

# CHAMPION ATHLETES IN IRISH A. A. GAMES

The greatest collection of athletic stars that have ever competed in a single set of games in a single night will line up before the starter's pistol in Madison Square Garden Feb. 4 in the carnival of the Greater New York Irish Athletic Association.

The association itself, aside from the entries that have poured in from all the prominent athletic clubs and colleges in the country, has enrolled under its banners the most famous athletes in the world, and surpasses all other organizations in the number of champions who carry the Irish colors.

In all there are seventeen champions in the ranks, holding twenty-six championships won in competition in all parts of the world. The Irish club has the distinction of having captured the junior and senior championships at the recent carnival of the St. Louis Exposition.

The advancement of this Gaelic association in the ranks of amateur athletics in the past seven years is marvellous. It has made rapid strides, and at the present time is the greatest organization of its kind in the country. It has won in seven years five world's championships, nine national championships, five metropolitan championships and eight junior championships.

Here are some of them and some of the things that they have done under the emblem of the shamrock wreath and the winged fist.

John Flanagan, champion of the world and holder of the world's record

for throwing the 16-pound hammer and throwing the 56-pound weight.

Martin Sheridan, champion of the world and holder of the world's record for throwing the discus.

John Joyce, champion long-distance runner of America at five and ten miles.

Charles Bacon, the metropolitan champion at a half mile and who beat the crack Chicago runner Lightbody last Saturday at 1,000 yards, thus adding the American indoor championship at 1,000 yards to his brilliant string of victories.

Lawson Robertson, national champion at 100 yards and metropolitan champion at 200 yards.

Myer Pinstein, holder of the world's championship, American championship and Canadian championship in the broad jump; metropolitan champion at 100 yards.

T. Riley Castleman, winner of the senior and junior national high hurdle championships.

The list of these brawny men and youngsters is a long one, but there is George Bonhag, two-mile indoor champion of America, who took the measure of Lightbody, the vaunted Chicago crack, at the Pastime Athletic Club's games last week; Harvey Cohen, metropolitan champion and as good a lad at one mile as has developed, and not least, William G. Frank, metropolitan junior champion at three miles.

The carnival will be open to all registered athletes, whether members of athletic clubs or not, and the following championships will be decided: Ten-mile A. A. U. championship, one-mile intercollegiate relay race, scratch, in which each man is to run a quarter of a mile, and the Gaelic football championship. Besides these contests there will be ten events.

Entries close on Jan. 30 with John J. McHugh, No. 412 East Fiftieth street; P. J. Conway, G. N. Y. I. A. A., No. 297 East Fifty-eighth street, and Charles J. Dieges, No. 25 John street.