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In compiling this book of records I have tried to be as accurate as is humanely possible. In the early years you could find different scores for the same game in the national newspapers and even teams listed differed. When this situation arose I checked the local papers of the competing counties and listed the scores and the teams that corresponded with their account and usually they would agree with one of the national dailies. Time and space dictated that I did not cover the All Ireland B hurling and football, the Vocational Schools Roinn A and Roinn B hurling and football, the Colleges hurling and football Roinn B, the Leinster Under 21 and Minor special finals as well as the All Ireland winners in those grades and also Handball and Scor was not touched on. Hopefully in the future those omissions can be rectified. With the co operation of the counties it should be possible to include at some future date the Leinster Provincial Finalists in all grade of competition. This is a task too big for one person but now that the dates of all Leinster finals are listed counties should have no trouble in procuring their line outs without having to embark on research as they could go straight to the newspaper required. Then we would have a truly complete record of Leinster G. A. A.

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