

## SUNDAY ATHLETIC GAMES LEGAL.

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### MAGISTRATE CONNORTON DISCHARGES CASES AGAINST MEN ARRESTED AT CELTIC PARK.

In the Magistrate's Court at Long Island City yesterday State Senator Victor J. Dowling obtained a decision that may materially affect the athletic clubs and other organizations of this State that hold games on Sunday. On Sunday last the club games held at Celtic Park, Long Island City, were interfered with by the Law and Order Society, and the manager of the park and several of the athletes were arrested. The case came to trial before Magistrate Luke J. Connorton, in Long Island City. Mr. Dowling explained the defendants' position. After hearing testimony from the complainants the court dismissed each case, agreeing with Mr. Dowling's contention that athletic games on Sunday, when participated in by members of an organization such as the Amateur Athletic Union, would cause no breach of public peace, and that as there was no disturbance in the neighborhood the games were within the law.

President Conway and other officers of the Irish Athletic Association received congratulations, and at the offices of the Amateur Athletic Union the decision was much discussed. It is possible that this decision will discourage further interference with cross-country runs, golf matches, bicycle races and other contests that are usually scheduled on Sunday for those that are unable to take part during the week.

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