotel. With the Bull Wall acting as a grandstand, over 5,000 spectators cheered on the swimmers. The race was held under ideal conditions. There were also good crowds on Dollymount Strand. D.L. Corbett (Bray Cove SC), who placed 5<sup>th</sup>, was the youngest swimmer at 15 years of age. Intending participants had again to demonstrate that they could swim half a mile under 16 minutes. There was a slight advantage with the tide. There were six previous winners among the entries (marked \*).

Place	Name	Club	Time
1*	Richard N "Ritchie" Case†‡	Clontarf SC	27:29
2	Patrick J. Kinsella	Half Moon SC	29:26
3*	William F. "Billy" Case†	Clontarf SC	31:56
4*	Leo Maher	Clontarf SC	32:12
5	D.L. Corbett¶	Bray Cove SC	32:26.0
6	J. Cummins	Sandycove SC	32:26.8
7	W.L.M. Maynard	Clontarf SC	NT
8	S.J. Scully	Clontarf SC	NT
9*	L. O'Brien	Sandycove SC	NT
10	J. Healy	Half Moon SC	NT
11*	J. Ellis	Half Moon SC	NT
12	???	???	NT
13	P. Morgan	Half Moon SC	NT
AE	F. Etchingham	Clontarf SC	
AE	E.J. Doyle	Clontarf SC	
AE	P.J. Lavery	Clontarf SC	
AE	D.L. Curran	Clontarf SC	
AE	J. Plunkett	Clontarf SC	
AE	J. Fitzpatrick	Half Moon SC	
AE	T. Etherington	Half Moon SC	
AE	J. Rafter	Half Moon SC	
AE	H. Roche	Half Moon SC	
AE	C. Brady	Sandycove SC	

There were 22 entries, of whom 18 (*Irish Press*) or 20 (*Irish Examiner*) started; the number of finishers was not stated; AE – Also entered

† The Case brothers Richard and William also finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, respectively, in 1934

‡ First swimmer to win the *Liffey Independent Cup* in consecutive years

¶ Youngest swimmer in race at 15 years of age

### Team Competition

There was only two complete club teams with four finishers.

Place	Club Team	Placings	Points
1	Clontarf SC	1, 3, 4, 7	15
2	Half Moon SC	2, 10, 11, 13	36

## 19<sup>th</sup> Liffey Swim

### Thursday 21 July, 1938, 18.45

The race is variously referred to as the Liffey Cup race, Dollymount Swim and Independent Cup race. No swimmers from clubs outside Leinster competed in 1938. D.L. Corbett (Bray Cove SC) was a last minute entry who did not appear on the published entry list. The water was described as choppy. In the later stages of the race, the competitors were battling against a receding tide. The prize giving took place in the grounds of the Dollymount Hotel. Richard Case won the race for a fourth time, the third successive year.

Place	Name	Club	Time
1	Richard N "Ritchie" Case	Clontarf SC	32:15
2	D.L. Corbett	Bray Cove SC	36:35
3	W.L.M. Maguire	Clontarf SC	36:44
4	P. Kinsella	Half Moon SC	36:57
5	L. O'Brien	Sandycove SC	37:10
6	William F. "Billy" Case	Clontarf SC	37:30
7	J. Cummins	Sandycove SC	37:53
8	G.I. McCabe	Dublin University SC	38:05
9	L. Maher	Clontarf SC	38:06
10	S. Scully	Clontarf SC	39:58
11	K. O'Grady	Clontarf SC	40:33
12	W.G. Taylor	Dublin SC	41:55
13	E. McCluskey	Clontarf SC	
14	P. Morgan	Sandycove SC	
15	J. Rafter	Half Moon SC	
16	P.R. Purcell	Dublin University SC	
17	F. Rafter	Half Moon SC	
18	J. Plunkett	Clontarf SC	
AC	F. Etchingham	Clontarf SC	
AC	C. Cloake	Dublin SC	
AC	W. Parnell	Dublin SC	
DNS	J. Quinn	Clontarf SC	
DNS	F. Dowds	Clontarf SC	
DNS	H. Morris	Dublin SC	
DNS	C. Brady	Sandycove SC	
DNS	J. Ellis	Half Moon SC	
DNS	J. Fitzpatrick	Half Moon SC	
DNS	J. Healy	Half Moon SC	

There were 28 approved entries, of which there were 21 starters (*Irish Independent, Evening Herald, Irish Press*); **[N.B.:** *The Irish Times* reported that there 27 starters, all but two of which finished]  
 ‡ Also competed; unclear from newspapers reported whether they actually finished



## Sealed Handicap Results

Place	Name	Club	Sealed Handicap	Nett Time
1	G.I. McCabe	Dublin University SC	5 min 30 sec	32:35
2	L. O'Brien	Clontarf SC	2 min 45 sec	34:25
3	William F. Case	Clontarf SC	3 min 00 sec	34:30

## Team Competition

There was only one complete club team with four finishers.

Place	Club Team	Placings	Points
1	Clontarf SC	1, 3, 6, 9	19

## 20<sup>th</sup> Liffey Swim

### Tuesday 11 July, 1939, 19.00

At the AGM of the Leinster Branch of the I.A.S.A., held in the Moira Hotel on 23 February, 1939, a motion proposed by Dublin SC "That the 'Independent Cup' race be restored to its original status as a handicap race from Guinness Wharf to Butt Bridge" was discussed. Arguments for the motion were that entries had dropped considerably with the change of venue to Dollymount, that the post-race facilities at Tara Street Baths were much better than those at Dollymount, that the scratch race format did not provide the same spectacular contest for spectators and swimmers as the handicap format, and that the water in the Dollymount Inlet was very muddy. After much discussion the motion was withdrawn and the matter was left to the incoming Committee. However, the meeting was unanimous that the race should be restored to a handicap one. To take cognisance of issues raised at its AGM, the Leinster Branch IASA changed the Dollymount course to one from Bull Wall to Clontarf Baths; this increased the distance to 1¾ to 2 miles, a greater challenge to swimmers. The race was handicapped. The limit swimmer started 18 min before the scratch swimmer. Neither the new course nor the handicapping attracted a higher number of entries than the Dollymount course. Speculated entries from Munster did not materialise. The single competitor from Connacht did not finish.

Place	Name	Club	Handicap	Nett Time
1	William Haskins Ashmore	Dublin University SC	4 min	51:30
2	Richard N. "Ritchie Case"	Clontarf SC	Scratch	50:26
3	John "Jimmy" Rafter	Half Moon SC	14 min	64:26
4	P. Condon	North Dublin Winter SC	12 min	66:52
5	S. Scully	North Dublin Winter SC	7 min 30 sec	62:28
6	P. Kirwan	North Dublin Winter SC	16 min	71:10
7	K. O'Grady	Clontarf SC	8 min 30 sec	67:01
8	P. Foley	North Dublin Winter SC	16 min	77:32
9	L. O'Brien	Sandycove SC	5 min 30 sec	71:37
10	F. Fitzpatrick	North Dublin Winter SC	11 min	77:30
11	J. Healy	Half Moon SC	11 min	80:30
12	F. Donegan	North Dublin Winter SC	18 min	87:35
DNF	J. Currid	Sligo SC	12 min	
DNF	D.L. Corbett	Bray Cove SC	5 min	
DNF	B. Collinge	Half Moon SC	16 min	
DNF	B. Cusack	Clontarf SC	15 min	
DNS	F. Rafter	Half Moon SC	17 min	
DNS	J. Plunkett	North Dublin Winter SC	17 min	
DNS	G. Ganly	Half Moon SC	15 min	
DNS	P. Molloy	Half Moon SC	15 min	
DNS	C. Byrne	Half Moon SC	13 min	
DNS	W.G. Taylor	Dublin SC	10 min 30 sec	
DNS	F. Murphy	Pembroke SC	9 min 30 sec	
DNS	J. Cummins	Sandycove SC	7 min	
DNS	J.H. Tyrrell	Dublin University SC	5 min 30 sec	

There were 25 entries of whom 16 started and 12 finished.

### Team Competition

Place	Club Team	Placings	Points
1	North Dublin Winter SC	4, 5, 6, 8	23

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