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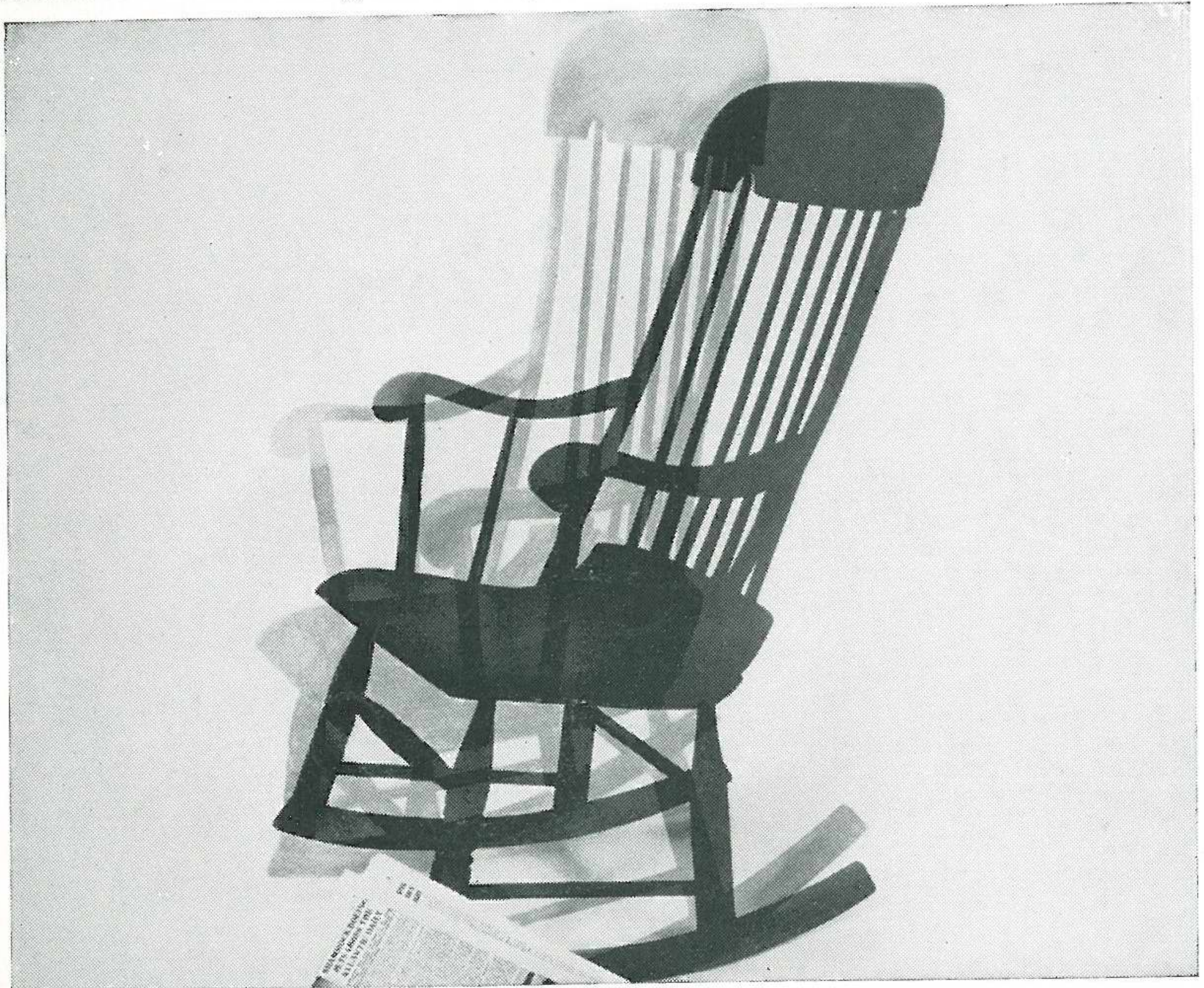
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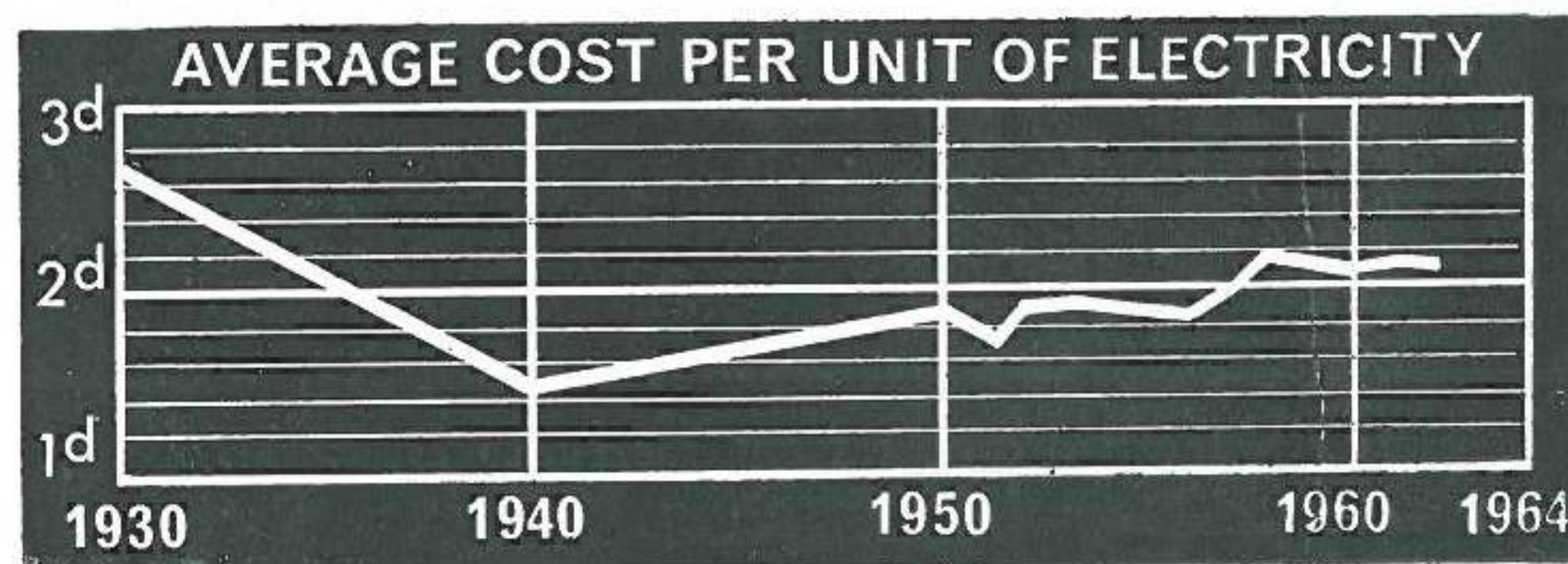


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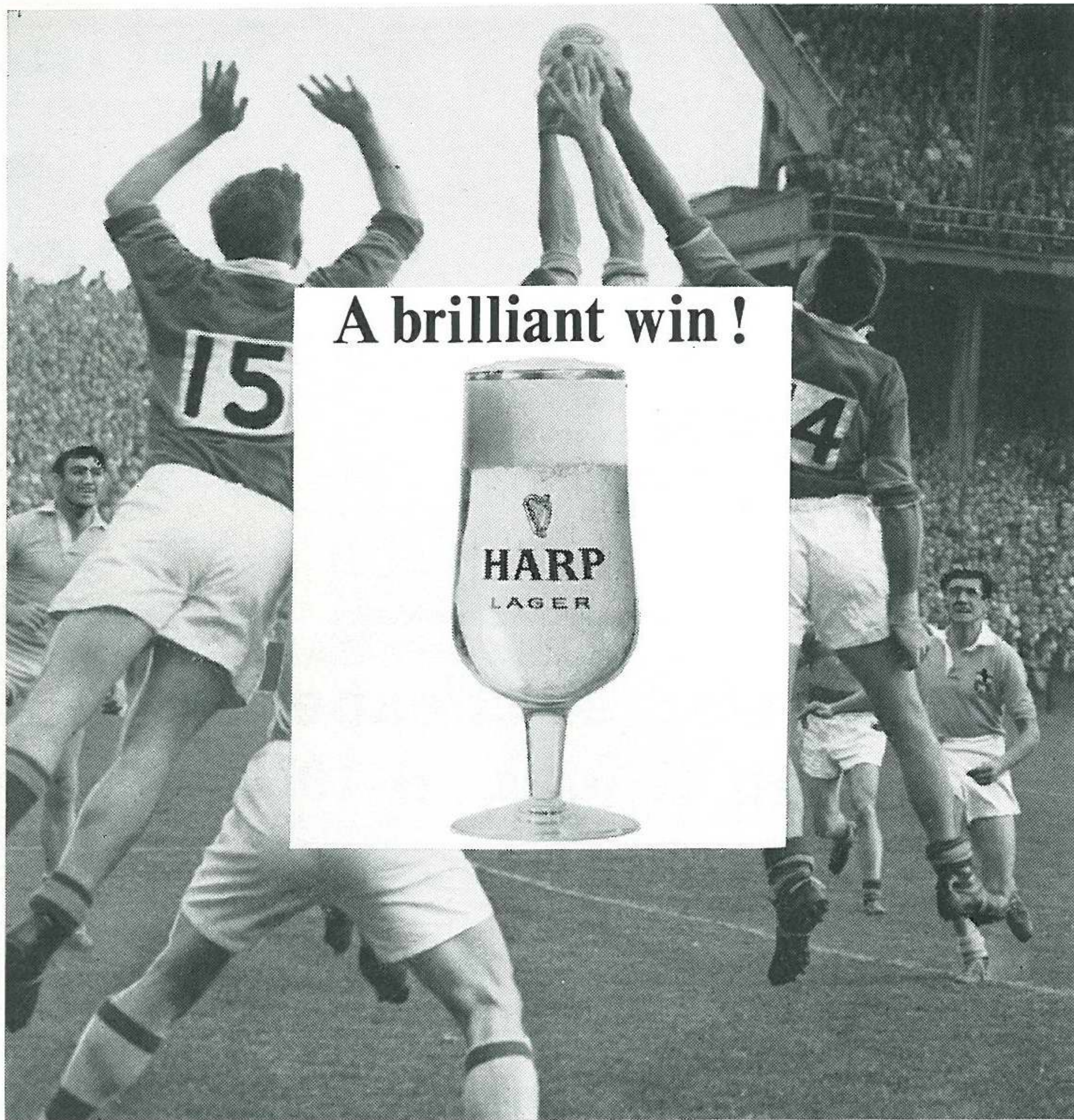


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## GOOD MANNERS, PLEASE

FEW teams of the modern era captured the imagination of Gaeldom as did the Downmen of the early 'sixties. They were a brilliant and versatile side and they wrote a new and historic chapter into the story of our games. Now the indications are that they will be back to write another.

However, should the return of the Mourne men to the football forefront mean that Croke Park will be subjected to a series of ill-mannered performances such as was given by a large section of the county's followers at the recent All-Ireland semi-final then it might be better if Down did not succeed in coming back.

Persistent booing and slow hand-clapping have no place in Croke Park. They are alien to it and not in keeping with the spirit of our games.

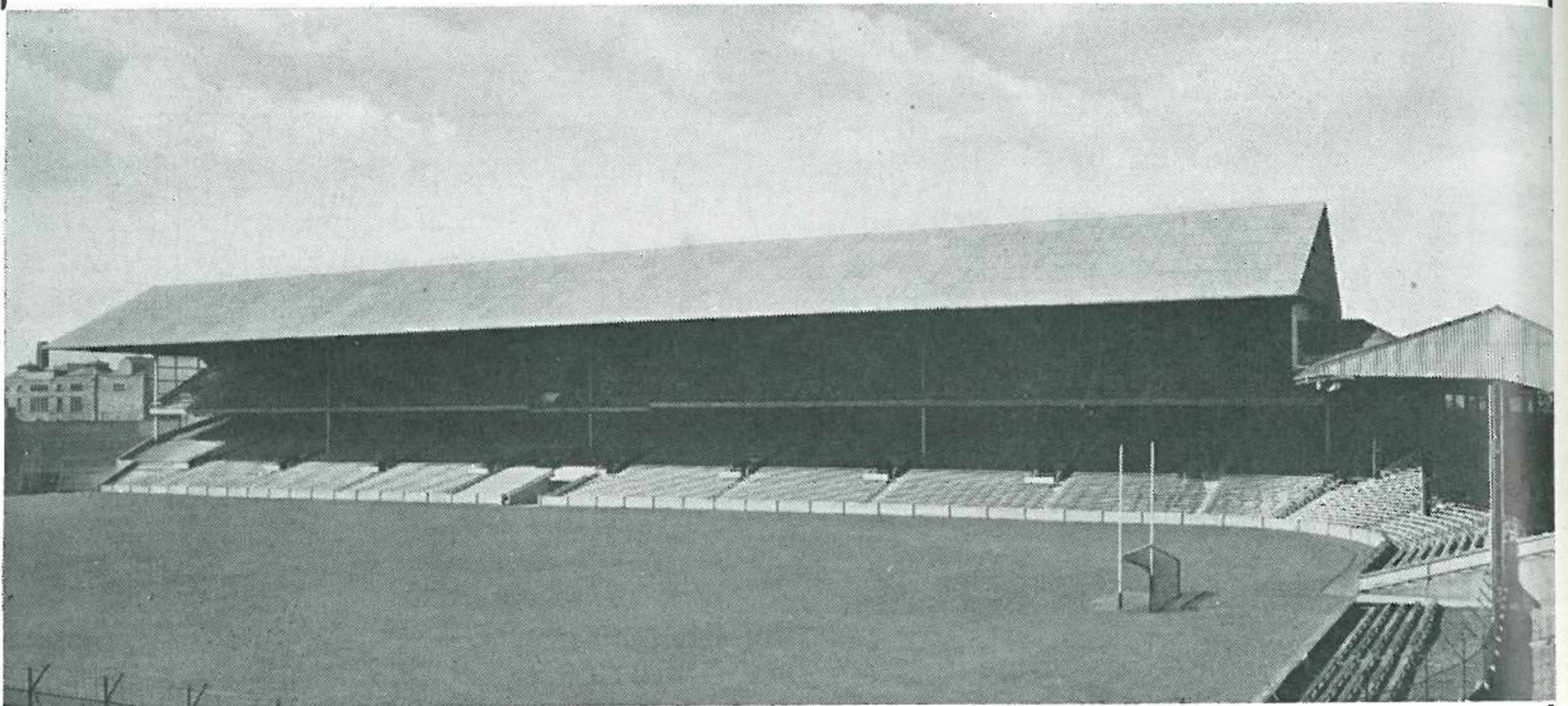
It would furthermore appear that this large section of the Down support, which indulged in these antics during the Galway game, have little or no knowledge of the basic rules of Gaelic football.

There were outbursts on virtually every occasion on which a Down player was justly penalised. Neutral viewers could only conclude that these people had little conception of what the game was all about.

It would be a great pity if a Down resurgence was to prove unpopular and unwelcome. But this it will certainly be unless those particular Mourne supporters learn how to behave.

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**Says MATTIE McDONAGH**

SO it is Galway and Kerry once again on football final day. There is a long established rivalry between these counties and it has been renewed in recent years to the point where it is now every bit as keen as it was in the late 'thirties and early 'forties. It could be a record crowd on September 26 and I feel that we will give them their money's worth.

There is a certain glamour about Kerry football which neither friend nor foe can pretend to ignore. Much of this glamour is, of course, a relic of past greatness, but that particular quality which is Kerry's alone is still there. It is generated by enthusiasm, magnificent sportsmanship and backed by that manly brand of exciting football which is peculiarly theirs to display.

Yes, Kerry are still Kerry and so they will probably remain. Before we played Down in the semi-final one was constantly being asked: "How will ye fare against Kerry if ye beat Down?" A rather trick question surely. Even now that we have beaten Down it is still a rather tricky question.

When we met Kerry in the League they hit into us from the throw-in with such determination that I doubted for a while if we would hold out. Indeed it took a great goal by Seamus Leydon to pull us through.

Incidentally that same score was quite a blessing for the scribes. It provided lively 'copy' for at least a week.

It was hard luck on Kerry being pipped at the post—especially with

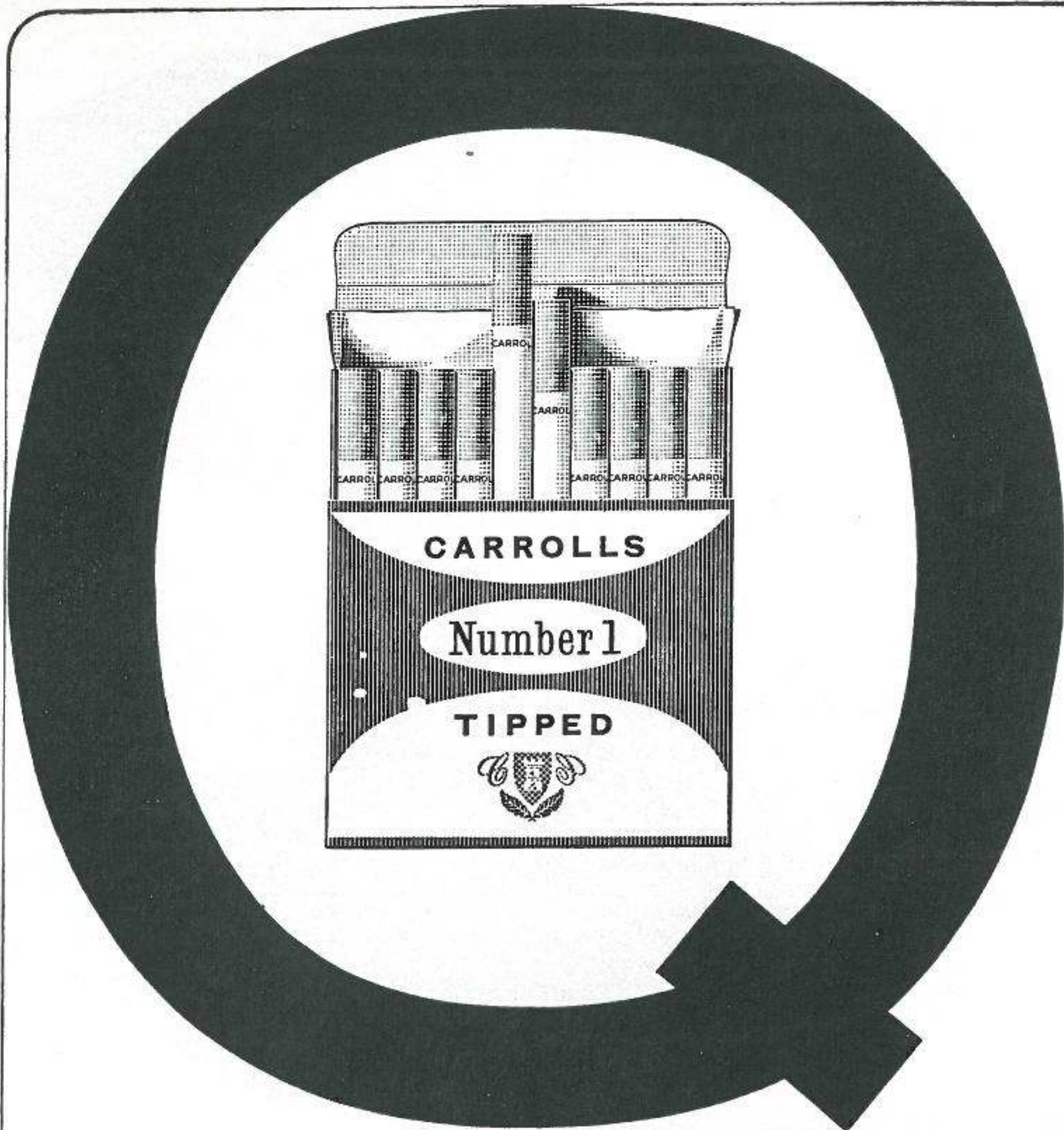
a U.S. trip at stake but we had our share of ill luck too in recent years.

If Kerry can produce the same form as they did against us in the League, they will take some beating. However, I rather doubt if they will. Still I would not gamble too heavily on it.

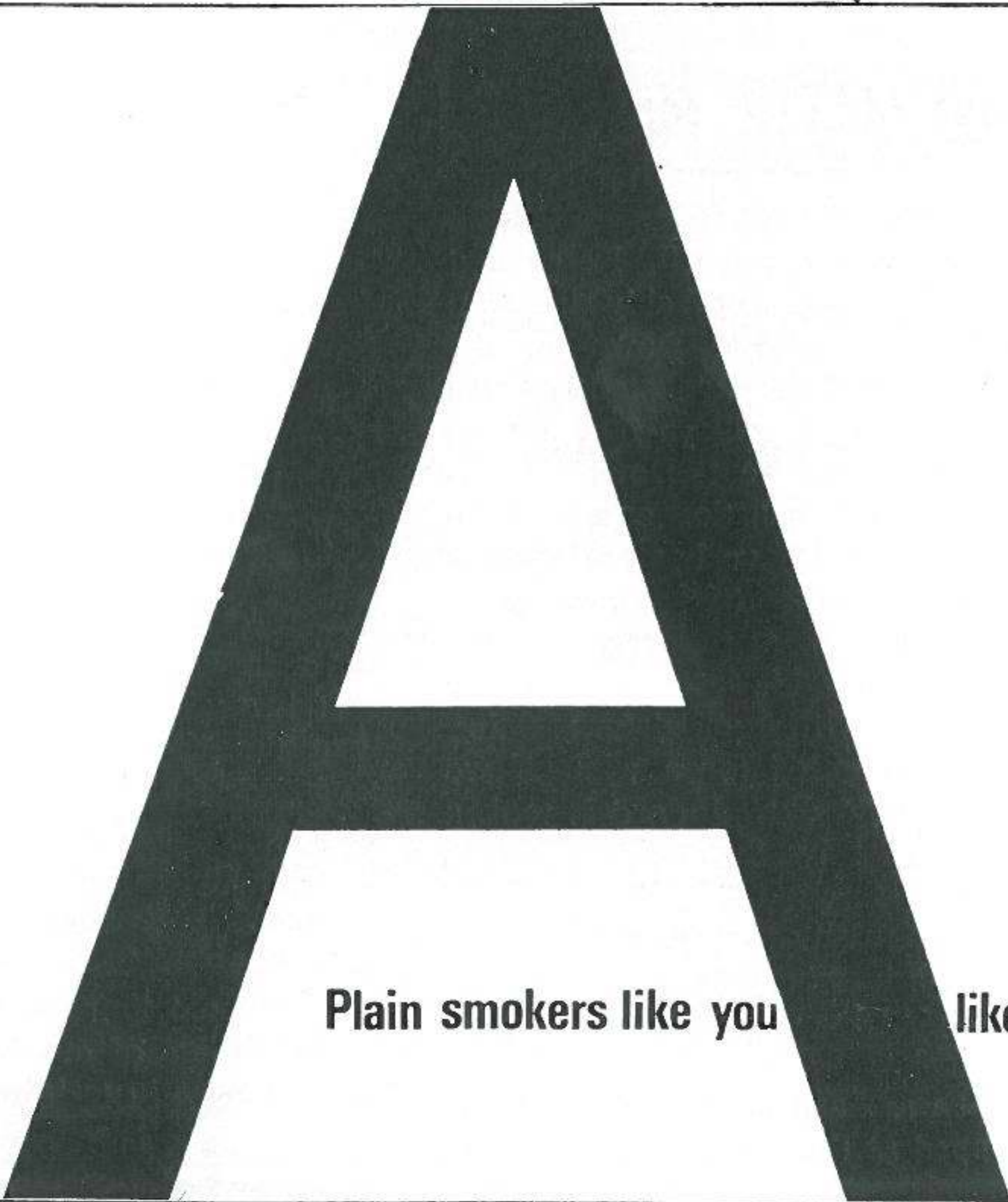
We have beaten Kerry three times in major games during the past two years. Any county other than the Kingdom might now be suffering from somewhat of an inferiority complex. With Kerry it is likely to have the opposite effect—driving them to an even greater effort to unseat us.

Some hold that the U.S. trip has cost us some of our form. Watching the team in training during the

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# A Kerryman's view of Dublin . . .

By PATRICK CARVER

IT was one of those glorious September evenings in Kerry when it seemed that summer would never end. We were sitting on a little concrete wall three or four yards in front of a whitewashed pub not far from Glenbeigh. The sun, a great golden ball of heat, was still high in the sky and seemed loath to leave. The wonderful heat almost shimmered across the green fields and blue hills away from us. Somewhere in the distance there was the sound of children at play. It was a peaceful evening of 1947. The cold pint glasses in our hands, full to the brim of black and cream, were ready to toast the memory of a grand day and the promise of a fine night.

I did not know the man beside me . . . but he looked exactly as every Kerryman should look. He was not young, the lines of more than middle age were etched deep into his sun-tanned face. Black hair, streaked with an almost startling white, was tousled high on his head. He belonged on a farm; everything about him said that.

"You've come a long way," he took a deep drink from the pint glass.

"All the way from Dublin," I told him.

"It's a fine place; I know it well." The way he said it, one felt that he was talking about a city that was far, far away.

"That Kingsbridge Station is a powerful building. It must have cost a great fist of money to build." There was certain nostalgia in the way he mentioned it.

God forgive me for saying it but Kingsbridge never struck me as "a powerful" building nor did I ever interest myself in finding out how much money it cost to build. Still, I wanted to keep him talking and to listen to that magnificent Kerry accent as it rolled out softly but emphatically. "Yes, indeed it is," I said.

"It's a great place for meeting people," he went on. "You meet them from all over Kerry there. The talk is always great at Kingsbridge."

"I suppose you have seen the Phoenix Park?" Anything to get away from the subject of Kingsbridge.

"I've heard of it but I never managed to see it. But you take the

River Liffey, there's a grand river for you with its fine bridges."

Personally, I have never been terribly impressed by the Liffey but then every man to his own taste. "Howth and Killiney and places like that are worth seeing in Dublin," I told him.

"I never heard of them," he replied. "But O'Connell Street would take a lot of beating. There are some grand shops there. And Tommy Moore's pub is along there. He gives a good pint; I have had many a one there."

"There are quite a few pubs in Dublin," I told him. "And you'll get good drink in most of them."

"Could be," he said. "But Tommy Moore's is the only one for me. You meet lots of Kerry people there. You could go along to the Shakespeare Bar—I hear it's a great house for Kerry people—but I was never able to find it."

"A good walk along the Bull Wall down by the sea at Dollymount is worth trying when you are in Dublin," I told him.

"Maybe but the walk I have always enjoyed is the one along by

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# IT'S GALWAY FOR ME!

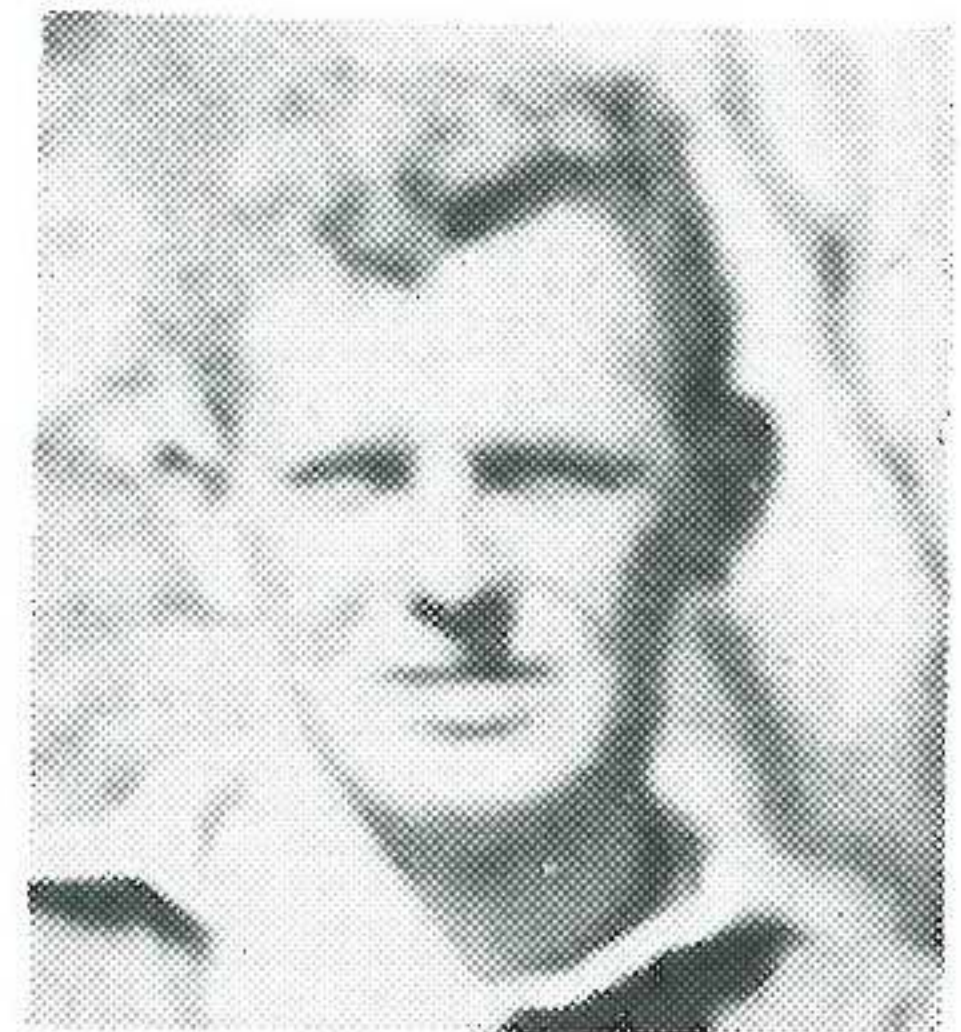


★ SEAMUS LEYDEN . . . fast and determined Galway sharpshooter.

says  
**BOB  
DOLAN**

**I**N recent years only a handful of teams have figured in the final stages of the major football competitions and although this year there has been something of a reshuffle of the pack, the winning hands are again held by Kerry and Galway, who meet in the All-Ireland final.

Many and varied are the views which have been expressed about the likely outcome of this clash of giants: some feel that Kerry's form in their fairly convincing victory over Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final clearly marks them as outstanding prospects to carry off the Sam Maguire Cup, while it is also argued by some,



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that Galway are losing their grip and narrow shaves against Sligo in the Connacht championship and Down, more recently, are quoted as evidence of this decline.

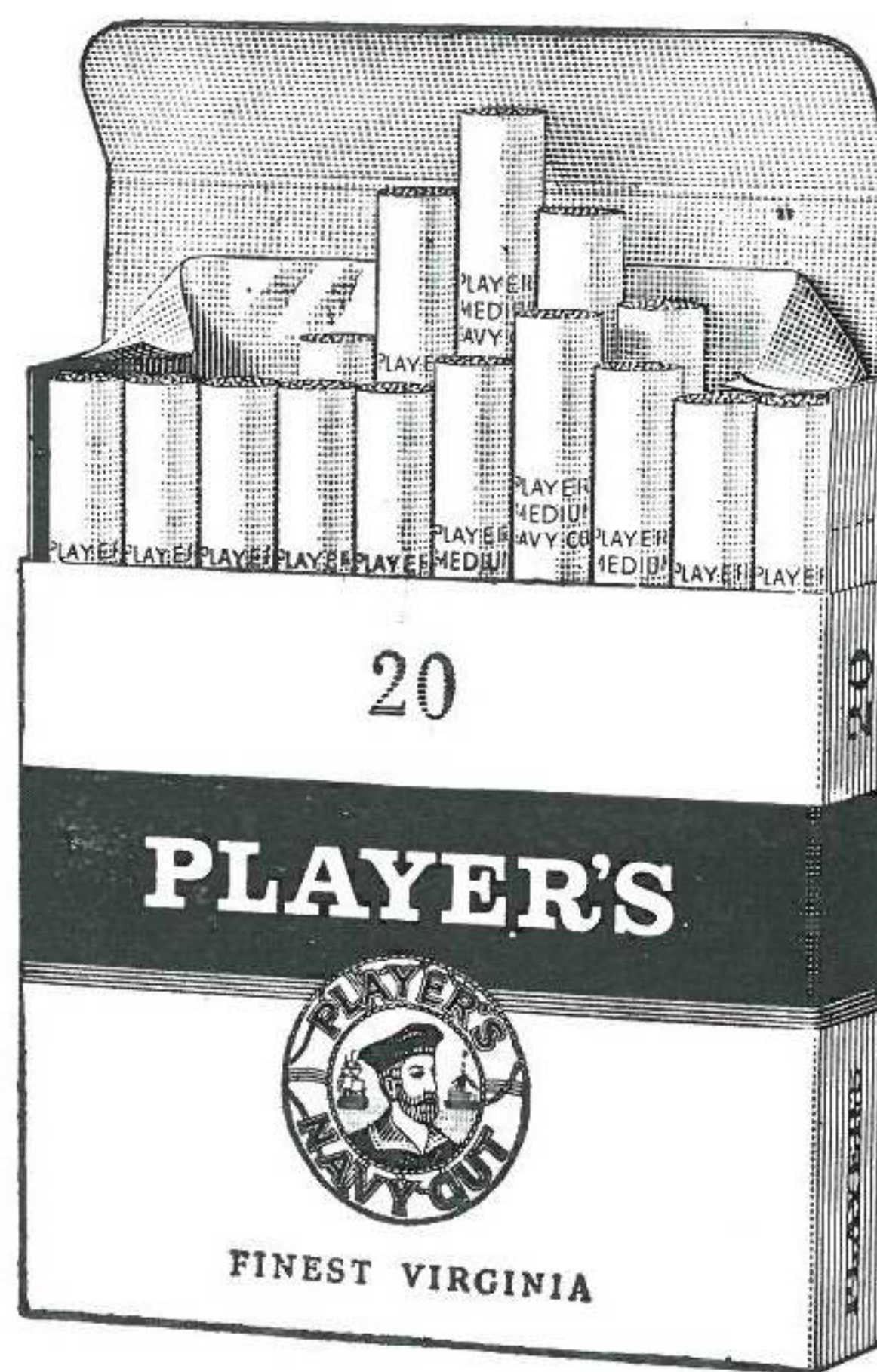
Of course, these suggestions are valid and indeed had one the time and energy, there is no doubt that many other possibilities and probabilities could be explored. However, let's look at this encounter from a Dublin standpoint.

For a start, both Kerry and Galway had convincing victories over the Metropolitans in their most recent meetings; the Connacht champions gave Dublin a proper trouncing at Tuam in the Division III decider N.F.L. in March and the manner in which the victory was achieved left no lingering doubts in anyone's mind as to which was the better team.

Indeed, so devastating was the home side in the first half of that game that they had the match won at half-time at which stage they led by 2-7 to 0-1. In the end the

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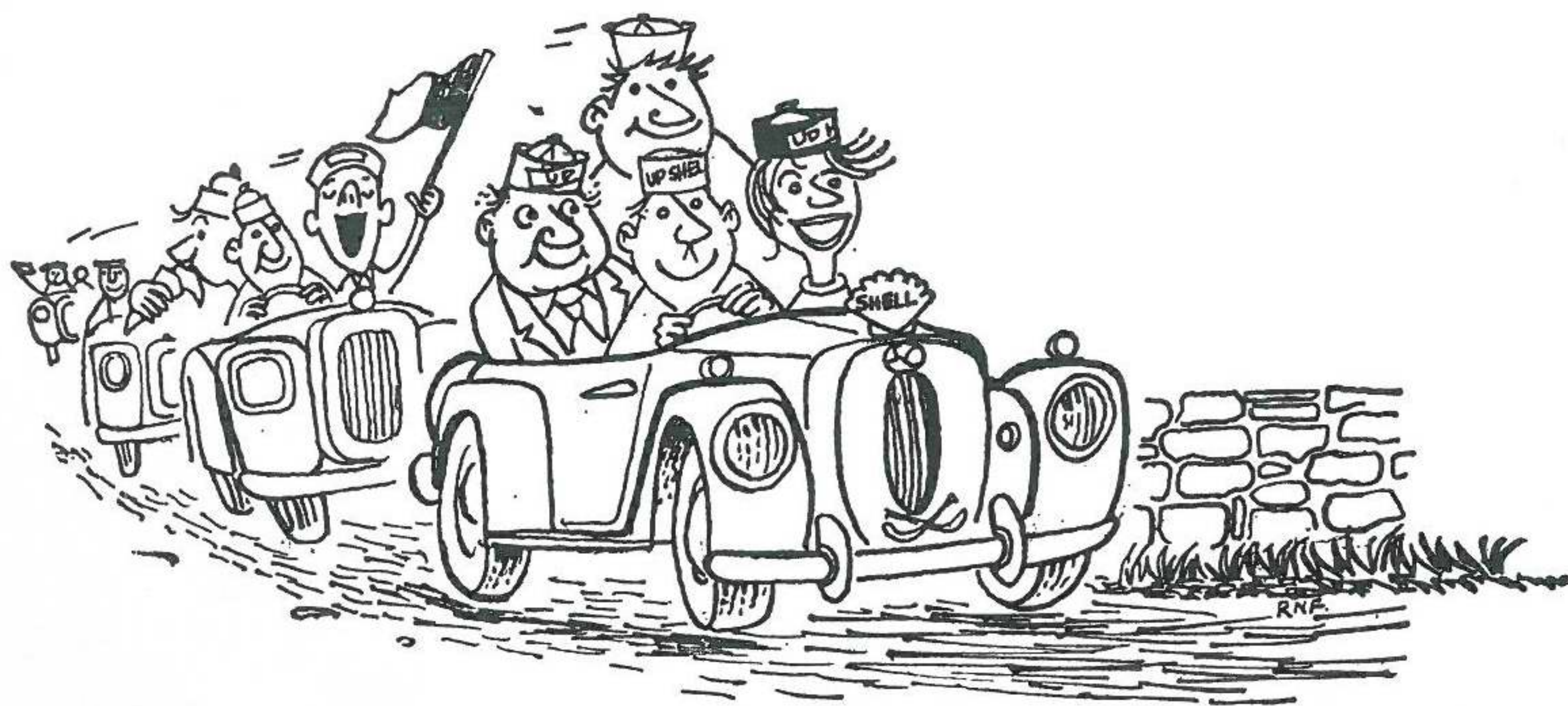


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final score flattered Dublin somewhat — 2-11 to 1-7 — because although they fought a rearguard action in the second half Galway nevertheless won pulling up.

Galway subsequently went on to defeat Kerry in the National League final and even though it took a dramatic goal by Seamus Leydon to give them a narrow victory—1-7 to 0-8—there was no denying the championship mettle of a team that could come back to snatch seemingly certain success from the men for the Kingdom.

But while allowing that this was a great performance it must be admitted that many Galway judges felt that their heroes had whatever luck was going on that occasion.

It is worthwhile then, by way of comparison, to study how the Kerry men achieved victory over the Dubliners in the All-Ireland semi-final, and piquancy is added by the fact that the pattern was so different from the matches mentioned so far.

Dublin bounded out on to the lush Croke Park sod simply oozing confidence and before the game was very old they had Kerry supporters in the big crowd wagging their heads dolefully as they saw their men contained in nearly all sectors in the first twenty minutes or so. Towards the interval there was a noticeable stiffening up in the Munster ranks, still the Metropolitans led at half-time by 1-3 to 0-4.

And just when it seemed that the Leinster champions were going to romp home the scene changed in dramatic fashion in the sixth minute of the second half when Derry O'Shea slammed home a goal which put the teams on level terms.

From then onwards, in typical



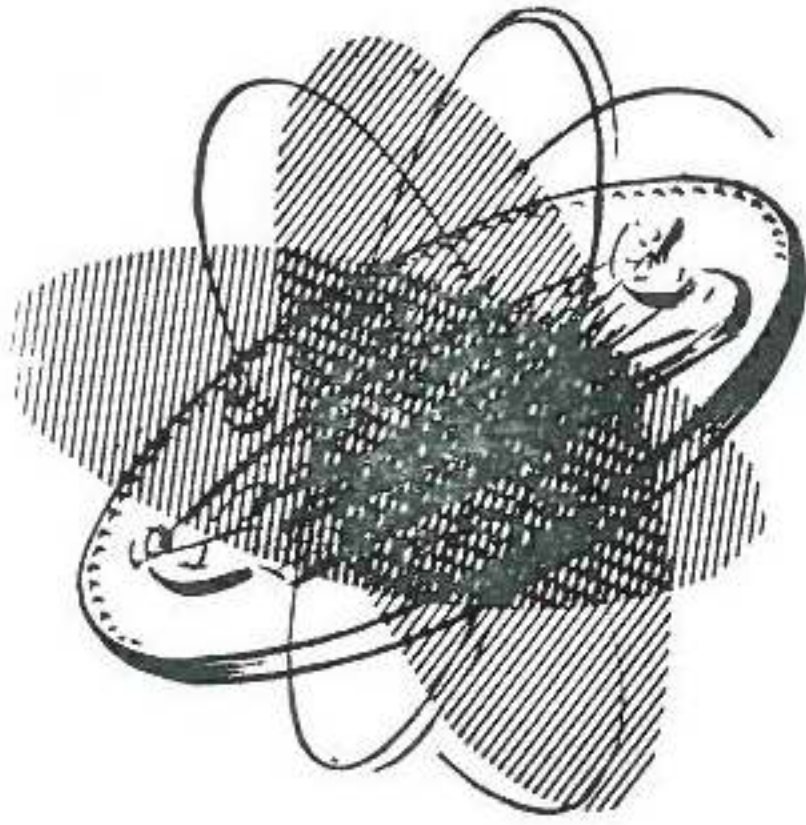
★ Mick O'Dwyer (left) and Pat Griffin (below), two of Kerry's key men.

style, the Kerry men followed up this success and the mentors' shrewd move in bringing on Mick O'Dwyer at the start of the second half began to pay a handsome dividend, for in the space of five minutes—in the twentieth and twenty-fifth minutes—the Waterville man shattered Dublin's chances with two devastating goals.

So there we have the lines of comparison. In the matches under

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# A time for memories . . .

ALL-IRELAND time, for most of us, is a time for memories. Despite, the immediate excitement of the big day at Croke Park, despite the tingling anticipation of the great hour to come, there are always the moments when someone tips the remembrance of an hour that is gone and, inevitably, the memories come tumbling back. Old games, old players . . . they live again in the coloured nostalgia that passing time has given them. They only fade when the first whistle at Croke Park sends another All-Ireland onto the road that will eventually lead it to its own little niche in memory.

Distance always lends a little enhancement. Have you ever wondered why it is so easy to remember an All-Ireland final of say five or ten years ago rather than the one that was played just twelve months ago? And when one starts thinking of five and ten years ago the age-old question always comes up . . . what happened to those five or ten years? How quickly they have run away. How quickly the great names of those years have dimmed in memory; how remorselessly they have been replaced by the names of a new generation.

Thinking back now on the All-Ireland final of just ten years ago, I find it almost incredible that it has been ten years since that glorious September afternoon in 1955 when I saw an unfancied and

unfavoured Kerry team topple Dublin in an All-Ireland football final. And I find it sad to remember that almost all the fine men who carried the Kingdom to triumph that day have since moved into the shadows of football history, to be recalled only when memories take us back to that September day in 1955.

All the young men who wore the green and gold so proudly that afternoon ten years ago, are still young men. Yet, inexorably, time and the onward rush of a new generation of football heroes, has removed them from the sporting headlines. A star rises, blazes fiercely for its hour, dims a little . . . and then the world is looking at the new star rising to its hour of brilliance. Such, unfortunately and a little sadly, is life all over.

Still, come with me again back to 1955 . . . .

I remember walking to Croke Park that day. There was none of that great confidence about us; indeed we were a little depressed. And why not . . . for who gave Kerry a chance that afternoon of beating Dublin? Do you remember?

Old players, newspaper men, everyone who could give a view or an opinion, all said Dublin could not be beaten. Only in the matter of how much Dublin would win by, was there any difference of opinion. Dublin were then surging along on a great wave of enthusiasm; Kerry had crashed against Meath the

year before, had subsequently lost to Cork and Kildare in the National League; had been trounced by Dublin in a tournament game on Whit Monday at Killarney and had barely scraped home against Cork in the Munster final.

Kerry's team for the final was not one that inspired great hope. As some one said at the time, it was an experimental one . . . and an All-Ireland day at Croke Park was not a day for experiments.

Mahony in goal was playing in his second All-Ireland final and right in front of him were Jerome O'Shea, Ned Roche and Micksie Palmer . . . all good individuals but the big question was how they would stand out against Dublin's flying forwards. Of the three of them Ned Roche faced what everyone considered was the job of his life. He had Kevin Heffernan to contend with . . . and the memory of what Heffernan had done to Meath and the great Paddy O'Brien was still all too vivid and fresh in the minds of every football follower in the country.

In the half back line were Sean Murphy, a youngster whose great days were all ahead of him, John Cronin, the veteran Army man then heading to the close of his football career and Tom Moriarty who, at times, looked fragile and perhaps a little too gentle for the hurly-burly of All-Ireland football.

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review both Galway and Kerry won by seven points and eight points respectively and yet although Kerry's margin was slightly bigger Galway's victory was by far the more convincing.

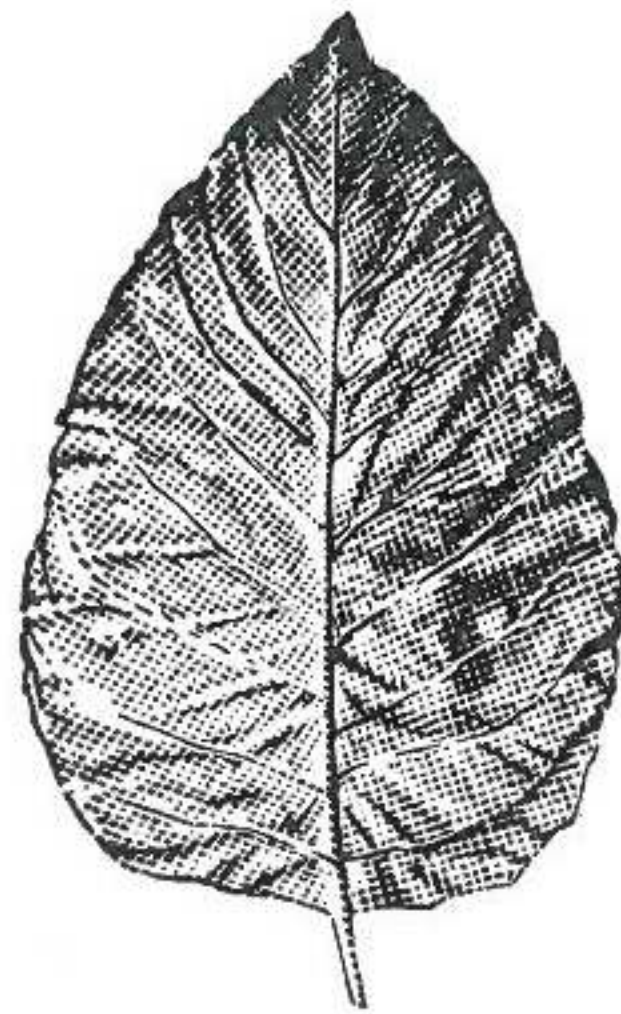
Of course, it must be admitted that in the five months that elapsed between the two games, Dublin were a much improved side whose balance many maintain was upset by the return of Lar Foley, after a long absence, to the defence.

It seemed too that Dublin made a serious tactical error in not placing Foley in the forwards from the outset because it was painfully obvious from an early stage that the small and slight Dublin forwards were not able to cope with the tall Kerry full backs.

It was also clear that had the Metropolitans kept the ball low the Kerry trio of Paud O'Donoghue, Niall Sheehy and Mick Morris would have been very vulnerable indeed, as they showed definite signs of panic in the first half when Dublin were pressing with some low level attacks.

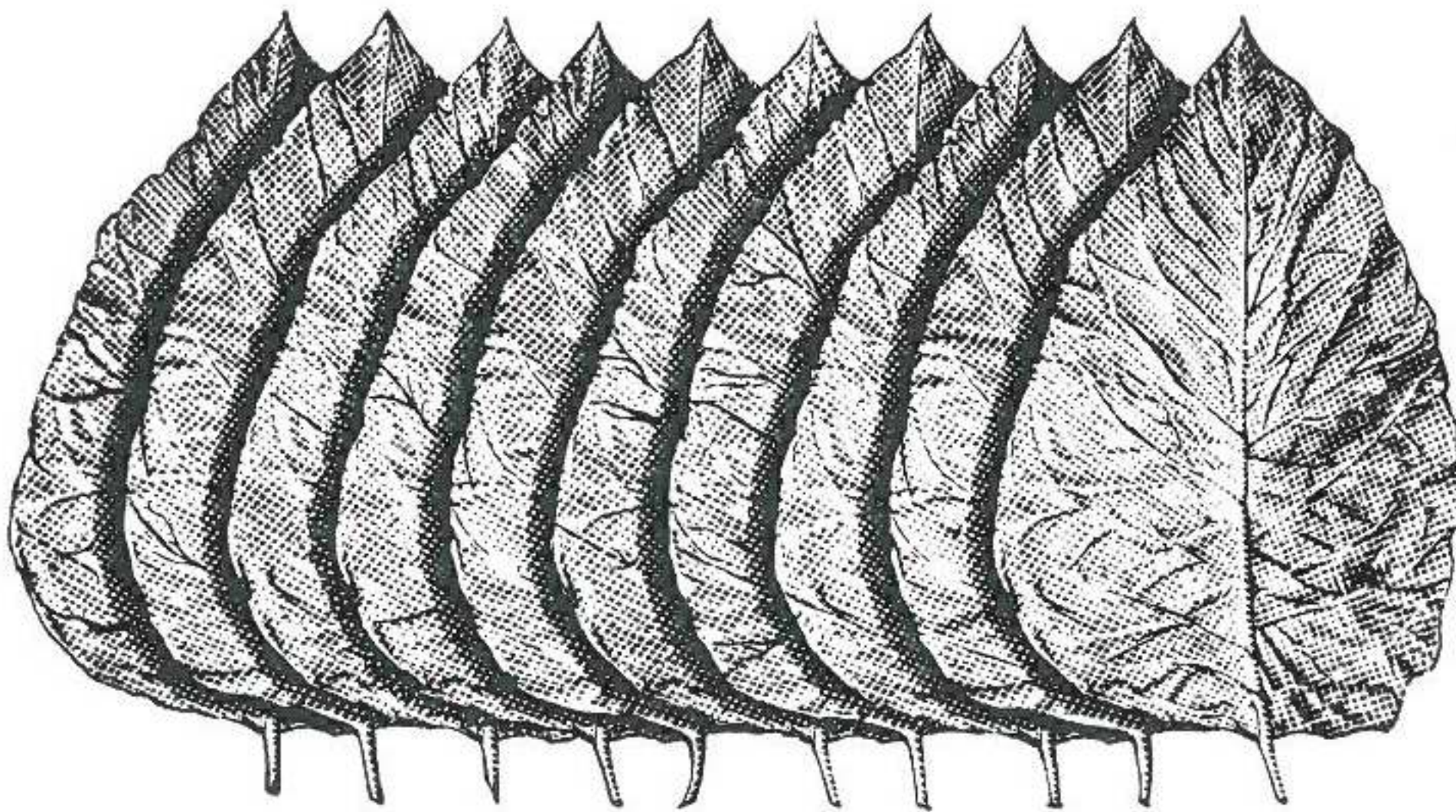
And this is where I believe Galway will score in the final analysis because in Cyril Dunne and Seamus Leydon, they have forwards who are fast and mobile and revel in the low well-placed pass and this should enable the Western forward line as a whole to take advantage of this weakness in the Kerry rearguard.

Should it work out this way, a Galway victory is on the cards. Kerry's trump card against Dublin was undoubtedly the bringing on of Mick O'Dwyer at half-time but it is questionable if this tactic would ever work as well again. So as I see it Galway will retain their crown.



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In the half forward line, Paudie Sheehy, Tom Costello and Tadgie Lyne faced three of Dublin's finest men, Mossie Whelan, Jim Crowley and Nickie Maher. Again there was another question mark. Tadgie Lyne had been off form for most of the year, although in the semi-final, he had shown signs that he had a good day coming.

The Kerry selectors had gambled heavily on the full forward line. Jim Brosnan was strong and sound, Mick Murphy needed more top-class football to rate him with the top men of Kerry and in the right corner was a promoted minor of



★ SEAMUS MURPHY . . . one of Kerry's many stars.

1954—a fledgling by the name of Johnny Culloty. Would young Johnny be able to make the big move to senior All-Ireland class?

An experimental side . . . yes, indeed. Every Kerryman I met before the game bewailed the fact that Donie Murphy and J. J. Sheehan were out because of injury. Even had they been able to play, the odds still would have been on Dublin, who had by then fashioned the machine that three years later was to bring them a deserved All-Ireland victory against Derry.

But Dublin in 1955 were no match for an experimental Kerry side . . . for this was one time that an experiment really worked.

Jerome O'Shea played the game of his life; Ned Roche did a truly magnificent job of blotting out Kevin Heffernan and young Sean Murphy fitted in like a glove with a great John Cronin and the rest of the Kerry defence. Tadgie Lyne came back to brilliant form and young Culloty had an inspired hour. Every Kerryman rose to the heights that day and even Dublin's late goal from a close free could not take away from the fact that the Kingdom's fifteen men that day were unbeatable.

But that great day has gone into memory now and, with one exception, the members of that grand Kerry team, have faded from the football scene. The one exception is Johnny Culloty . . . the "baby" of the 1955 side; now the veteran of the 1965 side. He has made the long move from right corner forward back to goalkeeper.

I hope to see him win another All-Ireland medal. Not that he needs another one—he has three already—but another win for him would forge the link between today and the Kerry men of 1955.



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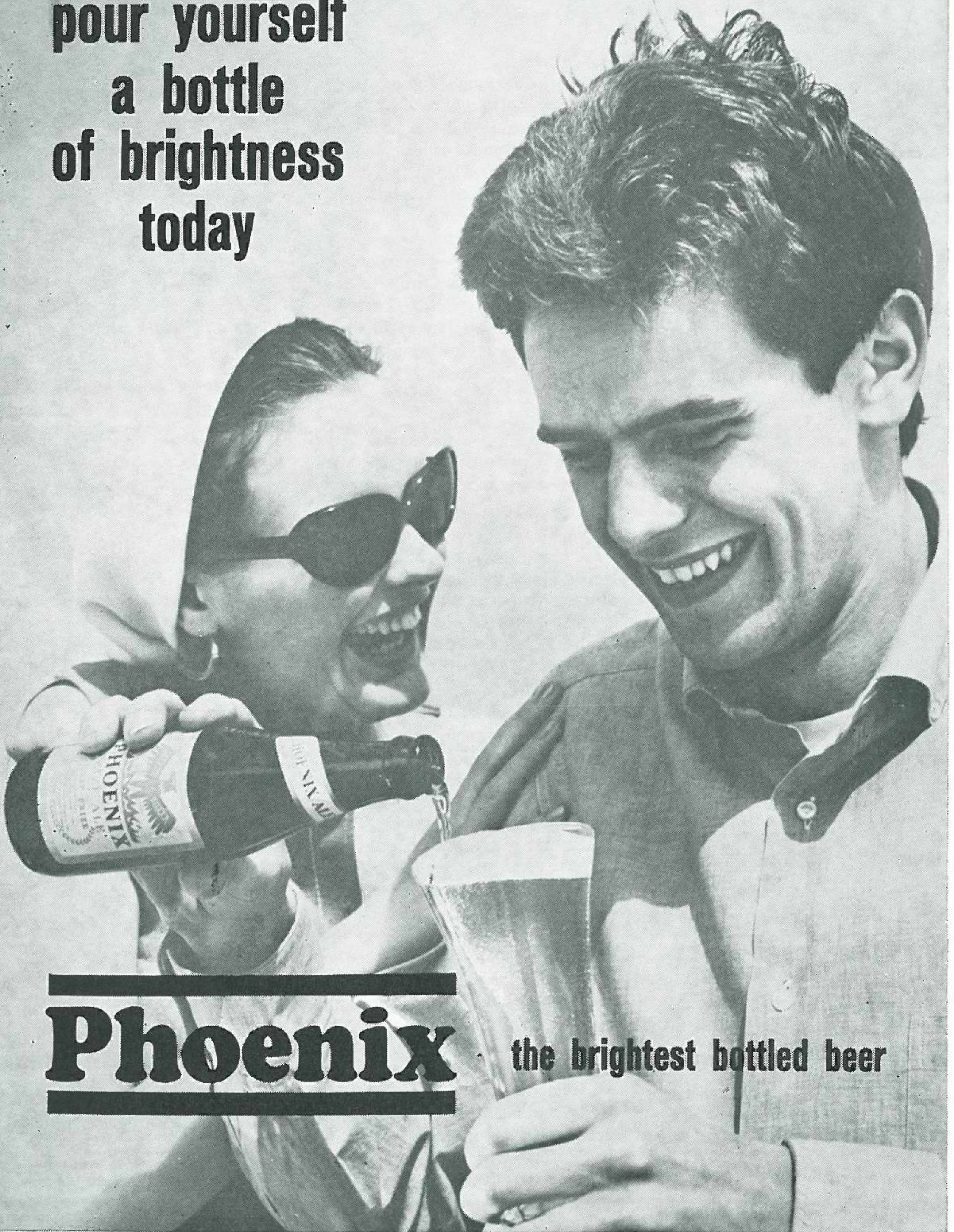
Despite what many Kerry men have said since then, that 1955 side was a great one . . . and they deserve a little more recognition in our memories.

For a youngster ten years may be a long, long time. For me, now that I have done so much thinking about Kerry's victory in 1955, ten years has been all too short. One can only wonder, with so many new faces in Kerry football, what happened to those ten years?



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# How the G.A.A. began in Kerry

by SEAMUS O CEALLAIGH

WE have heard the remark time and again that Kerry was originally a hurling county, and that football did not gain general acceptance there until some years had elapsed from the founding of the G.A.A.

The first great test in Kerry however, was neither in hurling nor in football. It came in athletics just seven months after the G.A.A. was founded—on Wednesday, June 17, 1885, to be exact.

Shortly after the G.A.A. came into existence, a rival body, the Irish Amateur Athletic Association was formed in Dublin for the express purpose of crushing the G.A.A. and preventing them from organising athletic sports throughout the country. The I.A.A.A. announced an athletic meeting for Tralee, to be held under the auspices of the County Kerry Athletic and Cricket Club. The G.A.A. was only in its infancy in Kerry at the time and it was an amazingly bold step when it announced a monster sports for Tralee on the exact same day.

Regardless of the fact that it was a week-day — and half holidays were unheard of then — ten thousand people thronged the Rathone Paddock where the G.A.A. sports were held. Very Rev. Fr. McMahon, P.P., in a stirring address, said it was the biggest course in Tralee since the historic

meeting of Daniel O'Connell in 1845, and he urged his listeners to rally to the G.A.A. and to forward its aims by every means at their disposal.

The sports, which attracted over four hundred entries, were an outstanding success, and in addition the spectators were treated to a hurling and a football match.

This first splendid stand up fight against the opponents of the G.A.A. resulted in a decisive victory for the popularly governed organisation, as the rival fixture was almost completely boycotted—a circumstance which had a profound effect on subsequent events.

Open country hurling and parish to parish football had been played from time immemorial in the "Kingdom". The Fenian tradition was also strong, and memories of the Iveraghmen's march through the blizzard in the '67 Rising kept the National Spirit very much alive.

The pioneers of the Gaelic Athletic Association in Kerry were men nurtured in Fenian lore. Amongst them was Moore Stack, who was jailed with Charles J. Kickham; and Maurice Moynihan, a noted figure in the Land War. Those men, and their fellow land leaguers rallied the County under the banner of the new national movement.

Hurling flourished by the Roughly in the Kenmare district of



★ TADHG HEALY . . . a Kerry stalwart of the 'Thirties and 'Forties.

South Kerry, and in the Northern plains from Tralee to the Shannon. In the remaining and greater portion of the County football held sway. Generally, these areas still retain their early characteristics.

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# SEAMUS O CEALLAIGH

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The notion that Kerry was originally a hurling county stems from the fact that it was through hurling that the Kingdom's escutcheon was first blazoned with All-Ireland honours. That was in the unforgettable year of 1891, when the men from Ballyduff and Kilmoyley, two small North Kerry villages, won a memorable Munster final, on a replay from the Treaty Stones of Limerick.

The final, at Clonturk Park, Dublin, on February 28, 1892, against the grim hurlers from Crossabeg in Wexford, must claim more than passing mention, for it was such a contest as has never since been seen in a native arena. One of our greatest hurling judges—a man who saw over fifty All-Ireland hurling finals, always maintained there was more of the spirit of the ancient Fianna abroad that day than ever since. Forgetful of all else, those hurling rivals seemed prepared to contend for caman supremacy from dawn to dusk. As it was, they played the only All-Ireland final ever decided on extra time, which the barefooted Kerry-men won by the odd point—2-3 to 1-5.

Strange to relate, by the time the G.A.A. was founded, the old parish to parish football had almost died out in Kerry, and Rugby had taken possession. In Killorglin they had a strong team, captained by the renowned J. P. O'Sullivan, an outstanding athlete, later to make G.A.A. history. Valentia, Waterville, and Killarney also had useful Rugby sides and the quartette played many games, home and away.

Shortly after the news of the foundation of the G.A.A. trickled to Killorglin a few individuals, notably Pat Begley, Mickey Doyle, Dan O'Brien and Seamus Coffey decided on establishing a club in the town.

They organised a house to house collection which realised the disappointing sum of seven shillings and sixpence. However, it was enough to buy a football, which was procured in Cork by Seamus Coffey, on a visit to that city.

His three comrades were at the station to meet him on his return. The ball was ready pumped and fit for action, and action it got in plenty for it was kicked along the bog road until the doctor's field was reached, where the four played about with it until nightfall.

Anyway, a club was soon established, rules were procured, and the boys were ready for their first game. The fishing lads from Steelroe provided the opposition. They had no rules to study, and they wiped the field with the Killorglin boys.

Shortly after that two teachers—Jack Murphy and Tom Cronin returned from training in Dublin to staff new schools in the parish. Members of the Erins Hope club in the Metropolis, they were enthusiasts for the Gaelic code, and it was at their pleading that Rugby was abandoned and all the young men in the parish enrolled in the G.A.A., under the captaincy of J. P. O'Sullivan.

The first united team they fielded consisted of the fifteen Rugby men, the two Dublin teachers, and the four pioneers. They beat a strongly fancied Ballymacelligott side scoreless, which gave them the encouragement they needed.

Clubs grew up fairly rapidly after that but the Laune Rangers, as the Killorglin men were now styled, more than held their own with the best of them, winning the county titles from 1887 to 1890, and again in 1892 and 1893.

The year 1891 was a notable one for the club in that its captain, J.

P. O'Sullivan, won the All-Round Championship of Ireland in athletics. The same year Kerry had its first meeting with the footballers of Galway, when Laune Rangers played the Connachtmen at the Markets Field, Limerick, and won, 2-6 to nil.

They brought the football championship of Munster to the "Kingdom" for the first time in 1892, defeating Clondrohid (Cork) and Dungarvan (Waterford) in the process. The renowned Dublin Young Ireland's won in Leinster, and got the verdict in an unfinished match over Connacht. Ulster did not participate, so it was Laune Rangers and Young Irelands for the All-Ireland final.

The game was played at Clonturk Park on March 26, 1893, with Dan Fraher of Dungarvan as referee. Young Irelands won a controversial game, 1-4 to 0-3.

The "Kingdom" men were up in arms concerning the conduct of the spectators, who hooted and groaned every time Kerry advanced and actually encroached on the pitch on occasions when the Rangers looked like scoring.

The upshot was a challenge from J. P. O'Sullivan to the Dublin men for a match for a set of gold medals, either at Limerick, Cork or Mallow. O'Sullivan, in an accompanying letter said: "I consider my team is entitled to and could easily win the all-Ireland championship if fair play was given and if the rules of the Association were adhered to."

Dublin did not accept the challenge, and it was ten years later before Kerry first inscribed their name on the All-Ireland honours roll in football. Laune Rangers, however, blazed the glory trail and were in large measure responsible for the growth in popularity of the big ball game in the "Kingdom," which was to display such remarkable ripening in after years.



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# Paddy the

**P**ADDY DOHERTY'S tally of 4-23 (35 pts.) in six games in 1960 is the highest score recorded in a football championship campaign during the period 1955-'64. It is well in advance of the totals of the leading marksmen entering the current final. They are Bernie O'Callaghan with 3-7 (16 pts.); Cyril Dunne 0-11 and Mick O'Dwyer 2-5.

The best match-average stands to the credit of Brendan Hayden at 10.50 points in an outing with Carlow in 1962. This, however, is just slightly ahead of Johnny Joyce's ten points a game in 1960. In third place, and the only other player to better nine minors an hour, is John Timmons, who, in the Wicklow jersey, chalked up 9.33 points per game in the 1957 championship.

Joyce and Hayden also take the two major spots in the list of highest totals recorded by a player in one championship game during the period. The Dubliner landed 5-3 against Longford in 1960, and Hayden finished a 1962 outing against Kilkenny with 3-7. The best individual score in an All-Ireland final is 2-5 achieved by Frank Stockwell in Galway's 1956 triumph over Cork.

No Munster footballer has yet topped the list. The best total by a Southerner during the ten years in question is 28 points, scored by both Tadghie Lyne (1-25) in 1955, and Dan McAuliffe (4-16) in 1959. The Kerry men filled the number two positions in those years.

Cyril Dunne heads the Galway and Connacht record with 0-28 last year, but he is well behind the provincial best this year.

# Sharpshooter heads the scoring lists

**By OWEN McCANN**

Leinster's best is 33 points, recorded by both Ollie Freaney (1959) and Harry Donnelly (1961). Each scored 2-27 in five games. The Dubliner, who headed the chart in 1955, 1958 and 1959, has the distinction of being the only player to fill the Number One spot more than once.

Only brothers to figure in the tables are the Gallaghers, of Cavan, Brian took fifth place in 1959, and Charlie was last year's second highest scorer.

The following are the top five scorers in each football championship campaign since 1955:

## 1955

	Games	Avrg.
1. O. Freaney	2-24 (6)	5.00
2. T. Lyne	1-25 (5)	5.60
3. P. O'Donoghue	0-27 (5)	5.40
4. J. Curran	3-17 (4)	6.50
5. J. Boyle	3-9 (5)	3.60

## 1956

	Games	Avrg.
1. S. Purcell	1-24 (5)	5.40
2. S. Harrison	0-19 (5)	3.80
3. F. Donnelly	0-18 (4)	4.50
F. Stockwell	3-9 (5)	3.60
5. N. Fitzgerald	0-14 (5)	2.80

## 1957

	Games	Avrg.
1. J. Timmons	4-16 (3)	9.33
2. K. Beahan	0-24 (6)	4.00
3. F. Donnelly	1-19 (4)	5.50
4. J. McDonnell	5- 5 (4)	5.00
5. S. Purcell	1-16 (3)	6.33

## 1958

	Games	Avrg.
1. O. Freaney	0-28 (5)	5.60
2. S. O'Connell	3-17 (5)	5.20

3. P. Doherty	3-15 (3)	8.00
4. J. Joyce	5- 5 (5)	4.00
5. K. Beahan	3-10 (3)	6.66

## 1959

	Games	Avrg.
1. O. Freaney	2-27 (5)	6.60
2. D. McAuliffe	4-16 (4)	7.00
3. S. Purcell	3-17 (4)	6.50
4. P. Doherty	1-18 (5)	4.20
5. B. Gallagher	0-19 (4)	4.75

## 1960

	Games	Avrg.
1. P. Doherty	4-23 (6)	5.83
2. S. Purcell	4-19 (4)	7.75
3. H. Donnelly	1-19 (5)	4.40
4. G. Kane	4- 9 (3)	7.00
5. J. Joyce	5-5 (2)	10.00
C. Smith	1-17 (5)	4.00

## 1961

	Games	Avrg.
1. H. Donnelly	2-27 (5)	6.60
2. P. Doherty	1-24 (5)	5.40
3. S. Purcell	2-14 (3)	6.66
4. P. Tyrell	3-7 (3)	5.33
J. McCartan	3-7 (4)	4.00

## 1962

	Games	Avrg.
1. Don Feeley	3-16 (4)	6.25
2. B. Hayden	4- 9 (2)	10.50
3. J. Kenna	1-15 (3)	6.00
4. M. O'Connell	1-15 (4)	4.50
5. P. Cummins	3- 6 (3)	5.00

## 1963

	Games	Avrg.
1. M. Whelan	1-20 (5)	4.60
2. C. Flynn	1-18 (3)	7.00
3. H. Lafferty	2-10 (3)	5.33
4. S. Leydon	3-7 (4)	4.00
5. S. O'Neill	1-12 (4)	3.75

## 1964

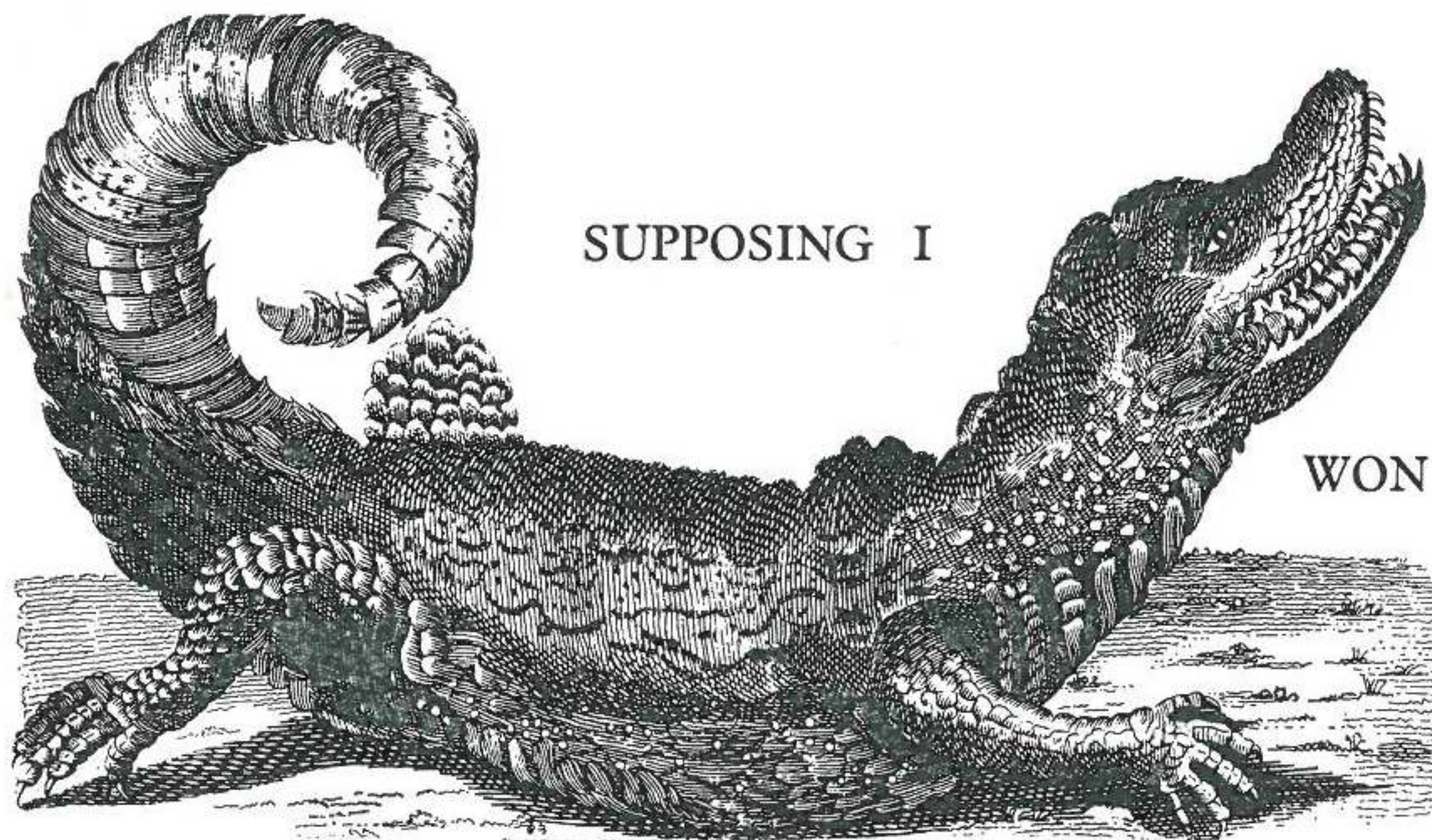
	Games	Avrg.
1. C. Dunne	0-28 (4)	7.00

2. C. Gallagher	0-23 (4)	5.75
3. B. O'Callaghan	0-19 (4)	4.75
Don Feeley	0-19 (4)	4.75
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## DOUBLE FACE-LIFT

WORK is progressing at an accelerated tempo on the field improvement schemes at Limerick and Thurles, whilst drawings are being prepared for the elaborate dressing-rooms, showers and other amenities at Tralee, which should be the envy of all the grounds, big and small when completed.

The old familiar "enclosure" has completely disappeared at Thurles, and the former "borheen," so well known to all the great players and county officials over many years, will be covered up by the new seating arrangement, which will extend close to the splendid road now running along that side of the grounds.

The new seating accommodation will cater for some sixteen thousand spectators, and the plans provide for complete weather protection. The money available, however, will hardly permit the completion of this part of the work, and it is anticipated that only about a third of the seats can be covered under the present scheme.

At Limerick many old familiar features have disappeared and the side line entrances off the Ennis Road have all been demolished since the Munster final. New seating will extend over where these stood and will continue right up to the Hogan Stand, which is also scheduled for overhaul. The other side of the stand is due for similar treatment but it is doubtful now whether enough money will be forthcoming to finish the job.

Cork should be coming up any day with plans for their new stadium. One thing they are not short of is space. It is the first big

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venture of what, for want of a better description, we might term "modern times" and it is to be hoped the planners will benefit from the experiences elsewhere and avoid the pitfalls the pioneers encountered.

The main need is an all-embracing plan at the commencement, providing all the latest in amenities for a 75,000 crowd, which many good judges hold to be the greatest attendance which might reasonably be expected, now or in the foreseeable future. The work, of course, will have to be done piecemeal, but the principle thing is to avoid all the chopping and changing that added so much to the overall costs elsewhere.

Meanwhile, if any way out could be found, an effort should be made to finish the jobs at Thurles and Limerick. Costs are not going down, and with the contractors on the spot it is easy to appreciate that this is the time to complete the work.

Croke Park come up with a winning number some years ago in the decision to issue ten year tickets for the new Hogan Stand. Maybe something similar could be worked out as regards the new seating at Thurles and Limerick.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

The new National League groupings were generally well received in the South, and both hurling sections should prove popular and produce keenly contested games,

which are the life of any competition. Certainly Clare, Cork and Limerick all feel they have an excellent chance of advancing to the semi-final stages, whilst the same idea prevails in Tipperary and Waterford regarding their section.

Limerick footballers are delighted to be included in a section with such top-class counties as Mayo and Galway and are confident that contact with such exponents will improve their play immensely. A similar feeling prevails in Clare. The other Southern football counties also welcome the change and feel it is for the good of the game in the province.

As regards the new arrangement for division of the "spoils," the weaker counties are all in favour but, naturally enough, Tipperary hurlers and Kerry footballers would much prefer the old system.

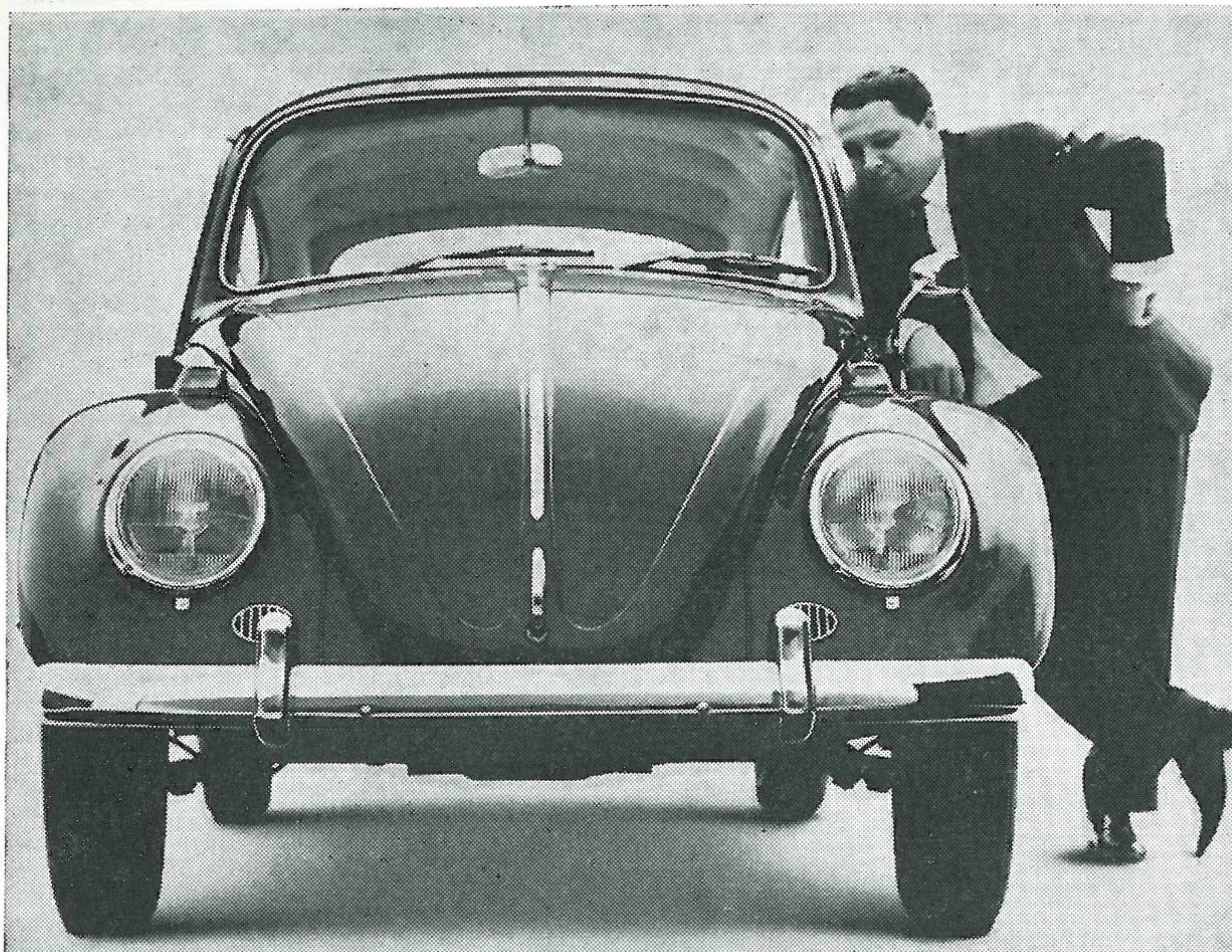
The precious stand tickets for the big games of the Gaelic year continue to cause plenty of bother and the majority of the counties experience considerable difficulty in devising a means of disposing of their small quota. They can never hope to do this to the satisfaction of all but must at least try to be as fair as possible to the many with claims that at least merit consideration.

I recently read of a big club in another code who had a similar problem and who solved it in what many would rate a very fair manner.

Those who wished to be considered for tickets for the exceptional occasion were invited to send in their applications at the start of the season. Those that did so were given a numbered card and instructed to bring it along to every game they attended at a home venue, and where it was endorsed with a special code mark.

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## PAT THE UNPREDICTABLE!

By CHRIS MURRAY

**U**BIQUITOUS Pat Donnellan has always been a controversial figure. So unlike his brother John who is always steady as a rock, Pat has a flair for doing the unexpected. When most is expected of him, he may well flop. When little or nothing is anticipated, he usually stars.

Witness his great New York game, followed by his poor Con-nact final which resulted in his demotion to the substitutes panel once again. Then came the semi-final against Down, when Pat replaced the incapacitated Seamus Leydon.

In the first half at left-half forward, he disappointed frankly. But when switched to midfield he became one of the stars of the side and a very vital cog in Galway's great recovery. The switch benefitted Mick Reynolds too, who played far better on the left wing of the attack.

Now the problem is who will be selected as Mick Garrett's partner for the final? Will it be Mick Reynolds again, who has been showing such poor midfield form this year by comparison with some of his brilliance of a year ago? Or will it be the unpredictable Donnellan?

One way or the other midfield is definitely Galway's problem spot, for Mick Garrett is not yet back to his 1963 form, fading usually



★ PAT DONNELLAN (left) and brother JOHN.

after lively openings. They will need to be at their best to counter the Kerry men.

### UNSPORTING DOWN?

Here in the West we are not used to the type of supporter we heard shouting against us when we played Down. Some of our supporters can booh as loud as the next I'm sorry to say but at most times are tolerant. This I cannot say of Down's support—the most unmannerly bunch I've yet seen in Croke Park.

Some of their players too might learn with profit some lessons in playing etiquette. Walking across the path of a free-taker immediately before the free is taken is rank bad sportsmanship just in case you don't know it Larry Powell.

In my mind it deserves the

referee's censure, meriting a severe and final warning. So Larry let's have no more of this when and if you next come to Croke Park.

### GALLANT ROSCOMMON

It is a pity Roscommon made so many defensive blunders against Derry in the All-Ireland minor semi-final, for their forwards were superior to their Northern counterparts and in Kane, a really brilliant full forward, Cox, a thrustful centre half, and McGuinness a jinking left-half forward, they had potential match-winners.

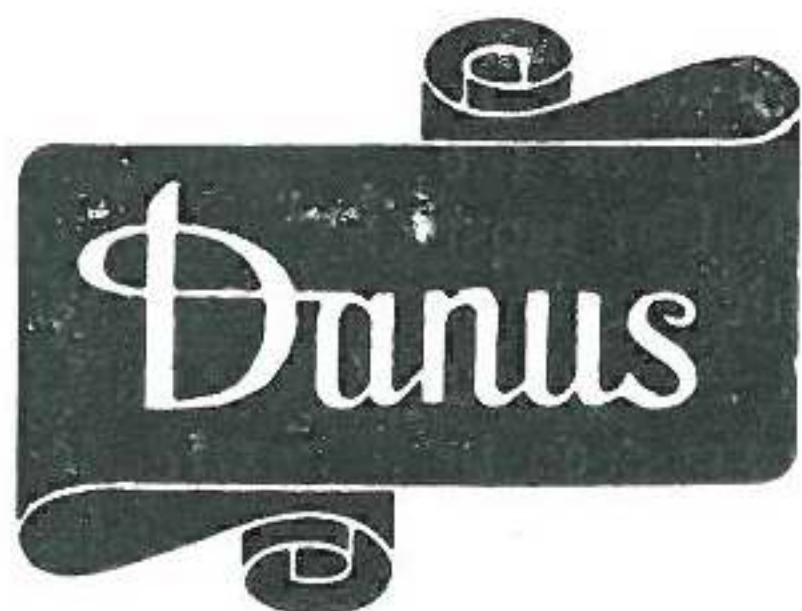
But after scoring 4-5 they still lost by 3 points to a Derry side which will need to improve to beat Kerry in the final.

Even as it was the boys of the West were in rank bad luck in the final ten minutes, missing a penalty

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## The Kerry

**N**EARLY sixteen I was that day in the Cork park when the Delaneys, in Blue and White, led out Laois to play Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final of 1937. But one man took my eye. He was a veteran I thought, but looking back now I realise that Miko Doyle must have been quite a young man then. Maybe it was the fact that he had the signal honour of winning four senior All-Irelands at twenty-two years of age that made us think he was old. At centre-back he was marking one of the great young players of all time, the phenomenal schoolboy, Tommy Murphy of Graiguecullen, who went back to Knockbeg College a few months after and played in the under-17 Leinster colleges championship.

Murphy was almost impossible to stop for he had a wonderful swerve, a good fetch and could play with the ball like a yo-yo. It was Miko Doyle's immaculate sense of position that kept tabs on the Laois boy that day and I won't forget when towards the end a high ball, driven downfield by Mick Delaney, dropped to the centre-forward position and three players prepared to rise. There was no sign of the centre-back.

Suddenly from fifteen yards back he came racing outfield, gathered himself for the leap, tore up into the sky, got the hands to the flying ball a foot above all comers, and held. There was a beautiful picture of the fetch on the paper the following day and strangely the other players were not in it. Head up,

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By EAMONN YOUNG

ball firmly held, body arched backwards and legs wide apart, it was the perfect flying fetch.

Tommy Murphy was knocked out that day, by the way, and they blamed Miko Doyle because of the pre-match speculation. As far as I could see Doyle wasn't near the Graiguecullen star when that great young footballer hit the ground.

I remember the day in Croke Park two years later when I was playing a semi-final with Cork minor footballers. Afterwards Kerry met Mayo and we also had the replayed Cavan-Armagh Ulster final. What a programme! Alf Murray and Jim McCullagh were the Armagh leaders and among Cavan's many stars John Joe O'Reilly shone.

In the Kerry-Mayo game laughing and likeable Billy Myers was at right corner back and marking Tommy Hoban. Tommy was about six inches smaller than Billy, but to men like Hoban that mattered nothing. He dashed and darted, he harried and tussled and whenever the ball came, everyone knew that the little Mayoman was around—for he either had it, or was tormenting the men who had.

Myers himself, a fine player, was obviously puzzled by this small man so he had to play it hard—hard but clean. Naturally the crowd didn't like it, though had they looked closer and with honest

eyes they would have seen that Myers was hitting fairly and that in any case you don't burst a solid rubber ball.

The referee had his eye on them and one could see that if anyone went to the line it would be the bigger man. The Kerry selectors saved the day by taking Billy off and anyway, I think he did have a slight injury.

As Myers walked to the Cusack Stand side it seemed to me that half of Ireland stood up to launch the tornado of booing. Billy Myers, as clean a player as ever I saw, looked up at them and laughed.

Paddy Kennedy of Aunascaul was the best mid-fielder I ever saw. The broad-shouldered slim-waisted man with the brown wavy hair had a fine leap, a good fetch, sound delivery, and in his six All-Ireland finals from 1938 'till he finished at corner forward in the Polo Grounds final of 1947, there wasn't a more consistently efficient man to be met on the fields of Ireland. It was this ability to always turn in solid performances which, allied to his great merit, made Kennedy a man to be remembered.

Over in Limerick lives a big dark-haired man from Tralee whom last I met walking home with his two young sons from the Munster hurling final. Joe Keohane kept his weight down—I once thought it

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*"Kerry men may or may not be the best fetchers, but they have always been right up there with the best in kicking . . ."*



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would get the better of him—and looks what he is, a handsome healthy man in his late forties.

But I can never forgive him.

It was the Munster football final of 1947 and Kerry were leading. We Corkmen put in a desperate rally for we knew that otherwise the clock would beat us. In a whirlwind rush a bunch of red-jerseyed Corkmen buzzed around the Kerry goal and I don't know how it happened but Simon Deignan blew the whistle and to our delight pointed to the spot. A penalty—and we had a man named Jim Ahern, now a priest, who could burst a ball; he was dead accurate too.

I think it was Billy Casey was getting attention for injury so we waited. The pitch by the way was very soft—I think something had gone wrong with the drainage system that year.

Anyway, as Jim Ahern was waiting to take the kick, out rambled Joe Keohane in that easy-going way of his, placed his arm in comradely fashion on the Corkman's shoulder. They chatted in the way that players do when two minutes after they're going to blow each other apart if necessary.

Billy Casey was all right and we got ready. Backs and forwards stood by for that all-out rush if the ball rebounded off the lone keeper.

Up went Jim Ahern, burly frame bent. Wham, he hit that ball, but to our amazement it bounded along the ground at quarter speed into the waiting arms of Danno Keefe who in delight lofted it half the field.

But it's pretty hard to kick a penalty when a Kerryman's size nine boot has been for two minutes pressing it into the soft mud.

"I suppose it was bad form Youngy", said Keohane to me years after in an army camp", But don't



★ JOE KEOHANE . . . a size nine boot on the ball.

blame me; sure I could see the skyline of Manhattan calling".

Danno Keefe, the man who closed the account that day in 1947, was then going on to play in his last All-Ireland. He had taken over from Johnny Riordan away back in 1931. What a record. In that time Danno's spare broad-shouldered frame had guarded the Kerry net in no less than thirteen finals seven of them on the winning side, with three losses, and three replays.

He wasn't the spectacular type. I don't trust those diving goalies. The man with good anticipation nearly always gets there on his feet. But O'Keefe's hands were sound and he had a great full-backline in most of his games, a line that knew how and when to play the goalie.

I remember the day in Kenmare when we played Kerry in the league. At nineteen I was out there pretty fit and anxious to prove I was some good (something which failed me many a time in later years I might add). Anyway the first high ball came down between Gega Connor, now in New York, and I. He had the edge so I pressed

him gently, lovingly on the back and the leather fell to me. I did something with it and returned to my place to hear a tight-lipped man grit into my ear.

"Young, if the ref. won't give me fair play, I'll get it for myself".

There was no more shoving. The fact that Gega was Munster middleweight champion had nothing to do with it!

The story is a lesson both to referees and for players.

I remember seeing those two big men, John Cronin, the centre-back of the fifties, and Ned Roche the full-back, training in the Camp Field, Cork. They kicked the ball from one to the other with long steady punts. What amused me was the annoyance, feigned or otherwise, which resulted from a badly driven ball.

"If you can't kick it straight to me, can't you roll it along the ground".

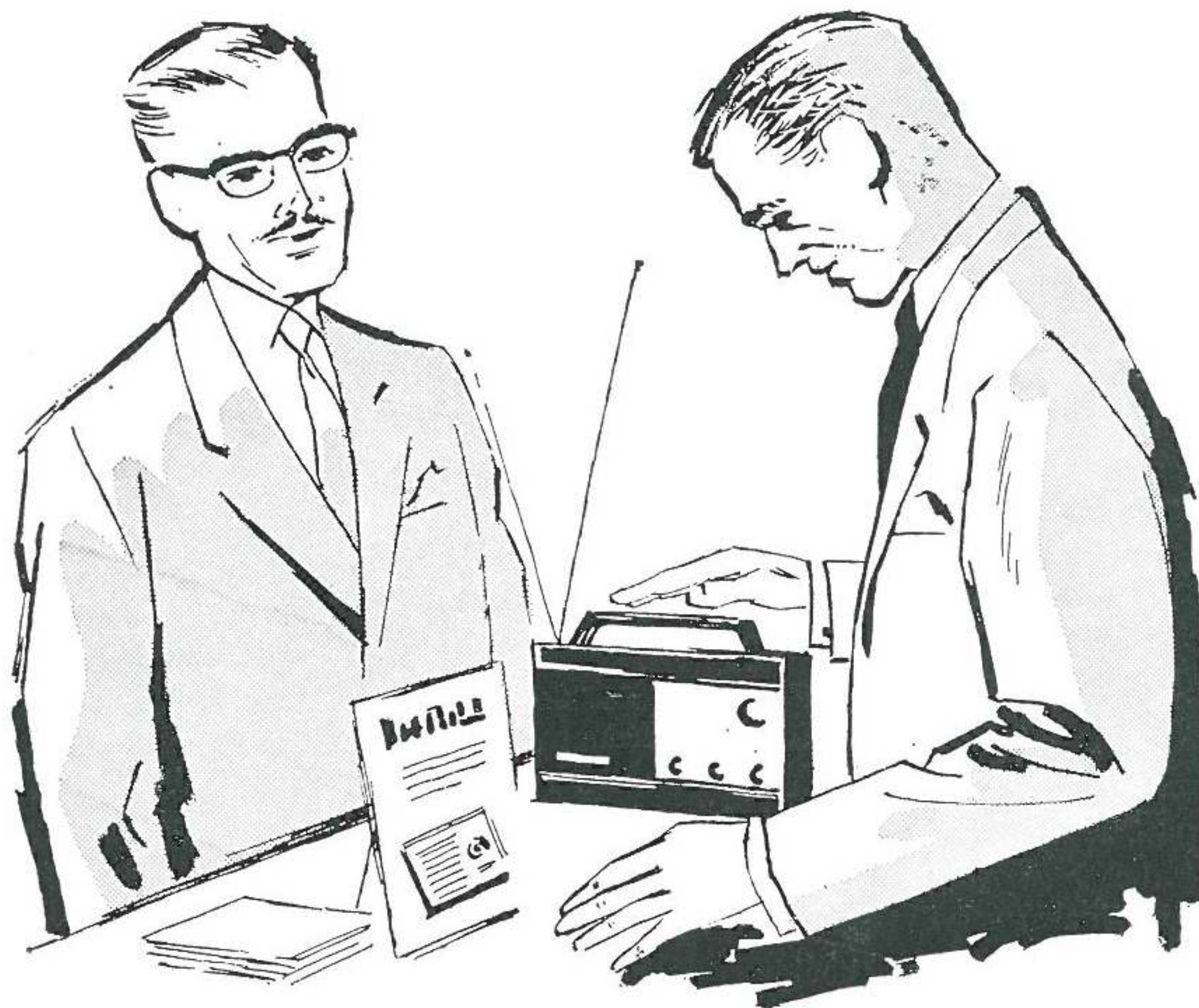
But there was method in the taunt. Football is a game fundamentally of straight kicking. Anyone can get fit, and fetching, lovely as it is to watch, doesn't put numbers on a board. Kerry men may or may not be the best fetchers, but they have always been right up there with the best in kicking and it's their economy of effort which gets scores from thirty-five yards and puts them on the road to glory.

Where can I stop talking about these great opponents of ours from the Kingdom—the men who proudly bear Munster's banner on September 26.

What of Murt Kelly, to-day's selector who guided my footsteps in Railway Cup games, of Charlie Sullivan, the full-forward who had only one desire—to get a score—and no messing; of Sean Brosnan, the man with the one-handed fetch; or quiet left half-back Eddie

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# CAN DONEGAL MAKE THE BIG-TIME?

ASKS

SEAN O'DONNELL

**W**HITHER Donegal? A good question but one to which you will get many varying answers. Are they eventually going to make it into the big-time—or is it going to be a case of being so near and yet so far and if so why? Involved surely. You just listen to a half a dozen Donegalmen discuss the position and it will sound even more involved.

Always in such discussions someone will have “a go” at the selectors. This, of course, applies to the selectors in virtually every county that is on the fringe of success but is failing to get beyond the fringe. The selectors are the easiest target and in Donegal the selectors have become so accustomed to criticism of all kinds that they are now almost immune to it.

A point to be remembered about selectors is that they are seldom criticised when the county is really down. When Donegal were in the wilderness for a generation few bothered to attack the selectors. But when things began to move and the county was raised to be ranked among the strong football powers, the selectors, instead of being given credit and recognition for having brought the county so far, are subjected to a shower of abuse for not having succeeded in sending the team all the way. Such, I suppose, is life.

Anyway, I recently had a long chat with Charlie Brady one of the Donegal selectors. Charlie is, I suppose, a typical selector — sincere, dedicated and quietly confident

that eventually success will be achieved. He considers criticism an occupational hazard.

Charlie is one of the men who make the G.A.A. the great organisation it is. He is a hard worker. A native of Dunkineely he played with the home club prior to turning out for Kilcar. He is now with the Killybegs club. He is a hurler as well as being a footballer. In 1956 he represented the county in junior and senior football. He is now also one of the county's busiest referees.

Our conversation went like this:

*O'Donnell — Were you disappointed with Donegal's performance in the Ulster championship?*

Brady—Not really disappointed — annoyed would perhaps be a better word. We should have come through against Cavan. Had we done so I believe we would have won the Ulster title for we have Down's measure as we have proven. Why we did not come through against Cavan is an involved story. Over-confidence cost us victory the first day. Then there was the penalty which I believe should have been a Donegal goal instead of a penalty. And, of course, there was the venue in the third game.

*O'D.—Despite all of this do you agree that this present Donegal team lacks consistency and perhaps a few other things as well?*

B.—I do not agree that they are inconsistent. They have failed at the major hurdle on a few occasions but this is not really inconsistency. I believe that this Donegal

team has what it takes to win the All-Ireland title.

*O'D.—Are you really immune to criticism of the Donegal selectors?*

B.—Well partly but sometimes it can go too far—like the individual who rushed up to me in Ballybofey after the first meeting with Cavan and told me that I deserved to be thrown into the river Finn. Criticism I can take, personal abuse is another matter.

*O'D.—Many people say that those in charge of the training of the players are given no voice in selecting the team. Is this so?*

B.—It is not so. Their advice is always sought and usually acted upon.

*O'D.—Is this upsurge in Donegal a permanent thing or will it pass?*

B.—It can and should be permanent — although I was disappointed by the display of the under-21 side this year. However, I believe that we have talent in this grade and I would like to see the under-21 team also sent out as the county junior team and in this way give them experience.

*O'D.—I have heard it said that Donegal are taking part in too many challenge games.*

B.—This is nonsense and another example of stupid and unconstructive criticism just for the sake of having something to say. Challenge games are a great help. People should remember the time when Donegal used to have no more than one championship game each year and then an idle summer until it was time for the Lagan Cup in September. It was this inactivity which kept the county in the background for so long.

*O'D.—Are you in favour of collective training?*

B.—No, I am not. It tends to put a player off his own individual style. I believe match-practice is the best means of training.

*O'D.—Finally, have you any views on the role of the referee?*

B.—Yes, they should be paid. A school for referees is also urgently required. Their's is a thankless job.

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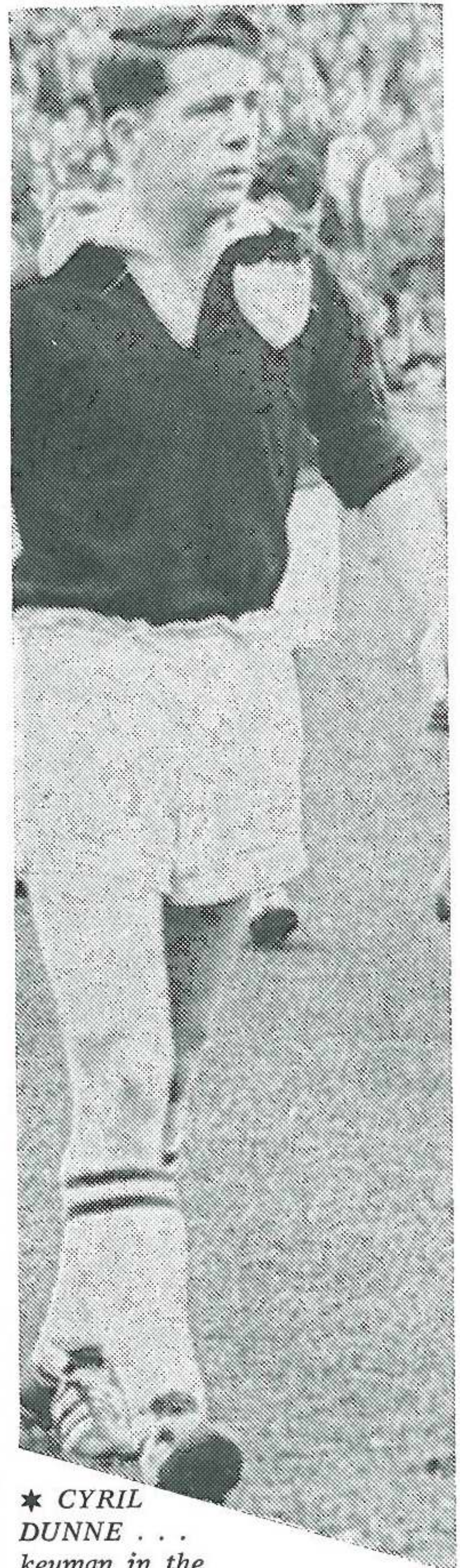
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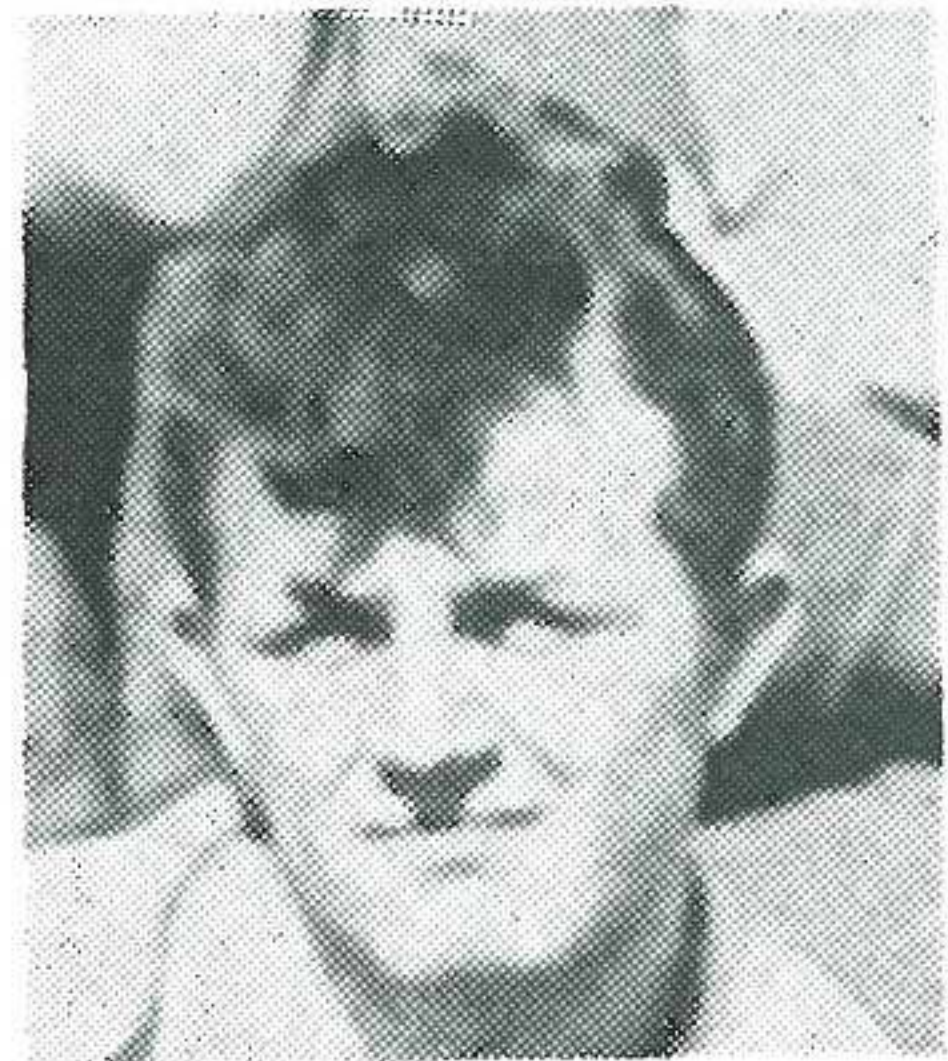
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*THREE KERRYMEN INTENT ON BRINGING OFF A VICTORY FOR THE KINGDOM.*

**A** GAIN, this year, one of the most tradition-laden pairings in the game will play out the All-Ireland final in Croke Park. It is, of course, a repeat of last year's game for the Maguire Cup, and, though Galway were comfortable enough winners last time, there is no one who would give this as cause for thinking this game a foregone conclusion.

Some things have happened since last year which may cause one to revise one's judgment that Galway had the edge on the best that Kerry could field at this time. Notably the League "home" final: a game which most of the country considered somewhat unsatisfactory in outcome, though Kerry and Galway were perfectly happy: naturally enough, in Galway's case, and much to the credit of their well-known sportsmanship in Kerry's.

Kerry, I think, did rankle after the All-Ireland final. I am sure they felt that too many people failed to read the game properly: that thousands who saw the game wrote

it off as a Kerry eclipse and an easy canter for Galway. Kerry knew that had they got a goal when Barrett missed a golden opening a short while after the interval that the boot might very well have been on the other foot. They knew that had Pat Griffin been anywhere near his shooting best, he would have had six points between the posts from their distances instead of six wides freely distributed on either side of the uprights.

Kerry knew also that Galway had not only the edge, but a pretty wide margin of advantage over them in fitness, and that this must not happen again. And most of all they realised that some new players must be found, for the team in last year's final was clearly carrying a few passengers.

The League final showed the change in attitude by Kerry, the better selection of the team, the

tighter and more workmanlike attack of the players to the problems set by the speedy combination of the Galway team. Only one question remains to be settled now: are Kerry by now the better team? Have they learned enough about Galway's game to negate it and impose their own pattern on the play?

New York and the gallivanting round the eastern States of the U.S. does not seem to have taken much out of the Galway team. Admittedly, they have had it tough against Sligo and Down, but, I would prefer to put that down to the credit of the opposition rather than to any falling off on Galway's part. After all they were efficient enough to turn losing scores into winning ones when the right time came.

I have heard it said that it is a

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**By JAY DRENNAN**

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sign of the decline of Galway that they have had to struggle from behind twice to win—and against Kerry in the League. This I cannot admit. It may be so, but it is pure chance if it is so. For I am sure that this coming from the rear is no more than a symptom of the maturing to confidence in their own ability of the Westerners. Every good team when starting out has lacked that sure knowledge of its own ability to win, which comes, however, with achievement of the highest successes and with proven strength.

Galway, after last year's All-Ireland win, and especially since their trip to America, know they can beat them all. Not cocksureness, but reasonable self-knowledge based on proof. It has been so with all the great teams.

How many great teams have been known for their rally—Down at their best, certainly, Kerry always, for they have been always near the top, Tipperary in hurling, Kilkenny, Wexford in the 'fifties—the teams in whom confidence is bred by success and knowledge of their own ability.

Therefore, I have the utmost admiration for the present attitude of the Galway team, knowing that they are strong in defence and skilful in attack, and that they have a happy trio of midfielders from which they can always get two who are playing well, and it would be rash to oppose them.

But, Kerry had a good win in the semi-final over Dublin, and must feel happy about their form, now that they will be hoping that Mick O'Dwyer is back to his very best form. But, all things considered, I could not say that I felt satisfied with the overall Kerry performance in the Dublin game. First, Dublin were poor: the all-out attacking plan which they



★ JOHNNY GERAGHTY . . . Galway's ace goalkeeper.

tried to play is disastrous against Kerry always, for it leaves too many loopholes for the breakaway, which Kerry are so good to capitalise on.

The goalkeeping on the Dublin side was very inadequate, for after the first goal, it looked as though any kind of shot would have found the net, and two pretty straight ones did. Geraghty will not be so accommodating. Galway's close defence will be tigher, too. And Kerry have still some square pegs in round holes, which either need close filing or replacement before the final.

Perhaps, Niall Sheeny will have regained some confidence in his injured hand by the Galway game—he will need it. But, Tierney, too, will need to step up on a rather sub-standard performance against Down. He was most surprisingly out-fetched on a number of occasions by Sean O'Neill.

The great imponderable is, of course, Mick O'Connell. If he plays well Kerry will win a near-thing; if he plays poorly Kerry will probably lose. If he plays as only he can, no power on earth can stop Kerry.

I take the Kingdom to win, then, on the balance of probabilities.

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# Down get set for the League campaign

by JOHN O. GRANT

I EXPECTED an air of gloom to hang over the county. To my surprise I found none. Certainly, there was disappointment, but neither gloom nor despondency. The county—Down; the time—just a few days after that narrow defeat by Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final. The disappointment at their failure was easy to understand. Even the most ardent Galway supporter would admit that Down, by their deplorable shooting, contributed as much to their defeat as did the Galway side.

Down captain, Sean O'Neill, put it in a nutshell when he told me, "We had our chances but we wasted them. Had we even scored half of those missed opportunities, we could well be in the final against Kerry. Nevertheless, this was the finest display, from a Down team for quite a while. We measured up to the champions in all aspects of play save finishing, and that in itself is no mean achievement. For us the coming National League campaign is going to be of the utmost importance. During it we must endeavour to consolidate our position and iron out our weaknesses. If we succeed in this task then Down will surely reach the top next season."

Having seen Down in action in most of their games this year I feel

I must agree with those sentiments. The county has come a long way from those dark days of last spring, when after successive defeats by Donegal in both Lagan and McKenna Cup fixtures, Down's future looked bleak. At that time the county possessed not a single football title in any grade, a far-cry indeed from those title laden days of 1960-'64. This was one of the facts which T. P. Murphy, Down County Secretary, pointed out to me when I discussed with him Down's recent semi-final failure, and the county's future prospects.

Like Sean O'Neill, he agreed that forward inaccuracy was the cause of defeat in the semi-final, but he made a further point. "Galway", he said, "were reminiscent of the Down side of three or four years ago. They snapped up every scoring opportunity, and, although having less of the ball, they used it to greater effect."

But he was far from despondent about the Down team's display. "Apart from their inaccurate shooting, this was a tremendous performance", he continued. "It proved what I have stated previously that Down have improved with every game in the championship. If we can maintain this improvement in the coming months then I feel certain we will reach the All-Ireland final next season"

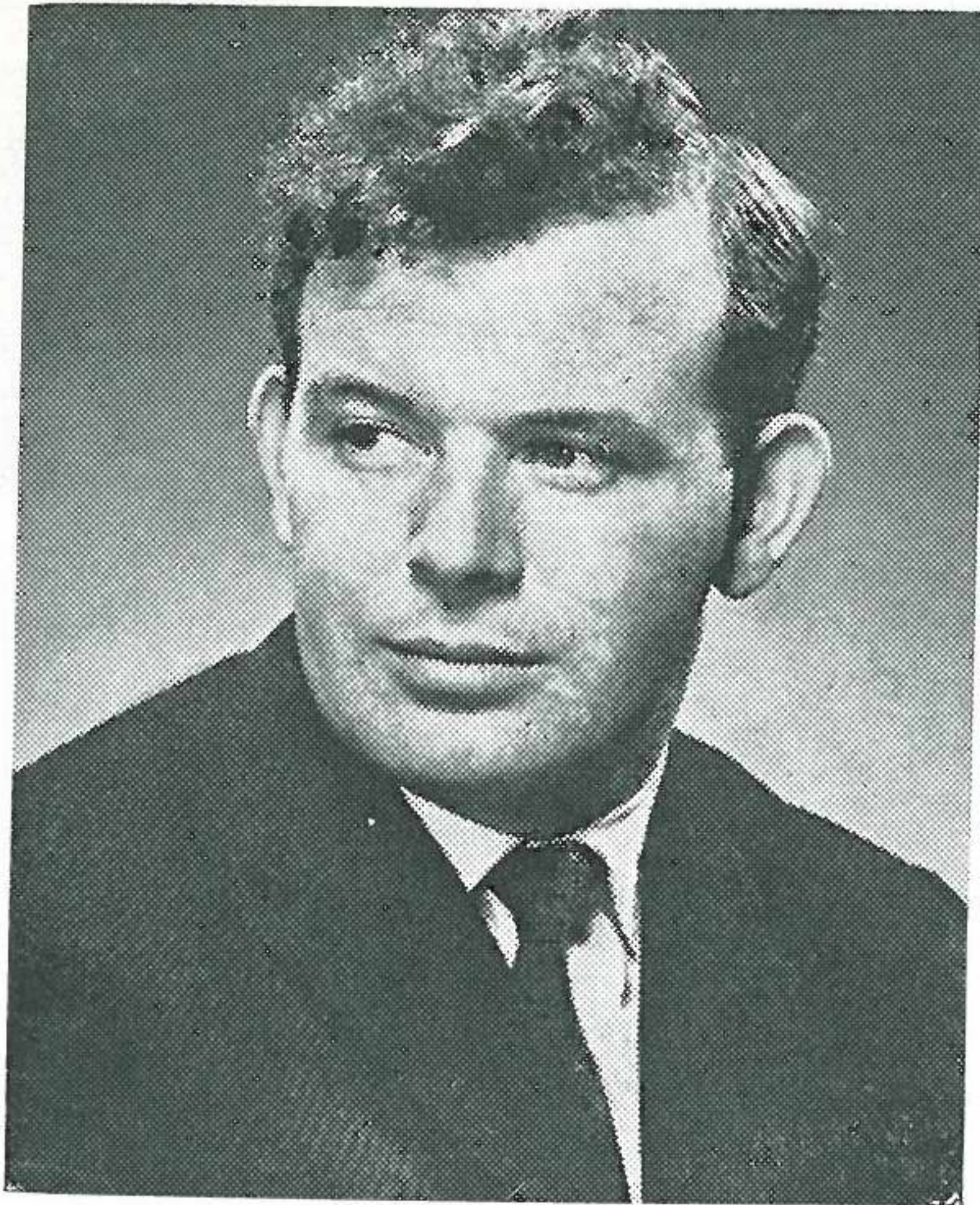
When I expressed surprise at how calmly Down seemed to be accepting the semi-final defeat, T.P. had this to say: "Make no mistake we are disappointed at being beaten. But I believe that we have matured enough now to know that we can profit from our mistakes, rather than waste time brooding over them."

He then compared the acceptance of defeat this year with the 1959 semi-final defeat at the hands of Galway. "At that time", T.P. said, "it seemed like the end of the world for us". Turning to the future the County Secretary stressed the importance of the coming Ground's Tournament and National League competitions, which are in his opinion so necessary for the gaining of experience.

Asked how Down managed to shake off the poor form of early Spring, T.P. spoke at length in praise of Paddy O'Hara, the Down trainer. "Paddy came to us at a critical time", said the County Secretary, "yet he succeeded in restoring morale which had naturally suffered as a result of those two defeats by Donegal. He is a man who ensures that the team is not only superbly fit but also that it has the proper mental approach to the game.

On the general state of affairs in

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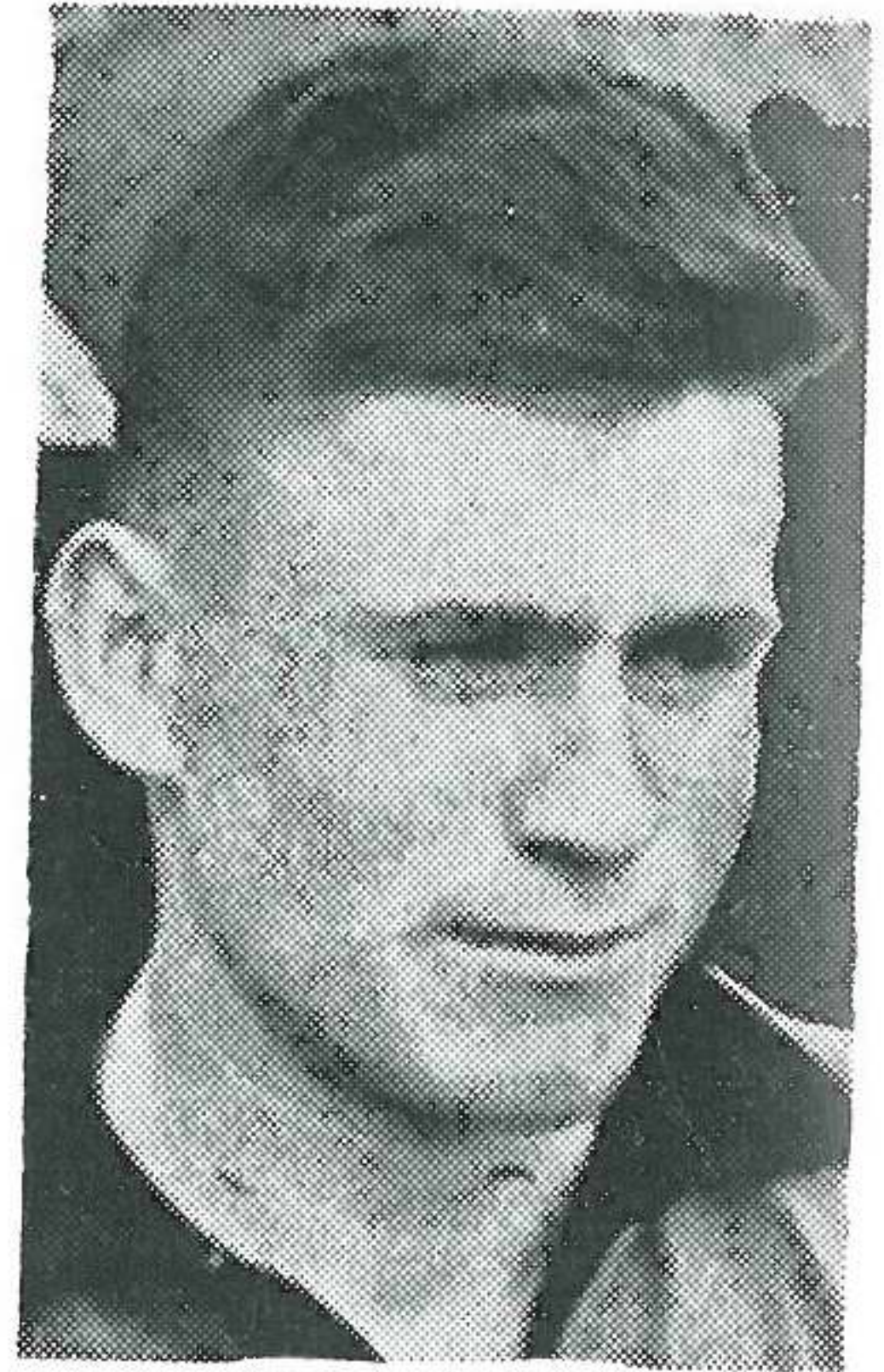
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*"We had our chances . . ."*

## Down get set for the League

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the county T.P. expressed deep satisfaction. "This year", he said, "we have won senior, junior and U.-21 provincial titles, as well as the Ulster minor league. This ensures that we have a good supply of young talent on the way up—an absolute necessity if progress is to be maintained.

Are Down really on the way back? That is the burning question being asked throughout Gaeldom at present. In Down itself all are convinced that the county is very much on the march again. On their recent showing against Galway this Down side proved that it has lots of potential. In recent months Galway and Kerry have dominated the football scene. With the emergence of new teams like Longford and Sligo and the possible return of a rejuvenated Down side, the going is likely to be tough for the new champions . . . whoever they may be.

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# PENPOINTS

## Can a paid sportsman play Gaelic football?

A Chara,—Vincent Caprani's article on Jem Roche raises an important point. Roche was a professional boxer. After his defeat by Tommy Burns in their world heavyweight title bout the Wexfordman took up where he had left off in G.A.A. affairs—playing and refereeing. Does this mean that a professional athlete can take part in Gaelic games—if so is the G.A.A. an amateur organisation in the strict modern sense of the word?

Personally I am not making an issue out of this nor have I any views on the matter. I would though like to have the position clarified. Perhaps one of your eminent contributors might explain how the rules stand on such issues. Taking, for example, Young McCormack the Dublin boxer who is doing so well in the professional ring in England. I remember playing minor football against him here in Dublin two or three years ago. Is he still entitled to play Gaelic football although he is now a paid sportsman?

**CURIOUS**

Dublin, 7.

*A good question and we will reply to it in our next issue.*

—EDITOR.

A Chara,—I was flabbergasted by the effort of "Memory Man", Dundalk, to belittle the Cork football team of 1956-'57 in the September issue of *GAELIC SPORT*. To my mind they were an excellent combination. The only thing they lacked was luck.

Eamonn Young recalled the thrills and heartbreaks of that glorious era in his own inimitable fashion and I for one particularly enjoyed the series.

On one point though I must disagree with Eamonn. I believe that Sean Cunningham got his fist to

that ball which ended Cork's All-Ireland hopes in 1957. I don't think it hopped off Dan Murray's outstretched arm as Eamonn said.

I will always remember John Joe Henchion pulling off his sweat-soaked jersey as he came in under the Cusack Stand at the end of the hour. There was finality and heartbreak in the gesture. Yes, they were a gallant side those Corkmen. They had everything except for a rightful share in the luck of the game.

**KERRYMAN IN EXILE**

## Cover Story

**O**UR Cover Picture this month features the Galway and Kerry Teams which contested the Home Final of the National Football League on May 16th last. Galway won 1-7 to 0-8 and readers will recall that this was the game which featured Mattie McDonagh's controversial goal.

The men on the cover: **GALWAY** (reading left to right, Back row): Seamus Leydon, Noel Tierney, Sean Meade, Mick Reynolds, Mick Garrett, Enda Colleran, Mattie McDonagh, John Keenan. (Front row) Christy Tyrell, Sean Cleary, Johnny Geraghty, John Donnellan, Cyril Dunne, Bosco McDermott and Martin Newell. **KERRY** (Back row): Mick O'Connell, Vincent Lucey, Mick O'Dwyer, Jimmy Lucey, Jer. D. O'Connor, Paud O'Donoghue, Mick Fleming, Pat Griffin. (Front row): Denis O'Sullivan, Bernie O'Callaghan, Johnny Culloty, Mick Morris, Donie O'Sullivan, Seamus Murphy and Joe Joe Barrett.

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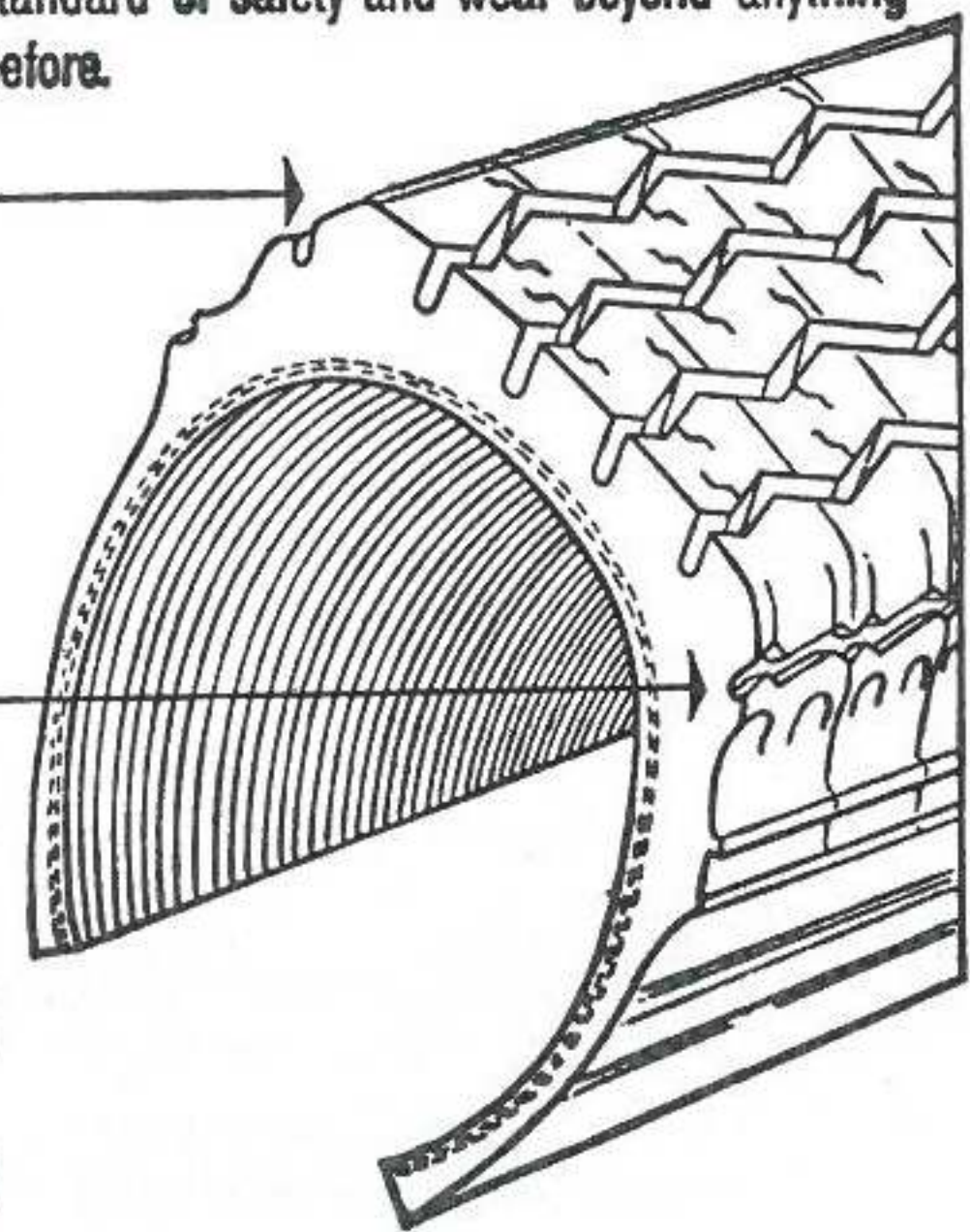
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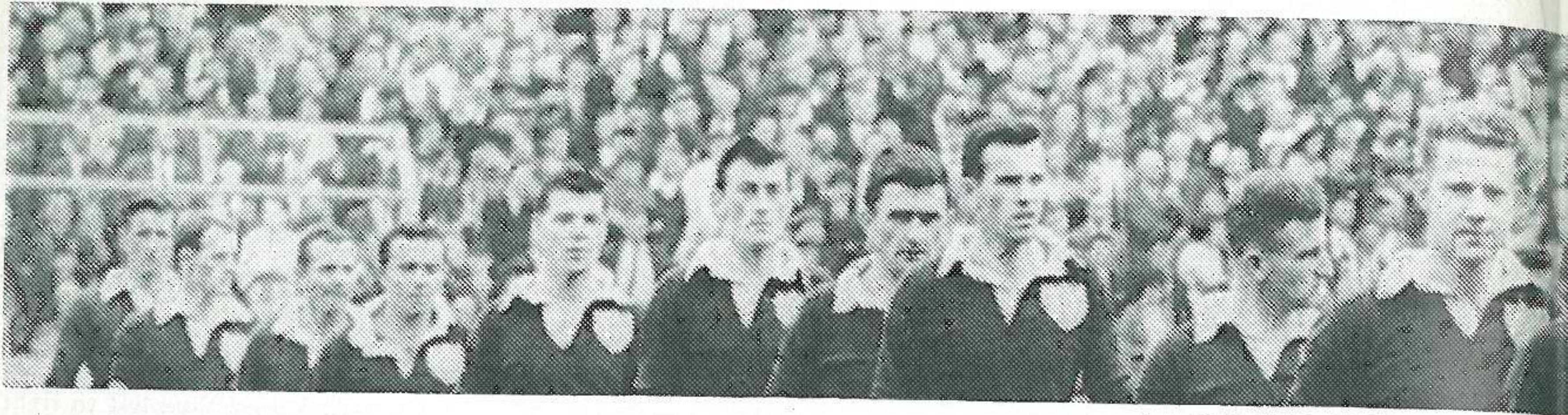
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# KERRY GET MY VOTE

says **DOMINIC DAVIN**

**W**ILL it be third time lucky for Kerry when they meet champions Galway in the All-Ireland senior football final at Croke Park to decide premier honours in the code for 1965? In 1963, when Kerry were champions, the footballers from the Kingdom were caught napping by a wonderful late Galway rally which unexpectedly knocked the footballers in green and gold off their All-Ireland throne at the semi-final stage.

In 1964 Galway, still smarting from their defeat by Dublin in the final of the previous year, came out in very determined mood and very deservedly beat Kerry in the final. In 1965, however, your guess dear reader, will be as good as mine as to where the honours are going to rest.

According to the form-book, Kerry must be there with a great chance, and, remember, while we are always told about the times when the said book of form is proved unreliable, we should not forget that form works out correctly nine times out of ten. The last test of strength between these two sides was in the National football league 'home' final last May and on that occasion, after Kerry had held the lead for most of the hour,

Galway came through to victory thanks to that belated goal which began with the problem as to whether or not Mattie McDonagh had picked up the ball.

Anyway, it seemed to me then that Kerry coped so competently with the best that Galway could produce in that league game, that the lads from the Kingdom must start favourites to win the All-Ireland title, no matter what opposition they might come up against in the semi-final or final. And I have seen little or no reason to alter my opinion since last May.

In Munster the Kerry lads met with no more than token opposition for most of the hour from a very unsettled Clare side of whom a fair amount had been expected,



**MATTIE McDONAGH**  
*Belated goal.*

and if the young and speedy Limerick lads, the wind behind them, did give some first half idea that they might cause an upset in the final, the matter was promptly put beyond all doubt when the chips were really down in the second half.

In the All-Ireland semi-final Kerry again began very uncertainly and were all but over-run by Dublin in the first quarter. Still trailing at half-time, Kerry brought in Mick O'Dwyer to the attack for the second half, and fairly cruised to victory as the Dublin challenge faded into insignificance.

If one can take their second half display against Dublin at its face



**MICK O'DWYER**  
*Boost in attack.*



Galway parade before last year's final.

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value, Kerry should be entitled to at least equal favouritism for this final. Nobody, even in the West, can claim that Galway are quite the force they were twelve months ago, or even, if it goes to that, as good a team as they were in the National League decider at Croke Park.

They have since been on a trans-Atlantic trip, and had to take a second bite off the cherry before making sure of the National League medals at the expense of the New Yorkers. They were not by any means impressive when defeating Sligo in the subsequent Connacht final, while the whole country, thanks to the television screens, knows full well how lucky they were that Down did not build up a winning lead over them in the first three-quarters of their recent semi-final.

Some little of the edge has gone off their play, while the doubts about their mid-field cannot be conducive to full confidence either in attack or defence.

But there are some factors that hold me back from coming all out in favour of a Kerry victory. In the first place it must be remembered that, in the 1964 championship,

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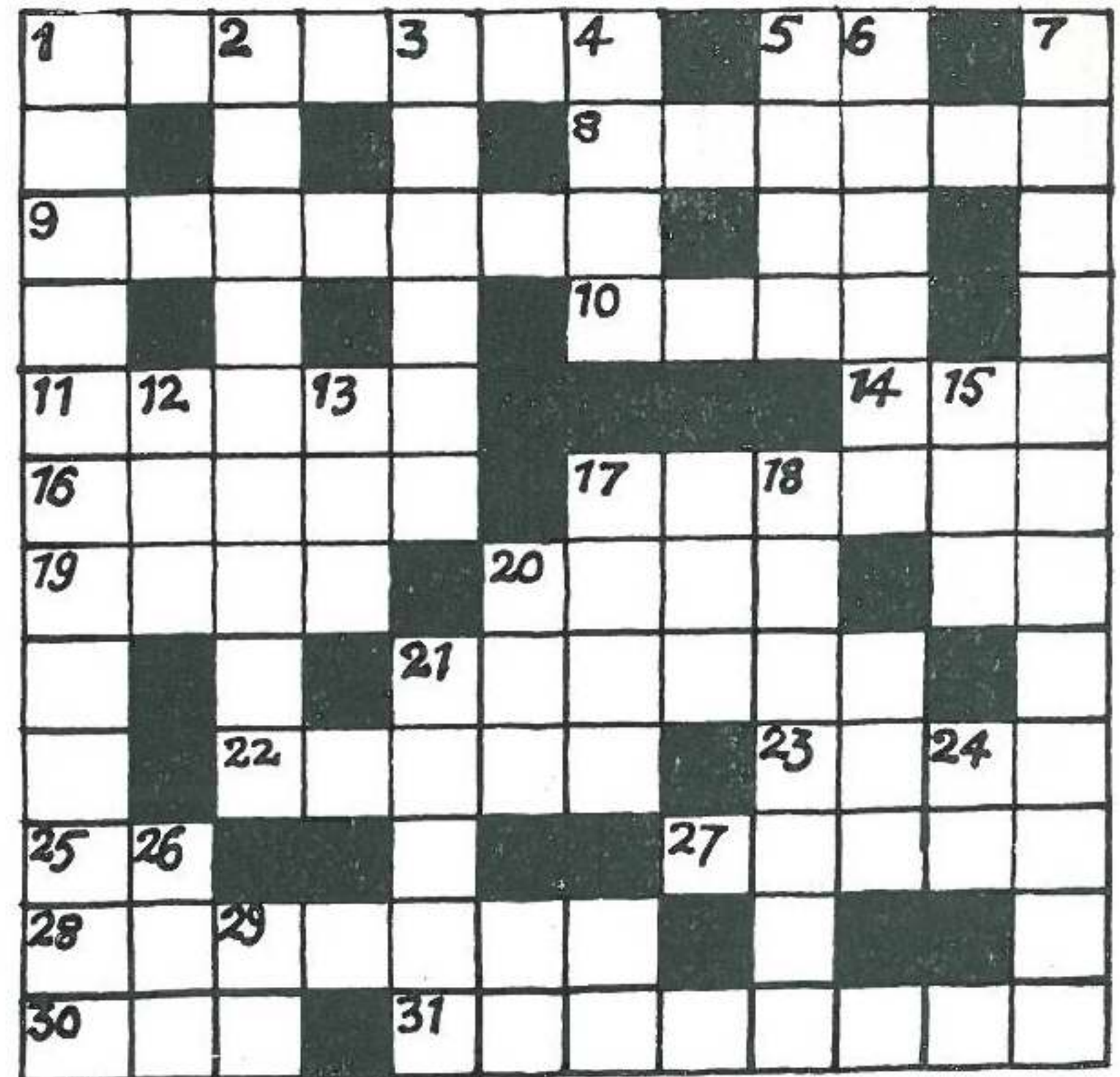
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## ACROSS :

1. Famous goalkeeper with Clare and Dublin. (3, 4)
8. This is the trouble with those shots from goalmouth melees; they pass unsighted. (6)
9. Newspaper correspondents must always maintain this kind of viewpoint no matter who plays in the match. (7)
10. Changed at half-time. (4)
11. Like a swan or a trumpet, perhaps, or a home crowd which has suffered a defeat. (5)
14. Central Authority of the coursing sport? (3)
16. Bill is a right half-back for Dublin, and an international basketballer, too. (5)
17. An ancient Roman who would not have been out of his depth at Congress. (6)
19. Is this a Meath venue, or the state of the pitch? (4)
20. Move off-course, as many frees do in a cross-breeze. (4)
21. Fishy story about a Galway centre-fielder. (6)
22. Patriot at the game's headquarters; he has a corner all his own. (5)
23. (and 20 down). Young Down player, a star minor, who has found the going in the ranks of the seniors more difficult. (3, 4)
25. The initials of a high-jumping Roscommon mid-fielder. (2)
27. A Lebanese tree. (5)
28. A single goalpost, like an honest man. (7)
30. The maker of the Ark, becomes an eternity when reversed. (3)
31. Excessively eager; such play can lead to robustness. (8)

## DOWN :

1. Offaly minor, turned senior, whose place-kicking was such a feature of the championships last year. (4, 8)
2. Outstanding Waterford club. (5, 4)
3. Roscommon and Connacht goalie. (1, 5)



4. Season of gaiety, which, however, is the close-season for Gaelic sports. (4)
5. How dues were turned to practical advantage. (4)
6. Hurler-footballer, long associated with St. Vincent's and Dublin, though born in Down and living in Meath. Christian name only. (6)
7. Right-full for his county; right-half for the "All-Stars." (4, 8)
13. Nasser-controlled country. (3)
15. A 26-County cycling body. (3)
18. Headquarters, somewhat abbreviated towards the end. (5, 2)
20. See 24 across.
21. County which has played in two All-Ireland senior semi-finals, but which holds but one senior provincial title. (5)
24. Dublin and New York player — hurler-footballer. Initials. (2)
26. Public building known to all — in O'Connell Street, Dublin. (3)
29. Registered Nurse. (2)

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## **TONY SHOWS THE WAY TO HURLING SUCCESS...**

by MOONDHARRIG

**T**HERE is no point in having a go at reviving hurling unless we can provide a literature to implement the actual playing of the game on the field, and that is why it is particularly pleasing to record the appearance of two books that deal with hurling from very different aspects and yet are both excellent in their own way.

It is a peculiar thing that through all the eighty odd years in which hurling, under G.A.A. auspices, has been an organised pastime, nobody has ever thought until now of writing what may best be described as a simple, authoritative and yet comprehensive textbook, on how to play hurling and how to set about making yourself a top class or at least a competent hurler more or less from scratch.

Possibly, the chief reason that nobody had ever written a book before now on 'How to play Hurling' is because of the widely held theory that hurlers are born, not made, and that a man or boy who had not hurling 'from the cradle' could never hope to become a real hurler at all.

But the sad facts of the case are that, with the onward march of civilisation, the number of 'born hurlers' has grown fewer and fewer



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until, outside three or four counties, their numbers were rapidly growing negligible and it was becoming quite obvious that if hurling were ever to be revived, the 'born hurler' idea would have to be scotched once and for all.

So it is very fitting that, just at the moment when such a book is most urgently needed, Tony Wall, one of Tipperary's stars through the past decade, comes forward with exactly the type of instructional book that the earnest would-be hurler needs.

Even more encouraging is the way in which Tony Wall stresses the fact that he does not consider himself a 'born hurler' and he emphasises that he reached his present pre-eminent position as one of the greats of the game by conscientiously learning how to become a good hurler—and thus became a great hurler.

Surely the enthusiastic reader in quest of similar knowledge will sub-consciously say to himself, 'Why cannot I do what Tony Wall could do?' and, while it may be asking too much to suggest that anyone can become a great hurler just by studying a book, the fact remains that any young man who carefully and conscientiously puts into practice all that Tony Wall preaches must become at least a competent hurler if he puts all the Thurles man's precepts into anything like reasonable practice.

But, as Tony himself emphasises, the word 'practice' is the key word. Only by practice, and practice, and still more practice, can mastery of this hurling game be attained, and anyone who is not willing to devote to practice the long hours that eventually make perfect can never hope to be a second Tony Wall.

Admirably printed and produced by the Cityview Press of Dublin, 'HURLING' by Tony Wall is very reasonably priced at six shillings and is a 'must', not alone for those who wish to become adequate hurlers, but for everyone interested in the revival of our oldest native game.

The background, if we may so describe it, to hurling is provided in a very different type of volume, 'The Guinness Book of Hurling Records', which is edited by David Guiney and compiled by Pdraig Puirseal. Into a necessarily small compass they have succeeded in condensing a whole world of hurling lore, and more statistics on the hurling game than one would have thought existed.

In fact, the trouble about this book of hurling records is the way in which it succeeds in whetting your appetite for more. One hopes the demand will be great enough to ensure a second edition, and, if so, I would like to see the list of All-Ireland winners extended to include the names of all those who have won junior, minor and intermediate titles down the years.

As it is, no book of hurling records that I have ever seen contains some of the statistics that this new book contains, and it certainly should provide the answer to many an argument about who won what, and when he won it.

Those who can still vividly remember the great series of games between Cork and Kilkenny for senior All-Ireland hurling honours in 1931 will have learned with regret of the death of the Cork goalman of those epic games, John Coughlan from Blackrock. Always known as 'Ballyhea' Coughlan, John was one of the famed Black-

rock hurling family that gave the game such stars as 'Parson' Dan, 'Honest Tom' and other great stars of the hurling fields in the days when the G.A.A. was young.

A sound rather than a spectacular 'keeper, 'Ballyhea' Coughlan never let his county down, and was as solid as a rock in those three famous games against Kilkenny.

The end of this month will see Galway and Kerry clash again in the All-Ireland football final and those two great counties should give us yet another epic game.

And yet I hope Galway and Kerry folk will alike forgive me when I say I am, in a way, sorry to see either of them there. How much better it would have been for the game, in the broadest sense, if Limerick had come through in Munster, Sligo in Connacht, Donegal in Ulster and Longford in Leinster.

A Longford-Limerick or a Donegal-Sligo semi-final might not have had the traditional appeal of the semi-finals we subsequently saw, but they would have been not alone novel. They would also have provided us with positive proof that the standard of football was and is really levelling out all over the country.

And that is why I am glad to see the Derry minors in the minor final. In fact if I were asked as to what the ideal minor football final at the moment would be I would say without hesitation Kilkenny against Waterford, just as the minor hurling final I would like to see would be between Longford and Cavan, or maybe Fermanagh!

The hurling revival should surely be accompanied by something of a football revival in the hurling counties, and it is a poor reflection on Tipperary administration to say that the county, in which both games were almost of equal strength through the first thirty-five years of the G.A.A., has failed to reach a senior football final for the past forty-four years.

Sligo gave Galway the hardest run that the subsequent winners survived in their whole championship campaign. In the second place it must also be remembered that, in last year's semi-finals, Galway again had a far closer call against Meath than Kerry had against Cavan. And, easily though Kerry beat Dublin in the second half, there can be no harm in pointing out this much.

I have not for a long time known a Dublin team to come out of Leinster and carry so little confidence behind it as did this Dublin team of 1965. Anyone, of any kind of neutral disposition at all, who saw the Leinster final is almost bound to agree with me that, had the breaks gone Longford's way, the men from the Midlands could well be Leinster champions to-day.

Yet this none-too-highly rated Dublin team ran rings round Kerry through the first quarter, something that even the greatest Dublin teams of the previous decade never succeeded in doing. Besides, if there was one lesson to be learned from the Munster final it is this,

that speed, sheer speed, can find holes in this Kerry defence.

Limerick had the speed, probably even a little more speed than Galway have at the moment, but they had not quite got the football know-how to back it up. Galway have the craft, and could again, if back to their very best, more than trouble the Kerry defence as I saw that defence against Dublin.

But, and here, I think, is the really crucial point. Kerry had far greater scope for improvement on semi-final form than Galway had. And as Kerry are frequently up to fifty per cent. better in a final than in a semi-final, I give them a slight edge over the Galwaymen still, and give them my vote, though I admit it is a by no means confident vote, to take back the All-Ireland crown and the Sam Maguire Cup from the Corrib to the Reeks.

I will, I hope, be as neutral as any man in Croke Park at the senior game, but I confess that my sympathy will be with Derry in the minor clash.

I always love to see a side from

any province reach a minor decider for the first time, and it would be a tremendous boost to the game in the North if Derry came through to win this one. Against Roscommon in the semi-final it took the Derry boys most of the first quarter to find their feet, and they nearly lost the game all over again in the last five minutes. But in between they fully justified the wonderful reputation that had preceded them out of the North.

But these Derry lads will do well to remember that their reputation will cut just as little ice with Kerry as it did with Roscommon.

After all, these Kerry boys scored a decisive victory over an Offaly side that had given us the impression in Leinster that it was more powerful than the Offaly fifteen which had brought the first football title to the Faithful County a year ago.

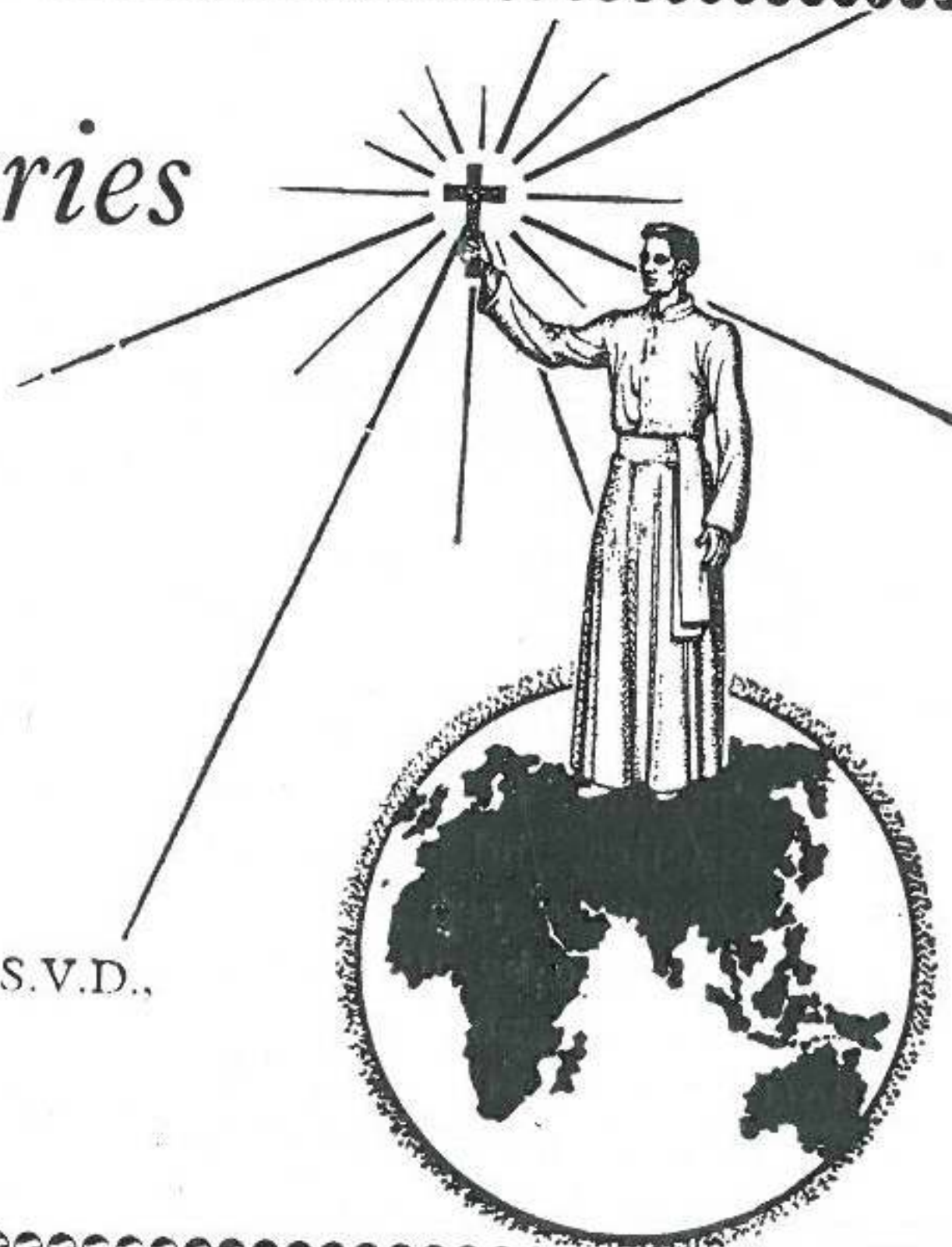
Indeed, so competent, capable and accomplished did Kerry look on that occasion that I think they will have to start favourites, but if Jim McKeever manages to smooth out a few rough edges on this Derry side, they might just succeed in upsetting the odds.

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## HANDBALL

# The case of the vanishing crowds . . .

by  
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**A**T the Talbots Inch ballcourt in County Kilkenny, just a couple of weeks ago, I saw one of the neatest exhibitions of handball imaginable. Paddy Bollingbrook from Mayo and John Cleary from Tipperary were in opposition in the All-Ireland semi-final of the senior soft singles and were swapping one brilliant shot after the next.

It went the full three-game rubber; was level on no fewer than fifteen occasions in the third set, and reached fever-pitch tensions when they both stood twenty all, with victory depending on that vital solitary ace.

As it was, Bollingbrook who got it and now goes into the All-Ireland final against Richie Lyng of Wexford.

But there was also a sombre note to be sounded from that game—it was watched by a meagre handful of spectators, the vast majority of whom were county officials, who had travelled with their players.

The explanation, of course, is straightforward in so far as the games were originally fixed for the Ballypatrick court, near Clonmel in County Tipperary.

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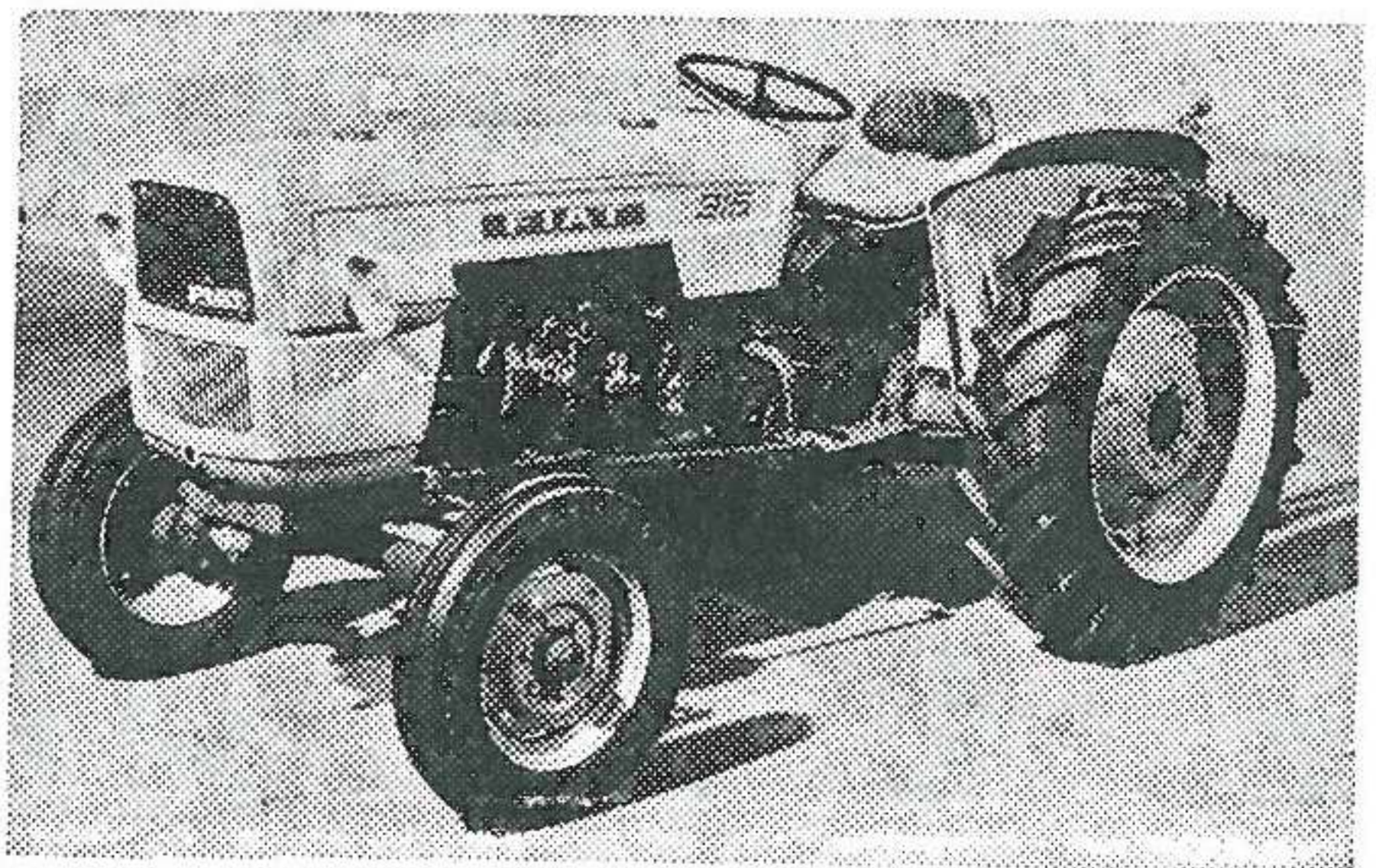
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# Kerry have yet to beat an Ulster team in the Final

By OWEN McCANN

**D**ERRY, who make their initial All-Ireland minor football final appearance, are the first Ulster team to reach this stage since 1959, when Cavan lost to Dublin, and the first side from the "Wee Six" to advance so far since 1957, when Armagh, who last brought this title to the North back in 1949, went under to Meath. The record for wins in a first final outing is quite good, Clare, Dublin, Kerry, Cavan, Roscommon, Tyrone, Armagh, Galway, Meath and Offaly all having succeeded on their first appearance in a decider.

Kerry have yet to beat an Ulster team in a minor final. They lost to Cavan in 1938, and to Armagh in 1949 in the only Kerry-Ulster deciders so far. Their only other defeats in eleven minor deciders were by Louth in 1936 and Dublin in 1954.

Kerry have won both the minor and senior titles in the same year on four occasions—1931, 1932, 1946 and 1962. That latter double was the last achieved by any county, and the last time that both titles went to the one province on the same day.

Derry, too, are in line for a notable double, as the All-Ireland Colleges' senior football title was won last May for the first time by

St. Columb's, Derry city. That was Ulster's first success in the series since St. Patrick's, Armagh, won the province's only other title in the inaugural championship of 1946. The last time these two teenage national crowns went to the same county in the one year was in 1960, when St. Jarlath's, Tuam, and the Galway minors were successful.

Six of the Derry side were in the St. Columb's team that beat Belcamp O.M.I., Dublin, in the replayed All-Ireland Colleges final—full back Thomas Quinn, left full Michael Kelly, right half Colm Mullan, centre half Malachy McAfee, midfielder Seamus Lagan and right half forward Brendan Mullan.

The first of the 32 finals so far was between Clare and Longford in 1929—Clare's only final win. Kerry (1931-'32-'33, '46-'50-'62-'63) and Dublin (1930-'45-'54-'55-'56-'58-'59) with seven wins apiece head the list of title winners. Roscommon 3 (1939-'41-'51), Cavan 2 (1937-'38); Galway 2 (1952-'60); Louth 2 (1936-'40); Mayo 2 (1935-'53); Tyrone 2 (1947-'48); Armagh (1949); Clare, Tipperary (1934), Meath (1957), Cork (1961) and Offaly (1964) complete the Roll of Honour.

Laois (1932), Wexford (1937-'50), Monaghan (1939), Leitrim (1945-'56), Westmeath (1963) are the only counties other than the above and Longford to contest All-Ireland minor finals.

The highest score by a winning team is 5-14 (29 pts.) by Dublin against Leitrim in 1956, and Dublin also recorded the lowest tally by a victorious team at 1-3 against Mayo's 0-5 in 1930. Mayo's 4-3 against Tyrone in the 1947 decider is the best by a losing team, and Westmeath's 0-2 in the 1963 tilt with Kerry is the lowest.

In only three finals did winning teams fail to score a goal. These were in 1948 (Tyrone), 1959 (Dublin) and last year (Offaly). Those 14 points by Dublin against Leitrim in 1956 are the record points tally, and the Metropolitan's winning margin of 21 points in that encounter is also the biggest so far.

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Sa bhliain 1965 bhuaigh foireann Choláiste Naoimh Choilm, as Cathair Dhoire, craobh na gcoláistí don chéad uair arimh agus tá seisear ón bhfoireann sin ar fhoirinn mionúr an chontae. Ní hionann sin is ag rá go mbraitheann láidreacht an Chumainn sa chontae ar an gcoláiste. D'fhéadfaí a rá go gcabharáinn dul chun cinn na gclubanna leis an choláiste.

Anuiridh don chéad uair bunaidh Coiste Mionúr sa chontae leis an Athair oirmhídeach Seamus Ó Sighil mar Chataoireach. Iar-pheileadóir é féin ach, maille le sin, is sagart an ré nua é atá ag spreagadh muintir an dúithche

chun gním i gcúrsaí eacnamaíochta an Tuaiscirt. Ní raibh sé sásta leannacht ar an sean-bhealach agus liosta ainmneacha fháil seachtain roimh an chéad cluiche sa chomórtas mionúr an Chúige.

I mí Deire Fóir, 1964, cuireadh dhá chomórtas peile ar bun d'ógánaigh an chontae, ceann do bhuaichillí fé 15 bliana d'aois agus ceann do mionúir. Sraithchluichi a reachtáilleadh. Ní hé amháin go raibh foireann amháin don dá ghrúpa ag gach club ach cuireadh d'fhiacaibh ortha fóirne ceanntracha ins gach pharóiste a chur ar an bpáirc. Is amhlaidh go bhfuil cúig fóirne mionúir i bparóiste amháin, Machaire Átha.

'Sé an toradh atá ar seo ná go bhfuil gach peileadóir, gur fiú le rá é, feichithe ag oígi an chontae go minic i rith na bliana agus nuair a thosnaigh na craobh-chomórtais bhí an fhoireann ab' fhéarr ar an bpáirc don chéad cluiche. Chomh maith, tá foireann eile den bharrscóth mar fhir ionaid!

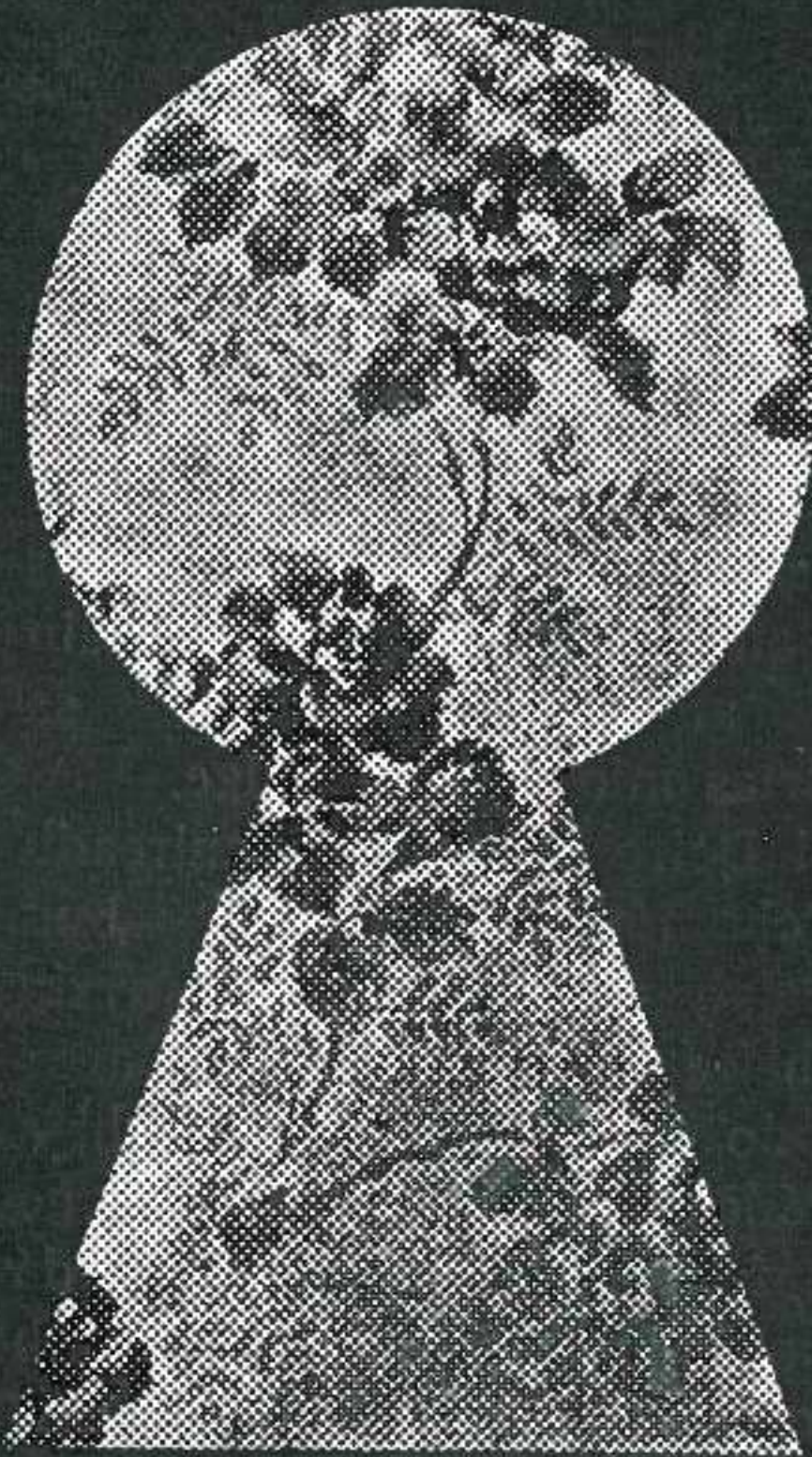
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Sighil ag breathnú ar aghaidh don lá a mbuafidh na hógánaigh seo an comórtas fe bhun 21 bliana agus, 'na dhiaidh sin, craobh sinsearach Uile-Eireann. "Ceithre bliana", adeir sé, "agus beidh na buaichillí seo ar ais san áit a raibh foireann na sinsear i 1958 ach déanfaidh siad níos fearr agus an craobh a bhreith leo."

Tá scamall dubh amháin sa spéar órga seo i láthair na huair agus sé an 'scamall' sin Cathair Dhoire í féin. Níl oiread is duine amháin ón chatair ar fhoirinn na mionúr agus tá daonradh céad míle duine ann agus máguaird. Tá peil na Sacsá go láidir ann ach má bhíonn an bua ag Doire tá súil agam go bhfáilteoidh muintir na cathrach leo agus teinte cnámh a lasadh ar "na fallai" agus nach múcfaí an lasair i gcoidhthe na ndaoine go deo.

Níl daoine is fearr liom ná muintir Chiarraí ach ar an fáth sin thuas amháin tá súil agam go mbeidh an bua ag foireann mionúr Dhoire lá na Craoibhe. 1965. Ach, fiú muna bhuann siad, tá cion fir déanta aca don Chumann sa Tuaiscirt. Doire abú, adeirim.

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and what seemed another certain goal. Certainly Jamesy Murray, the old Roscommon captain who trained them had them in great form. They did the West proud.

### SLIGO'S RETURN

Congratulations to Sligo on making their way to Croke Park after an absence of forty-two years. On October 3 they meet Longford in the Cuchulainn Cup final and Croke Park fans will have a chance to assess the worth of a team which almost beat Galway in the Connacht final.

Mickey Kearns is their star player, although he had an off-day against Galway, while much can be expected of Noel Mullaney in goal, backs Padraic Keane (captain), Gerry McManus, Jimmy Killoran, Cathal Cawley, midfielders Bill Shannon, the former Mayo star, and Brendan McAuley, and forwards Danny McHugh, Mickey Durkin and Niall Farry.

McHugh and Durkin especially are excellent players, the former stylish and elusive, the latter a strong, forceful player who seeks no method other than the straight road on the way to goal. We wish them well on their return to Croke Park.

### LEITRIM HURLERS

Congratulations too, to Leitrim's minor hurlers on winning their first Connacht title. True, they lost heavily to Limerick but credit is certainly due to County Secretary, Tommy O'Riordan and his able helpers for their efforts to popularise the game in a football county.

Finally a word of praise to the Galway Coisde Iomána for the fine course they ran for their top juvenile hurlers in Spiddal during the month of August. We hope it will be repeated in future years.



# VINCENT LUCEY

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FACE TO FACE  
WITH  
SEAN O'DONNELL

VINCENT LUCEY is the third member of this talented Kingdom family to don the Kerry jersey in senior intercounty competition in recent years. Brothers Noel and Jimmy were regulars on the team for a period. However, Kerryman though he may be it was with Dublin that Vincent first made the intercounty scene as he was a member of the 1961 Metropolitan minor team.

Furthermore, Vincent credits playing with Air Corps with having "made" him as a player. So here is an unusual Kerry footballer — a Dublin manufactured one. But at the same time, of course, he is a son of the Kingdom through and through.

A recent conversation with Vincent went like this:

*O'Donnell — How do you rate Kerry's chances against Galway?*

Lucey—I believe that we will beat them. Last year's defeat is a great help. It was both a lesson and an incentive.

*O'D.—How do you train seeing as you are living in Dublin.*

L.—I train on my own. But, of course, I would much prefer to be with the rest of the players. I am a great believer in collective training.

*O'D.—Do you feel that Kerry are*

*handicapped by not having serious opposition in Munster?*

L.—Well they seem to have done all right down the years as things are. Seriously though, it cannot be said that there was no worthwhile opposition this year. Limerick have a fine side and gave Kerry a great shock in the Munster final.

They play a clever brand of football and should make it into the big-time very shortly.

*O'D.—Who would you rate to be the best player you have had to mark so far?*

L.—Martin Newell. He is a very clever player—a great all-rounder

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past few evenings, I doubt this very much. I can see no slackening of enthusiasm or keenness. The desire to remain on top is something very real. It took a lot of effort and hard knocks to get us where we are. We have no desire to surrender that position.

Sure we did not look at our very best against either Sligo or Down—but we won. There was craft and experience displayed in those victories. It is this craft and experience which really counts in the long run and when all else is equal to bring you through to victory.

This is Galway's third final in a

row and with a team which has changed little. Ours is still a young side. We are now what few teams have succeeded in being—a really experienced young team. Youth and experience are a difficult combination to acquire and, when blended, a most difficult combination to beat.

But despite all of this I am still convinced that it is a very open game. To beat Kerry in the championship on three consecutive years will require a top-drawer performance from Galway and probably a little luck as well.

I am confident that we can produce the top-drawer performance but as to the luck—we can only hope.



### MATTIE SAYS . . .

*'To beat Kerry in the championship on three consecutive years will require a top-drawer performance from Galway and probably a little luck as well.'*

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# STOP THOSE SNEERS!

by AGNES HOURIGAN

"AT some stages play was more like camogie than hurling," stated the "Clare Champion" recently, describing a hurling championship match between Newmarket-on-Fergus and Feakle. Now surely, at this stage of the world, such a sneer at camogie was entirely unjustified.

The impression I get is that our anonymous Clare scribe never saw a top-class camogie match in his life, and even if he did see it he would not believe what he saw.

Now just a week or two before I heard an old Kilkenny hurler say, as he came out of the All-Ireland Camogie semi-final at Glenariffe between Dublin and Antrim: "What a great pity that hurling can't be played the same as camogie. If it were it would surely be the greatest game on earth."

And certainly camogie as we saw it played that day above in the Antrim Glens is the game that hurling should be, before the now much admired 'tough men' and the 'give 'em the timber' school put the emphasis on strength instead of skill.

There was better ball play, overhead striking and combination in that camogie semi-final than I have seen in a hurling game at Croke Park for years.

Indeed, if I had anything to do with the present drive for a hurling revival, I would have made a film of that particular camogie game and made the showing of it obligatory to all young lads in the

football counties who are at present trying to learn how to become good hurlers.

Because, in this camogie match the ball was the only thing that mattered and the control of the ball and the placing of the ball were the only factors that counted towards success. The player who got the ball could concentrate on it, and the result, between two grand teams, was that the resultant ball-play and stick work proved a delight to watch.

What is the use of teaching young lads ball-play in the present hurling revival when, in all too many competitive hurling games ball control and stick-work count as nothing when opposed to strong-arm tactics almost entirely designed to prevent the ball-player from playing the ball.

It may sound like a paradox, but I can assure my anonymous friend from Clare that if the hurling revival were based on the best to be found on the camogie fields, hurling would soon again become what it used to be, the best field game on earth, not the present test of strength and stamina.

By the time these notes appear in print the All-Ireland final between Dublin and Tipperary will already have been played, and we will be looking forward to the interprovincial games and the final stages of the inter-club competition.

It is a pity that Dublin did not put forward a side in the inter-

club championship this year, but the position was that Celtic, who are holders of the title and who were to have represented Dublin again this year, found that several of their team that had won the Dublin title would not be available, and therefore decided not to take part when they would not be able to put a fully representative side in the field.

Indeed, possibly because they felt that there was not much point in taking the field against the power of Celtic, very few of the other Leinster counties entered at all. Indeed, the only counties who showed interest were Wexford and Kilkenny and the Kilkenny entry came late, so St. John's of Wexford are, without opposition, the Leinster representatives in the All-Ireland club championship this year.

Deirdre of Belfast who made such a great fight for the honours last season are likely to be the Ulster representatives, while, at the time of writing the Munster representation rests between last year's provincial winners, Glen Rovers of Cork, and the Tipperary champions, St. Patrick's of Glen-goole.

To hark back to the All-Ireland semi-final in the Antrim Glens, I would like to go on record as saying that the exhibition of camogie given by Mairead Mac-Atamney on the left wing for Antrim through the last quarter was so magnificent that it was well worth the long trip to see that performance alone.

What is more, I hope this performance will not be forgotten when the annual awards come round early next year.

A grand innovation in Ulster has been the inauguration of a minor county championship. This is a move well calculated to enhance the enthusiasm of young people for the game, and it is to be hoped that the other provinces will soon be in a position to follow Ulster's good example.



# NOW WEXFORD SET THEIR SIGHTS ON FOOTBALL HONOURS

By FRANK HUGHES

WEXFORD have now set their sights on some football honours and as far as I know are the only county who are going into training for the National League. The training sessions will take place at Enniscorthy and will be held every Tuesday evening.

There is said to be great determination among the footballers themselves to get back into the forefront and the idea to hold these training sessions has come from the players.

Certainly there is no lack of football tradition in Wexford. They are still the only county to have contested six consecutive All-Ireland senior football titles.

### KILKENNY RESURGENCE

Kilkenny fans are now more convinced than ever that they "threw away" the Leinster final. This follows the displays given recently against Waterford and Laois.

Against Waterford, Kilkenny won 2-19 to 1-6 with Eddie Keher notching a personal tally of 13 points. Most judges attribute the new-found form of the men in Black and Amber to positional changes such as the playing of Andy Comerford at mid-field and Keher at centre forward. Added to these is, of course, the return of Seamus Cleere and the net result



\* EDDIE KEHER . . . see "Kilkenny Resurgence."

is that Kilkenny are ready to cause some upsets in the coming months.

### PILTOWN GROUNDS

Incidentally while still in Kilkenny, sincerest congratulations to Piltown on the official opening of their very fine new sportsfield. It is a fine example of what can be done when the people of an area join together and set their sights on the task.

### DROICHEAD NUA

Driothead Nua grounds will shortly have a bar, dining-room and covered terracing. These developments are being carried out by Bord na gCon who share a lease on the ground with the G.A.A.

The Board of Works are the actual owners.

However, the new amenities will be readily available to G.A.A. patrons and will add greatly to the venue's popularity.

### UNUSUAL CASE

There was an unusual development in Kildare recently when an indefinite suspension placed on the Castledermot football team a year ago was lifted and then put back on again.

Briefly the background is that the club was suspended when it failed to name the player who had struck a referee. The suspension remains until such time as the club identifies the player in question.

Then last month a player wrote to the Board admitting he had struck the referee. Chairman Liam Geraghty then lifted the suspension.

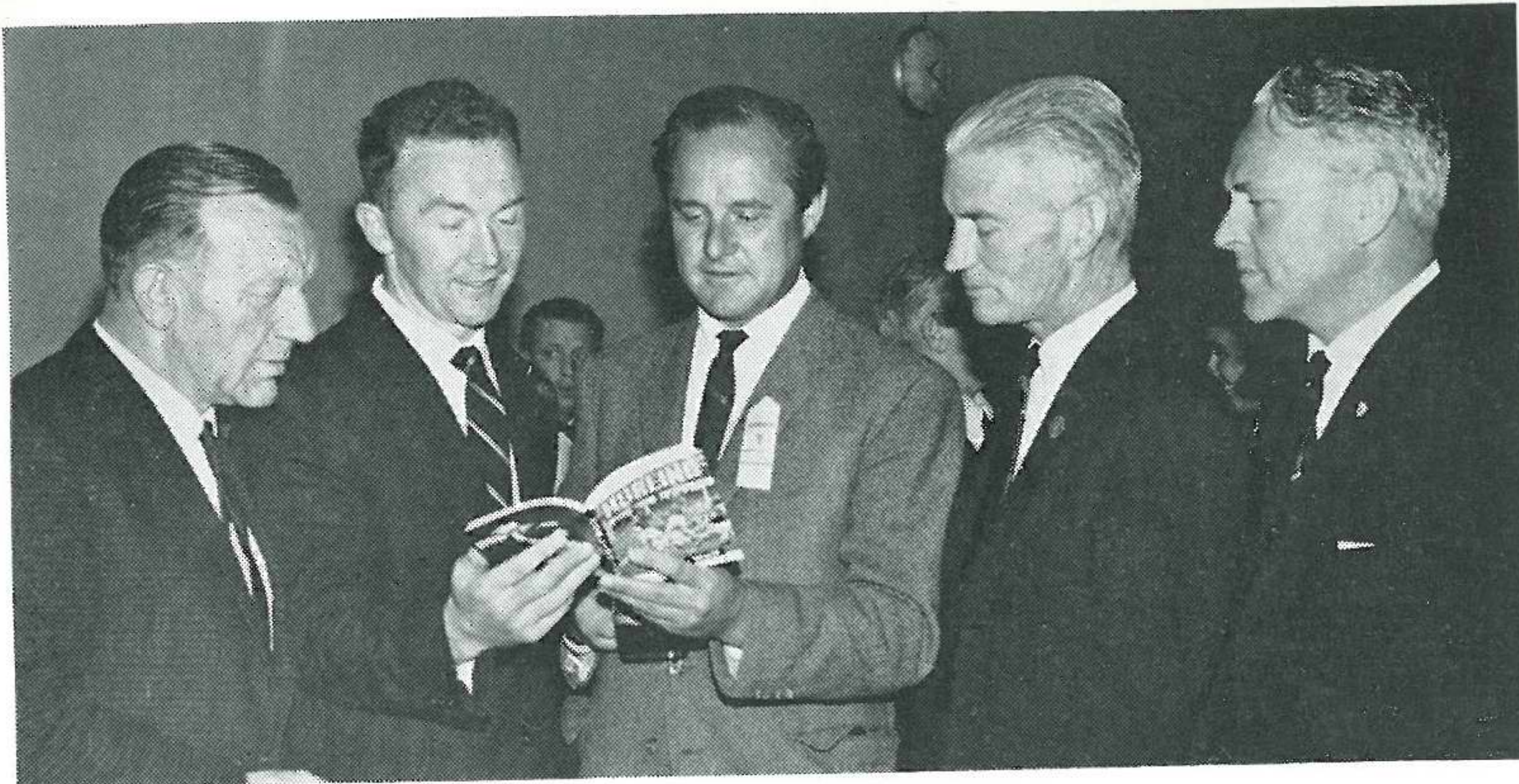
However, at a later Board meeting it transpired that the player was not prepared to accept responsibility for striking the referee so back went the suspension.

At the time of writing the entire position is again being investigated by the Board.

### OLLIE AGAIN

I have been referring to Ollie Walsh's scoring feats in the Kil-

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## HURLING BOOK PRESENTATION

★ LAUNCHING OF NEW BOOK . . . at Guinness's Brewery in Dublin, Tipperary star Tony Wall presents his new book on hurling to the President of the G.A.A., Alf O Muiri. Also included is the General Secretary of the G.A.A., Sean O Siochain; Guinness director, Mr. Guy Jackson; and Seamus O Riain, Chairman of the Munster Council. Tribute was paid to Guinness for their continuing support of publications on Gaelic games.

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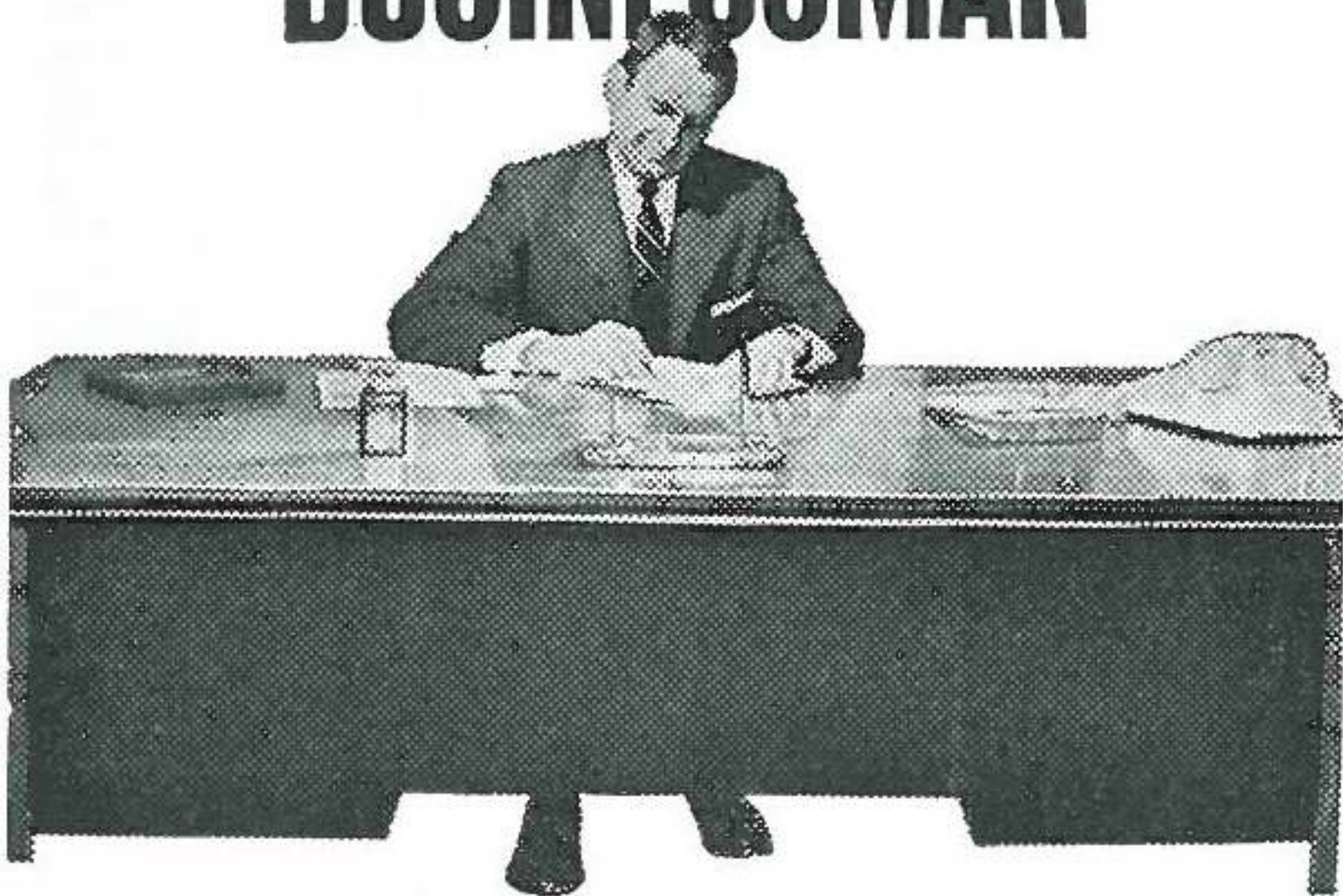


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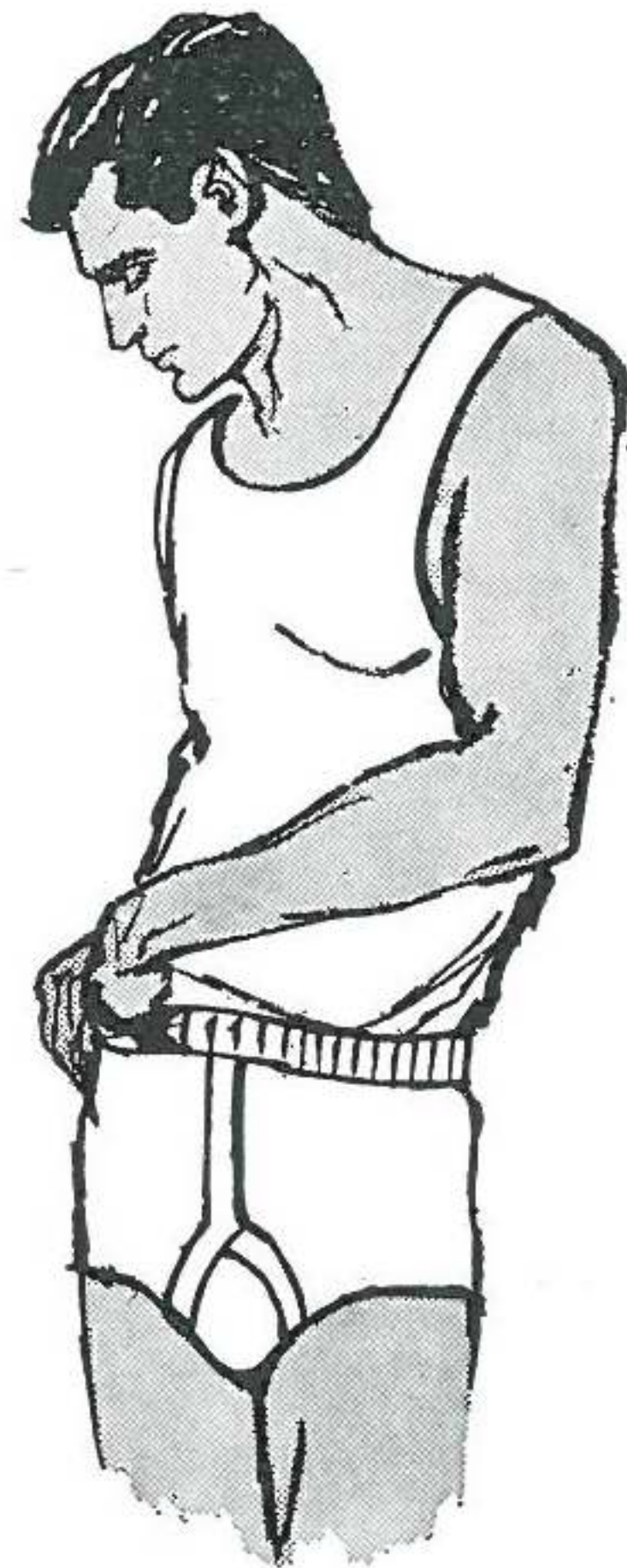
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# Good Luck to Derry

**T**HE Derry minors carry Ulster hopes at Croke Park on September 26 and worthy provincial standard bearers they certainly have proven themselves to be. In Kerry they meet a very strong side but if the Derry boys settle down quickly and produce the football which we know they are capable of, then they should edge it.

A word of warning though—the backs will need to keep a tight rein from the beginning. Against Roscommon there were too many openings and these were responsible for two goals which should not have been scored.



● **JAMES McCARTAN**

—He could have made a difference against Galway.

Derry certainly cannot afford to fall behind as they did in the semi-final and then try and depend on catching up again. Taking a lead off Roscommon is one thing—but trying to take it off a Kerry team is something else altogether.

Incidentally it looks as if Derry will be without Chris Brown in the final. He has had to enter hospital for a cartilage operation.

### RESURGENT DOWN

With only a fair share of luck Down too would be engaged at Croke Park on football final day. Even a few Galway supporters to whom I have spoken admit that the champions were “blessed.”

Still I don't think Downmen have anything to be depressed about. Let's face it, they did much better than most people expected. Their Ulster championship form did not even suggest them capable of extending Galway.

So it would appear that Down are on the way back. Next year they should be there or thereabouts.

### THE OLD HANDS

A few weeks back the Down team of 1960 was matched against the 1965 team at Downpatrick. Leo Murphy, Patsy O'Hagan and Joe Lennon of the current team fielded with their comrades of five years

ago, while all of the old hands such as James McCartan, Brian Morgan, Tony Hadden, etc., were back.

It was a lively game and there was brilliant football throughout. However, the “old-timers” knew all the answers and won 1-8 to 1-1.

Jarlath Carey, James McCartan, Brian Morgan and P. J. McElroy all looked as if they could have contributed much in the All-Ireland semi-final.

### ARMAGH HURLERS

Sincere congratulations to the Armagh junior hurlers on having made history by qualifying for the All-Ireland “home” final. It could be that by the time you read these notes it will be all over against Roscommon but win or lose a great service has been done to the hurling revival by the men from County Armagh. A word of praise to the men from County Armagh. A word of praise, too, to Kilkenny's one and only Jim Langton who trained the Armagh side.

### NEW APPOINTMENT

A new addition to Armagh football is Noel McClurg who is a regular with Fermanagh. Noel has taken up an appointment as a P.T. instructor in St. Patrick's College

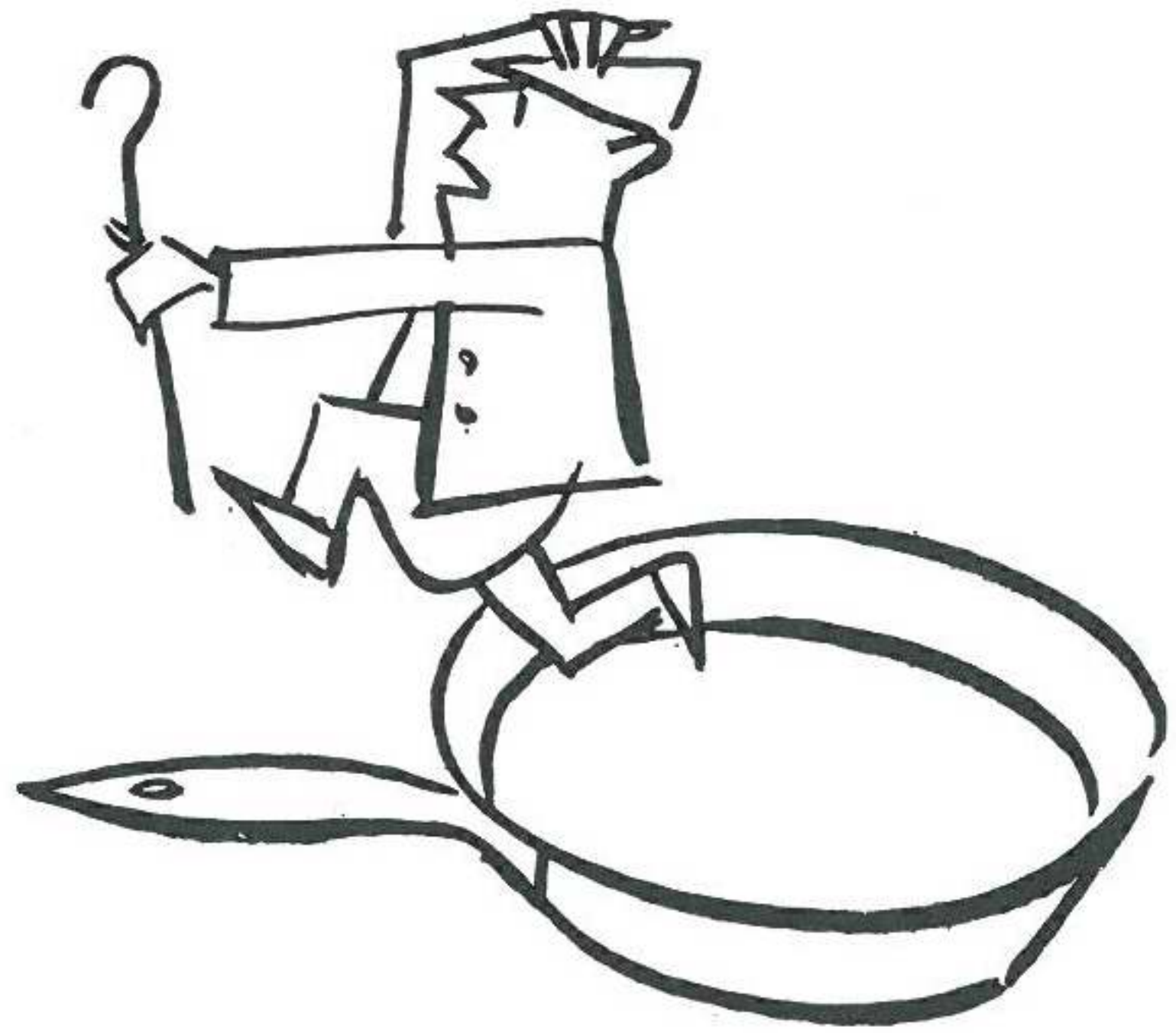
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## "THE BETTER TEAM WON"

**G**ALWAY 0-10, Down 0-7—the date—August 22, 1965. The better team won. The better team always wins—except when the referee intervenes. Of course there are ifs and buts; there was a seven minute period with seven wides out of eight shots, there were hard luck stories on both sides. The thing that mattered most was that three point winning margin.

Less than five months earlier, on the last Sunday in April, Donegal beat us for the second time and even the most ardent Down fan would have hesitated to bet a few shillings on Down's chances for the Ulster championship.

But a broken down team, a broken Down team was nursed back to health by careful training and coaching. Had we had a couple more weeks preparation and another challenge game under our belts, I feel sure we could have beaten Galway and later Kerry.

I got a new view of the game from my own position at wing half back. I felt a little more detached, a little less involved than when I was when playing at mid-field.

I felt most dissatisfied with my half-back play that day. There was only one real opportunity for me to open up play, to prompt and it fizzled out when my pass was blocked over the sideline. That's how it goes. The whole game boiled down to ten or twelve

tussles for the ball. I felt cheated somehow . . .

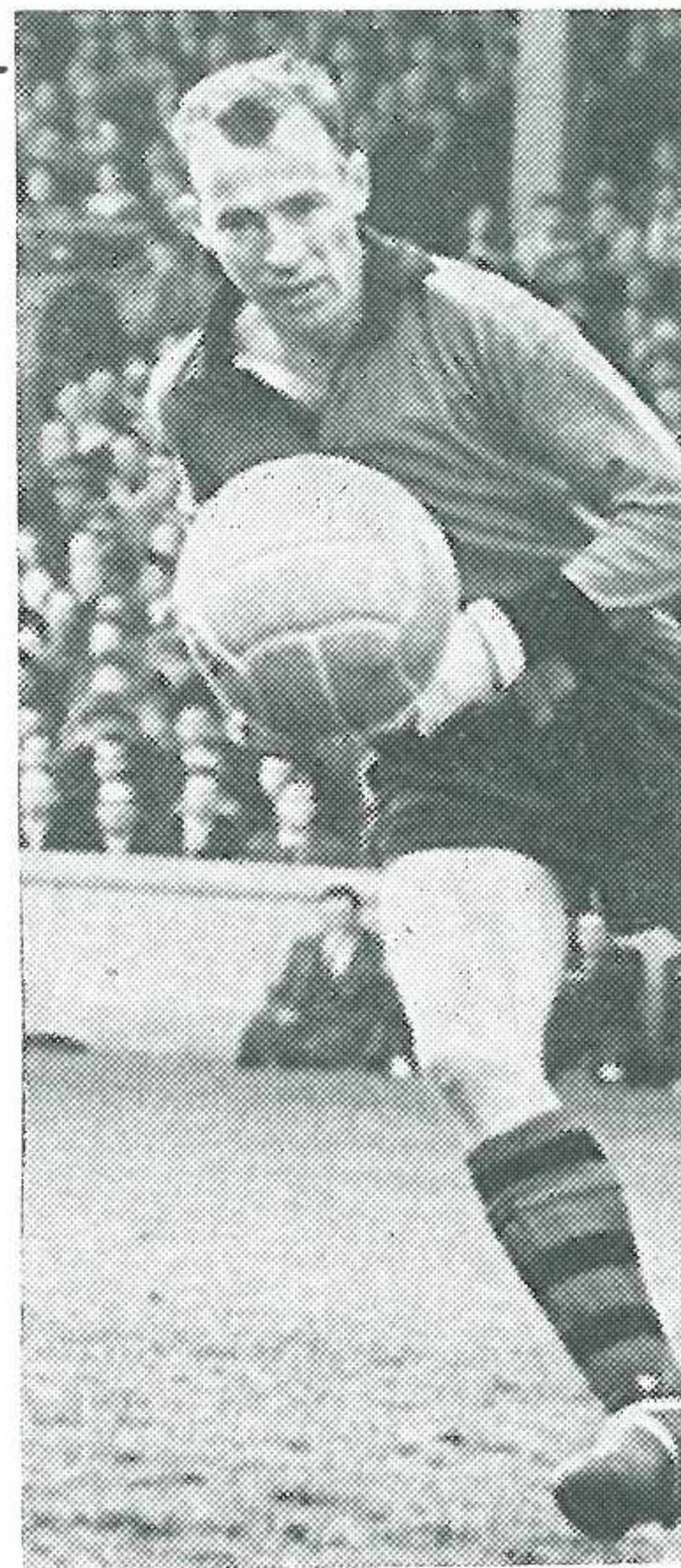
We all felt cheated, we had so many chances, we had been so near to victory. The wrong pattern was set. Seán O'Neill's first shot after half-time flashed a yard wide and the die was cast. Wide, wide, wide, wide, and more wides. It was hard to watch! Had Seán put that ball in the net or even over the bar the reverse pattern could well have followed.

However, the real point I'm coming to is this. How were we able to hammer so hard when we had been written off as a spent force in May?

If ever a man worked hard at a team Paddy O'Hara did. If ever a team got up off its knees, shook itself and started in again, Down did.

If our improvement between the Antrim game and the Ulster final was remarkable, the progress between the Ulster final and the semi-final was startling. I have never seen a team respond so well. I have never seen a team improve so much in so short a time.

If anything, I think we surprised our supporters by our fitness. We were beaten but for an outsider, we had put up a good show. That's all our followers ask. We have the best bunch of supporters in Ireland. I'm sure we regained much of our lost prestige.



There is one simple lesson we have yet to learn: **three points are equal to one goal.**

The future looks good. The Lagan Cup comes next and then the Grounds Tournament. If anyone thinks this was a flash in the pan from Down let me assure him he is going to see many more brighter flashes in the coming season.

Training recommenced the following week. That's what I like about Down. We may be defeated but never deflated.

I'd say we are in a much healthier position now than we were in 1959 when Galway dumped us in our first semi-final. I have a feeling we are at the beginning of a new Down era, another cycle of triumphs. Next year looks like being our year—clickety, click. House Full.

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**M**OST Irish sports followers will remember David Guiney's colourful and entertaining reports from Tokyo last October when he covered the Olympic Games for the IRISH PRESS group. His on-the-spot dispatches brought the games nearer to the rest of us and by the time they were over I for one felt like formally proposing a vote of thanks to this inimitable scribe.

But then Guiney is an unusual sports scribe. A former Olympic competitor himself, he was for years without peer in Irish shot-putting competition and also won national championships in a number of other events.

With this sort of background it was I suppose inevitable that David Guiney should at sometime produce a book on athletics and this he has now done—and what an entertaining book it is.

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under the banners of other nations—especially America, and as a result quite a few of these medal winners were not recorded as Irishmen. In fact, were it not for David Guiney's many years of research, we probably would never have thought of claiming such illustrious Olympic heroes as John Pius Boland, John McGough, Robert Kerr, James Cecil Parke and Kennedy MacArthur.

But despite what flag was flown when these men won they still were Irish and we can justly claim them.

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Incidentally Mr. Roderick, the publisher, is himself a scribe of no mean repute and a regular contributor to GAELIC SPORT.

I wholeheartedly recommend this book and suggest that you will not regret having purchased it.

P.K.

# TOP TEN

**T**HIS month's Top Ten lists are based on intercounty performances from Sunday, August 8, to Sunday, September 5, inclusive.

Sean McLoughlin heads the hurling list as a result of his two decisive goals in the All-Ireland final. He is followed by another Tipperaryman, John "Mackey" McKenna with Wexford Captain, Tom Neville, in third place.

The football list is based on displays in the All-Ireland semi-finals and Galway's Enda Colleran takes top honours.

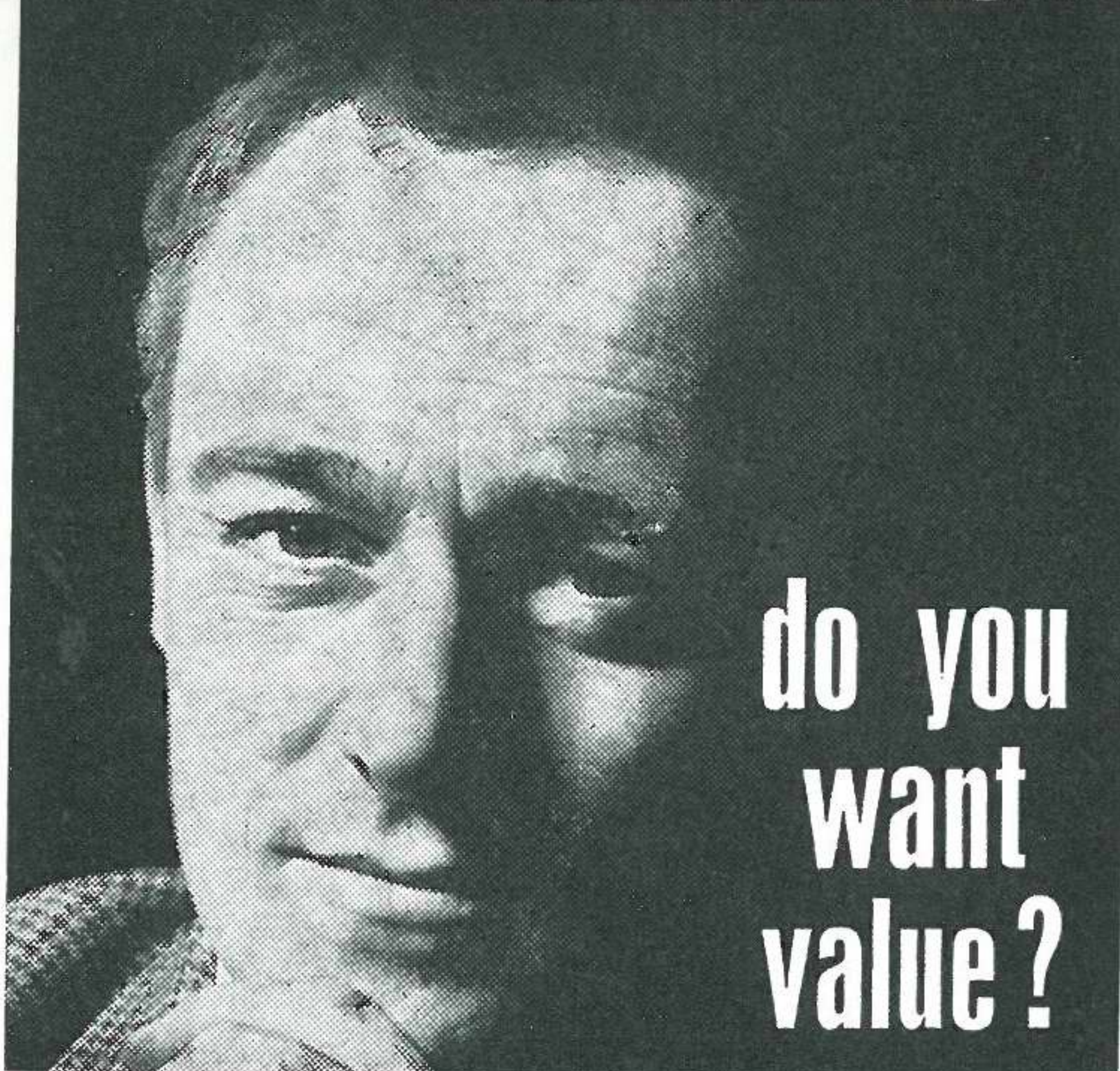
## HURLING

1. Sean McLoughlin (Tipperary).
2. John McKenna (Tipperary).
3. Tom Neville (Wexford).
4. Vin Staples (Wexford).
5. Tony Wall (Tipperary).
6. Michael Roche (Tipperary).
7. Phil Wilson (Wexford).
8. Mick Burns (Tipperary).
9. Willie Murphy (Wexford).
10. Theo English (Tipperary).

## FOOTBALL

1. Enda Colleran (Galway).
2. Derry O'Shea (Kerry).
3. Matty McDonagh (Galway).
4. Sean O'Neill (Down).
5. John Geraghty (Galway).
6. Denis O'Sullivan (Kerry).
7. Patsy O'Hagan (Down).
8. Seamus Murphy (Kerry).
9. Mick O'Dwyer (Kerry).
10. Cyril Dunne (Galway).

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**OLLIE WALSH**  
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## LEINSTER ROUND-UP

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kenny senior championship during the past few months and so I might as well finish the story.

Thomastown's run ended in the semi-final against Bennettsbridge when they lost 2-11 to 1-4. Still Ollie scored 1-1 of that 1-4 to give him a total of 9-4 from three games.

### MISSING BALL

The referee's report on a recent Westmeath senior hurling game stated that the proceedings began one hour late. There was only one ball and it got lost on a few occasions. Eventually it got lost for good and there the game ended and everybody went home!

### RISING COSTS

Louth find that the cost of trophies has jumped considerably since last season—as much as £90 it is estimated.

### BRIAN SMITH

Kilmessan have won their 17th Meath senior hurling title. In the final they beat Dunboyne by a goal. Starring for the latter was former All-Ireland footballer, Brian Smith, who is also, of course, Secretary of the Meath Hurling Board.

there to seek the confines of the Kilkenny alley, which is roofed.

Of course, the local Ballypatrick enthusiasts did not follow on—it was equally as interesting for them to go home to their televisions and take a look at the Galway versus Down match which was on the same day. Neither were there any Kilkenny supporters in the Talbot's Inch alley—how could they be inspired to know that a series of All-Ireland semi-finals might be staged there.

Then the obvious question prompts itself—was not the Irish Handball Council wrong in the first place in fixing these games for an open court?

If I say “no” I am defending those legion of small clubs throughout the country, who possess courts, and aspire to having All-Ireland games played in them.

If my answer is “yes” it is tantamount to suggesting that big-time handball should be played only in Leinster and Horse and Jockey in County Tipperary—the only roofed court between the other three provinces.

The latter answer is not the solution, and would be a short road to destroying the enthusiasm engendered through years of hard work by the Handball Council.

More roofed courts is the real answer, and, come the day when there are three or four in each province, well then, we can really say that handball is making progress. That statement hits directly at the very structure of the organisation and even more so at its place within the general structure of the G.A.A.

The latter, as far as club affairs are concerned, is only make believe, something which is testified by the number of hurling and football clubs who also sponsor handball. Frankly, they are very few.

At G.A.A. board level it is a little different, though in many

cases handball committees are accepted as nuisances rather than assets.

Day by day, instances come to hand of the scant treatment meted by county boards to handball, and in some of these cases it was the handballers who kept the county

in the limelight while the footballers and hurlers had failed miserably. All this might appear to be a far cry from the covered court, though in fact it is very much related.

A definite purpose by the handballers themselves allied to a genuine support by their respective G.A.A. boards could work wonders.

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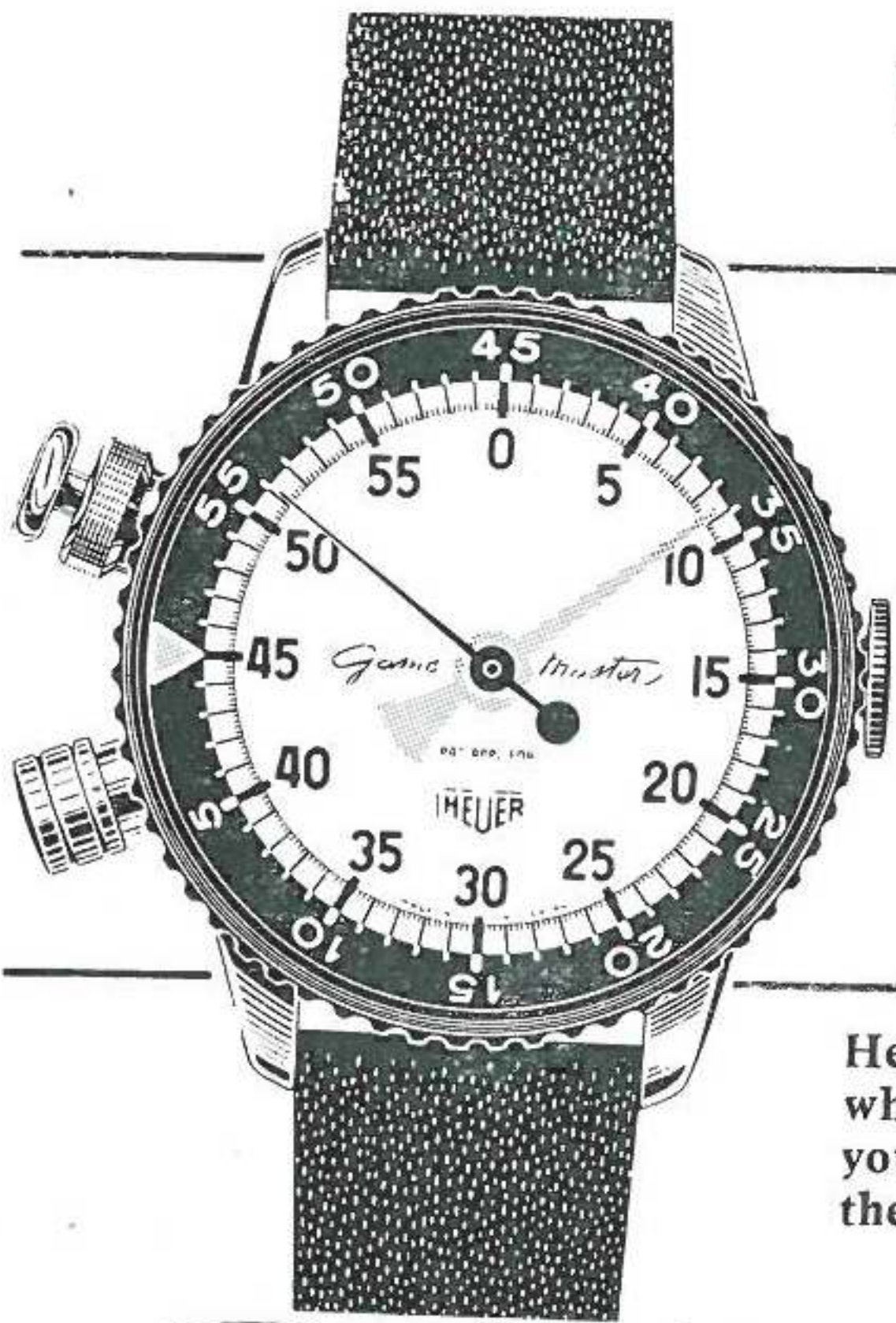
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# HOW GOOD ARE TIPPERARY?

By **BRIAN DOHERTY**

**S**O Tipperary have become the first county to win twenty-one senior hurling titles and John Doyle has equalled Christy Ring's great record. Once again the champions won with something to spare.

How good is this Tipperary team. Are they one of the greatest teams ever or is it a case of the opposition being bad? Personally, I think it is mainly the latter. Sure Tipperary are a very crafty side with plenty of fine ball-players such as Jimmy Doyle, Michael Roche, Tony Wall and Len Gaynor, but every side they met in the championship this year—Clare, Cork and Wexford were made-up of youthful and inexperienced players. So Tipperary had little to beat, their great experience could carry them through at a canter.

However, I am convinced that the Wexford team of the mid-fifties would have beaten them all the way to Holycross and back.

## LOUTH WORRIED

Louth are one of the few counties unhappy with the new National League set-up. Louth officials feel that they will lose money. Under the old system they were sure of six games—while now they are sure of only three—including a trip to Kerry which will cost in the region of £200.

## A GOOD SIDE-STEP

Prior to the All-Ireland hurling final, Wexford chairman, Senator Sean Browne, was in an awkward

spot when St. Martin's objected to Rathnure on the grounds that Pat Quigley's name was not on the official list handed to the referee at a game on August 8.

It was a flimsy objection as obviously the absence of Quigley's name was only a clerical error. Still at the same time a rule had not been complied with—and Pat Quigley was on the All-Ireland panel.

After much debate the Chairman persuaded the St. Martin delegates to bring the matter back to their club for further consideration. By the time the objection could come back for hearing again the All-Ireland final would, of course, have been over.

This is what I call good chairmanship.

## DERRY MINORS

A team and a half . . . Believe it or not but the Derry minors have NINETEEN substitutes and have been bringing the lot around with them. It is not as foolish as it may appear at first glance. All of the 34 boys form a special minor panel on whom much hopes rest. Many of them are under age again next year. It is a long-term policy and I have a feeling that they full-well know what they are doing.

Incidentally half forward, Brian Mullan is still an under-15 juvenile this year.

## SLIGO ANTICS

One of the first to sign for Sligo

Rovers for the new soccer season was David Pugh whom, had some people had their way, would have been playing with Sligo in the Connacht final. He was supposed to have been "converted" then—or so we were told.

## MONAGHAN BATTLE

Not a credit to Monaghan was the fact that the referee at the junior football championship game between Killeevan and Currin had to be locked into the dressing-room after the game until police arrived to escort him to safety.

The scenes which accompanied this game at Clones were frightening—a howling mob, many of whom cleared a ten-foot fence of barbed wire. Fists flew and many objects, including a bottle, were thrown. It all arose out of the referee ordering three Currin players to the line.

## TO THE POINT

Tipperary and Munster footballer, Patsy Dawson has had to quit all games as a result of a serious knee injury . . . There were eight put to the line in a Galway junior hurling game between Clarenbridge and Beagh . . . Eamonn Grimes, the Limerick minor hurler, recently won the county 200 metres championship . . . When finished Thurles will accommodate 70,000—16,000 of whom will be seated. There will be no sideline seating . . . There has been a big drop in Cavan gate receipts . . .

# MUNSTER MEDLEY

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and that any person with that number of markings on his card should apply at once for his ticket. The remaining tickets were distributed on a descending scale until the full quota was exhausted.

It must be said in favour of the idea that the consistent supporter of the club was assured of first preference which, we are often told, is not always the case with All-Ireland tickets.

Again the question arises. Why not issue ground tickets for the standing accommodation at All-Ireland finals? It would eliminate a lot of the grousing and permit much faster entry to the grounds. Many in a position to judge feel it would step up the attendance as well.

## SEVEN BROTHERS

Seven brothers playing in the same year's senior hurling championship is surely an unusual feat. The Bennis boys of Patrickswell—all seven of them—Phil, Sean, Pat, Ger, Thomas, Peter and Richard, have figured in the current Limerick championship, and six of them

stand a good chance of championship honours. Odd man out—Sean—played with Na Fianna against his home parish in the quarter final, which Patrickswell won.

## JOHN COUGHLAN

Death has triumphed over one of the unconquerables of Cork hurling—an outstanding member of the famed Coughlan clan of Blackrock, who gave many noted figures to the G.A.A. Cork goalkeeper in many epic tussles, including the three great games with Kilkenny for the 1931 All-Ireland title, the intimates of hurling will know him as "Ballyhea" although the inscription in the register of births says "John." Two All-Ireland, two National League, three Munster championship, seven Cork county souvenirs—that was his contribution to the huge pile of hurling trophies the Coughlans can command.

Fifty years ago the late Dick Fitzgerald of Killarney—an All-Ireland football captain in his day, wrote the first catechism of Gaelic

football—an invaluable work which did a lot to popularise that game. In more recent times another distinguished son of Kerry—Dr. Eamonn O'Sullivan, produced another great textbook on the Gaelic football code, to be followed by the man from the North—Down star Joe Lennon, with his masterful production dealing with the same subject.

Hurling must have felt the poor relation in all this concentration on the football scene. That fault has at last been remedied, and in a very handsome way, by another All-Ireland captain—Tony Wall of Tipperary, who has given us an authentic and very readable book on hurling, which must prove of considerable assistance in the present drive to extend the love of the caman to every corner of the land. This is a most interesting publication, very well turned out, and one that no hurling lover—old or young—can afford to be without. Congratulations Tony—and thanks for all the hard work involved!

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# PATRICK CARVER

● FROM PAGE SEVEN

Barry's Hotel. There are houses and a half along that road. And it is grand to be walking with the crowds on the way to Croke Park."

"A great ground," I said.

"The best in the world," he told me. "The grass is a grand shade of green and the colour of the flags make it a fine place to be on the day of a match."

He was quiet for a little while. Both of us went deep down into our glasses. We emptied them and I walked back into the shade to order two more. We settled ourselves again. He spoke after a few minutes.

"Yes, indeed, Dublin is a great place. I'd like someday to spend a holiday there. I have never been there for more than a day at a time. In all I have been there eleven times and I am looking forward to going again. Eleven times and I know Dublin like the back of my hand."

Eleven times? I could have named the years for him. He had been there in 1946, 1944, 1941, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937, 1932, 1931, 1930 and 1929. Or maybe he started in 1930 and took in the replay as well in 1938.

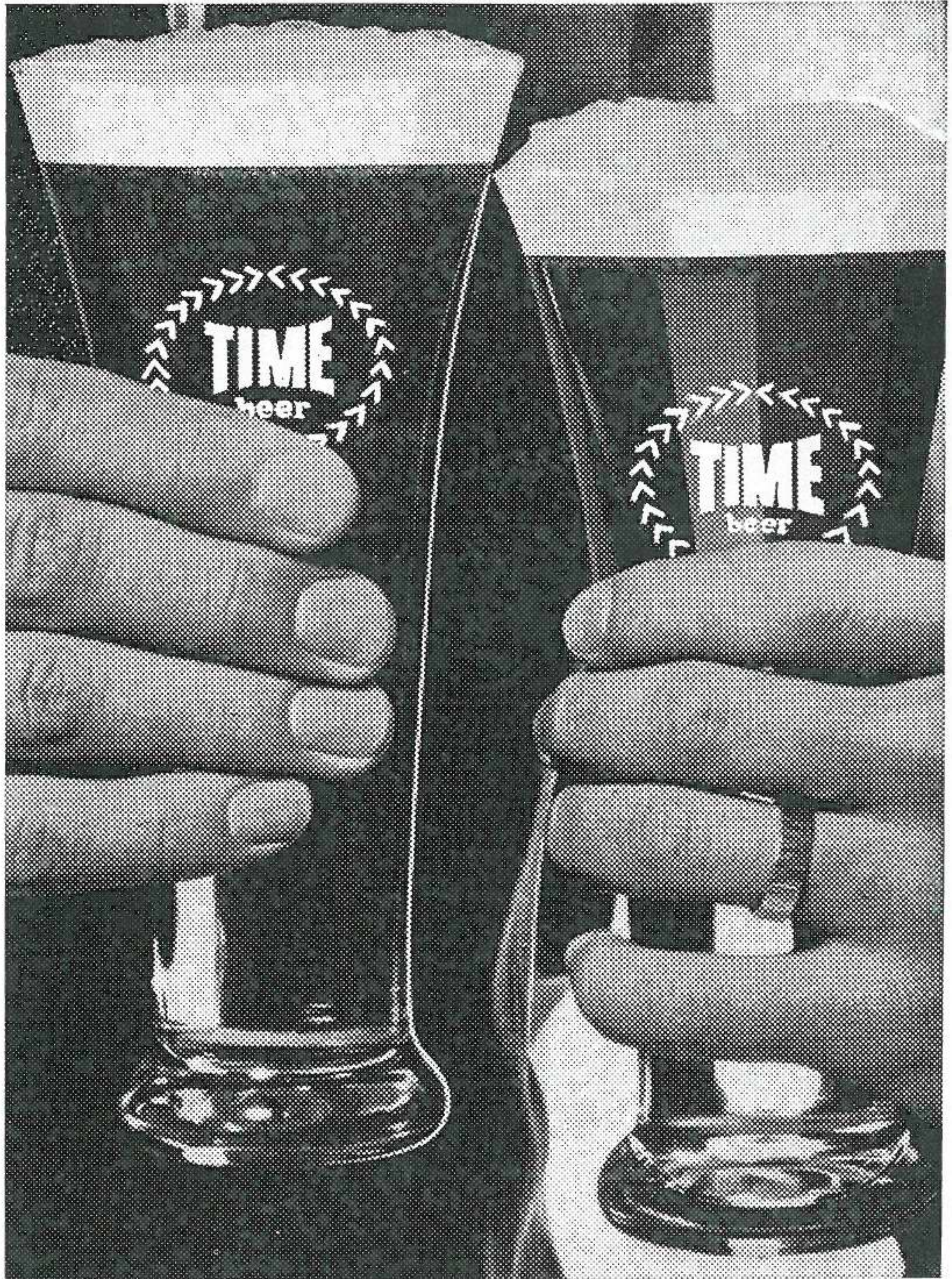
And as for knowing Dublin inside out, I'd lay a thousand to one that all he ever saw of Dublin was Kingsbridge, the bus ride down Parkgate Street and the quays to O'Connell Street, O'Connell Street itself, Tommy Moore's and the walk out by Barry's Hotel to Croke Park.

I looked out for him in Croke Park in 1948 but with 60,000 odd people around there on the day of his almost annual pilgrimage, I was not too surprised that I did not see him.

But I will bet he was there. Just

as I am prepared to bet that he was there in 1953, 1954, 1955, 1959, 1960, 1962 and 1964.

And as I am prepared to bet that he will be here again this year.



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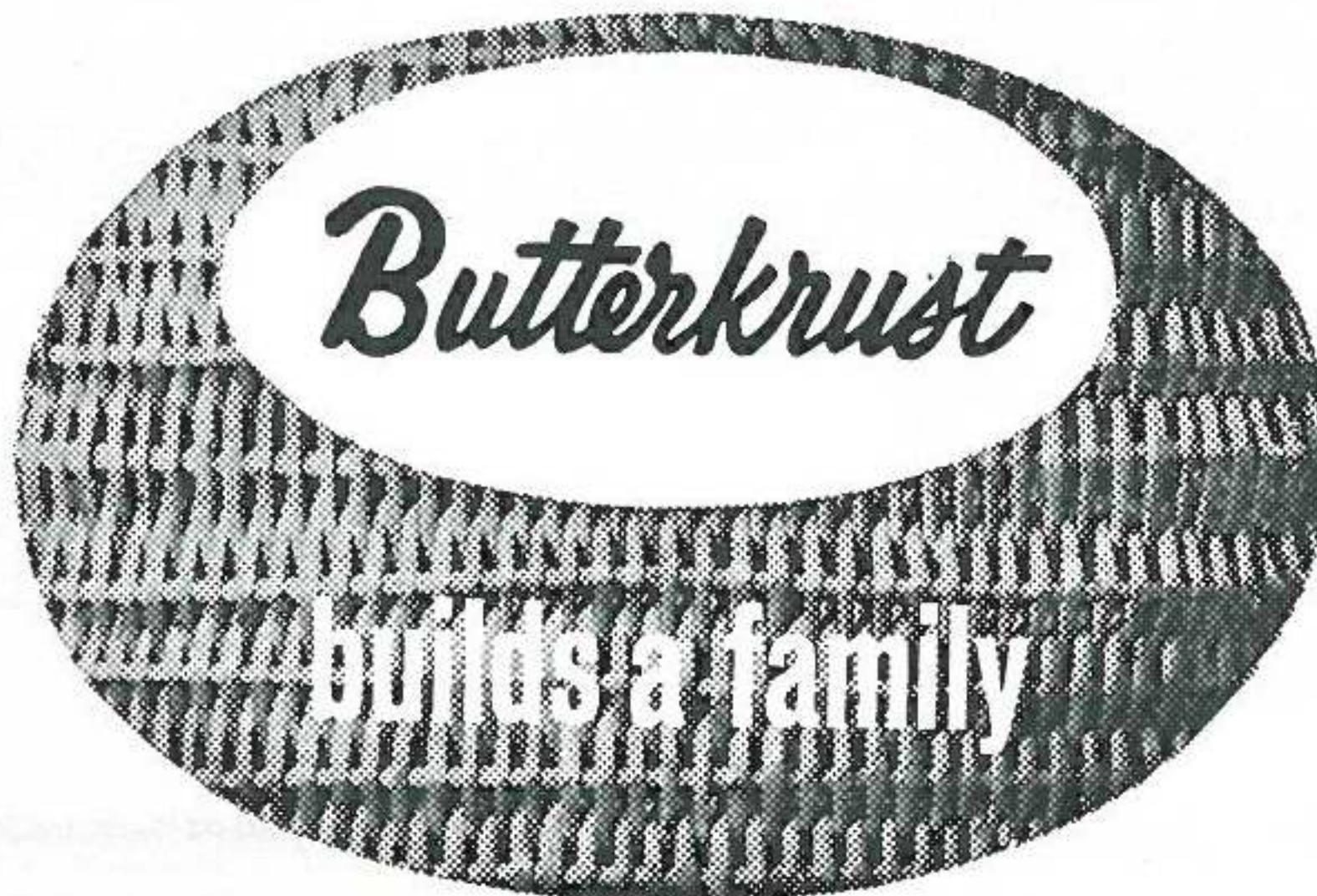
**L**ONGFORD and Sligo meet in the final of the "Cuchulainn" Cup in Croke Park on Sunday, October 3.

In the first semi-final game on August 1, Limerick drew with Longford at Pearse Park, Longford. On the following

Sunday in Limerick Longford defeated the home side by 4-13 to 2-7.

In the other semi-final Sligo defeated Cavan by 1-16 to 2-6 at Markievicz Park on Sunday, August 15.

The contestants in this tournament are the four defeated provincial finalists in the senior football championship and this year's final promises a top-class hour as many people considered that both Sligo and Longford were a shade unlucky to be behind at the final whistle in their respective provincial deciders.



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"Probably the surest thing about the hurling final is that Sean McLoughlin will score at least one goal. As always someone will make just that one slip and the big Tipperaryman will be there to flick or palm the ball to the net . . ."—Sean O'Donnell writing in the September issue of GAELIC SPORT.

# ULSTER SPOTLIGHT

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and his service should see the College team in "fighting shape" for the McRory Cup competition.

### IN BRIEF . . .

Word has it that Joe Lennon will be out of football for a few months as a result of a leg injury suffered in a Co. Meath club game.



● **BRIAN MORGAN**

—still playing great football.

Sincere congratulations to Down midfielder, George Glynn, who is due to be married on Saturday, September 18. His bride is a sister of James and Dan McCartan.

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The Monaghan County Board has pledged full support to the

county's National Memorial Committee who are to erect a memorial to the many Monaghan men who died in the fight for freedom. The memorial will cost from £4,000 to £5,000.

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Camogie is coming on particularly well in Monaghan. Take Monaghan town for example. Their team was formed only last year and yet reached the Ulster club championship final.



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# PROFILE

## OF MARTIN NEWELL

By SEAN O'DONNELL

FOR me Martin Newell personifies the current Galway team—intellectual, intelligent football and great consistency. I managed to have this interview with him shortly after he and his fellow-players had survived an exciting Down challenge in the All-Ireland semi-final.

*O'Donnell—How do you rate Galway's chances now?*

Newell—This game with Down has done us the world of good. A rest and then serious training will see us in peak shape for the final. I believe we can do it again.

*O'D.—Are Galway an improved side on that of last year?*

N.—Very much improved. We are faster and, of course, much more experienced.

*O'D.—How do you rate Sligo?*

N.—A fine team. Experience is



what they most need. We will certainly be hearing more from them.

*O'D.—What impressed you most during the recent visit to America?*

N.—The wonderful enthusiasm and hospitality. And I must mention a certain Martin Newell, (no relation) who brought me everywhere and did so much to make the visit memorable.

*O'D.—You have been studying in Germany during most of Gal-*

*way's reign at the top. How do you train?*

N.—I usually get word from Fr. Mahon as to the programme at home and I try to do the exact same amount of training in Germany.

*O'D.—What game do you remember best?*

N.—The 1960 Sigerson Cup final. I was playing with U.C.G. and we beat U.C.D.

*O'D.—What current player gives you most trouble?*

N.—Pat Griffin of Kerry. He is a tremendous fielder and a most difficult man to contain.

*O'D.—Are there any rule changes you would favour?*

N.—Yes, I would like to see 13 a-side introduced. I believe that it would lead to a faster and more spectacular type of football.

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"ARE you coming to the match?  
I asked a friend.

"No", he said, as he stretched  
out after a good dinner.

"I'm going to look at the game  
on television. Aren't you going to  
join us?"

I left him, and decided to try  
further.

The elderly woman met me.

"I suppose John is going down  
the Park", I asked. She was pretty  
cross.

"Indeed he's not", she snapped.  
"We were to go for a walk but he's  
stuck inside now with his nose to  
the television for fear Kerry will be  
beaten without him."

The last call was to a spacious  
and well-furnished club-room.  
Inside were ten young men, all  
players of one sort or another. The  
windows were darkened to keep  
out the sunshine and there was no  
sound. Conversation wasn't invited.  
So I left. I hadn't the courage to  
ask if anyone was going to the  
match.

At the match itself which was a  
Cork senior hurling championship  
game there was a very small crowd.  
Here and there Michael O Hehir's  
stimulated voice came over the  
air.

On the following day people who  
never showed much interest in  
games asked me what I thought of  
the match.

In my foolishness I talked about  
the hurling game. Needless to say  
they didn't know that it was on,  
but they were able to discuss the  
finer points of the Kerry-Dublin  
match and later the Down-Galway  
semi-final.

All very good in it's own way  
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games and the athletic meetings.  
The gate-receipts at the hurling  
game I attended were abysmally  
small in spite of the fact that it  
was a replay.

We must not allow this to con-  
tinue and far more important than  
money we mustn't allow Telefis  
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smoky rooms leaving the pitches  
empty just because thirty good  
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# FACE TO FACE

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and very fast. He is also a wonderful sportsman. I would also mention Lar Foley—as tough as they are made and certainly no easy man to get around.

O'D.—Who was your boyhood idol?

L.—Joe Keohane. He was a wonderful player and a really colourful one as well. He was of the material of which boyhood idols are made.

O'D.—What games do you most like to recall?

L.—The 1961 Leinster minor final in which I was playing with Dublin and also my first game with Kerry—it was against London at New Eltham. It was 1963 and I was marking a really good one in Gene Driscoll.

O'D.—What other games interest you?

L.—I am very keen on basketball, handball and all forms of athletics.

# EAMONN YOUNG

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Walsh, or the bouncing bundle of manliness and football Johnny Walsh. Remember the great centre-back from Dingle, Bill Casey, and the tousle-headed Paddy Bawn who came in for Joe Keohane in the All-Ireland of 1938 when Galway beat them on the replay, and had such an honourable career until he handed over at full-back to Ned Roche in 1953.

Remember one of the greatest all-round players of his day Jackie Lyne, who starred in defence and attack; or Teddy O'Connor another selector who played with me in Cork football and beat the socks off me later in Killarney. Remember glorious half back Sean Murphy, Tom Moriarty of the perfect style, and John Dowling of Tralee with the heart of a lion? Micksy Palmer, Tadgy Lyne, and the men of another day Con Bros-

nan, John Joe Sheehy who reared sons that did the Kingdom proud.

One could go on forever. Enough to say that the banner from the blue hills of Kerry floats as proudly as it did when Billy Myers' father Jack led them in 1903. Last year Galway beat them and deserved to do so. This time it should be a good hour and I hope the men from the south will win, but if they don't they'll be back, for down there they don't breed them with an inferiority complex.

There was once a Kerryman with an inferiority complex by the way. He thought he was only the same as everyone else.

# CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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