



**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**

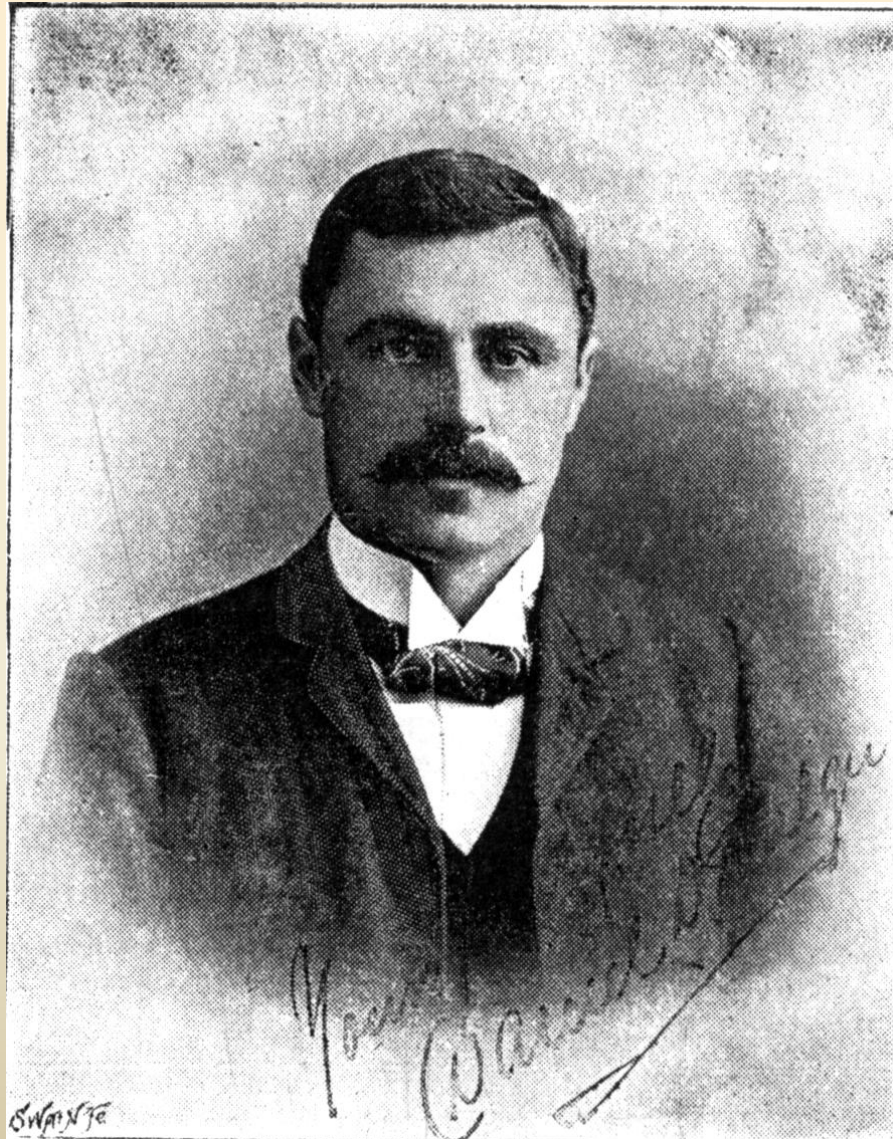


The Bulger Brothers of Kilrush &  
Trinity College Dublin

# Daniel Scanlon Bulger $\Xi$ Anne Delany

Child	DOB
John	1 September 1864
<b>Daniel Delany</b>	<b>19/20 December 1865</b>
<b>Michael Joseph</b>	<b>15 May 1867</b>
Mary	13 May 1868
<b>Laurence Quinlavin</b>	<b>5 February 1870</b>
Edmond	17 December 1871
Anne	2 October 1875

# 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]

Year	NGB	Event	Mark
1885	IAAA	220 yd	24.6
1886	GAA	100 yd	10.6
1886	IAAA	220 yd	23.4
1886	GAA	220 yd	23.8
1887	GAA	100 yd	10.2
1887	GAA	220 yd	24.0
1887	GAA	120 yd Hurdles	17.6
1888	IAAA	100 yd	10.4
1888	GAA	100 yd	10.4
1888	IAAA	120 yd Hurdles	17.0
1888	GAA	120 yd Hurdles	17.2
1888	GAA	220 yd	24.6

# Irish Athletic Championships Won [25]

Year	NGB	Event	Mark
1888	GAA	Long Jump	22' 0½" [6.72 m]
1889	IAAA	100 yd	10.5
1889	GAA	100 yd	10.6
1889	GAA	120 yd Hurdles	17.0
1889	IAAA	Long Jump	20' 11½" [6.39 m]
1889	GAA	Long Jump	21' 5¼" [6.53 m]
1890	IAAA	100 yd	10.6
1890	GAA	100 yd	10.4
1890	GAA	120 yd Hurdles	16.8
1890	GAA	Long Jump	21' 4" [6.50 m]
1892	IAAA	100 yd	10.4
1892	IAAA	120 yd Hurdles	16.4
1892	IAAA	Long Jump	22' 10" [6.96 m]



# Irish Athletic Championships

## Other Placings

Year	NGB	Event	Place
1885	IAAA	100 yd	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1886	IAAA	100 yd	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1886	GAA	120 yd Hurdles	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1887	IAAA	100 yd	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1887	IAAA	220 yd	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1887	IAAA	120 yd Hurdles	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1888	IAAA	220 yd	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1890	IAAA	Long Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup> 20'11" [6.38 m]
1891	IAAA	120 yd Hurdles	2 <sup>nd</sup>

# Irish All-Round Championships

Year	NGB	All Round	Place
1888	GAA	12 events: 56 lbs, High jump, 100 yd, Hammer, Long Jump, 120 yd Hurdles, Shot putt [16lb], Standing long jump, 440 yd, 28 lb Shot Putt, Standing Hop, step & jump, 1 mile [Won by Patrick Davin, Carrick-On-Suir; 2 <sup>nd</sup> George Gray (New York AC)]	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1890	IAAA	10 events: High jump, 56 lbs, 100 yd, Long jump, Shot putt [16 lb], 120 yd Hurdles, Hop, step & jump, Hammer, 440 yd, 1 mile [Won by Tom Donovan, Queen's College Cork (now UCC)]	2 <sup>nd</sup>

# Amateur Athletic Association of England Championships [World Champs]

Year	Event	Mark
1889	Long Jump	21' 6" [6.55 m]
1891	Long Jump	20' 4" [6.20 m]
1891	120 yd Hurdles	16.6
1892	Long Jump	21' 4¼" [6.51 m]
1892	120 yd Hurdles	16.0

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



1, J. Purcell; 2, J. A. Hussey; 3, R. A. Sproule; 4, Fred Gallagher; 5, W. J. M. Barry;  
6, G. D. Christian; 7, M. J. Hayes; 8, O. Hart; 9, E. J. Walsh; 10, D. D. Bulger.

# **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

*Citius — Fortius — Altius*

Rue Saint-Honoré, 229, PARIS

**Liste des Membres honoraires et des  
Délégués du Congrès**

17. *Union des Sociétés de Gymnastique de France.* MM. Loutil ; Sansbœuf. — 18. *Amateur Athletic Association (Londres).* *Victorian Amateur Athletic Association (Melbourne).* M. C. Herbert; Norman Jones. — 19. *National Cyclist's Union.* MM. N. L. Clark ; R. Todd; J. Britten. — 20. *Irish Amateur Athletic Association (Dublin).* MM. D. Bulger ; J. T. Magee. — 21. *Club Alpin Français.* MM. Charles Durier; Puiseux, professeur à la Sorbonne. — 22. *Amtens-Cycle.* MM. Chenu; Lamy — 23. *Svenska Gymnastik-forbundet (Stockholm).* MM. Frédéric Bergh; S. de Drakerberg. — 24. *Ligue*

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 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-D. Bulger

M.S.H.

E.C.S.H.

on

"Needles"

Master - Thomas 1908 - Enfield Chase Stag Hounds

# 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



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- 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

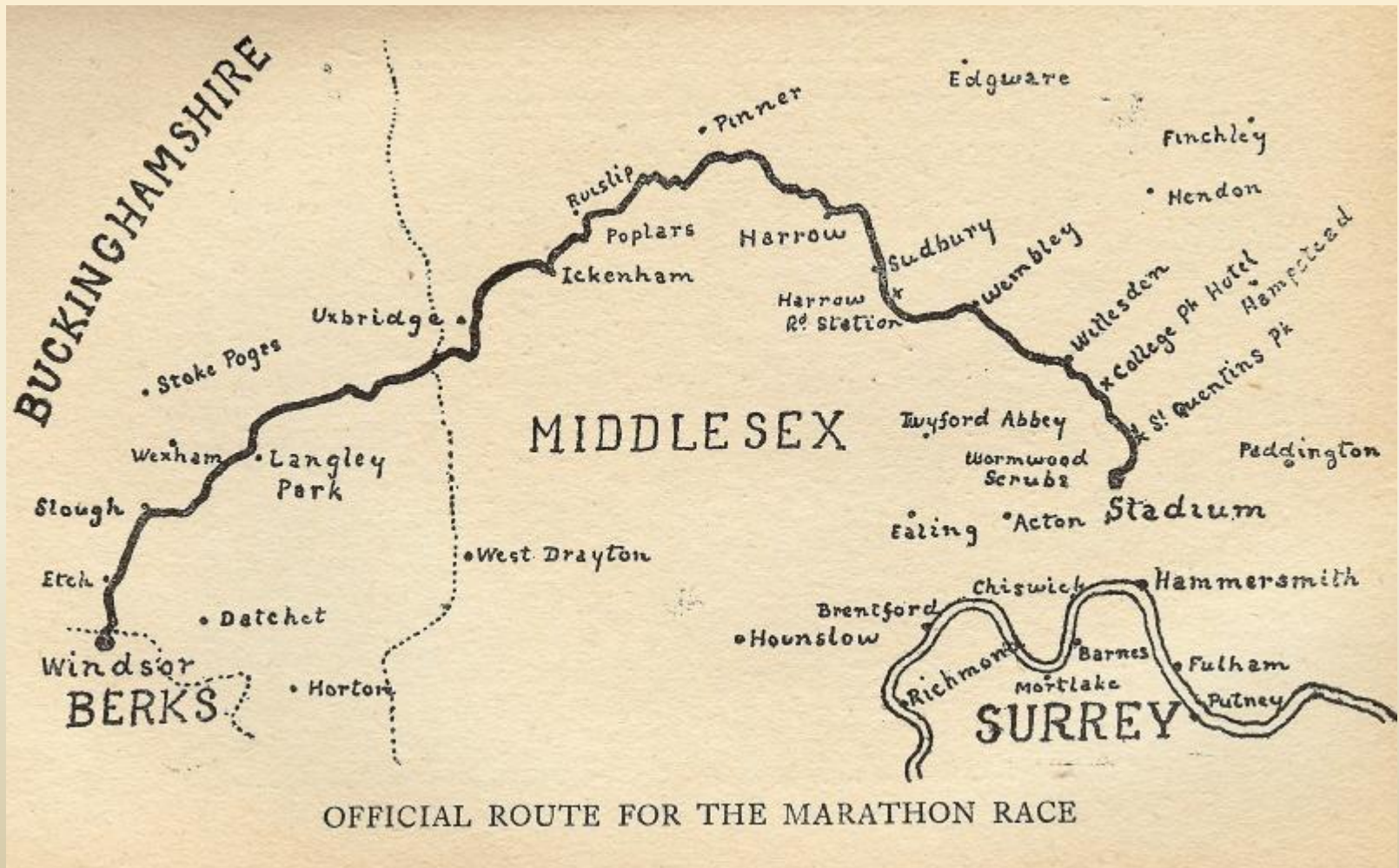
# Michael Joseph Bulger

- 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





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,

Shepherd's Bush, London, W.

Distance 26 Miles 385 Yds. — 42·263 Kilometres.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME—THREEPENCE.

**Olympic  
Marathon  
London  
Friday  
24 July 1908**

# Olympic Marathon- London Friday 24 July 1908



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PIETRI DORANDO (ITALY)  
FIRST AT TAPE.



J. J. HAYES (U.S.A.)  
WINNER

ROTARY PHOTO, E.C.

# Olympic Marathon - London Friday 24 July 1908



Crown Prince Gustav  
Adolf of Sweden

Dorando Pietri

**55 Competitors started from the East Terrace of Windsor Castle**

# Olympic Marathon - London

## Friday 24 July 1908



M8

Dorando Pietri

# Olympic Marathon - London



Longboat

Dorando Petri

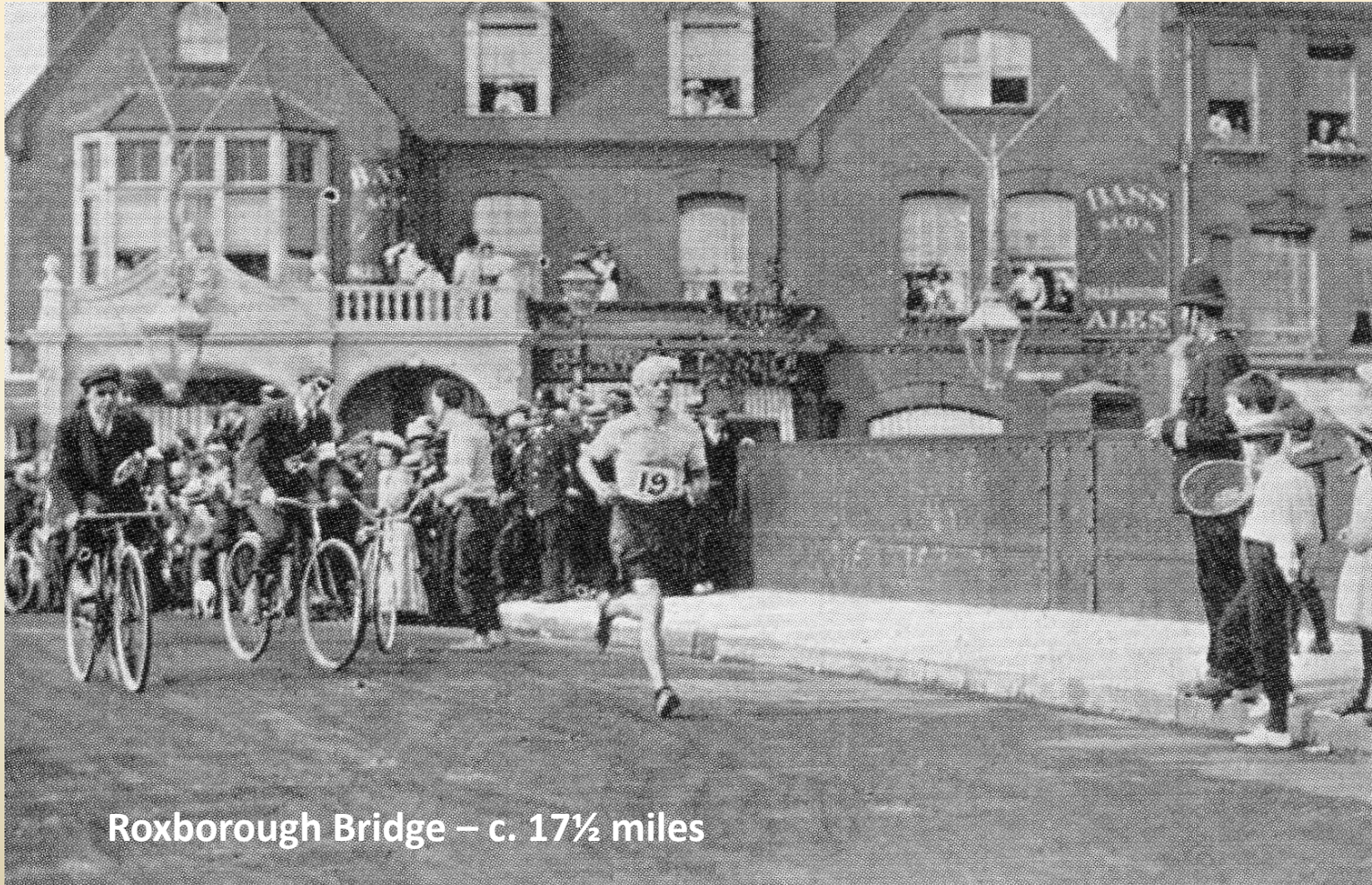
# Olympic Marathon – London 1908



**Dorando Pietri**  
**c. 4½ miles**

# Olympic Marathon – London 1908

## Dorando Pietri



Roxborough Bridge – c. 17½ miles

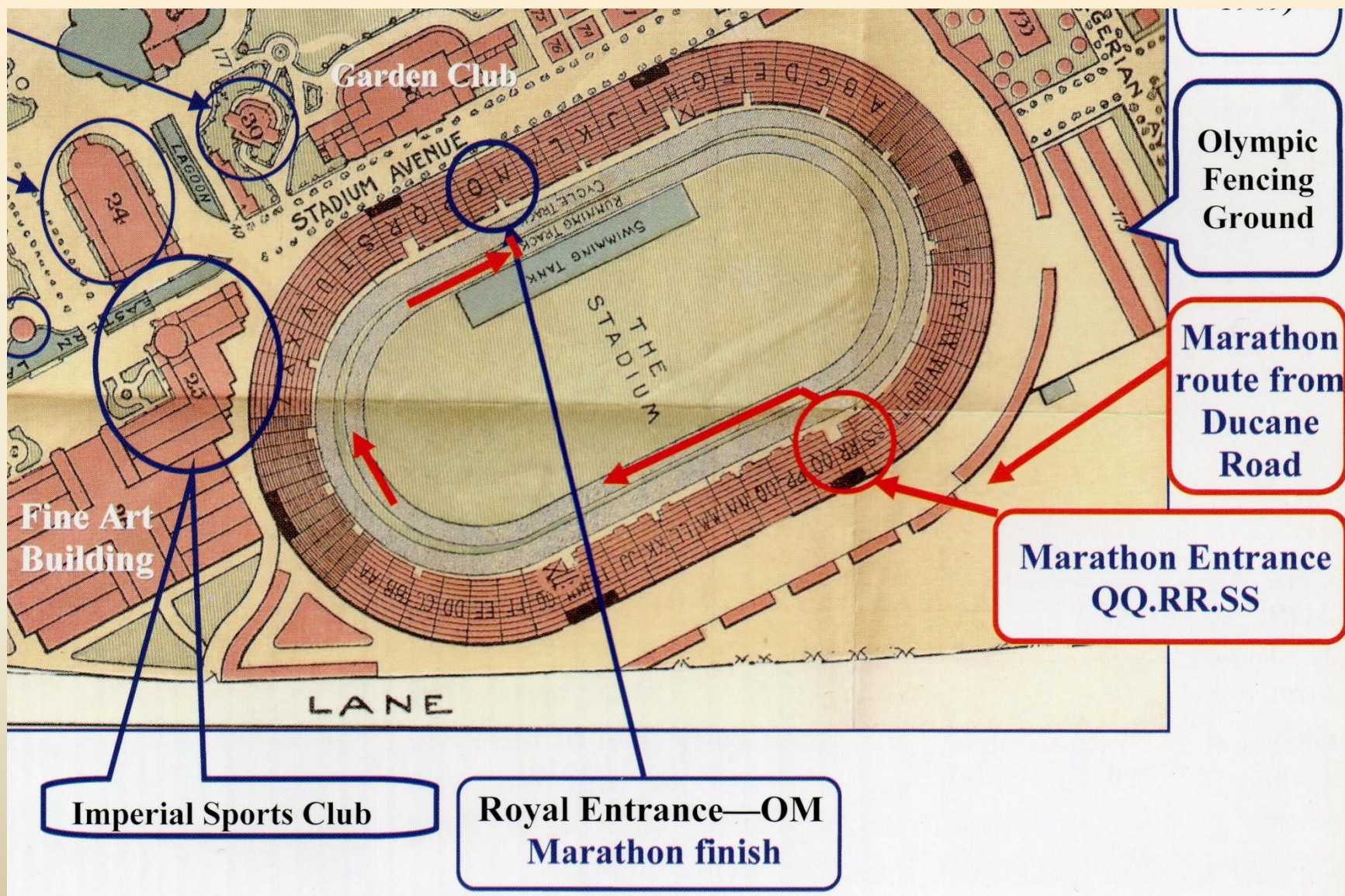
# Olympic Marathon – London 1908



**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



A.J. Eggleston

Ambulance Man

Clerk of Course  
Jack Andrews

Dr Bulger

M60

*AJE*

*Ambulance*

*Clerk of Course*

*Dr Bulger*



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Dorando (Italy) breasting the Tape.  
THE MARATHON RACE.

Davidson Brothers.

*Trainer*

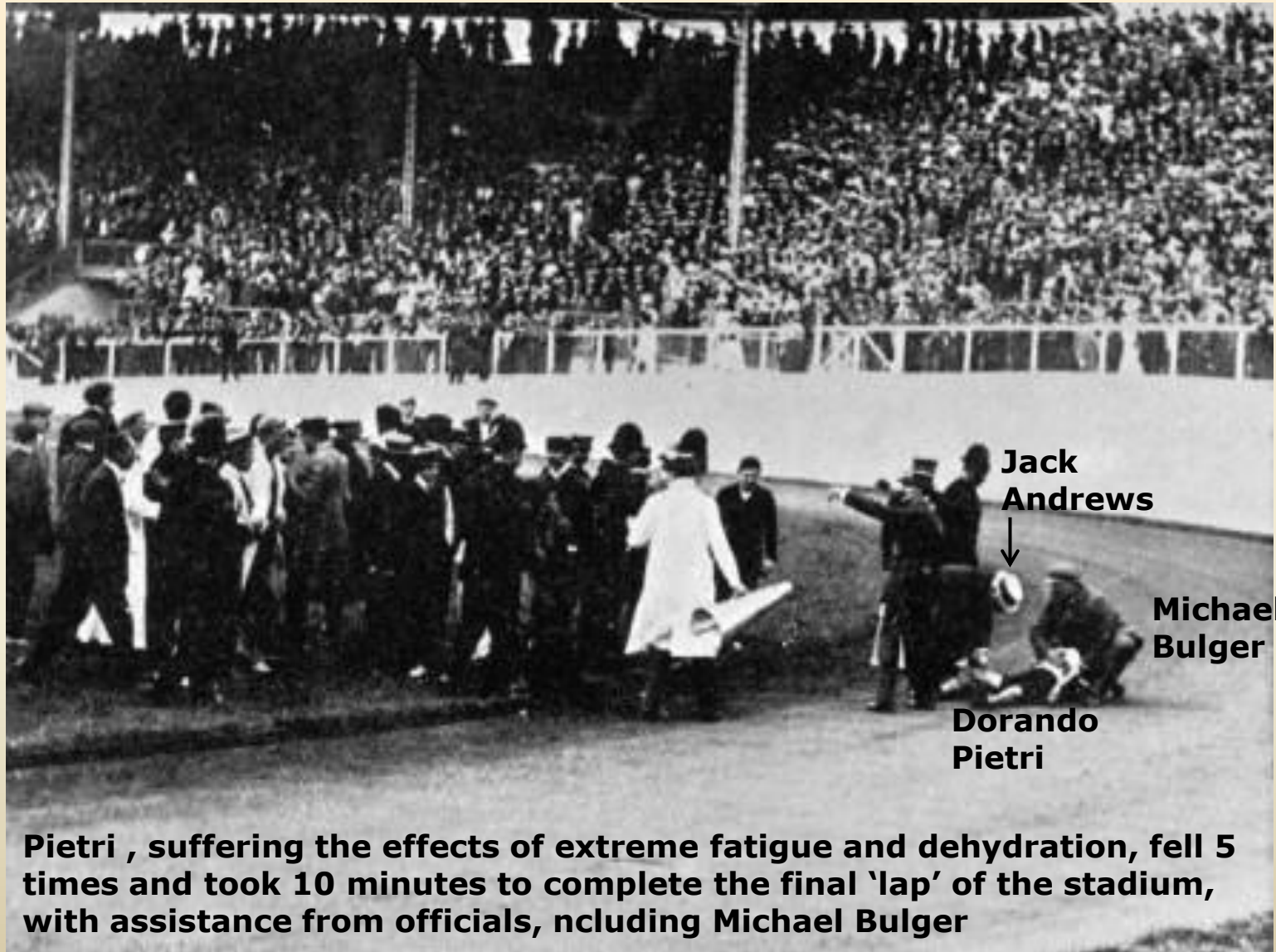
*Dorando*

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, ncluding Michael Bulger**

# Disqualification of Dorando Pietri



Jack Andrews with Dorando Pietri

Michael Bulger



# Disqualification of Dorando Pietri



# 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



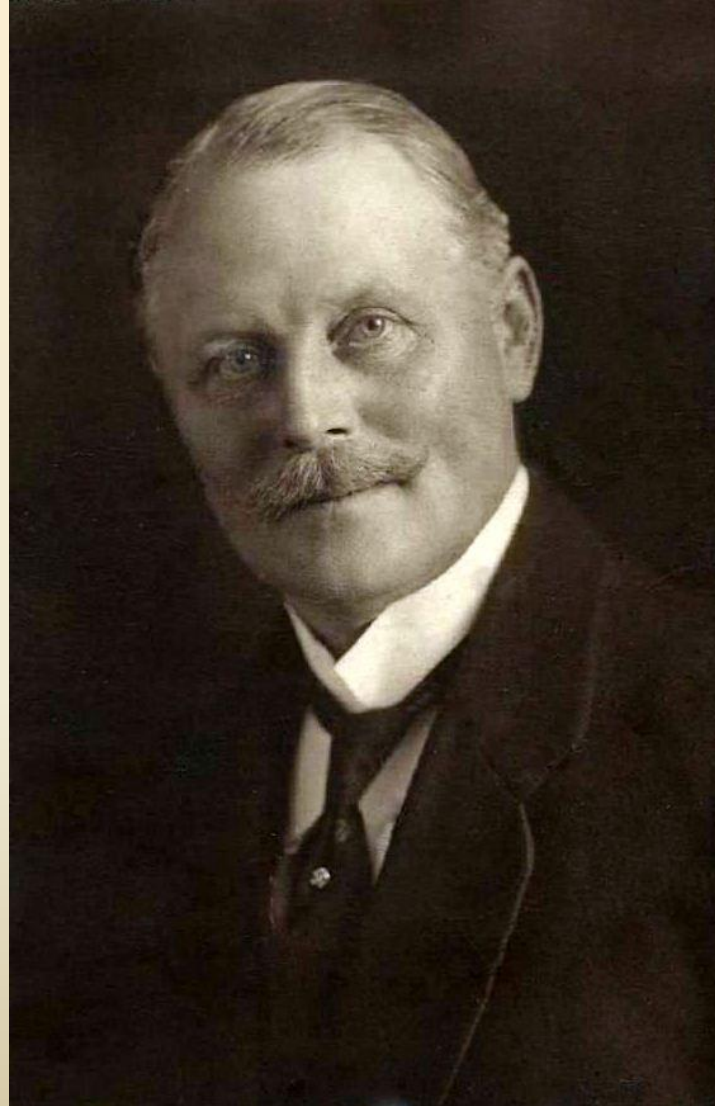
# 100th Anniversary Stamp



# 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



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- Born 5 February 1870
- School: French College, Blackrock, Dublin
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  - 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**





1891 — 1892

J. G. F. HEARN. L. Q. BULGER. B. O'BRIEN. R. DUNLOP. T. de C. STUDDERT. H. LINDSAY. G. E. KENNY.  
 C. V. ROOKE. L. W. CROWE. T. S. JOHNS. E. P. STEELE. A. D. CLINCH.  
 R. W. McDONNELL. W. S. BROWN. W. SPARROW.



1892 — 1893

T. de C. STUDDERT.  
A. P. GWYNN.

R. DUNLOP. E. B. STEELE.  
L. H. GWYNN. B. O'BRIEN.  
L. O. BULGER.

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G. E. KENNY. W. SPARROW. W. S. BROWN.  
C. V. ROOKE. D. OGLIVY.

# Home Nations Rugby Career

Year	Caps	Opponents
1896	3	England, Scotland, Wales
1897	2	England, Scotland
1898	3	England, Scotland Wales

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> XV from 1 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

Year	NGB	Event	Mark
1890	IAAA	220 yd	24.2
1891	IAAA	100 yd	10.4 [dh]

# 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