

# TIPPERARY ATHLETES



**Louis Crowe**

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Louis Crowe was born in 30 March 1928 at Cahir, County Tipperary. He was the second son of Patrick A. Crowe and Bridget Crowe (née Quinlan). His parents got married on 25 September 1922 at St Patrick's Church, Cork city. His father was born and reared first in Scotland, before his family moved to Cork city where he attended Christian Brothers College, Cork. There his father played rugby and later with UCC and Cork Constitution. He entered the customs and excise service in 1913 and served in Cork city and county until 1922 when he was appointed to Cahir where he spent fourteen years before being transferred to Dublin. There his son Louis Crowe attended Belvedere College and UCD where he obtained a degree in biochemistry in 1949 and he qualified there in medicine in 1955. His mother was native of Bandon, County Cork. Two of her brothers were, Fr Michael Quinlan, rector of Belvedere College from 1922 to 1928, and Second-Lieutenant Louis Quinlan, a former student at Clongowes Wood College and Belvedere College, who was a great rugby and cricket player, and was killed on the Western Front by gas poisoning on 27 April 1916, three days after Easter Monday. After collecting several schools and youth sprint titles in athletics and a Leinster Schools Senior Cup medal in rugby, Louis joined Old Belvedere RFC, and playing on the wing he was capped for Ireland against England, Scotland and Wales in 1950. He won the Leinster Senior Cup with Old Belvedere in 1951 and 1952, and was their captain for the 1952/3 season. In athletics, Louis won the 100 yd, 220 yd and relay for UCD at the Irish university athletics championships in 1950 at the Mardyke, and competing for Clonliffe Harriers he won three sprint titles at the Irish AAU athletics championships, and two sprint titles at the All-Ireland AAU/NIAA athletics championships. He twice competed for Ireland in triangular international athletic meetings at White City Stadium, London. On 3 June 1961 at University Church, St Stephen's Green, Dublin he married Ena Meagher of Slievenamon Road, Thurles. Louis Crowe died on 19 September 1968 at Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, aged forty, and is interred in Glasnevin cemetery, Dublin.

## **Titles Won at Senior National Championships:**

### **Amateur Athletic Union Championships**

1950	100 yd	10.1
1950	220 yd	23.0
1953	100 yd	10.2

### **All-Ireland AAU/NIAA Championships**

1950	100 yd	10.1
1950	220 yd	22.6