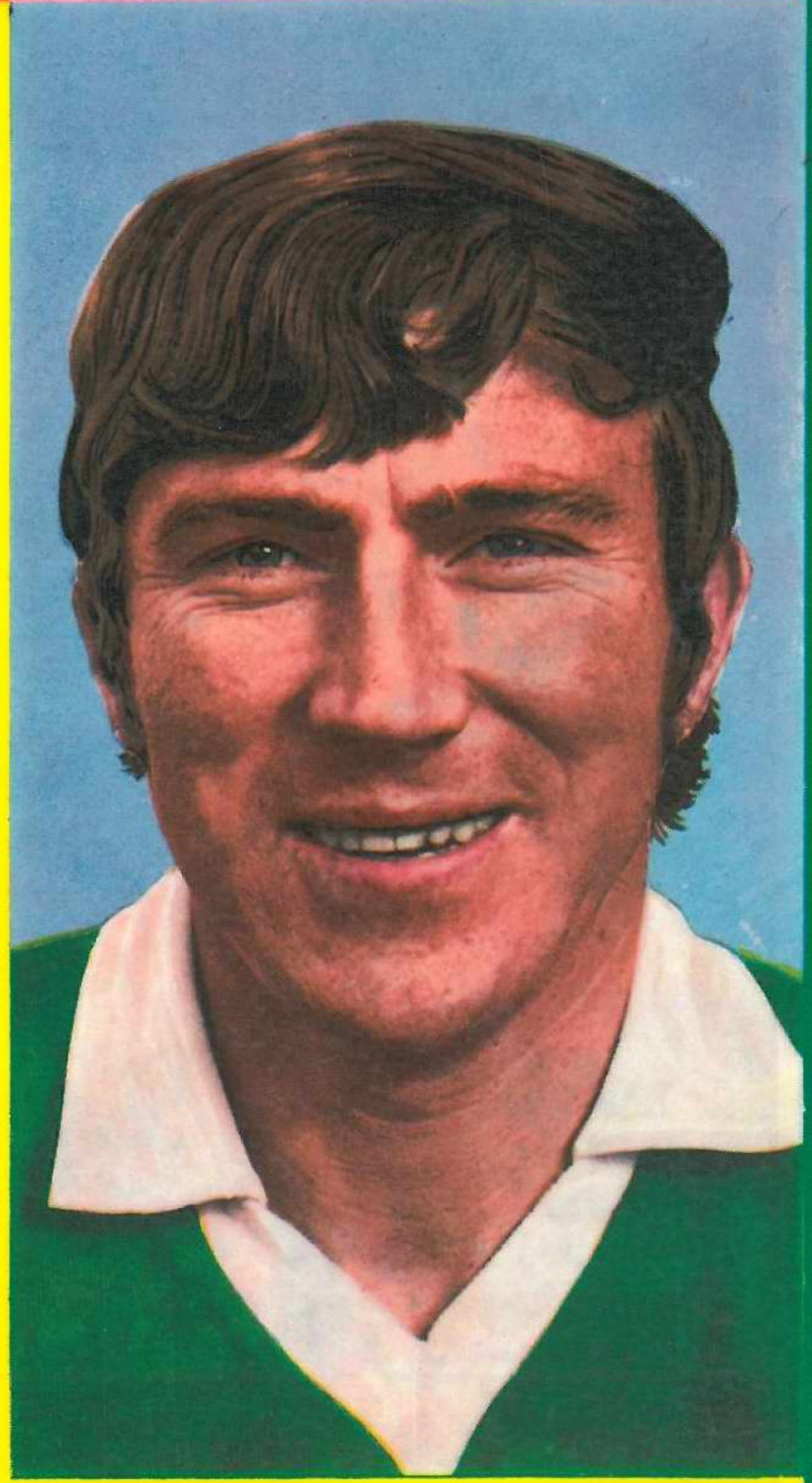
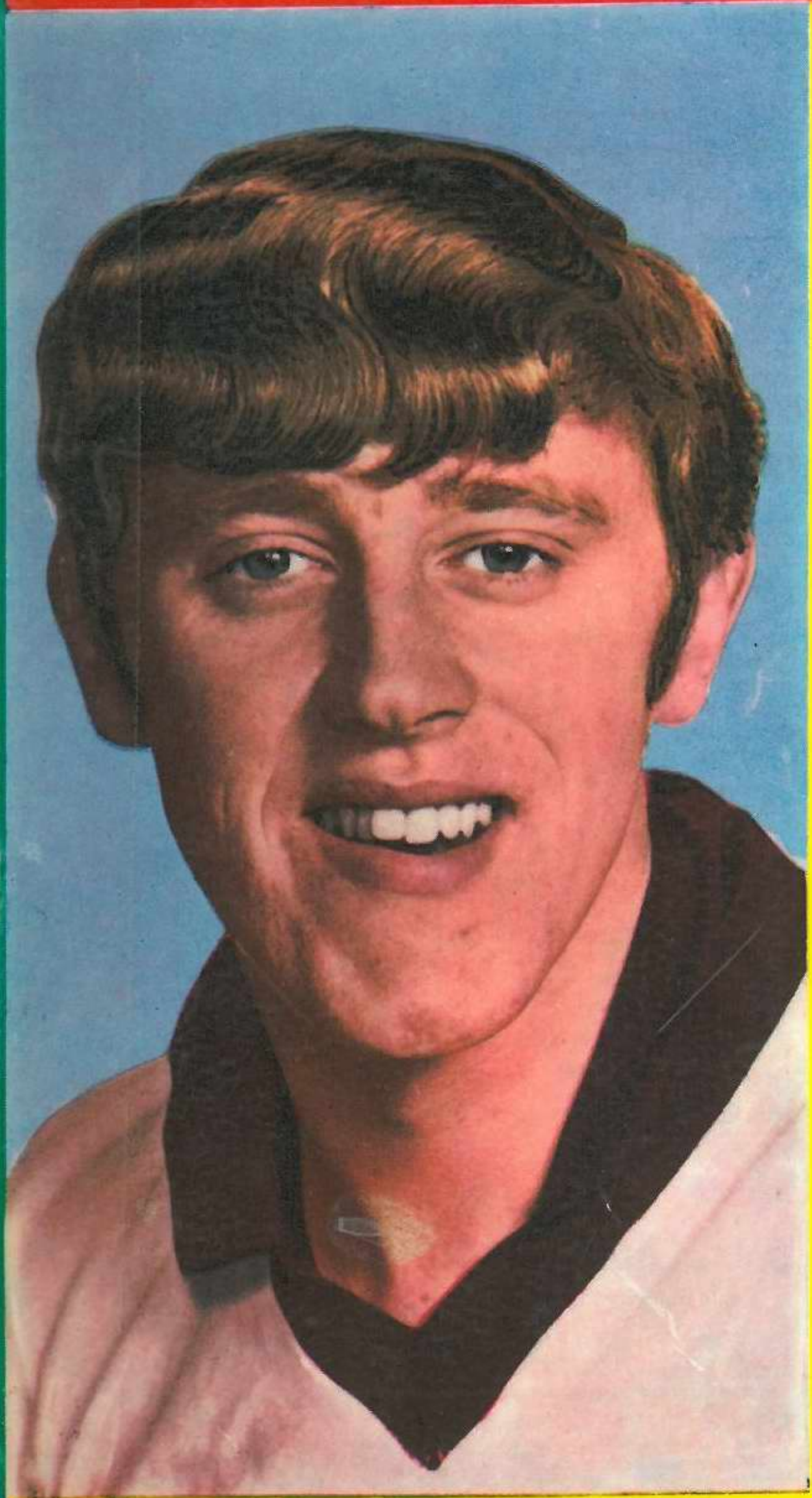


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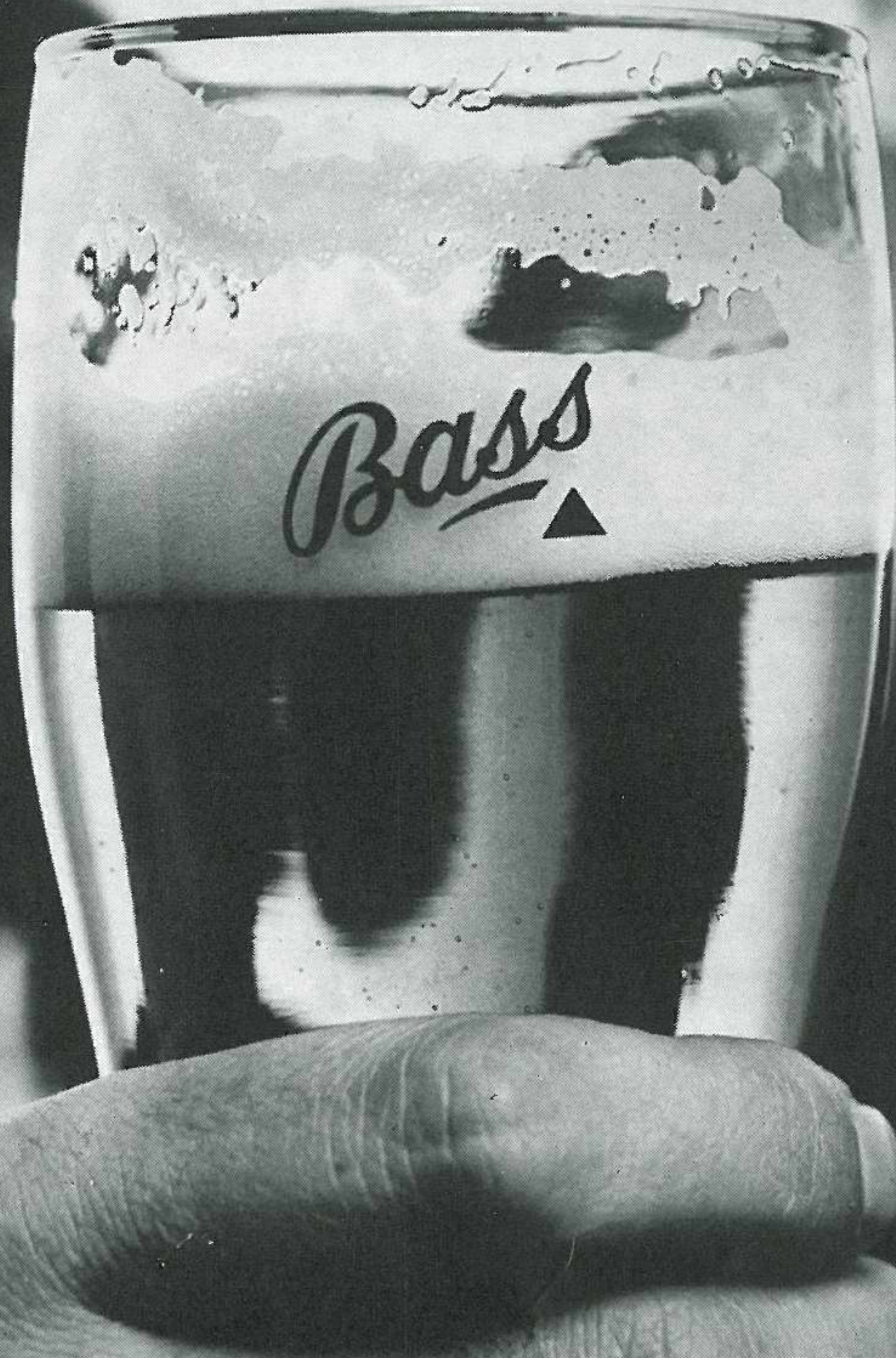
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## COVER PHOTO

OUR front cover this month features two of the All Stars—Galway's P. J. Smyth (left) and Kerry's Donie O'Sullivan. On page 21, in this issue, Owen McCann spotlights the careers of these two grand defenders in more detail.

## PRIORITIES?

THE following words appeared in the last sentence of the leading article in our May issue: "We heartily welcome the resumption of tours to New York next month and wish the teams *bon voyage*."

Well, much has happened since those words were published and the June tour, originally an ambitious promotion involving four teams, is now more or less in a shambles.

At the time of writing, Derry are set to go on their own, even if another football team cannot be found to travel with them. No offence to Derry is intended when we say that it will be a rather lame resumption of tours compared with the plans formulated at the beginning of the year.

It is easy to be wise with hindsight, but why was it not foreseen, when those plans were made last January, that a June tour would be smack up against the provincial championships season? That is the reason why the footballers of Mayo and Offaly and the hurlers of Cork and Limerick have pulled out.

The teams have been praised for putting first things first. Their championship aspirations are more important than a jaunt to America, it is said. Yes, indeed—in normal circumstances.

But a Derry official must have embarrassed the other counties when he said that his team, though also faced with an important championship tie when they came back, intended to fulfil their obligation—namely to play in America for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of distress in the Six Counties.

Isn't that the nub of the matter? There are two sides to every medal, as the man said. In these dark and troubled days in Ireland, which is more important: an All-Ireland title or the suffering of human beings through the lack of food, clothing and, in many cases, housing?



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# COUNCIL ACTED WITH UNSEEMLY HASTE

THERE is no doubt about the fact that Central Council would sometimes make one despair of the rule of reason and common sense. They do such extraordinary things and fail to do such other ordinary ones. Worst of all happens when they try to make up for some failing by rushing in with abandon to show their effectiveness with a decision in some other sphere.

One thinks of the recent business of the All-Ireland tickets when all sang dumb at the time when to speak and convey the feelings they must have known to exist among the club members would have, perhaps, avoided a considerable amount of awkwardness. They faced Congress in something of a shadow as their reputation had been subjected to some strain at Board and club level through the country.

At Congress, in his report, the General Secretary was scathing in his remarks on the current standards of play and general deportment in the games of hurling and football. He pointed out that skills were on the decline and toyed with the necessity of coaching, rule changes, etc., as urgent methods of improving the quality of play. There was a brisk bit of discussion on this theme in the Secretary's report, some agreeing and some feeling that the point was overstated.

At length one or two delegates got slightly off this point of actual quality of play and shifted

the balance of debate to the matter of presentation, as it were. They spoke of the need to clear up the messy business of people rushing on the field at the drop of a hat to give advice or change a man or administer restorative sups from the magic bottle. These people would have to be curbed in their activities, it was agreed on all sides. Bag-men and bottlemen and hurley-men, selectors and advisers and (tor)mentors, the whole motley crew of them.

And so say all of us. And so said all of them. Amicably and altogether aside from the main point of the Secretary's report there was a degree of consensus and all ended happily.

Back at Central Council, under the pressure of suspicion from the rank and file and under something more than ordinary attention from that rank and file because of the ticket fiasco, the members were obviously gunning to make their presence felt and to let it be seen that they were not sitting down on the job. With great deliberation and sense of importance, not to mention unseemly haste, they rushed through legislation to ban all mentors from the field of play and, indeed, from the area of the field of play. No one was to be allowed to go on to the field—no one. Unless, of course, called on to do so by the referee.

The ruling was to go into effect the following day. When it did, in Croke Park, the first flaw in

the system was obvious. While you have another rule in the book which states that play shall be continuous with no breaks for this or that, or even for the treatment of an injured player unless it be a case of serious injury, you have a conflict. If no one can go on to the field of play until the referee says so, then it will be necessary for the referee to stop play in order to assure himself that a player needs attention.

If he did not, the injured man could lie there untended until half-time or the final whistle. And, if he stops play to see the injured man, calls on attention, then he is in the dilemma of whether he should start the game again at once—with team attendants on the field of play—or await their withdrawal, or their completion of their ministrations or the removal of the player who has suffered injury to the sidelines.

In practice, the result seemed to be hold-ups in the play. What it will work out as later on with usage, one does not know. But, another point became obvious quite soon: what about men who break their hurleys? How are they to receive replacements? Will they have to chase off the field of play to the dressing-rooms or some storage depot at some nearer point to equip themselves? And what is to happen their opponent in the meantime? Is he to be allowed to run free? In the time it would take a full-back to race from his post to a point near half-way where the sticks are available and make his choice of stick and race back again. All-Irelands could be won and lost by the lone full-forward prowling against a defenceless goalie.

Central Council, in their haste

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to show that they were really on the ball after all, forgot that one. So less than a week after the rigid rule was instituted, we had the publication of a statement that, of course, some exception would have to be made for the men who carried the hurleys. They would have to be allowed on the field. So it was suggested that about three would be a reasonable number placed strategically and that their activities be confined to hurley substitution strictly.

Now, everyone knows that this is the thin end of the wedge. How is anyone to know what message the hurley-man conveys when he rushes out on his rescue mission? Indeed, how is one to know that he races on with the certain cause of a broken hurley? When is a hurley a broken hurley? And would not a player have a right to become disenchanted with the stick which he had and wish for a change? And would the selectors and (tor)mentors who have always shown a degree of cunning befitting their positions not be able to put two and two together and get three goals five points as answer, when they saw the chance of getting their words of wisdom on to the field? Would they not surely establish lines of communication with the hurley men, or better still become hurley men themselves.

So, now you allow the hurley-men on the field without all the formalities and palaver, but not the bottle men or other assistants of football teams. In other words, hurlers can arrange to have sideline guidance, but footballers may not. Discrimination! Not by a long chalk can you get away with that sort of thing. Footballers will kick up a hell of a row when they realise the position.

Nor can a team avail now of the insight of a coach or a trainer or a long-headed bunch of ex-

perienced selectors who see a weakness in the ranks and know how to plug it, or note a weakness in the ranks of the opposition and know how to exploit it. The supporters can roar their heads off about changing such and such a man, it cannot be done until half-time, or if the crisis occurs in the second half, it cannot be done at all.

Bull! Loads of it! It is just one more sample of the kind of thinking which passes for constructive deliberation: another is the belief that if the game of football is deteriorating in skill and becoming burdensome to watch because of overplaying the ball and pulling and dragging that the remedy must lie in changing the rules when it is obvious that those rules which are in the book are not being applied. Here the problem is again attacked from the wrong end. Similarly with incursions into the field. The wrong end. You must first create a situation and an attitude among players, in particulars, and among camp followers and supporters that accepts that the team does the playing, the captain does the captaincy and the Ambulance men the first-aid.

There must be a conditioning process for this. There must be a deeper decision by G.A.A. people as to whether they want to have it that way, or whether they wish to have men of experience or coaching skill, or selectors on the sideline to observe and transmit their decisions into action on the field. Basically, it is a whole attitude of mind with football and hurling people: listen to them at a game and you see how deep it goes. They shout at the mentors as well as the players: "Take him off"; "Shift someone back to mark the corner forward"; "Put in Johnny there let ye"; "If ye don't make a change there at midfield the match'll be lost."

Objectives to be reached to-day in the G.A.A. or any other sphere are never so simple as a matter of making a rule that says people must not pass a certain point or must keep off the grass. Usually, this is only a symptom—the cause is far more deep-seated and is the basic illness. And did you ever see a doctor treat the symptom while ignoring the disease?

## THE TOP TEN

AS might be expected, the League champions, Cork and Kerry, dominate the ratings this month. And quite rightly, for both teams had many stars in achieving notable victories in their respective League finals.

The following lists were compiled from matches played between April 23 and May 14, inclusive.

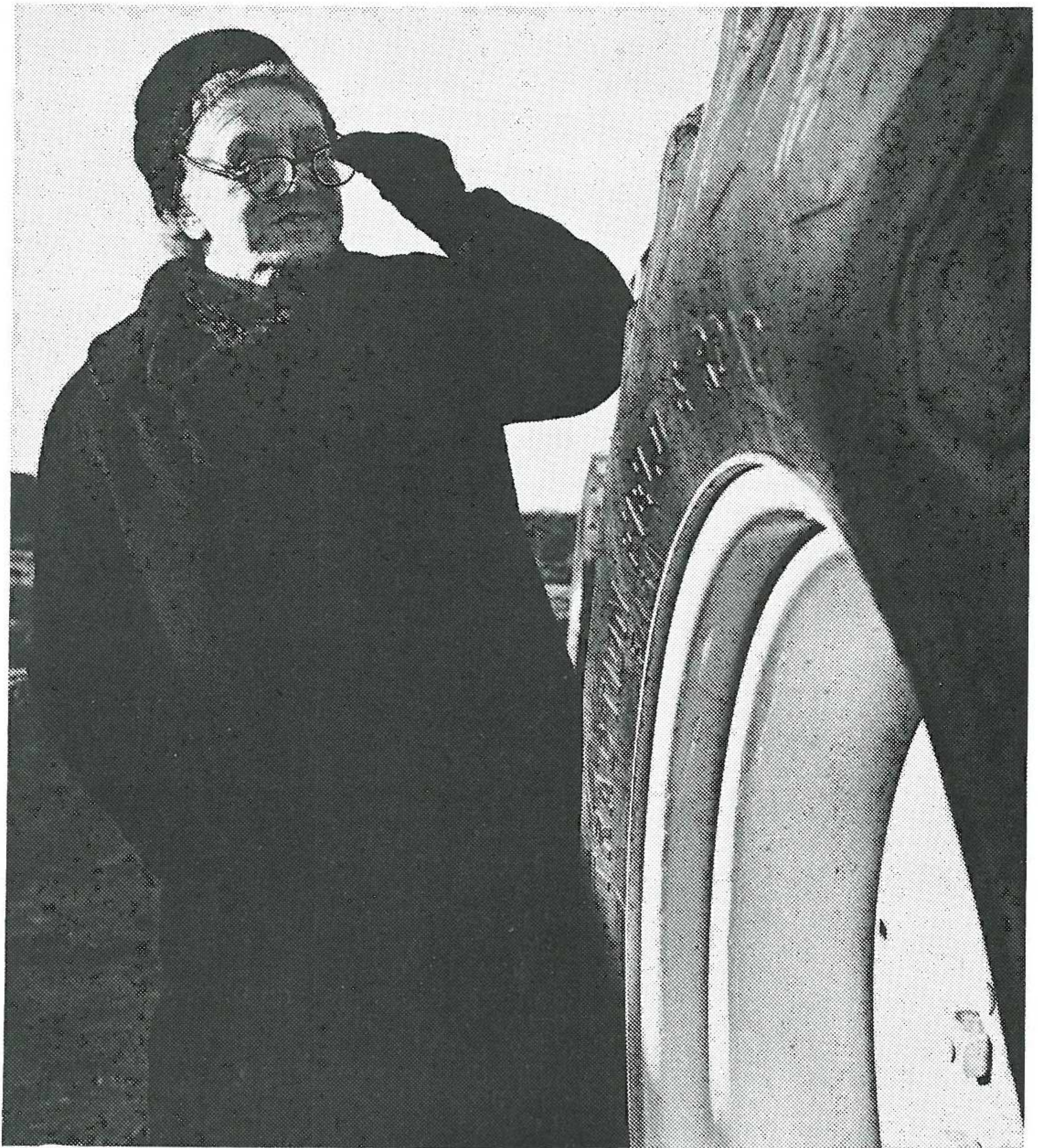
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- (9) C. McCarthy ..... (Cork)
- (9) R. Bennis ..... (Limerick)
- (9) P. Larkin ..... (Kilkenny)
- (8) D. Coughlan ..... (Cork)
- (8) S. Looney ..... (Cork)
- (8) M. Graham ..... (Limerick)
- (8) P. Hegarty ..... (Cork)
- (7) E. Cregan ..... (Limerick)
- (7) N. Skehan ..... (Kilkenny)

### FOOTBALL

- (9) L. Higgins ..... (Kerry)
- (9) M. O'Connell ..... (Kerry)
- (9) J. O'Keefe ..... (Kerry)
- (9) D. Hunt ..... (Cork)
- (8) S. O'Grady ..... (Mayo)
- (8) T. O'Malley ..... (Mayo)
- (8) D. O'Sullivan ..... (Kerry)
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written off. Sligo were only beaten on a replay in last year's final, and they too must enter into the reckoning. But, as of now, the Mayomen must be taken as the front-runners in the West.

Down South the issue rests once again straight and square between Cork and Kerry. The Kerry men are at home this time, and on League showing must be firmest of favourites. But League form counted for nothing in the South a year ago, and that Cushing Games trip may take a toll of the stamina of the older members of the Kerry side. Still, Cork's Munster final victories at Killarney have been few and far between and there is still a shade of odds in favour of the lads from the Kingdom.

Up North the situation would seem to be the most open of all. Holders Down may have been relegated to Division Two of the League, but they are capable of rising from the ashes of their own greatness almost overnight. They have been dogged by injuries for months past, and if they can gather their full strength could still be a force to reckon with. The troubles of the past few years have badly affected Antrim's chances, Cavan remain an enigma, though the great resurgence must come, sooner or later, so the leading candidates from the Northern province are still Derry, even though they still suffer so badly from their own inaptitude to rise to the big occasion. On strength, height and football ability there should be an All-Ireland in this Derry side. But the years are slipping past them, and they must break through soon if they are ever to fulfil the bright promise they have so often shown. And if I have to name a long-shot as All-Ireland football champions of 1972 would you believe Mayo?



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

# Sane view of what really counts

By SÉAMUS Ó BRAONÁIN

LAST month, talking about tours and All-Stars and the whole web of payola which has become so much a part of the football and hurling scene over the past twenty years and has never been so embracing as in the last couple of years, we hardly anticipated so immediate a reaction to the present situation. But, scarcely had we pondered the possibility that first things might emphatically be placed first in the end, that very perspective was achieved by several teams and countless individuals almost simultaneously. The result is that, at the time of writing, the eventual competitors in the June games in New York have not clearly emerged.

Sated with bread and circuses, the top star men of the football

and hurling scene are becoming more sane in their view of what really matters — not only to them, but to their counties. Mayo have said quite bluntly that they have no desire to go gallivanting anywhere while the achievement of All-Ireland status lies within their grasp but, as yet, unheld in the hand. That initiative came from the players.

Kerry have already said that this year they are mightily concerned with League and championship. But, Offaly players may have caused some surprise to those who thought them a shower of opportunists after their little furore before San Francisco. Further, their attitude was a very realistic one and a down to earth assessment of the effects of such a tour at this time of year.



*Tipperary forwards Roger Ryan (centre) and Noel O'Dwyer (right) in action during last year's All-Ireland semi-final. Both Roger and Noel were in San Francisco in the Spring with the Tipperary hurlers.*

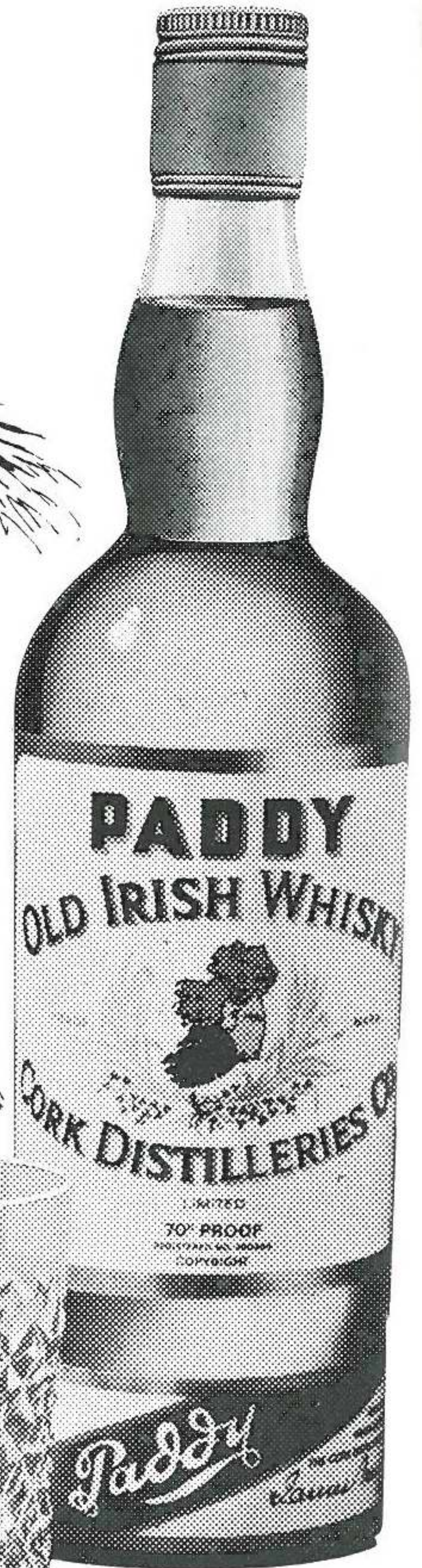
After all, they are only just back from that jaunt out west, and none can have a better feeling now for the manner in which such a tour can drain the bounce out of one's step and the flair from one's play. They have had a rough enough time on their return for it was clear enough that form would not answer the command of the spirit. The second game against Mayo, after the narrow escape of the drawn match, should have been their's by the normal rule of these things. They should have been the team caught unawares in the first match who were shocked into realisation of their lethargy by the close shave and who ginged up their resolve and their

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edge for the replay with convincing results.

The facts were otherwise: they certainly tried to apply themselves to the business of recreating the appetite, but, it would not respond. Sated with football and with the fruits of success, they came to the praiseworthy conclusion that they better watch out or they might lose their touch altogether, develop chronic staleness and run the risk of giving up the Sam Maguire Cup without making a fully vigorous effort to retain it. So, Offaly's players opted for a stay at home policy, and their supporters are now keenly aware that their men are serious about this matter and will not lightly repay the loyalties shown them.

In fact, some considerable step forward has been achieved in

getting first things first, and even for those jaded with success, the All-Ireland is the whole thing. Perhaps, after all it is realised that there is a place for everything and that everything should be in its place.

Meantime, the large scale and considerable expenditure tied up in overseas tours for the stars may be put into perspective when compared with the fine, widely organised and altogether enjoyable episode that Feile na nGael has turned out to be. This is the Tipperary effort to give an injection to juvenile hurling and to interest youngsters in the game.

Last year was the beginning; the whole idea has mushroomed; this year everyone is talking about it where youngsters meet in a hurling setting. Teams from most counties will be visiting

Thurles and surrounding areas, playing the local juveniles, and taking part in a mass march and big hosting in the town of Thurles itself.

Many of the rough edges of last time will have been smoothed and it should be a tremendous occasion. It is effort and a very little money well spent, for the youngsters are the ones who enjoy the thrill of it all and look on the pleasure of such an outing as worth the year's hurling to win. What a difference from some of the sophisticates among our hurling and football players who seem to find little pleasure any more in the ordinary things the games have to offer them. On the whole, it would appear that effort and money is far better and more productively spent in such encouragement and entertainment of the youngsters.



# A HEADLINE FOR THE G.A.A.?

VARIETY, they say, is the spice of life. So, by way of a change, let's have a switch over here from views and opinions on great players and great games, from news of scoring records and individual and team achievements, to take a look instead at another aspect of the G.A.A. scene. Or to be more precise to consider the question: Is there a headline for the Association in the success of the Macra na Feirme televised Cross Country Quiz feature?

I am not too well versed in the doings of Macra na Feirme, but judging from the interest and the enthusiasm that came over so clearly on the television screen right throughout the series, the quiz competition obviously captured the imagination and support of Macra members in a really big way.

It was also splendid television, a programme series that had equal appeal for young and old, and helped to mirror in a splendid way the many fine qualities of Macra na Feirme members.

Is there room, now, for a similar type of inter-county question-time programme for the G.A.A.? No doubt, Macra na Feirme would jealously guard—and understandably so—their right to first preference over all other organisations for any similar style production on RTE in the future.

But the link with television,

while undoubtedly a valuable aid in boosting nation-wide interest, is far from being an essential ingredient to success. After all, look at how the winter talent competition, Scor, has developed at such an impressive rate in such a short time.

The success of Scor, in fact, is one of the brightest features of the G.A.A. scene in recent times. The competition has given a welcome new dimension to the social side of affairs, and the Association is all the better as a result.

## HELD OUT

Because of pressure of space, two of our features have had to be held out this month—Tony Reid's "Gaelic Scrapbook" and "Ulster Viewpoint" by Dan McAreavy.

Scor could also provide a valuable base on which to build an inter-county question-time competition. Part of the over-all make-up of Scor, in fact, is a question-time test. Consequently, there would now be hardly any great difficulty in getting such a series off the ground.

Would the support be there, though both at competing level, and as regards the cash customers at each round, or contest, in the series? These days attitudes are changing at a bewildering rate, but it still does appear that the question and answer type programme of entertainment is holding its own as firmly in popularity as ever.

Maybe it is because more than in any other form of entertainment a non-participant can fully involve himself in the competition. There is that little game that we all play of trying to blurt out the answer to every question before the competitor, and who does not feel a sense of smug satisfaction on answering a question that has stumped a member of the panel?

Yes, there is something extra special and appealing about quiz programmes. A national inter-county one for the G.A.A., then, would most unlikely fall down due to a lack of support in any direction.

Nor would it involve a great



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deal of organisational effort. The series could be run off on the usual pattern of provincial championships, All-Ireland semi-finals, and final. The series could conveniently be divorced from Scor, and both competitions could go on simultaneously during the winter without one greatly affecting the appeal of the other.

Just as Scor is now linked with the national holiday (the finals are staged in Dublin on the eve of St. Patrick's Day), so, too, could the national question-time decider be linked with an important game—say the National Football League decider. Think what a further great week-end that would prove for the G.A.A. and its supporters! The question-time battle on a Saturday evening, and the League final the following afternoon would help to place still greater emphasis on the Association's proud place in the social and sporting life of the nation.

Difficulties? No doubt some would be encountered, but "nothing ventured, nothing gained" is a true saying, and I feel that there is certainly a case for at least experimenting with a national quiz over a three year trial period. After that we could look again at the position.



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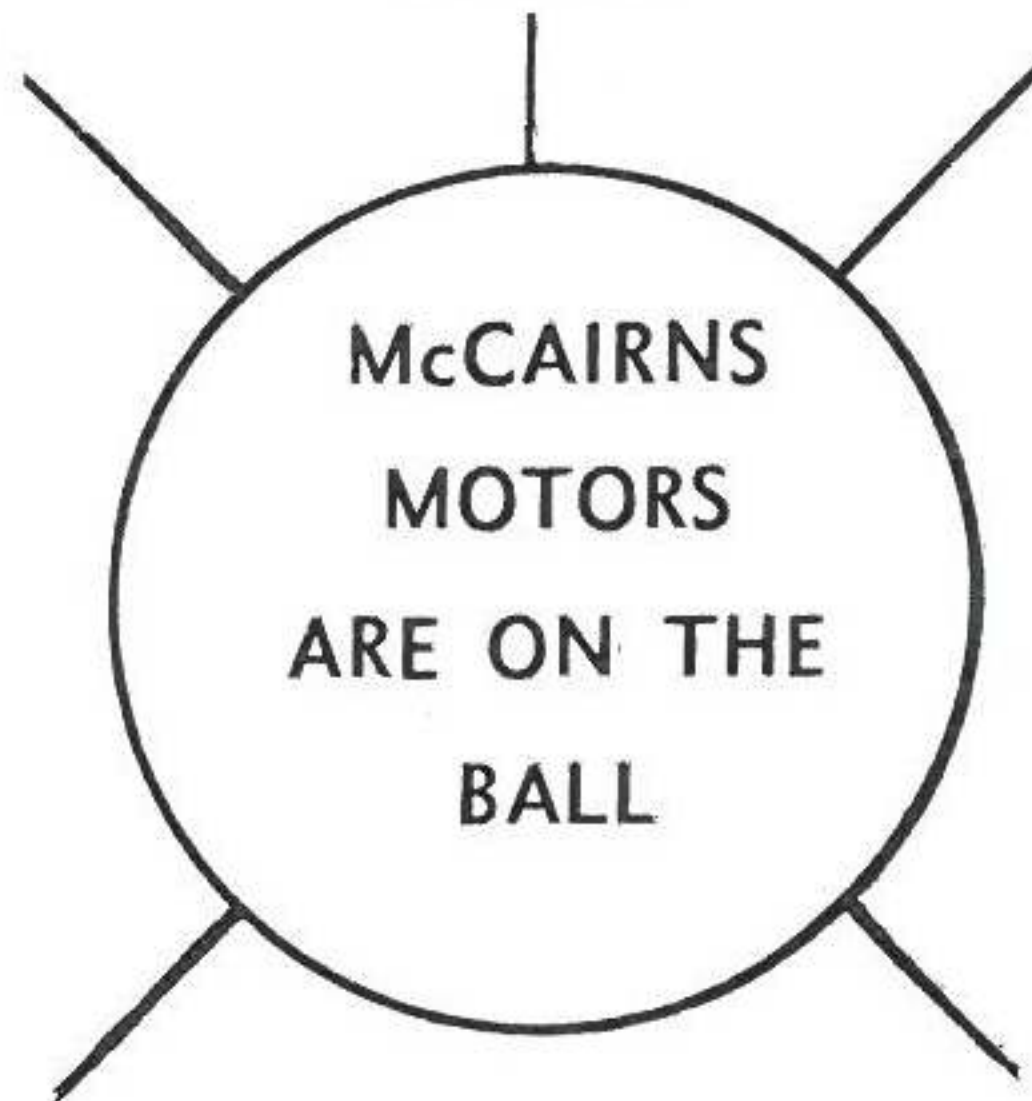
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# RISING STAR FROM YOUGHAL

**S**EAN O'LEARY is a young man who crashes into the SCORESHEET with a vengeance this month. It is still early days yet, of course, as this Youghal club man is only a comparative newcomer to the Cork hurling side, but already he has done more than enough this year to suggest that when it comes to bagging the goals he has a talent that we have not seen in any rising hurler in a long time.

Any man who can pop in three goats in a match—and O'Leary has accomplished this feat a number of times already this year—must have the right credentials for success. The

young Cork man, another product of the county's great minor and under-21 national title winning combinations of recent years, only gained a regular spot in the premier attack at the start of the year, yet still established himself as the ace goal-getter in the game for the opening quarter of the season.

All of which puts into relief the goal-scoring record for a full season's programme. It is standing now since back in 1956, when Nick Rackard (Wexford) popped in 35 in 19 engagements. He also put over 50 points that year for a grand total of 155 points.

No hurler bettered that tally until last year, when Eddie Keher (Kilkenny) finished with 8-141 (165 points) from 17 matches, the new record for both hurling and football. Keher had his most successful year goals-wise in 1965, when he hit 16 in 20 outings.

The best goal haul since the Rackard spectacular is 22, a figure twice reached by Christy Ring. The Cork man accomplished it in ten games in 1959, and in thirteen matches in 1961.

The year 1961 was a record-making one for Ring in that he shot the highest score for a full season by any Cork man since these charts were introduced. His actual figures were 22-38 (104 points). What price a new Cork record this year.

Only time will tell, but one bet I certainly would rush to take is that Ollie Freaney will continue to reign for at least another year on top of the Dublin football list. It is almost twelve long seasons since he put the county record into the book at 5-86 (101 points) in 17 matches in 1959.

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# MUNSTER'S LONG WINTER IS OVER

By Eamonn Young

I THOUGHT Munster would never again win the Railway Cup for between a southern apathy and ineptitude coupled with a public disinterest in the competition leading perhaps to their abolition it was likely that the cup would not again cross the Blackwater. But it did, and the silver lining showed sparkling in the trophy which Munster chairman Weesh Murphy fondled so ecstatically when the game was over.

Why did it take Munster that long to recover the cup? There are several reasons. Firstly three other provinces put out pretty good teams unlike in hurling unfortunately. Also Ulster have worked at this thing and generally in most things the northern man is more earnest, persevering and thorough I think when he makes his mind up about something. Lastly Munster for many years were pretty hopeless. It all adds up.

So if in twenty-four years Munster were to win its lawful average six would come south. But Ulster's ability and enthusiasm would reduce this to say four while Munster's poor teams

for several years would reduce it further.

The clearest reason of all to me, of course, was the lack of enthusiasm in Munster for a Railway Cup win and the consequent lack of organisation left men going out just to play another game. Their chances of winning were pretty slim and the results proved it.

Kerry won the first Railway Cup in 1927, and the bunch they fielded were a credit to the Kingdom. Afterwards it was mainly a Kerry team which wore the royal blue, but often the men who were stars in June were squibs in February for very obvious reasons and they were up against men who perhaps had not won an All-Ireland and never would win a medal. It was obvious that such men as Colm McDyer and Jim McCullagh of Ulster, Mickey Kearins of Connaught, Paddy Dunne and Gerry Reilly of Leinster, would train hard to honour their selection and win a top-class competition, which on the county basis, was just not for them.

Some years ago down here, we bellyached so much about Rail-



Ray Cummins (Cork), top, and Michael Keating (Tipperary) became dual Railway Cup medallists when Munster regained the football title in April.



way Cups that eventually, to keep our mouths shut, they held a trial in Killarney. A few of us piled into a car and set off for Killarney, saying we would have a bit of fun at the game and carry it on afterwards in ex-Railway Cup winner Teddy O'Connor's pub downtown. Mo Bhrón agus achón, whatever about the fun in Teddy's, there was little on the pitch where there weren't thirty togged out — and that included the referee. What chance had we against Ulster, who were training well?

Weesh Murphy, who was full-back on the last team that won this cup for Munster in '49, became chairman of the Munster Council. In addition, coach of the Cork football side, became Doney Donovan, who played at right wing on the same side. These two keys to success made all the difference, especially as this year Munster did have a playing merit as good as anyone.

Weesh Murphy arranged training sessions with the approval of the council and Doney Donovan's firm, quiet persuasiveness, reflected the sincere interest of players and public. The rest was

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bound to come and this year I knew from the start that at least there would be a real effort made and that eventually the long-awaited win would be ours.

The day they played Connacht they were under-dogs for the western province already had a good game against the Universities. That side, unhallowed and unsung, had done one thing as far as we were concerned: it robbed Munster of Brendan and Paud Lynch as well as Seamus Looney. I'm not saying all three would be on but wouldn't you like to have them around in a tough moment?

After they had beaten Connacht showing clever football in the process, Munster had a fair chance on Patrick's Day even against Leinster and though they were lucky one felt that on the replay there would again be a great chance of victory. What tipped the scales was the Cork venue I think. Not that a venue makes that much difference to a seasoned player unless the crowd throws stones at him, but the Cork venue was bound to harness whatever enthusiasm was behind the side to go one better this time.

Again there was some preparation done under the Weesh Murphy-Doney Donovan aegis and with the players knowing they were expected to play well in front of their own crowd the last vital impetus was given.

The result was a win that did a lot for the Railway Cup which has emerged from the depths where unwise men sought to consign it. And now I hope we'll stop talking about it and just play the game with science, skill, and fitness remembering that this is the small man's competition, the games in which the good player who could not drag on the jersey of an All-Ireland county can go out there and hold his head up among the best.



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In my own time I can recall many such heroes of rearguard action. There was Thady Turbett, who was a brilliant star of a very talented company from Tyrone that captured the headlines in a big way in the mid-'fifties by winning two Ulster Senior Championships — the county's only Northern crowns.

I rate Turbett, who also distinguished himself in the Ulster and Ireland jerseys in his time, as the greatest goalkeeper I have seen. That's praise, indeed, when you consider the many great men who have shone in goal in the last couple of decades . . . players like Jack Mangan, who led Galway in the No. 1 jersey to their 1956 All-Ireland title, that mighty stalwart from Kerry, Johnny Culloty, and Johnny Geraghty, a powerful link in Galway's three-in-a-row All-Ireland title winning run in 1964-66.

And defenders? I can remember one of the greats of Meath, Paddy O'Brien, who was at full-back in the team that won the county's first All-Ireland senior title in

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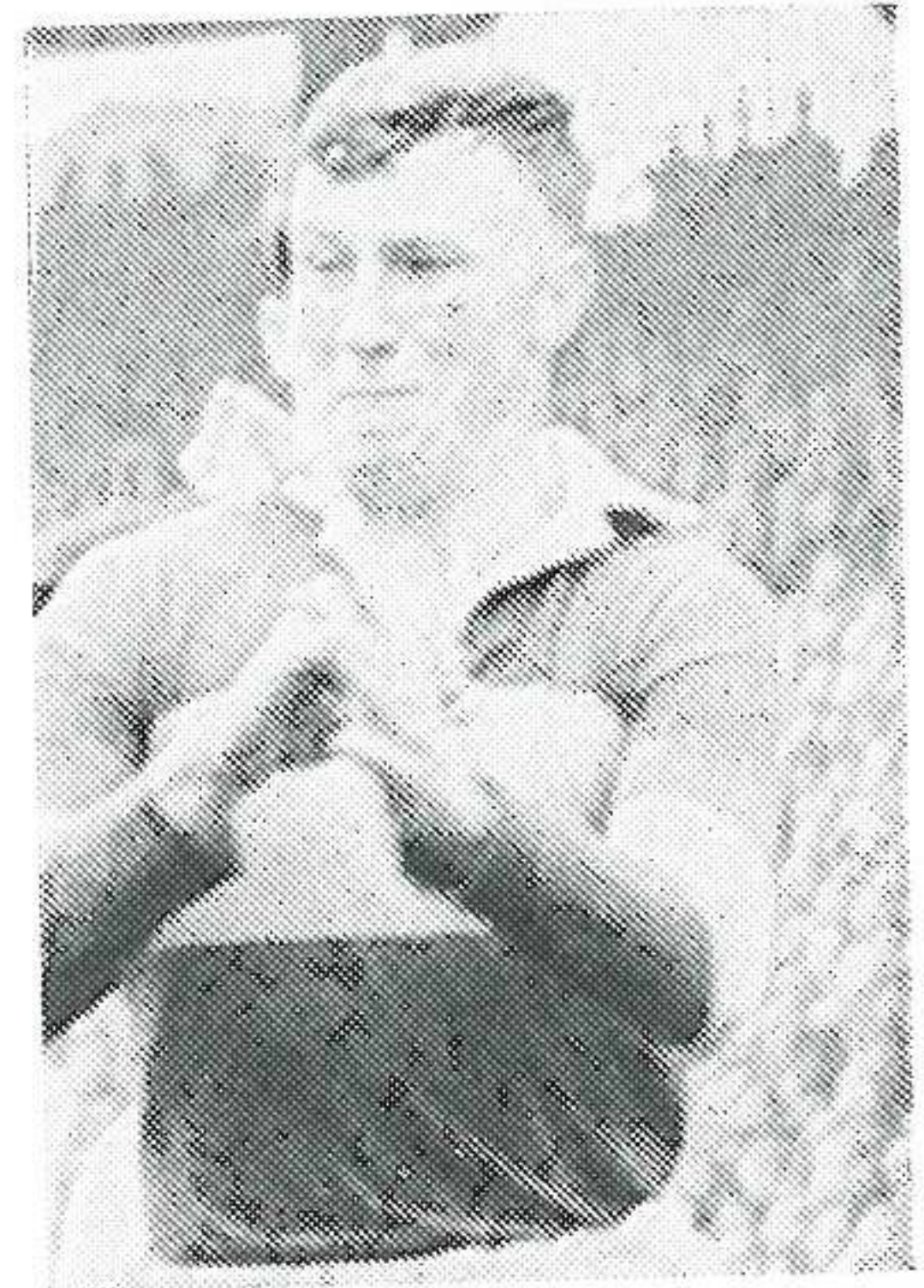
**OWEN McCANN**

1949, and was still there five years later when the Leinster team beat Kerry.

Paddy Prendergast, one of the brightest in a galaxy of stars that won All-Ireland titles for Mayo in 1950 and 1951, is another whose stirring deeds I will always remember.

In more recent times there have been such as Noel Tierney (Galway), Jack Quinn (Meath), Seamus Fitzgerald (Kerry) and Tom O'Hare (Down), all mighty men who time and again proved their mettle.

So it is again to-day. Take, for example, just two of the names from the Carrolls' All Stars selection that figured in the clashes with Offaly in San Francisco a few months back . . . Donie O'Sullivan and P. J. Smyth. Both have provided ample evidence of their right to



● DONIE O'SULLIVAN

ranking among the defensive giants in that special class I have spotlighted.

O'Sullivan has been around the big-time much longer than the goalkeeper from Galway. His many fine qualities were very much in evidence on the national scene in the early days of the last decade, whereas Smyth is a comparative newcomer to the All-Ireland scene.

The Kerry man's career has also been one of versatility and variety. He has made his mark in a number of defensive positions, as well as at midfield, and also as a forward. He has played with East Kerry in local games, with Clanna Gael in Dublin, and he also hit the headlines in New York football while studying there for a period.

It was at right full back that O'Sullivan first caught the national headlines in a big way with a high-quality exhibition for Kerry in their All-Ireland senior semi-final win of 1962 over Dublin. Earlier that year he had

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gained his big chance with the senior outfit in a challenge game after having played in 1961 with the county's junior team.

Donie was not available for the final with Roscommon, which Kerry won, and he then had the bad luck to figure on no fewer than three losing teams in All-Ireland finals—1964, 1965 and 1968.

Not only that, when Kerry won the coveted 21st title finally in 1969, the Spa club man was among the substitutes, and did not figure at any stage in the decider with Offaly. A year later, however, he at last collec-

ted that elusive All-Ireland medal, and he also had the distinction of captaining Kerry, although he had the misfortune to have to retire during the final with Meath because of an injury.

It must also have been doubly satisfying for O'Sullivan when Munster lifted the Railway Cup after an interval of 23 long years by beating Leinster in the final replay at Cork in April. In the autumn of his career—he is now 31—he not only completed the shamrock of national medals (League, Championship and interprovincial), but coloured that all too rare winning experience for Munster fans by turn-

ing on an outstanding show at right full.

Throughout this eleven year senior career, Donie O'Sullivan has been consistency itself. Furthermore, few in any era can match him in lengthy kicking of a "dead" ball. Weigh in expert knowledge in sealing off gaps to goal, and reliable fielding, and it is obvious that here is a player of exceptional ability.

The same can be said of Smyth. Whatever the future may hold for this 23-year-old Tuam Stars club man, he can always look back with pride on his debut in an All-Ireland senior final last September.

It was Offaly's greatest day, yet a superb exhibition by the Galway net-minder will still have his name coupled in years to come with that history-making game in much the same way as, say, Frankie Stockwell's is with Galway's 1956 win over Cork, in which he hit 2-5 for the Westerner's, and Art Foley's as a result of a classic save from the master himself, Christy Ring, a save that was a decisive factor in Wexford's 1956 hurling win over Cork.

Smyth played with Tuam C.B.S. in Colleges' competitions, and he also represented Galway in the lower grades. He had his first outing with the senior county side in 1967, but did not play on a Connacht Championship final winning team until last year. He also collected two Railway Cup jerseys with the West this year.

Smyth, who wears contact lenses, is another model of consistency. He moves well, and saves with confidence, and may yet blossom into one of the greatest goalkeepers of them all. Certainly, he is a worthy heir to the mighty Johnny Geraghty.

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# INVADERS

# ROUTED!

By NOEL COOGAN

ONE of the most worthwhile new motions to be passed at the recently held annual G.A.A. Congress was that which forbids invaders from entering the field of play during a hurling or football match. For far too long the general image of our national games has been continuously tarnished by over-eager officials scurrying in and out through players for one purpose or another.

From now on would-be intruders must obtain the permission of the referee before treading upon forbidden territory. They must also wait for a cessation in play. While one admits that these moves are surely a step in the right direction, at the same time, one can't help being somewhat dubious as to how effective efforts to carry them out are going to be.

On the day on which these new rules were supposed to be initially enforced I attended a couple of club games in my home county and here officials roamed onto the field of play at will and whenever it suited them. The referees in question appeared to be completely ignorant of the new set-up and made absolutely no effort to ward off the offenders.

So, I put the question to the

powers that be in the G.A.A. — What is the point in making rules if they are not going to be enforced? Indeed these tactical advisers on the sideline are usually more of a hindrance than a help to teams and often tend to confuse their charges rather than help them. Gaelic games would do well to take a lead from soccer, in which coaching from the sideline is strictly banned.

If such a situation could be arrived at in our own games then Gaelic captains could become captains in more than name only. But at present the G.A.A. has reached a position where mentors littering the sidelines of grounds up and down the country often make more noise than the spectators.

And all of their shouting is not directed towards the players either. The referee gets his fair share of advice too. This is becoming far too common and referees should take positive steps to stamp it out by reporting those who interfere.

Greater efforts must be made to enforce this new rule. There are too many bad things happening at games. The image of the G.A.A. must change in more ways than one. This would be a step in the right direction.

## FIRST-CLASS PRODUCTION

WHEN Séamus Ó Braonáin is editor, one expects an above-average production. The Waterford Year Book for '72 is all that. Containing 140 pages, it is printed on quality paper, with an imposing cover in Waterford's blue and white, and is a very comprehensive review of the Waterford G.A.A. scene past and, more particularly, the recent past.

Its outstanding contributions are its Editorial, the very nice layout of its introductory page of contents; a full page photo of an ecstatic Tom Cheasty holding the County Senior Hurling Cup aloft with an appropriate caption "The Great Cheasty—all ambitions fulfilled"; Seamus Power's article of exhortation to the present hurlers, Paddy Downey's article on "The Golden Years" and many more top class articles.

It has its crosswords, a quiz, a competition and two pages devoted to the Roll of Honour of Senior Champions (hurling and football).

Camogie and the Scór '72 are not forgotten either, with the dancers of Sliabh gCua suitably honoured in picture and story.

Possibly the most unique section in the Yearbook is the tables giving the complete details of the Waterford Senior Hurling and Senior Football championship. It is an excellently laid-out chart and is an idea that should be copied by all County Secretaries when producing their Annual Reports.

This is a Yearbook that will be of interest to all G.A.A. lovers and, like the Carlow Senior Football final programme of last year, is a publication that is a credit to all who helped in its production.

"An Deiseach" is a welcome addition to the growing volume of G.A.A. literature and I recommend it to all Gaels.

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# THE SCROOGE

of Gaelic football

**I**N Waterville there lives a character, black and bushy-haired, square-jawed, sharp-eyed, strongly-muscled and powerful, who ranks as the Scrooge of Gaelic Football. And a Scrooge before conversion, the No. 1 Miser of the game. Every corner-back is a Bob Crachett to him, to be over-worked, deprived of even the minimum subsistence rate of possession of the ball; and the rest of the defence and especially the goalkeeper are carol-singers in the winter snow — a source of outrage and annoyance to be spurned and ill-used and given no crumb of comfort.

This Scrooge masquerades under the name and identity of a quite ordinary, well-spoken mildly-mannered Kerryman, who carries on his daily business to everyone's satisfaction and is as popular as any normal man can expect to be. But, let him loose on a football field, especially when he is handed a green-and-gold jersey to change into beforehand, and you see the Scrooge in him as clear as paint.

There is no one playing with the same terrific appetite for scores as Mick O'Dwyer. Everything he does is intended and planned to lead to a score. None of this charitable rubbish of pass-

ing the ball to someone else to do the job, or letting a chance get away now and again simply for lack of interest. O'Dwyer plays the game the way it should be played, the way that is the highest compliment to any opponent that faces him, with total dedication to what a forward is for no matter what the state of the game and no matter what the opposition or the score on the board.

As I said it is as ingrained in his nature now as miserliness in

to finish the job. And, especially, when he powers in a drive and the ball skims the upright on the outside, how he rages with himself and bangs his fist on his thigh or claps his hands over his eyes, or tears his hair.

Without a doubt the miser of Gaelic football. No chance is written off in his accounts; there are no bad debts; all have to be pursued to final solution. It makes him a great forward, keeps him head first ahead of all others even

By

**JAY DRENNAN**

Scrooge's character. And the miserliness in O'Dwyer is no less impressive. Just watch the way he will go through fire and water to get at a ball round the goal; how he will endure the buffets of a half-dozen fierce and often despairing challenges; how he will fight like a tiger to extricate himself even from foul strangleholds to try to get a shot at those posts; how, when he finally gets in a crack at goal and the ball is saved he chases the goalie or the back with the ball furiously trying

at an age when some of those now in hot pursuit of his scoring targets will have ceased to even think of football let alone play it.

No one that I can remember has been driven with such a fierce determination to make every ball a scoring ball. And that, of course, is but another way of saying that he sets himself the most inhumanly high standards. There is not a man playing who would not find it easy to forgive himself some mistake,



some miscalculation, some carelessness or even lack of real effort. But O'Dwyer does not know, and is intolerant of anything less than total effort all the time; O'Dwyer cannot conceive of carelessness; cannot abide miscalculation; is driven to fury at a mistake by himself; lives by scores and the sweet taste of them.

That's O'Dwyer by his own standards. But, you will also notice a characteristic which seldom accompanies such perfectionism: a forthcoming forgiveness of misses by others; an encouragement ready for those who endure ill-luck or miscalculation or who even make less than prudent mistakes. Notice him there among them, telling them hard luck and assuring them that next time they will pull it off. And notice him there enjoying the delight of others when they, too, taste the sweetness.

Notice, too, the sensitivity of the man. Remember that 1969 All-Ireland final, for instance, when Mick O'Connell was out of touch through lack of training before the match, had missed frees through lack of co-ordination of all the subtleties of his

style. Remember how careful O'Dwyer was never to venture out to take those mid-distance frees that he would surely have pointed. How he always looked towards O'Connell to see whether the great man wanted to have another shot, and if so, how he raced in goalward to signify that there was no question of the master's authority but total confidence in his ability. And one remembers, too, how the sensitivity of O'Dwyer paid off and O'Connell got all his machinery into synchromesh to rifle over match-winning points in the most crucial moments.

All this having been said it is hard to cast the mind back to the time when Mick O'Dwyer was a svelt, supple, lithe young wing-half-back, delightful in his springing catches, speed of inter-



● Mick O'Dwyer , , , one of the all-time greats of Kerry football.

cept, sweeping dashes forward and long deliveries. It all seems like another player.

Then there was the transition: the time in which Kerry tried to have the best of both worlds by shuttling him about from half-back to centre-forward as the demands were greater. And, finally, and the most glorious era, the corner forward, thicker in thew and sinew, more muscled and slower. but more single-minded than ever. The miser of football: the man who wants to turn every opportunity to gold; who hates squandering any chance; whose belief is deep — from years behind them, no doubt — that the only reason forwards are included in any team is to get on with it and score, and score, and score . . . without waste.



# CAMOGIE COMMENT

By AGNES HOURIGAN

LAST month on the camogie fields was highlighted by one of the finest games we have yet seen in an All-Ireland Colleges final. The first ever final of this grade between Presentation Kilkenny and St. Aloysius of

Cork provided a wonderful exhibition of camogie at its best, but the 1972 final between the girls from Presentation Oranmore and St. Louis Kilkeel, was little if anything behind it.

This was a game that rested

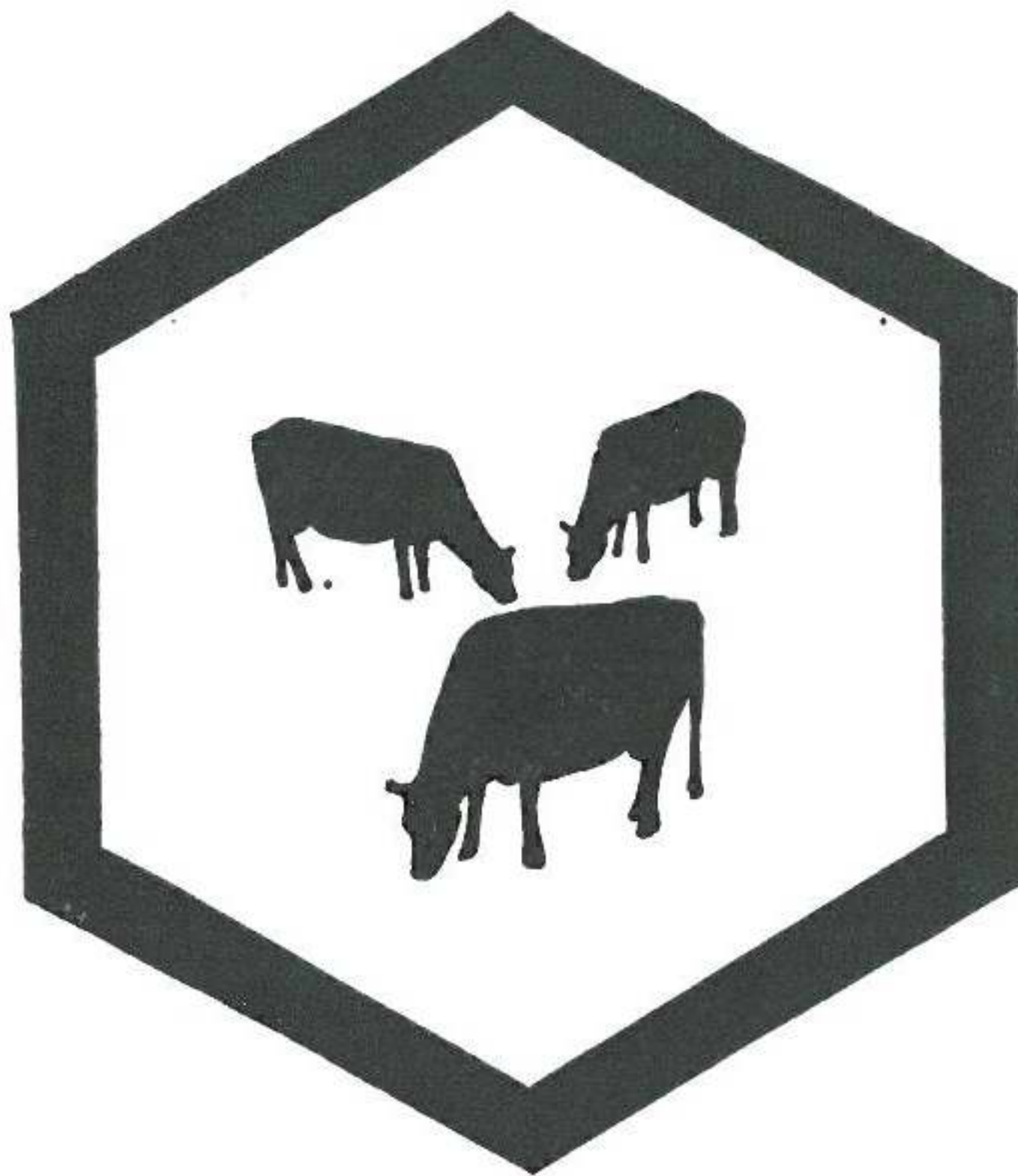
in the balance all the way. I thought the girls from the County Down played some wonderful camogie in the first half, but for them the scores just did not come, whereas Oranmore made maximum use of almost every opportunity.

But in the second half it was the County Galway side who found it hard to turn territorial advantage to best effect, and in the end it was the individual brilliance of their outstanding forward, Josie Kelly, who swung the tide in their favour.

But though Kilkeel were, possibly a trifle unlucky to lose, they need have no fears whatever for the future. They have excellent young players, particularly Noelle Turley, Margo Fitzsimons and Mary Cullen. Moreover they will have all but two of their present side available again next season. With such foundations on which to build, the Kilkeel girls must already be feeling hopeful about their prospects next season.

Meanwhile Oranmore have earned themselves the proud distinction of being the first team in any grade to bring an All-Ireland title to Connacht, and to Galway. Nor could this success have come at a more appropriate time. These Oranmore school-girls could be the spearpoint in the drive to revive Galway's camogie fortunes which is being planned by the county's youthful chairman, Miss Jane Murphy.

The former U.C.G. captain has certainly plenty to occupy her spare time nowadays. In addition to being Chairman of the Galway County Board, she plays for Ballinasloe, is chairman of Connacht Council and is Secretary of the newly founded Council of Advanced Institutes.



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Galway this year have been graded junior, which means that there is now no senior camogie county in all Connacht. However, I expect that while the other Connacht counties may not feel all that happy about this regrading I believe it will be no more than temporary and that we will see Galway back in senior ranks in a year or two.

In fact when Congress had finished its regrading session, there were only six counties left in that grade in all of Ireland, Antrim, Cork, Tipperary, Wexford, Kilkenny and Dublin.


While the steady decline in counties good enough to be rated senior is not a healthy sign, the fact remains that the six counties singled out have in the past few seasons been a cut above the rest. It is obviously better to have five or six good, closely contested matches in the senior grade than to have a dozen, with the result in half of these foregone conclusions, with one-sided scores, games that did nothing for the teams concerned and that certainly did not enhance the image of the Association.

So now the only teams remaining in the senior grade are those that are capable of winning the title, which means that every game in the senior competition should be almost as good as the All-Ireland final.

But as things stand Antrim would seem to be the county that has lost as a result of the drastic pruning of senior ranks. Now they have no opposition in Ulster and so will have to wait for a championship game until the All-Ireland semi-finals. But now that Connacht are out, Antrim might easily get the semi-final bye.

So Antrim could find themselves in the All-Ireland final without having played a single championship game until then. This would be manifestly unfair to the Northern County.

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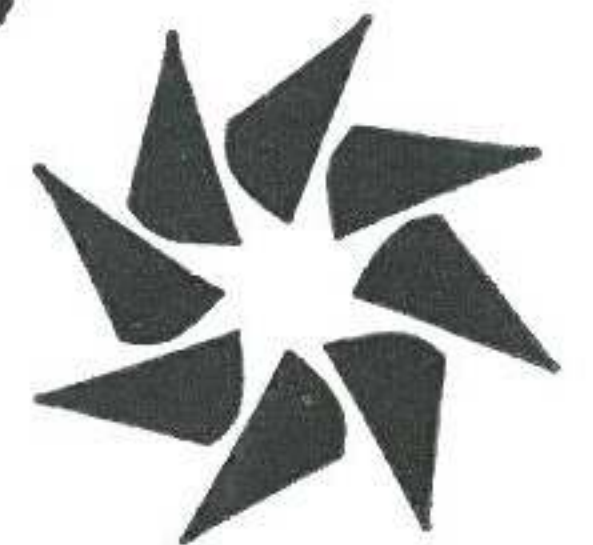
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## CUSACK LAID PLANS CAREFULLY

MICHAEL CUSACK laid his plans for the founding of the G.A.A. very carefully. He sought a public figure of great stature—a popular leader to back his ideas, and after searching around decided on the Bishop of Clonfert, Most Rev. Dr. Duggan, as most suitable to his plans.

Cusack had some years earlier developed a close friendship with a Gort merchant, David F. Burke, and he now approached him to seek Dr. Duggan's support.

Burke moved fast and found the aged Bishop most co-operative. This opened a great opportunity, for Dr. Duggan's influence over his generation was immense. He had championed the cause of the Land League, had figured in stirring national events, and with his principal priests once found himself in the dock before the notorious Judge Keogh, who, however, could not find a jury to convict them.

Dr. Duggan expressed the desire to meet a group representative of those supporting the formation of the new organisation for the purpose of discussing all its aspects.

Cusack was reasonably familiar with the area as he had spent a period as a teacher at Lough Cutra School, near Gort. Consequently, he had little difficulty in getting a local group together. Their names deserve to be recorded for they might in other circumstances have gone down as the actual founders of the G.A.A. And they numbered seven—the same as met later at Thurles to complete the job. With Michael Cusack that notable day—15th August, 1884, were Peter J. Kelly, Kilmedeema, later to become G.A.A. President; James Lynam, Eyrecourt; Michael Glennon, Kil-

chreest, and a Loughrea trio—John Sweeney, William J. Duffy and J. P. McCarthy.

Dr. Duggan was most generous with his time and discussed the matter very fully. His vast experience in the field of organisation proved of immense benefit. He was wholeheartedly in support of the project, which he described as a noble one, aiming, as it did, at the uplift of Irish youth whom he felt were badly in need of some such incentive, following years of disillusionment and political disaster.

The old man held strongly to the opinion that leadership of the new movement should be in the hands of people much younger than he was, who would more accurately reflect the feelings and aspirations of youth. With that in mind he suggested that there was in the See of Cashel a young active man and an ardent Gael, Most Rev. Dr. Croke, who, he felt assured, would be willing to give the best that was in him for the cause, and help with the influence of a real patronage. Moreover, he offered to approach the Archbishop and interest him in the project.

Dr. Duggan was as good as his word, and in a very short time he was able to assure Cusack that Dr. Croke was ready and willing to be of assistance—so many will agree that the G.A.A. was actually launched that day in Loughrea—and the part the patriotic Bishop of Clonfert played demands to be remembered.

The nomination by Dr. Duggan of the Archbishop of Cashel as principal patron of the proposed new association undoubtedly influenced the decision to hold the next meeting in Thurles.

Cusack felt it was now time to

solicit public support and he endeavoured but without any success to interest the national dailies. He eventually established a forum in the columns of the then popular weekly "United Irishman" which proved of immense help.

Meanwhile, the renowned Irish athlete, Maurice Davin, went on record as urging support for the old Irish football game, and conscious of the influence the Davins could wield as world record holders and the most prominent Irish athletes of their day, Cusack lost no time in securing their approval of his plans.

The issue of the "United Irishman" of 11th October, 1884, carried the first guarded "feeler" towards the formation of a national athletic association. One reply had already been arranged. It was from Maurice Davin, and he said, in the course of a strong letter: "Irish football is a grand game and worth going a long distance to see. We are told by those who should know that hurling exceeds it as a trial for men. I am anxious to see both games revived under regular rules, and anyone moving in this direction can be assured of my wholehearted support."

So the stage was set—and the "United Irishman" of 25th October contained the news that a meeting for the establishment of a suitable association would be held at Thurles on Saturday, 1st November.

It was a church holiday, and also a market day, and the streets of Thurles were thronged. It was an hour after the arranged time when the meeting got under way in the Billiards Room of Hayes' Hotel, and it is known that both

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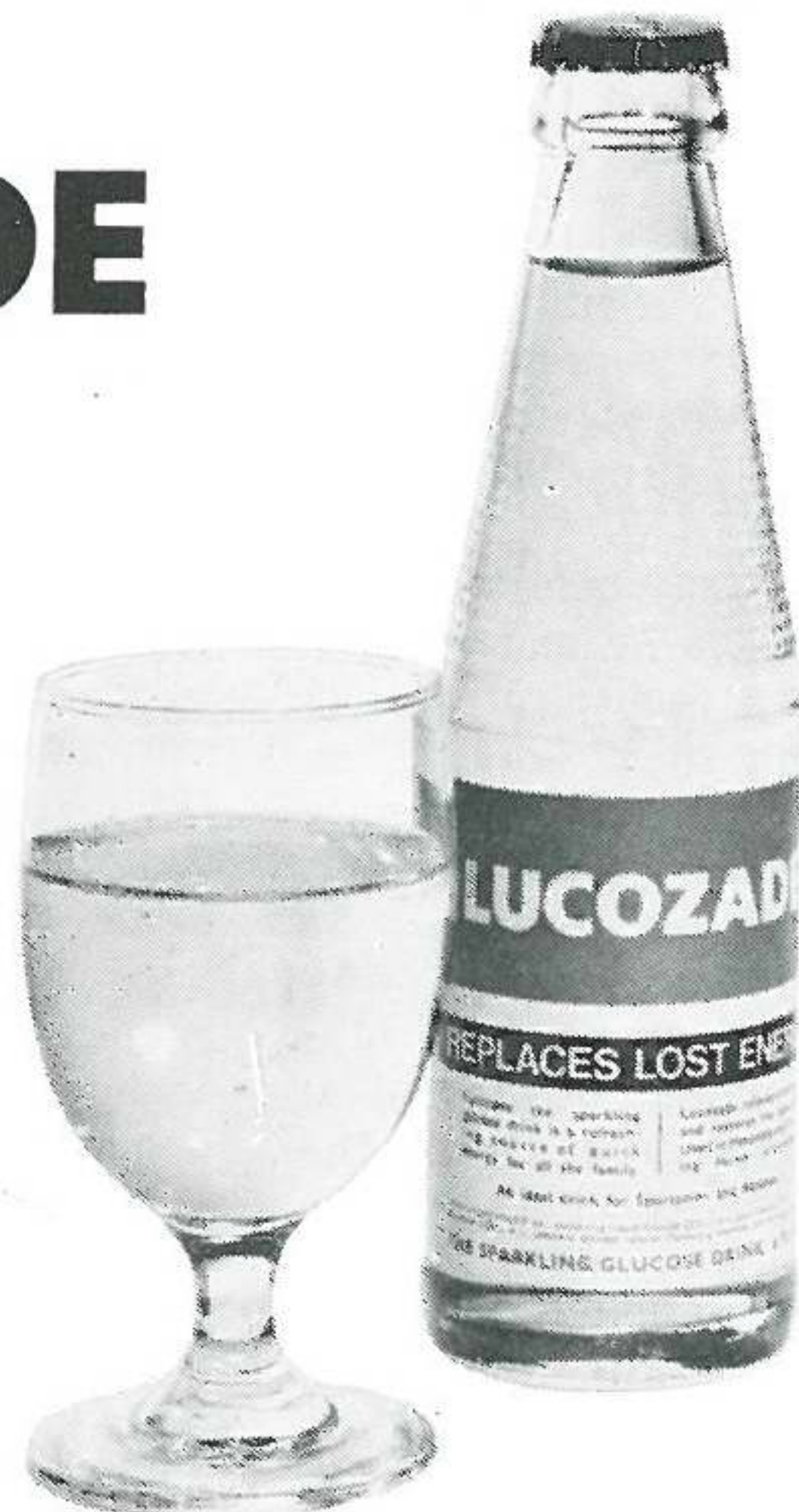
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Davin and Cusack were bitterly disappointed at the fact that only five others attended with them.

The group quickly got down to business however, and they agreed to form "a Gaelic association for the preservation and cultivation of national pastimes." They got off to a good start when they appointed Maurice Davin as President—a choice that attracted to the new organisation some of the country's best athletes, who might otherwise have remained aloof.

Michael Cusack was the natural first secretary—a position he shared with two journalists who attended — John Wyse Power, Editor of the "Leinster Leader", and Belfast born John McKay, then a reporter with the "Cork Examiner". The latter played a leading part in gaining valuable publicity at a time when very few newspapers were willing to devote space to the new organisation.

The only other of the founder members who took any part afterwards in the furtherance of the Association was J. K. Bracken, a building contractor from Templemore, who was later to act as a Vice President of the G.A.A. The two who were not again heard of in G.A.A. affairs were P. J. Callan and J. St. George McCarthy of Templemore.

Most Rev. Dr. Croke was unfortunately out of Thurles on the day of the meeting, which, however, decided to acquaint him of its objects and seek his support. It was agreed that the Irish political leaders of the day should also be approached for their help. It was in this manner that the Gaelic Athletic Association came into being.

Perhaps the greatest factor in furthering the aims and objects of the new association was the remarkable letter which Dr. Croke wrote accepting the pat-

ronage. He underlined in very emphatic fashion the necessity for the Association. This letter has ever since been regarded as the Charter of the G.A.A.

In other respects also, Dr. Croke proved everything a patron should be—and a lot more as far as the G.A.A. was concerned. His voice was a powerful one in the Ireland of his day. As a youth he had been deeply impressed by the principles of the Young Irelanders, and in his more mature years he worked earnestly for the cause of Irish nationhood, taking a very firm stand against foreign aggression every time the opportunity offered.

He took a deep and abiding interest in the newly established G.A.A., for he saw in it the answer to many of the problems of the Ireland he knew so well. Consequently he lost no opportunity of defending and propagating its aims and objects, settling its differences — which were numerous enough in the formative years; presenting it with cups for competition and identifying himself with it in every possible way.

The Archbishop was a fanatic for handball, and even when well past his prime enjoyed many a match against the garden wall of the Archiepiscopal palace. But hurling was his great passion in the matter of Irish sports. He repeated regularly that it had all the intoxication of battle and kept Irish soldiery alive during the years of persecution when the people were stripped of their last pike or blunderbus. Even the faction-fighting of old he spoke of with a certain amount of reverence, as a sort of battle exercise where there was no better to be had.

Dr. Croke undoubtedly shared the ideals of the men who prompted Cusack to found the G.A.A. This was confirmed in a dramatic statement by him a short time

before the Irish political scene was rent by the unfortunate "Parnell Split". On that occasion he declared: "I am a nationalist as is well known, of over forty years standing. During that period I have taken a prominent and, I trust, not inglorious part in every movement that had for its object to elevate the Irish people and root them to their native sod. A young Ireland and hillside man with Mitchell and Meagher, I was a Land Leaguer with Gavan Duffy and a Home Ruler with Parnell. My record as an Irishman is before my country."

In days of deep national depression Dr. Croke lost no opportunity of expressing Ireland's deepest aspirations. He put these very bluntly in: "We simply want to manage our own affairs, lock, stock and barrel. We have a right to that, we are bent on that, and with anything short of that we will not be satisfied." The character and clarity of the man are expressed in the trenchant brevity of those few phrases.

Only one other of the early patrons took a really active interest in the affairs of the G.A.A. He was Michael Davitt, a Mayo man, who was appointed organising secretary of the I.R.B. in 1868. He served nine years in jail for his share in the movement, and shortly after his release came into prominence as founder of the Land League.

It was Michael Davitt who sponsored one of the most courageous ventures of the infant G.A.A.—the athletic "invasion" of America in 1888. He actually advanced the money to pay the expenses of the teams, and later refused to accept a refund, adding that the money had been used for a good national purpose.

So we have met the main actors in the drama of the G.A.A.'s struggle to get established. (Continued next month)



# **Smithwicks**

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# What's Yours?

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**Linda Collins  
surveys Irish  
drinking habits  
and concludes  
that more  
people are  
drinking,  
but in  
moderation  
— the excessive  
drinker is  
out of fashion  
— and the  
soft drink man  
is no longer  
an oddity**

**W**HEN they talk about Ireland's changing drinking habits, it's me they're talking about. You, too, maybe. I frequented pubs for years as a non-drinker and now, sometimes, I take a drink. I wouldn't be willing to wear any badges but I wouldn't mind classifying myself with a growing and respected body of people, the moderate drinkers. The pace of drinking has slowed up in Ireland. Perhaps it's because the pubs now woo the ladies with soft lights and carpets and good toilet facilities, instead of rebuffing them. You don't feel a fool any more when you order a soft drink. And it isn't plonked in front of you in its bottle any more either, with an empty glass to accompany it. Barmen are ingenious at making soft drinks look interesting with bits of lemon peel, chips of ice, even sprigs of parsley!

Rising prices are putting an end to the "rounds" system. Nobody can afford rounds any more. When the gang goes in for a drink after a match these days, it breaks up into small groups and each group buys for itself. When the girl friend accompanies you for a drink, you buy hers and your own for the night.

Not, mind you, that the whiskey

and stout producers need be worried by any of this. Quite the reverse. Guinness, in spite of being able to report greatly increased sales of both Smithwick and Harp, say that consumption of "Old Faithful" grew satisfactorily last year. They say Irish drinking patterns are changing—and improving. Many more people are drinking, but individually they're drinking less. You've only got to think of Minnie Brennan in *The Riordans*. Ten years ago, Minnie would never have been seen in a pub, to-day she's a regular patron at Johnny Mack's but a moderate consumer, she's reflecting a trend which we can consider healthy.

In a changing world it's nice to know that people still like their pints. If you've never visited the Guinness brewery, do the tour next time you're in Dublin. It mightn't be so crowded-out with tourists this year and Guinness's is a genuine piece of Irish history. More Irish people ought to know about it. The same goes for Smithwick's which by a few enlightened strokes Guinness's (who now own it) have established more firmly than ever in the respected position it always occupied in Irish life. We take Harp for granted here at home but did you know it was a worldwide export success? So much so that Guinness consider it the chief feather in their cap of achievement this century?

The Scots claim to have invented whiskey but Irish Distillers have evidence to prove that it was the Irish monks of 500 A.D. who let them into the secret of how to make uisce beatha! In spite of technological advances, whiskey distilling is an art. If it wasn't, anyone could make a good whiskey. The firms in the Irish Distillers group seem to have been fairly forward-

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# The see-through revolution

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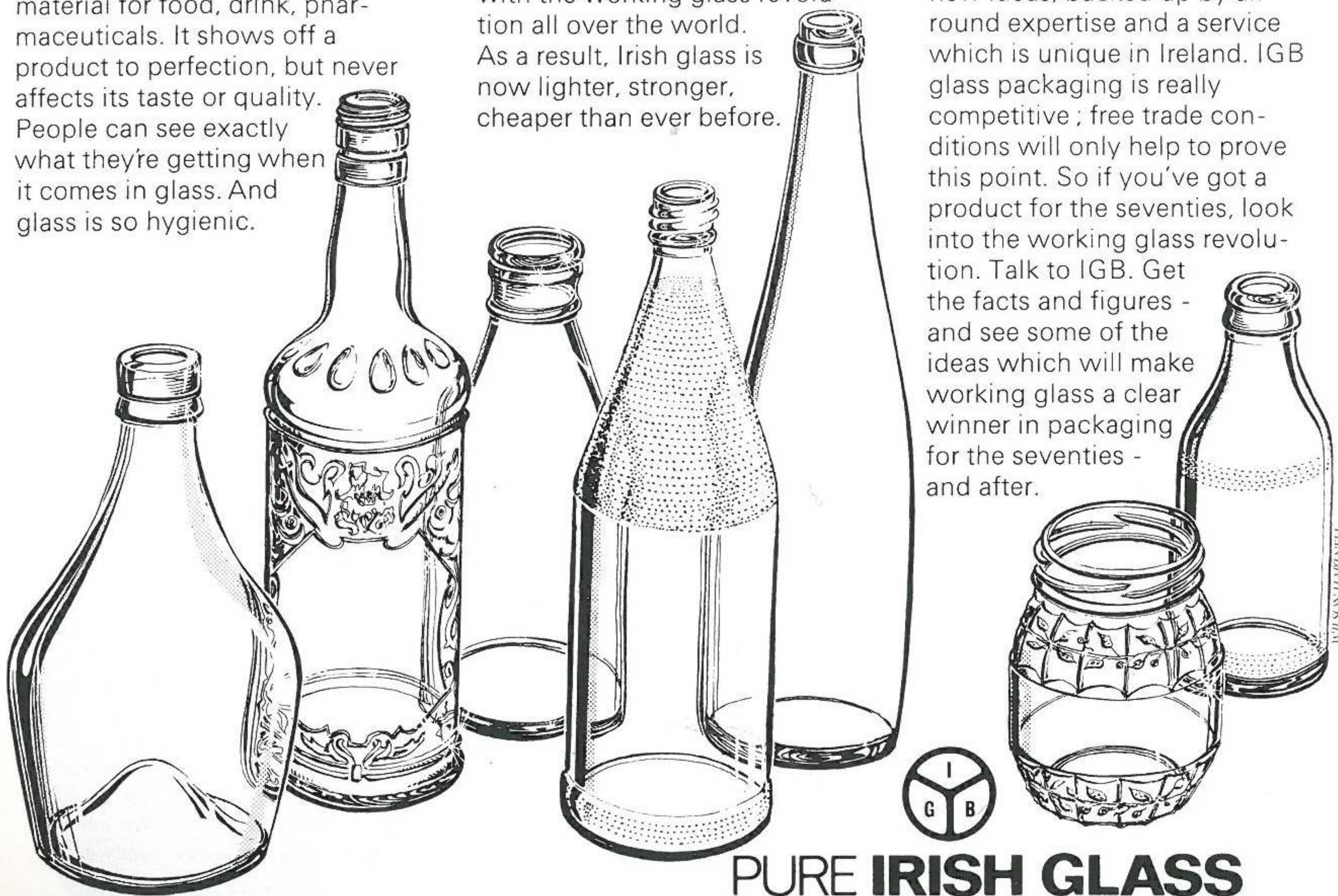
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**PURE IRISH GLASS**

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looking even from the start of things. Who'd have thought it was a whizz kid of a hundred years ago who invented the Baby Power, and sold it too? Jameson's were one of the first to go for the export market in a big way and would have won the Exporter of the Year award time and again during the nineteenth century if it had existed then. Cork Distilleries were first in the field with an Irish-produced gin (foreigners love it) and they say that Irish Coffee was invented at Tullamore. We've no reason to doubt it. In comparatively recent years a new breed of drinker has emerged on the Irish scene, the Vodka drinker. Sales of Vodka have soared phenomenally and one of the most popular brands is "Hussar", another product of Irish Distillers.

Which brings us to the interesting question of how do you like your vodka? Nobody drinks it neat and everyone has a theory about the best mixer for it. At Cantrell & Cochrane's in Dublin they'll be glad if you mix your vodka with Spike. Spike has been with us only a few months but seems to have been here for ever. It was invented in Ballyfermot. What has taken C & C by surprise is not the fact that it has caught on so well as a mixer—it was designed to do that after all—but that many people drink it on its own. Children have taken to it in a big way. Served with a few interesting "trimmings", Spike could be the answer to the eminent churchman who complained that there's nothing for people who want to stay "soft" except nauseating slops. If you're in that category, try a "straight Spike" next time.

Even newer on the market, launched in fact only a few

weeks ago, is Crawford's Golden Ale. To Corkonians and surrounding Munstermen, Beamish & Crawford means one thing and that's Bass but B & C felt there was an opening for Golden. They began selling it in Dublin and demand is expected to spread from there. Brewed from barley and hops, Golden aims at being less filling, more refreshing, but still satisfying as a drink. Beer experts will immediately understand those aims. An interesting nugget of information picked up at Beamish & Crawford's is that sales of ale have doubled in Ireland over ten years. In terms of the Irish market, that's a dramatic switch. William Crawford, after whom the new Golden has been named, was a founder of Beamish & Crawford, which began in 1792, and he died a benefactor to his country. He would no doubt have approved the way his firm is now handling Carlsberg and Carling Black Label. Younger drinkers, meaning fellows under thirty-five, like lager best. Which is another indication that Irish drinking habits are changing and that one can't dogmatise any longer.

Batchelors Beverage Division have come up with something new this year also: 1972 certainly seems to be a year for innovations. The Batchelors offering is called APLA and it comes in twelve ounce cans (the easy to open sort, let me hastily add). Apla is different because the aroma when you open the can is just as though you had taken a dinner knife and sliced your way through a particularly succulent fresh eating apple. It even smells healthy. APLA was invented by a West German firm and Batchelors have exclusive rights to make and market it in Ireland. A good deal of technical skill goes into extracting the flavour of fresh apples and putting them into a sparkling drink.

When you come to talk about

lemonades, squashes and colas you've got to go cautiously because you're taking on the experts—it's the kids who decide whether or not these are going to sell and the kids know what they like. Consumption is zooming upwards at a steady rate and my own theory is that carbonated drinks (fizzy drinks in other words) and squashes, etc., are now very good value compared with sweets and confectionery. Dentists approve of them more than sweets or chocolate, which in turn encourages mother to buy them for her brood. The big bottle, usually referred to as family size and holding twenty-six ounces, is best value of all and the public know it. They buy this size far more often than the small ones. The Irish Bottlers of Coca-Cola, recently invited by the G.A.A. to support Feile na nGael, an invitation which they were delighted to take up, told us that even though they're geared to quick sales, the overwhelming success of "I'd Like to Buy the World a Coke" caught them on the hop. Supplies were leaving the bottlers faster than they could be replenished and it took a bit of reorganisation to cope with increased demand. Now, however, supplies of Coca-Cola are assured, no matter how demand soars. It is reassuring to know that the product is as Irish as the next, since it is both made and bottled here and gives employment to plenty of Irish people. In addition to their commitment to Feile na nGael, Coca-Cola bottlers regularly sponsor swimming events and have a long-standing connection with the Irish Amateur Swimming Association. They told us Coca-Cola should be drunk on ice and that it's not the same drink without it.

The Savage Smyth kid has been galloping across our screens

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again, lassoing thousands of junior customers. He has also involved himself in an art competition for children, organised through the national papers, and will be presenting good substantial prizes and many consolation prizes. John Casey who as Director in charge of promotions such as this has presided over a massive sales increase, sees the Savage Smyth kid as taking a hand sometime in the drive against pollution. Savage Smyth bottles will soon carry an appeal to customers to return them, rather than littering the environment.

Cantrell & Cochrane have held the Pepsi franchise for the Dublin and Leinster area for three

years. They have made tremendous strides with Pepsi over this short period. One of the many pluses in favour of Pepsi is its special event service. Pepsi will provide, at no cost to function organisers, brightly coloured stalls, bunting and banners for the sale of Pepsi and Mirinda at horse shows, sports days, garden fetes or whatever. You, the organiser of the event, will get the profits the stalls provide — usually they are considerable.

We think this is something worth knowing about. Their new telly commercial, which you'll be familiar with by now and which has the "We've Got Pepsi, we've Got Life" theme, was made and shot in Ireland with Irish actors.

Also under the Cantrell and Cochrane umbrella come C & C and Schweppes mixers and Taylor Keith and Slainte soft drinks. Like other producers, Cantrell &

Cochrane are delighted to be catering for a growing market. They say one reason for increased sales is the supermarket shopping habit, with bulk buying the rule rather than the exception.

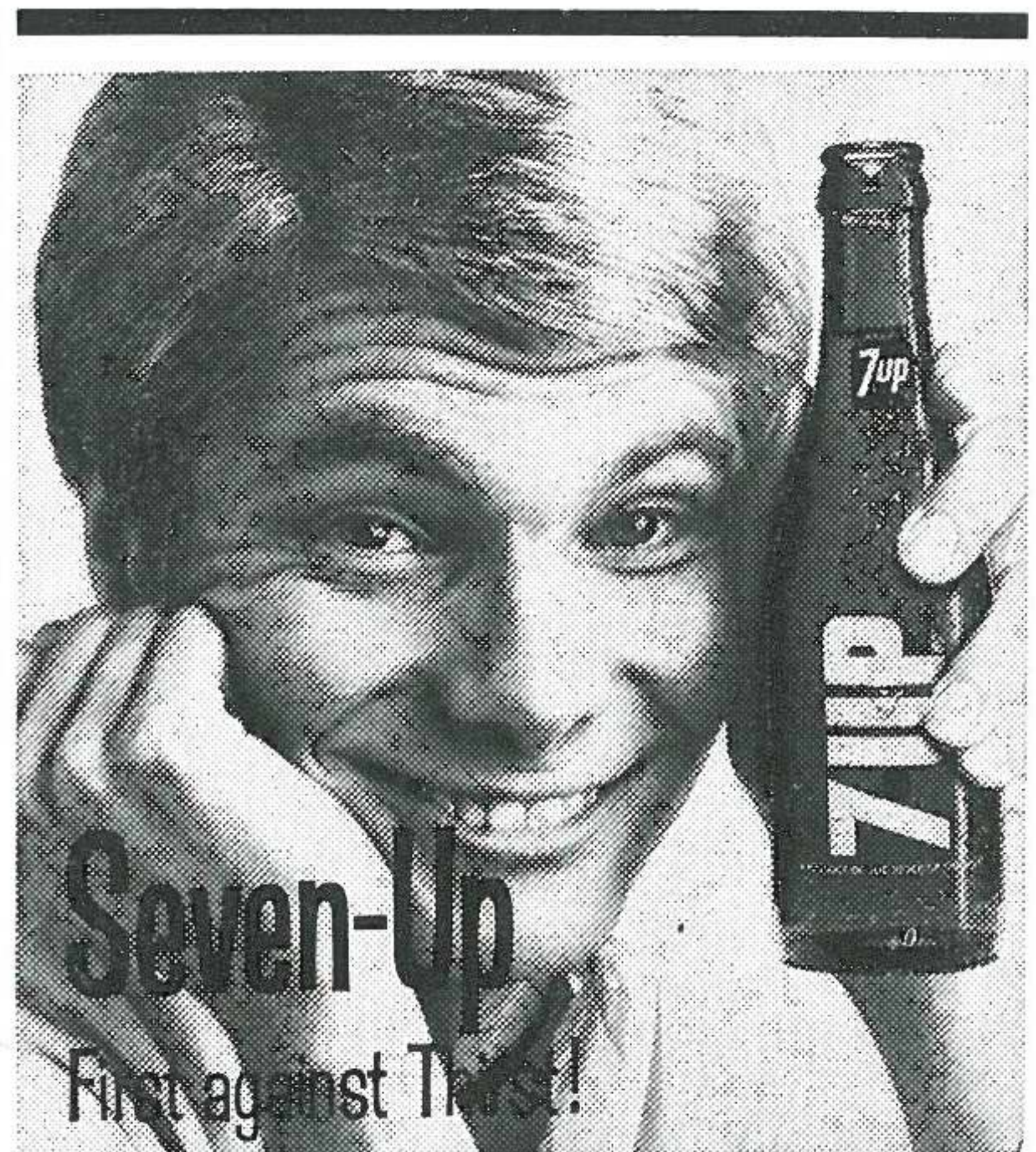
Three drinks for the price of one is what you get when you buy orange squash or lemon squash. "Quosh" appeals to my thrifty streak and is also a good quality product. Oddly named squashes appear and disappear and leave no trace behind except the funny taste they leave in your mouth, so that perhaps explains why "Quosh" is such a consistent seller. You know what you're getting when you buy it, you know it is going to taste right and that it will dilute successfully. It comes in other delectable flavours apart from orange and lemon—have you tried pineapple?

The tart taste of PLJ is some-

# Savage Smyth



## Big value soft drinks



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thing you learn to like. We suggested to the makers that they should be advising sportsmen who must watch their weight to drink it, instead of concentrating all their attention on the female consumer. They said they'd think about it.

A bottle is just a bottle until you take a considered look at it—and realise that it's quite an interesting thing in its own right. The Irish Glass Bottle Company makes the containers for virtually all drinks sold in Ireland, whether 'soft' or 'hard'. They're good at their job—they won a prize, for instance, for the design of the bottle used for Huzzar vodka. Their newest venture is a litre bottle for holding wine and it looks as glamorous as anything produced on the Continent. Irish Glass Bottle strive with might and main to make us all return our bottles when we're finished with them. They run incentive schemes, they actually buy back old bottles sometimes and recycle them. You can't make new glass without a certain proportion of old, broken glass (it's called cullet) as one of its components. In common with all the manufacturers, they don't want to see the non-returnable bottle getting a real grip on the Irish market. Those firms which use the non-returnable bottle say they do it only because they have to. The public is too apathetic to do anything with its bottles except leave them littered about. The soft drinks people get the retailers to charge refundable deposits on bottles, to encourage their return. The deposit comes nowhere near the actual cost of a bottle, but twopence or threepence ought to be substantial enough to reclaim.

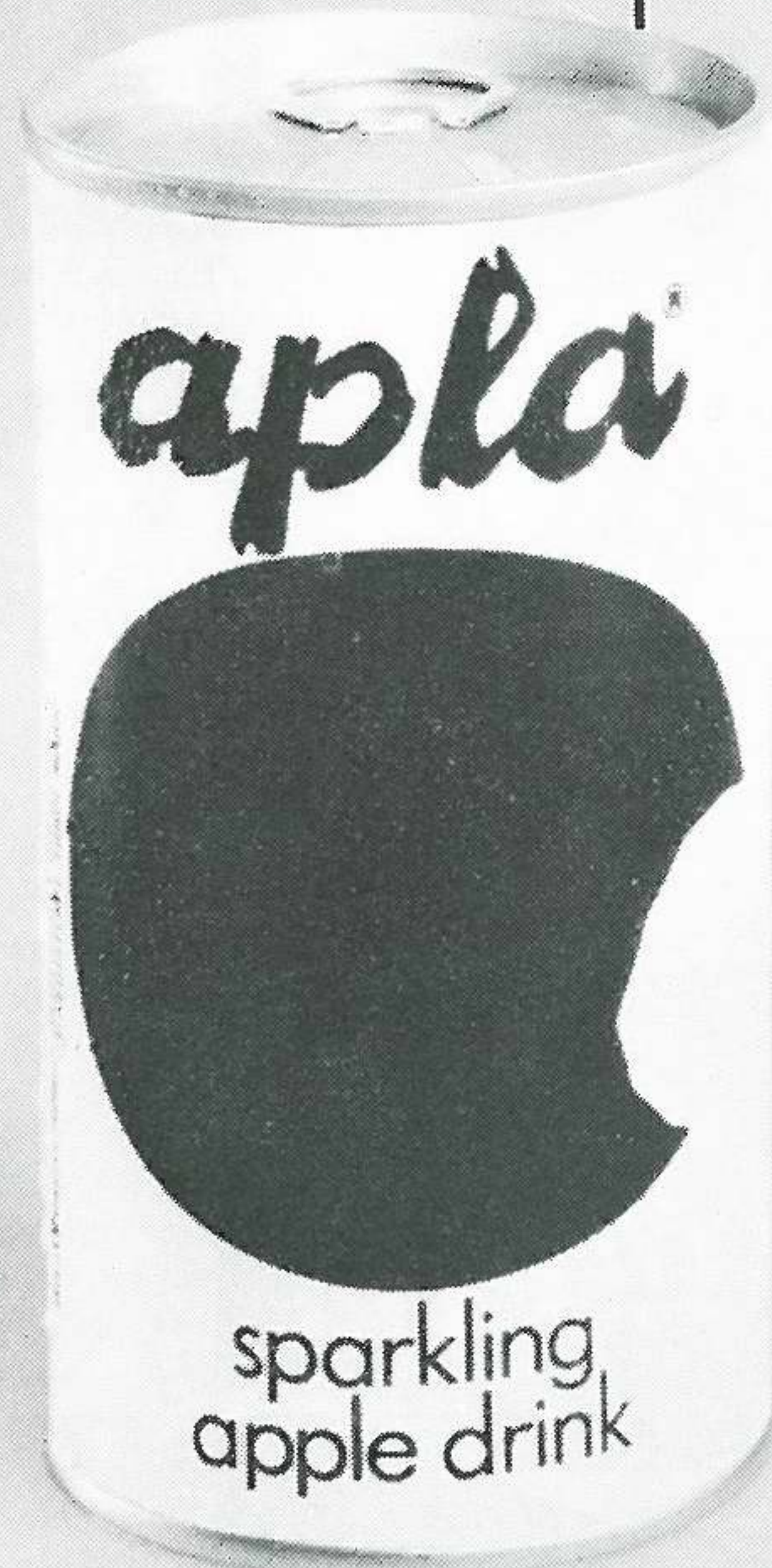
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# BLOW TO ROSCOMMON'S HOPES

By SEAN RICE

**R**OSCOMMON'S defeat by Longford in the National League division II final was an untimely blow to their rising hopes. For that title would have brought a boost to their championship hopes in Connacht in the coming weeks.

Having been relegated to the second division last year, Roscommon had begun to pick themselves up in the campaign just ended with heartening victories, especially over Cavan, on their way to the final.

They had banked on winning the league to reanimate their ambition, believing that success in the second division was far better than non-success in the first.

But they chose the final to play their worst football of the campaign and what fulfilment they had garnered up to that was somewhat tarnished at the final fence.

It could be that the loss of key forwards Mick Fallon and Billy O'Hara was Roscommon's main trouble. They were unable to turn out, and last minute replacements had to be found. And the fact that the other forwards among them could manage to score only five points is an indication of the severity of this loss.

Indeed, elsewhere in the team Roscommon were well served, and at times more than matched Longford. But the movements which the players outfield had constructed collapsed near the goal for want of penetration.

There were indications a few years ago that Roscommon were on the point of making a breakthrough, but that hope receded when members of the team that

won the All-Ireland under 21 championship failed to bring to the senior team the same fire they had shown in that success.

Now and again thy project a certain flare as they did in defeating Mayo in the first round of the Connacht senior championship two years ago. Mayo had just won the league and Roscommon prepared diligently, knowing full well there was a chance of springing a surprise.

And so they did. But the flames which that victory kindled were snuffed out by Galway in the final a few weeks later at Pearse Stadium. Last year they were beaten by Sligo in the first round.

So, apart from their recent

league run there is little evidence on which any sound judgement might be formed for their advancement in the current championship.

And yet the league may have started something. Their first game in the championship is against Leitrim.

"We should not have any problems there," says Dr. Donal Keenan. "And if we win that one we meet Galway in the semi-final. We will be up against it, but the game will be played in Roscommon and that will be worth a few points to us.

"We played our worst football of the league against Longford

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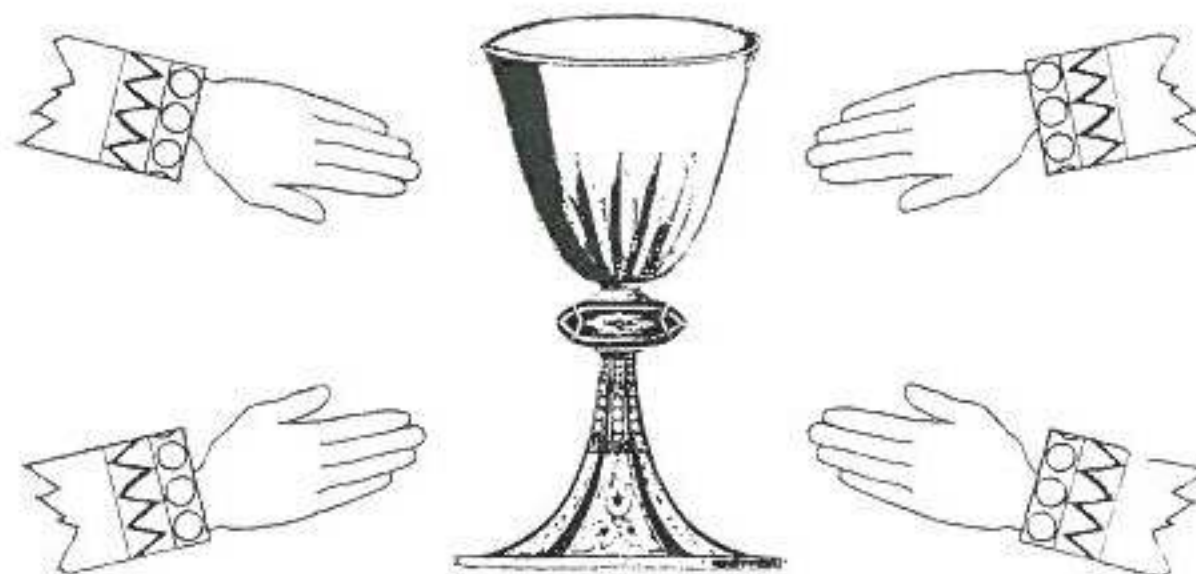
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# MANY BENEFICIAL CHANGES

**T**HE recent Annual Congress in Ballymote did not produce some of the major changes which we had expected.

However, many of the decisions taken will be of tremendous benefit to the game.

In the future, the National League will take on a more realistic appearance insofar as it is about to be organised on a regional basis, with promotion and relegation applicable.

Hitherto, this competition was played off on a provincial basis, with the result that only the Leinster counties received an adequate number of games. It is also interesting to note that the grass-roots player whose lack of ability deprives him of a place on his top club team is now offered the opportunity of competing at National level.

This situation now obtains as a result of a successful motion, which initiates an inter-club Novice competition whereby any player who has ever represented his county in any grade cannot compete.

This is a move to be lauded and, indeed, could be followed by other codes. The favourable impression of the new 40' x 20' courts was also mirrored by Congress.

The delegates were in full support of a suggestion to start national competitions in the smaller courts and these are likely to be included in the current year's curriculum.

It was rather surprising that the attempts made by Dublin and Tipperary to have the All-Ireland championships regionalised were so easily dismissed.

Certainly, when one considers that the same Congress voted for

a similar scheme relative to the League, a marked inconsistency must be noted.

However, if the new League is successful, the running of the championships may be seen in a completely different light in the very near future.

Congress also broke completely new ground in recommending the appointment of a full-time officer for handball. This move is opportune, for the growth of the game has been such in the past few years that it has surpassed the orbit of voluntary endeavour.

The annual report of the Secretary, Joe Lynch, was, as usual, the subject of much commendation. In a wide-ranging thesis of the game he reckoned that it had now reached the cross-roads of progress. There is presently a new upsurge of interest in the game and unless it is correctly harnessed it will be lost for ever.

Lynch demands that the organisation must be geared to meet these increasing demands, not solely through handball officials, but by the G.A.A. as a whole. Dynamic leadership, realistic planning and positive action at all levels are his requirements.

He crisply reprimanded officials for not showing sufficient dedication to the roles they accept at election time.

It is very easy in the atmosphere of a convention to be talked into reluctant acceptance of office, according to Lynch.

He said: "Let us be honest with ourselves and if we are not prepared to accept the full responsibilities of office, then don't be pressurised into accepting office."

"I am convinced that there is

an amount of hidden talent within our ranks only waiting the opportunity to serve," he concluded.

The new post of Treasurer was filled by an Br. Oir B. C. O Murchu from Dublin. The new Treasurer was President of the Council prior to reigning President, J. J. Jennings, but since leaving office he has contributed valuably to the progress of the game.

Chief interest on the playing courts in recent times concerned the concluding stages of the Gael Linn Competition. The title was won by Pat Ryan, the Dublin domiciled player from Tuamgraney in County Clare.

This was rather a surprise achievement, for, prior to this great win, Ryan's only real claim to fame was a place in the Junior final some years ago.

## TIPS FOR THE TOP

**T**HE amount of sleep needed varies from individual to individual. The young require more than the old. An athlete needs about eight hours but an occasional late night does little harm. The night before a big match should be as normal as possible and there is little point in going to bed too early.

"Smoking has a definite adverse effect on athletic performances and it is best to abstain completely."

—Extract from  
"Hurling" by Tony Wall.





● Eamonn Cregan

IT was against Tipperary in the championship down in Cork a few years ago that Eamonn Cregan the twenty-seven-year-old Limerick forward earned his hurling spurs. At the time Tipperary's full back line of John Doyle, Mick Maher and Kieran Carey was impregnable it seemed. Cregan exposed its lack of pace and was the star in a historic win.

It took some time for Limerick to reap the rewards of that great success. Not till last year really. As expected Eamonn Cregan who has played with the Cloughaun club since he first took up the hurl was in the van of last year's League win. The All-Ireland medal has still to come. If it comes, and all hurling lovers hope it does, rest assured that Eamonn Cregan who weighs twelve stone four pounds and stands five feet eleven and three quarter inches will be there.

Eamonn who is married and employed as a clerical supervisor is our Star in Focus this month.

**Q.—Who are your favourite players?**

A.—Mick O'Connell, Sean O'Neill and Sean O'Connell.

**Q.—Have you a favourite team apart from your own?**

A.—I don't have a favourite team, not until we win an All-Ireland, anyway.

**Q.—Who has been your most difficult opponent?**

A.—One of the most difficult was Vincent Loftus of Clare.

**Q.—What is your most memorable game?**

A.—There are a few. Last year's League final and the Harty Cup win in 1964.

**Q.—What has been your biggest thrill on the hurling field so far?**

A.—The beating of Tipperary in 1966 which eventually ended Tipperary's great run.

**Q.—What was your biggest disappointment?**

A.—No doubt about it. Last year's Munster hurling final.

**Q.—Have you got miscellaneous likes and dislikes as regards the G.A.A. generally?**

A.—I like referees who are consistent and I also like intelligent mentors. Lack of punctuality in G.A.A. matches, functions and meetings. Teams untidily togged out. Gamesmanship in matches.

**Q.—What are your favourite T.V. shows?**

A.—Ag Déanamh Ceoil, 7 Days, Cade's County and F Troop which was shown some years ago.

**Q.—Who are your favourite singers?**

A.—Dean Martin, Roger Whittaker, Val Doonican and Nana Muskouri.

**Q.—Who are your favourite actors or actresses?**

A.—Steve McQueen, Paul Newman, Dean Martin, Sidney Poitier, Faye Dunaway and Claudia Cardinale.

**Q.—Who are your best friends in sport?**

A.—Michael Keating, Jim Hogan, Bernie and Pat Hartigan, Eamon Grimes and Charlie McCarthy.

**Q.—Who has been the biggest influence on your hurling career?**

A.—There have been a few. My father who showed me the fundamentals and Br. Burke (R.I.P.), Jim Hennessy and my old friend Joe Keohane are a few that spring to mind.

**Q.—What do you find the most boring thing in the G.A.A.?**

A.—Two things. Firstly, listening to all the talk emanating from Central Council and County Conventions with nothing really achieved. Secondly, the showing of recordings of hurling and football matches on Gaelic Report using only one camera.

**Q.—What is your personal ambition?**

A.—I want to win an All-Ireland hurling medal and also improve my personal position.

**Q.—Who is the person in the world you'd most like to meet?**

A.—Dom Mintoff of Malta. He knows how to deal with England.

**Q.—Who is the Irishman you most revere in history?**

A.—There are two. Daniel O'Connell and Patrick Sarsfield. O'Connell because of his eloquent ability. Sarsfield because of his



defence of Limerick and his blowing up of the siege train.

**Q.—Which Irishman of to-day do you admire most?**

A.—Jack Lynch for the way in which he handles his very difficult job at present and John Hume and his comrades for the great work they have done.

**Q.—Who are your favourite sportstars outside the G.A.A.?**

A.—Johnny Giles, George Best, Barry John, Mike Gibson and Tom Kiernan.

**Q.—Can you speak Irish?**

A.—Yes, but not as fluently as I would like.

**Q.—Do you intend to become a referee?**

A.—Yes, but I would confine it to juvenile games.

**Q.—Do you think that the G.A.A. will go professional?**

A.—Yes, I think it will. At the moment the idea has not sunk through but given time it will. Amateurism as we know it will disappear.

**Q.—Who is your favourite sportswriter?**

A.—Paddy Downey of "The

Irish Times". He gives a descriptive, objective account of a match, not biased in any way.

**Q.—Who are your favourite authors?**

A.—My favourite Irish writer is Walter Macken. Others are Leon Uris, Irving Wallace, Wilbur Smith, Robert Ruark.

**Q.—Have you any advice that you would give to young players?**

A.—Develop the fundamentals, develop ball control. Train hard and always listen to good advice.

**Q.—Do you favour long hair?**

A.—I've nothing against it apart from the fact that on wet days long hair gets in the way.

**Q.—Do you think that Irish people are becoming less Irish in their outlook?**

A.—Up to January 30th I would have thought that the answer was yes. Due to the circumstances of Derry we are awakening to our national identity and national pride.

**Q.—What identifies you most as an Irishman?**

A.—By playing our national games, speaking the Irish language and enjoying Irish music. Also by being and thinking like an Irishman.

## ROSCOMMON

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in the final, even though they had beaten us already in the campaign. But the loss of two key forwards was our downfall and with them back for the championship we should be better prepared."

As in most teams, Roscommon have some stars equal to any in the country. Certainly Dermot Earley, Gerry Mannion, Adrian O'Sullivan, Mick Freyne and Mick Fallon are capable and willing.

But most of their colleagues have not been imbued with the same spirit or, perhaps, blessed with the same talent. Defeat may have created a despondency among the younger members to the extent that hope of imminent success has been abandoned.

What the league has done for them remains to be seen. Their rise to the top again has been a long time coming. They may not be too far away.

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# JUNIOR DESK



● Jack Mahon . . .  
appearing in this  
pose positively  
for the last time!

## With Jack Mahon

IT'S May as I write. The long summer evenings are with us. Time to organise games for the youngsters. Here in my own club **SALTHILL** we have parish leagues for three age groups — Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 14s (all on 1-1-'72). In all we have five teams of 11-a-side for each age group. At the end of the leagues in mid-June the Salthill G.A.A. League 15 in all three age groups will be selected.

These parish leagues are now six years old and generate wonderful enthusiasm. Parents cheer on their sons at all games. The Under 10s are the most enthusiastic of all. I am the team manager of our own Under 10 street team. We are training already. We intend to win too. After the leagues our three teams comprising the best of our three age groups, would like to play the same age group of another club on a home and away basis. We will accommodate the visiting teams if they stay overnight. We would like them to apply to us. We are interested in playing one club in all three age groups I repeat or perhaps that might be over ambitious. Let's say two age groups at least. We will travel to Dublin or Cork or Tralee or Donegal or Cavan or Clare. Any clubs interested in our proposal are asked to write to An tAthair

Éanna Ó Maoldúin, Coláiste Éanna, Bothar na Trá, Gaillimh. Don't forget. It might be the start of a great relationship between two clubs.

While I'm talking about the younger age groups I notice that Tipperary are planning their July FÉILE NA nGAEL (hurling) well in advance. Last year's initial effort was a tremendous success. I would like very much to attend this year's Féile.

One thing though. Shouldn't some other county organise a Féile na nGael for Gaelic football as well. How about it Kerry or Galway or Mayo or Meath or Offaly. It will involve work and heavy sponsorship but it is the type of occasion we need to create. Tipperary have given a superb example to all other counties.

Before we meet our CUT-OUT let me pay tribute to U.C.D.'s great organiser Eugene McGee. I know of few men who have put more thought into G.A.A. organisation than Longford-born Eugene.

The bould Eugene is a journalist. How he finds time to promote all of U.C.D.'s many Gaelic football activities, including the All-Ireland 7-a-side football championship, just beats me.

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gramme for the All-Ireland 7-a-side blitz. If you write to him at **c/o National Publishing Group Ltd., 9 Cambridge Terrace, Dublin 6**, enclosing a 4p stamp, he'll be delighted to send you on a free copy.

Our CUT-OUT this month is Meath's PAT REYNOLDS. A great piece of stuff. Long hair trailing in his wake, the long-standing Royal County man is an attacking half back of the highest quality. All go. I remember a great second half display of his in an All-Ireland semi-final v Down in 1967. His fearless display of catching then has seldom been surpassed. He reminded me of Sean Murphy, Nicky Maher, Martin Newell and Meath's own Christo Hand. Two years ago Pat was majestic against Galway. Remember the time he blocked Willie Joyce's kick twice before setting up a solo that turned defence into attack. In the All-Ireland that year, I found it very hard to decide on the better left half back then playing—himself or Kerry's Mick O'Shea.

Now we have another great left half back on the way. I refer to Mayo's Brian O'Reilly. Full of fire, this game Ballina man played heroically in the second half of last year's championship game v Galway. He repeated, even bet-

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**CUT-OUT** — — — — —



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **PAT REYNOLDS, MEATH**



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tered, that performance against Offaly. My favourites on this great Mayo team are Willie McGee, Sean Kilbride, Brian

O'Reilly and Tom Fitzgerald though I wish the latter would cut out the pettiness that tends to spoil his otherwise brilliant play.

● Thanks, Ray, for such a nice letter, which is so interesting. Young readers, I have a poser for you. The first reader to send on the number of official gold medals won by Mick O'Connell (All-Irelands, Munster S.F.C., N.F.L., Railway Cup and Co. S.F. titles.) will receive a G.A.A. tie in his county's colours. Mick, who is here in Galway at the moment and visits me regularly will decide the winner himself. If there is a tie, Mick will draw. One other thing, Mick never misses reading 'Junior Desk.'

## From the Mailbag

OUR "Mailbag" gets bigger. I am obliged to cut the extracts from letters to a minimum. So here goes.

Joseph Woods, Cloneyogan, Lahinch, Co. Clare.—"Mick Moroney is the best hurling midfielder in the game."

● I'll be at the Limerick v Clare game, D.V. (J.M.)

Michael Collins, St. Vincent's College, Castleknock, Co. Dublin.—"I was shocked to hear you couldn't get an Offaly outfit."

● Still haven't got one. How about it O'Neills of Capel Street. (J.M.)

Noel McInerney, No. 1, St. Joseph's Tce., Clarecastle, Co. Clare.—"Please interview Michael Slatery our best clubman."

James Caffrey, 50 Claremont Drive, Glasnevin, Dublin 11.—"The G.A.A. should organise more games for charity with former stars playing."

● We have a team here in Galway called the Galway G.A.A. All Stars. We are available to play charity games this summer. If anybody wants us please write to Enda Coleran, Galway G.A.A. All Stars, Renmore, Galway. (J.M.)

Denis Coughlan, 24 Berlingford Drive, Church Rd., Blackrock, Cork.—"No, I am no relation of Mr. Denis Coughlan, N.T., Macroom, as you asked. While I'm writing let me congratulate you on Junior Desk. Not enough action photos, though."

● Thanks Denis — yes, it's the Cork dual star — for writing to us. I agree, we need more photos in GAELIC SPORT. (J.M.)

Brendan Corrigan, Gaigue, Balinamuck, Co. Longford. — "I would love a cut-out of Brendan Barden and Jackie Devine."

● Congrats on winning Division II of the N.F.L. (J.M.)

— "Reader", Forenaugh, Skib-

breen, Co. Cork.—"I play football and hurling with Castlehaven."

P. J. Teahan, Caheragh, Castleisland, Co. Kerry.—"Please have a Mick O'Connell cut-out."

Raymond Smith, Irish Independent, Dublin.—"My new hurling book will be out in June D.V. We are using colour prints in it apart from 60 team and action black-and-white prints. The book will have a new title. The young people will like this one."

Liam Jones, Derryoran, Mountshannon, Co. Clare.—"The Michael O'Hehir interview was great."

James Condon, Ballintotas, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork.—"I hope to play with Cork when I am big."

● More power to you James. (J.M.)

Gerald Trainor, 893 Francis St., Edenderry, Co. Offaly.—"Give us a cut-out of a Derry player."

Michael O'Connell, Garda Station, Main St., Ballincollig, Co. Cork.—"I was delighted to win the All-Star jersey. I play hurling and football for Ballincollig's Under-14's."

Ray Cummins, The Sports Centre, 36 Princes St., Cork.—"Thanks for the publicity of our kit-bag in Junior Desk. We got letters from places as far apart as Donegal and Dingle. The San Francisco trip was an experience never to be forgotten. "Meeting the All Stars" was my greatest thrill. It was wonderful meeting men like Sean Ó Neill and Jimmy Doyle without a ball hopping around someplace. It was wonderful to see Mick O'Connell and Mick O'Dwyer get Railway Cup medals. The latter is a great inspiration to a team. Great in the dressing room before a game. The only man I have seen to match him in the latter respect was John O'Halloran (now working in California)."

He trains very hard. So does Mick O'Shea. What great footballer doesn't? Or hurler. But that's enough for the "Mailbag" this month.

### LATE POST

Some letters have arrived since I started writing the column. So we will include them.

Gerard Gorman, Coolick, Kilmcummin, Killarney, Co. Kerry.—"Would you be able to send me a Kerry football jersey?"

● Over to you, Kerry folk. (J.M.)

John Petty, Chelsea Manor, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare.—"My favourite hurlers are Peter O'Sullivan, Babs Keating, John Flanagan and Séamus Durack."

Eileen Fitzpatrick, Tullassa, Ennis, Co. Clare. (Age 9)—"Mary, my sister, and I play camogie at school in Kilnamona."

● A lovely name Kilnamona. Keep up the camogie. (J.M.)

Sean Gaughan, Moybridge, Emyvale, Co. Monaghan.—"When are you going to give us a Cut-out of Eamonn Cregan? How do you select these Cut-outs?"

● We have an Eamonn Cregan interview this month. I don't select the CUT-OUT. The Editor does this. I have sent on your letter to Eamonn. (J.M.)

See you all next month again, le cognamh Dé. Are you as tired of that photo of mine on top of the column as I am. A laughing hyena! Slán agaibh.

● On page 48 there is another great free competition and I want you all to send in entries — and keep writing to me c/o Junior Desk, Gaelic Sport, 80 Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9. (J.M.)



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I have dropped the "Urney" competition for the moment but I have two more competitions lined up. How about G.A.A. Kit-bags as prizes. Or a laceless O'Neill All-Ireland football. Send your entries before **June 15** to Junior Desk, Gaelic Sport, 80 Upper Drumcondra Rd., Dublin 9.

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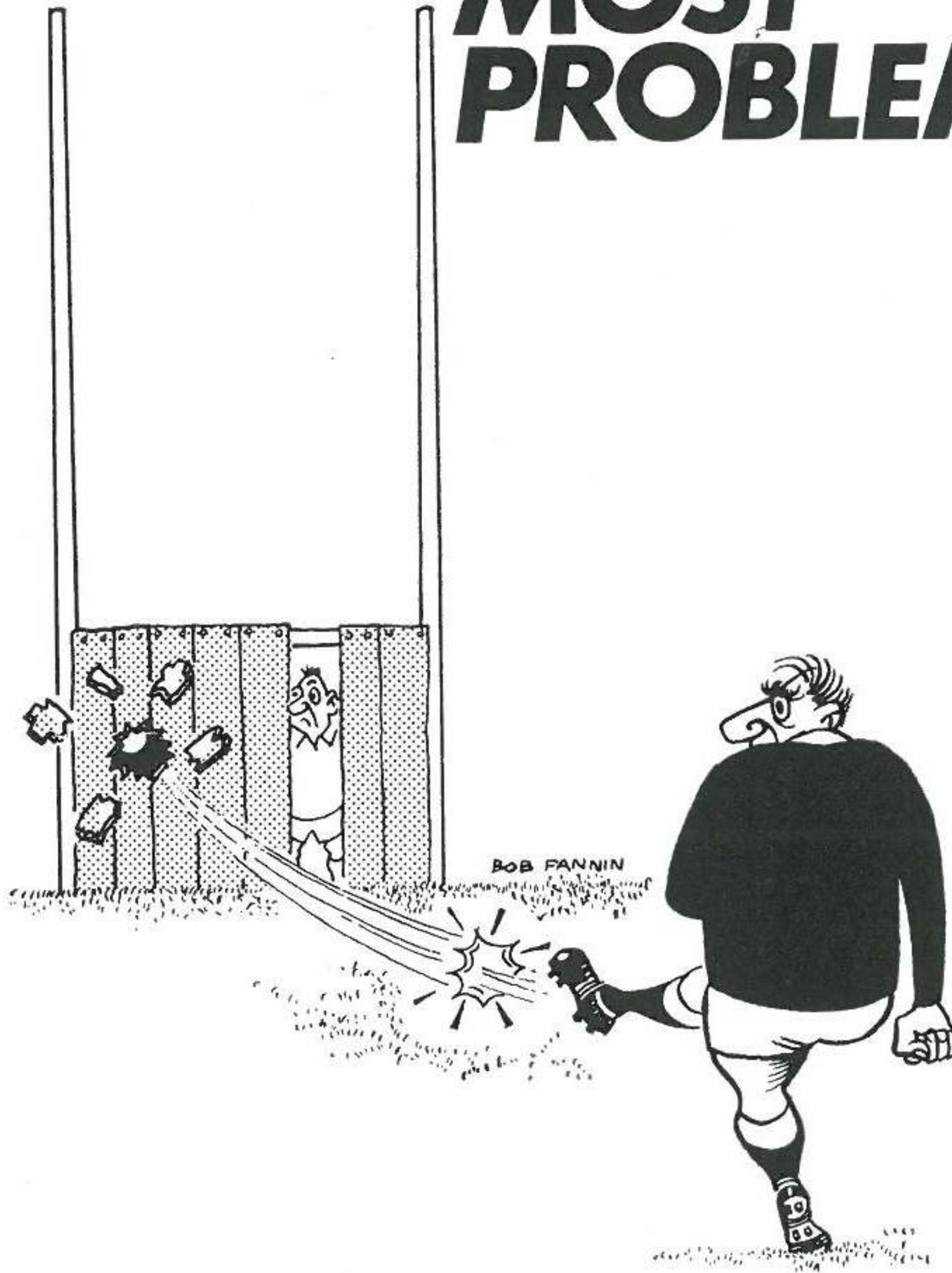
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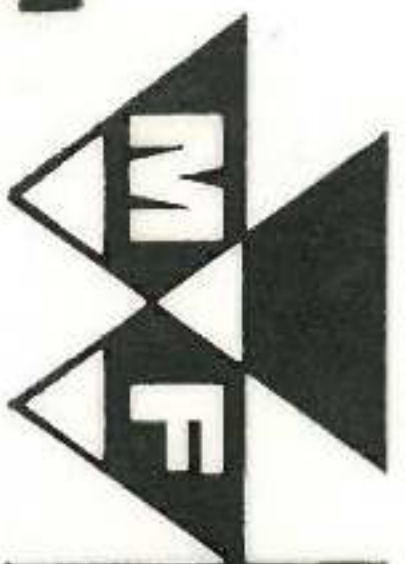
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