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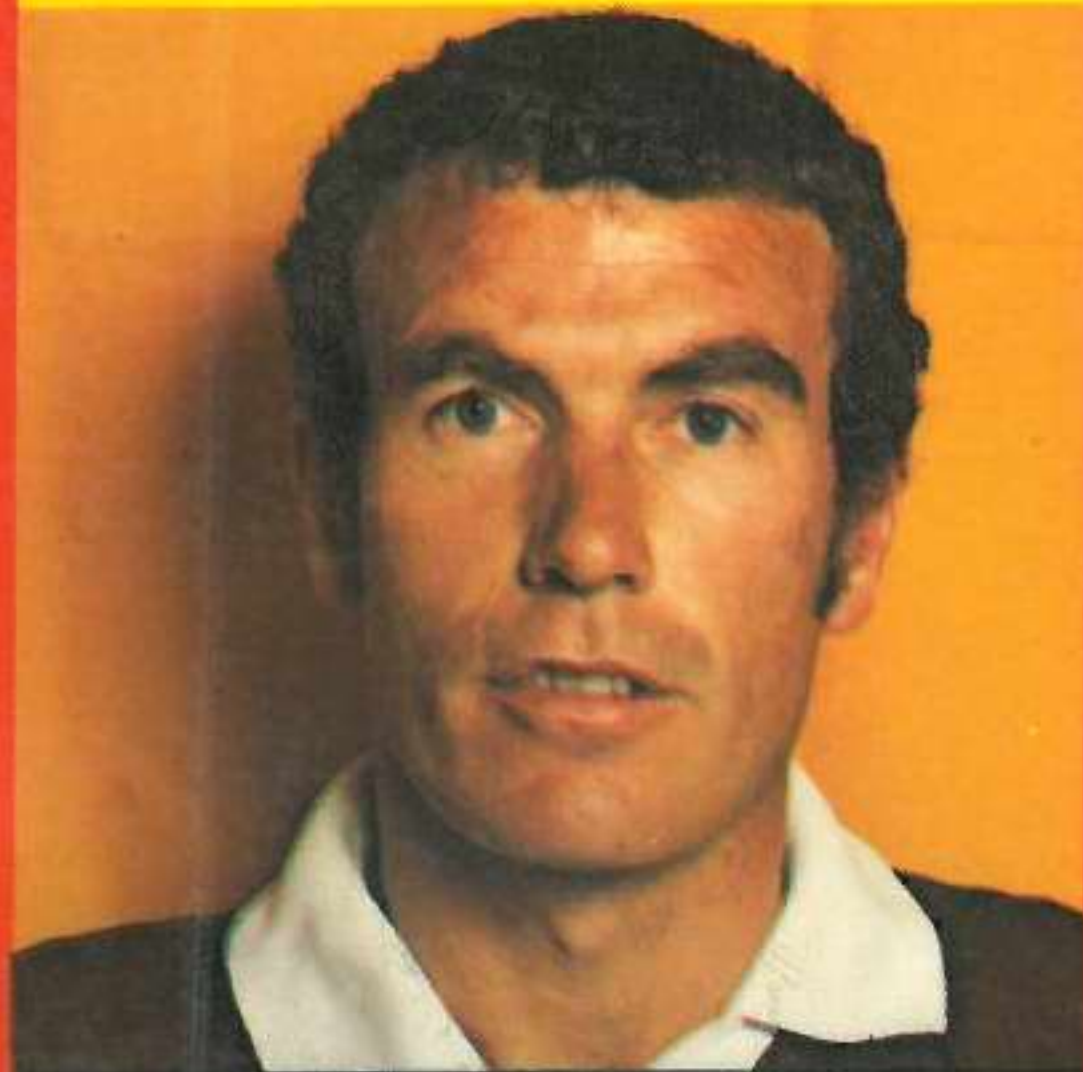
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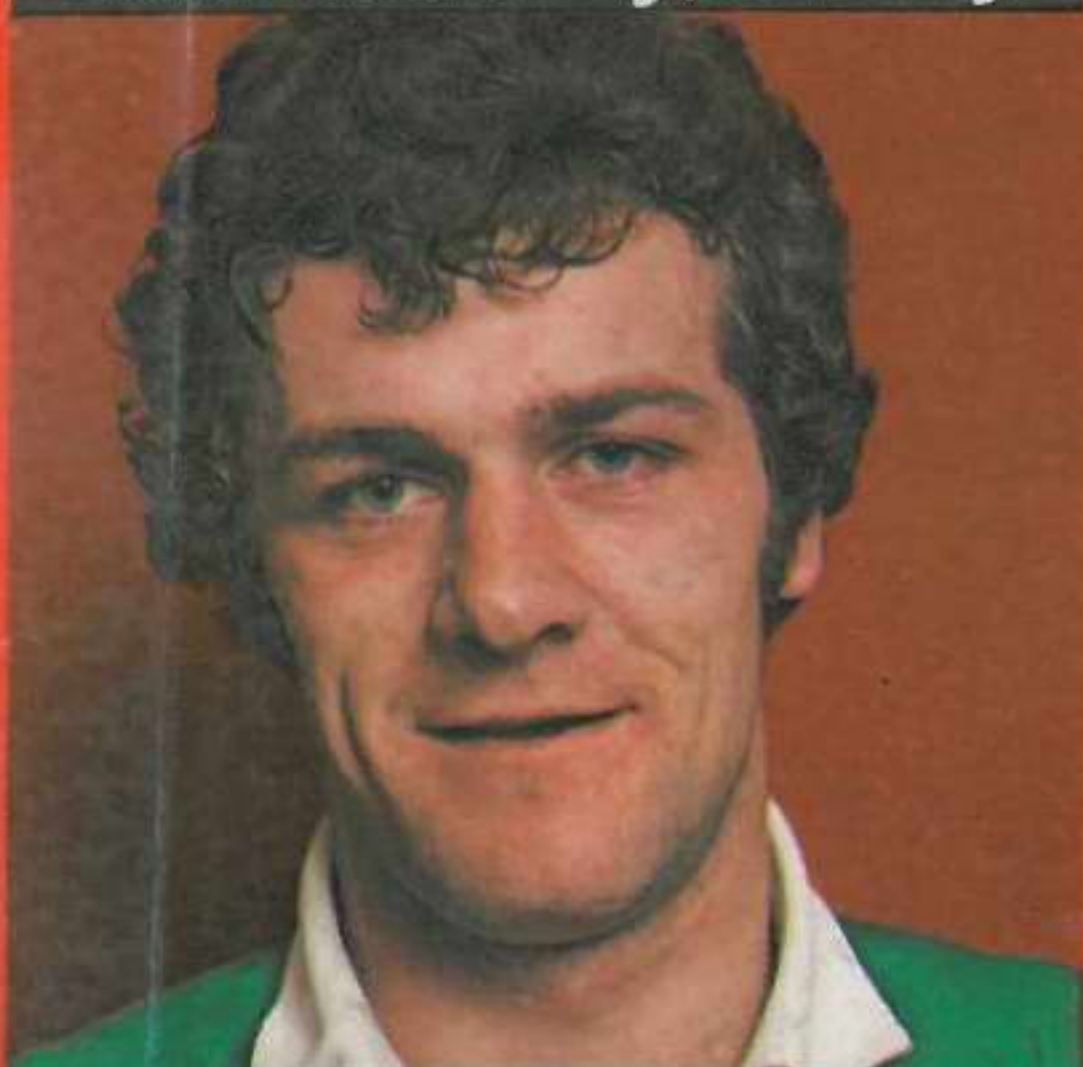
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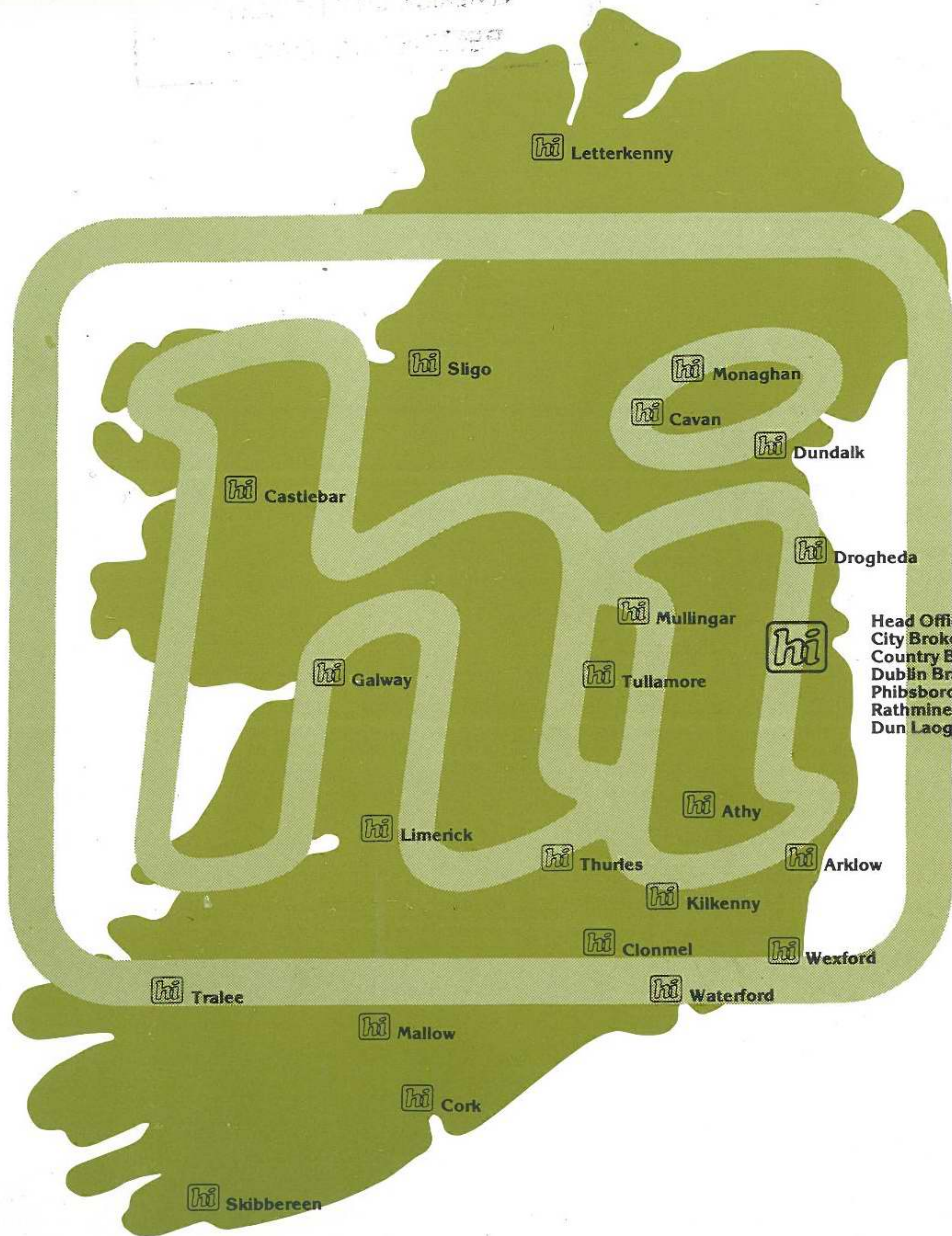


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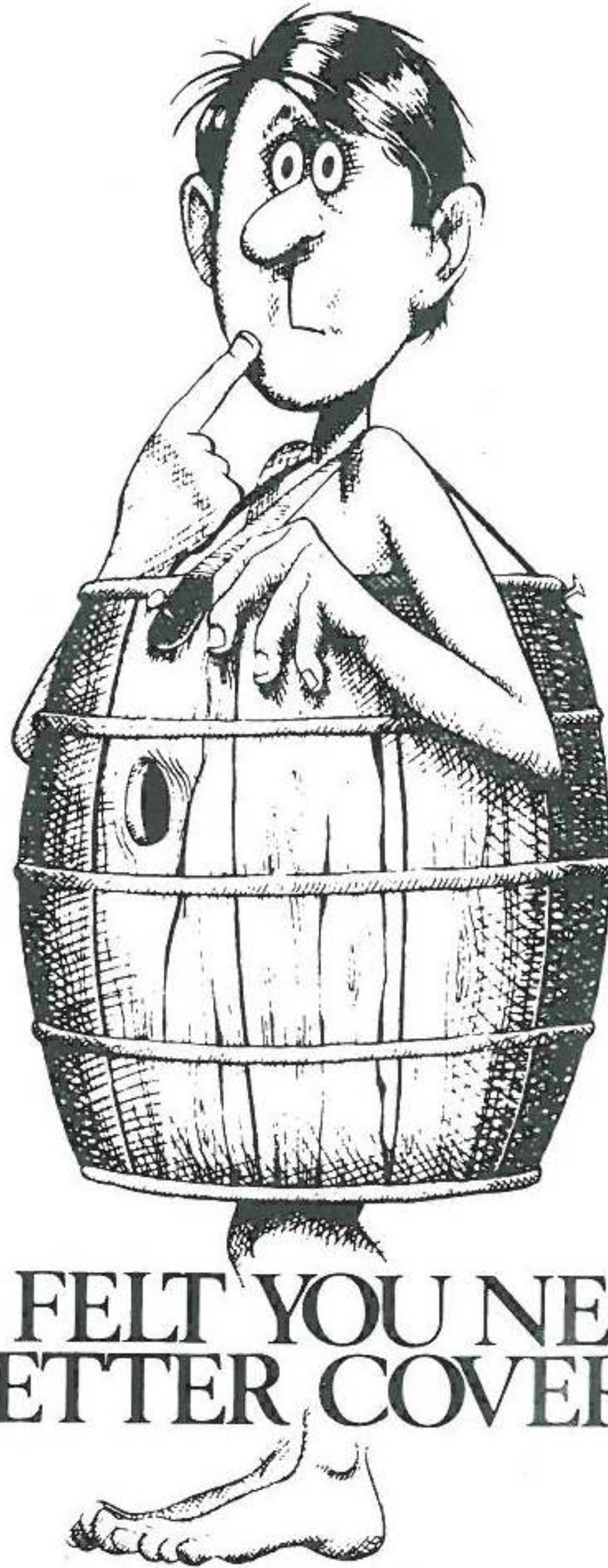
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# A Time of Change

**M**UCH has happened since we said here in December that, almost without warning, the time had arrived to consider the selection of the next G.A.A. President. A flurry of activity in the meantime has ensured that there will be a strong field for the position when delegates meet in Killarney at the Annual Congress at the end of March.

The list of candidates underlines a point we made when we first raised the Presidential issue — that there is no shortage of men with the necessary qualifications of proven service and ability for the position. So, the G.A.A. is already once again assured of being able to call on a man with the stature to enhance the office of President.

The main feature of the term of office of the man who will take over as President Elect at Killarney will be the Centenary year. The programme to ensure that this momentous milestone in 1984 is celebrated in fitting style will be extensive, and will call for much time and effort from the President.

That is as it should be. It is in the interests of all who have the G.A.A. at heart to ensure that the Centenary Year is celebrated with dignity and in a way that will do the maximum possible good for the image of the Association. We are convinced that this will eventually prove the case.

But the ordinary day to day affairs must also continue to command attention. And, it is a sobering thought that as the Association nears its 100th birthday, the state of football, and not the long and often repeated concern for hurling, is giving cause for worry.

A committee established by the Leinster Council to examine the reasons for the decline in the standard of football in the province has issued findings, and pretty depressing some of these are. Leinster, however, is not unique in this regard.

The general health of the game in the other provinces also leaves much to be desired. Mayo and Cavan, once leading powers, have slumped badly in the rankings; the Munster championship remains a Kerry-Cork affair, and, although the Ulster series has been keenly contested in recent years, teams from there have still not cut much of a dash nationally.

The Leinster Committee's suggestions include one advocating a National Coach in football. It might be a progressive move.

Then, what of hurling? With the game confined to so few counties at senior level, and no real sign of a worthwhile breakthrough, is there also not a need for a national coach in the code?

Tradition has played a big part in G.A.A. affairs. Competition structures have remained much the same over the years, as has the annual inter-county schedule, starting more or less with the Leagues in October, and finishing with the All-Ireland finals.

Perhaps the time has come to sweep away traditional approaches and devise new structures and schedules. Especially as the positions of hurling and football leave so much to be desired just now.

These are only some points that certainly need to be seriously considered now as the G.A.A. moves into a new Presidential Era, and is preparing at the same time to step into its second century.

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# Tyler Top Ten

## Down stars top football chart

**T**HE opening programme of games in the first Tyler Top Ten review of 1981, which included matches up to and including February 8, was not a very comprehensive one, but still produced keen competition for places in the football and hurling charts.

A feature of the schedule was the good form of Down footballers. They trounced Kildare at Newry, and then put up a fine show a week later in their next National League outing when sharing the points with Armagh, again at Newry.

A key figure in the Down draw with the Ulster champions was Adrian McAulfield. He highlighted a first-rate performance at right full back with two vital goal line clearances, and, as that came after he had played his part really well in the win over Kildare, McAulfield emerges as the code's first table topper of the year on 32 points.

Next in line is another Down star, Donal Bell. He was another to impress against Kildare, and then in the meeting with Armagh, his clever football and accuracy marked him out as one of the Down heroes. Bell, in fact, finished the top scorer on the day for both teams with four superb points, and he takes second spot in the chart on 30 points.

Another footballer who had a busy enough time in the opening weeks was Anthony Egan. The Mayo man returned to competitive play after a long lay off due to injury in the drawn match with Derry and

impressed at full back.

A week later, Egan's power-packed play in the No. 3 jersey did much to set Mayo up for a home win over Antrim, and as a result he finished high in the football chart on 28 points for a third ranked placing.

Hurling saw Cork keep their unbeaten record in the National League with a three points win in a classic at Pairc Ui Chaoimh over Offaly. The homesters had many bright starts, but dependable and efficient play at left full back by John Horgan, allied to eye-catching clearances, send the Blackrock club man to the top of the list on 28 points.

Another familiar and long-serving campaigner also captured much of the spotlight in the first round proper of the National Hurling League after the Christmas break — Noel Skehan. The brilliant Kilkenny goalkeeper brought off some great saves to make a major contribution to a win that resulted in the Noresiders ending the unbeaten Clare march.

Skehan's display at Nowlan Park puts him second in the table, a mere point behind the pace-setting Horgan.



### FOOTBALL

- 32 A. McAulfield (Down)
- 30 D. Bell (Down)
- 28 A. Egan (Mayo)
- 26 T. Doyle (Kerry)
- 24 E. McKenna (Tyrone)
- 23 G. Sheerin (Roscommon)
- 22 G. Connellan (Roscommon)
- 22 T. Dalton (Cork)
- 21 E. Liston (Kerry)
- 20 D. Foley (Wicklow)

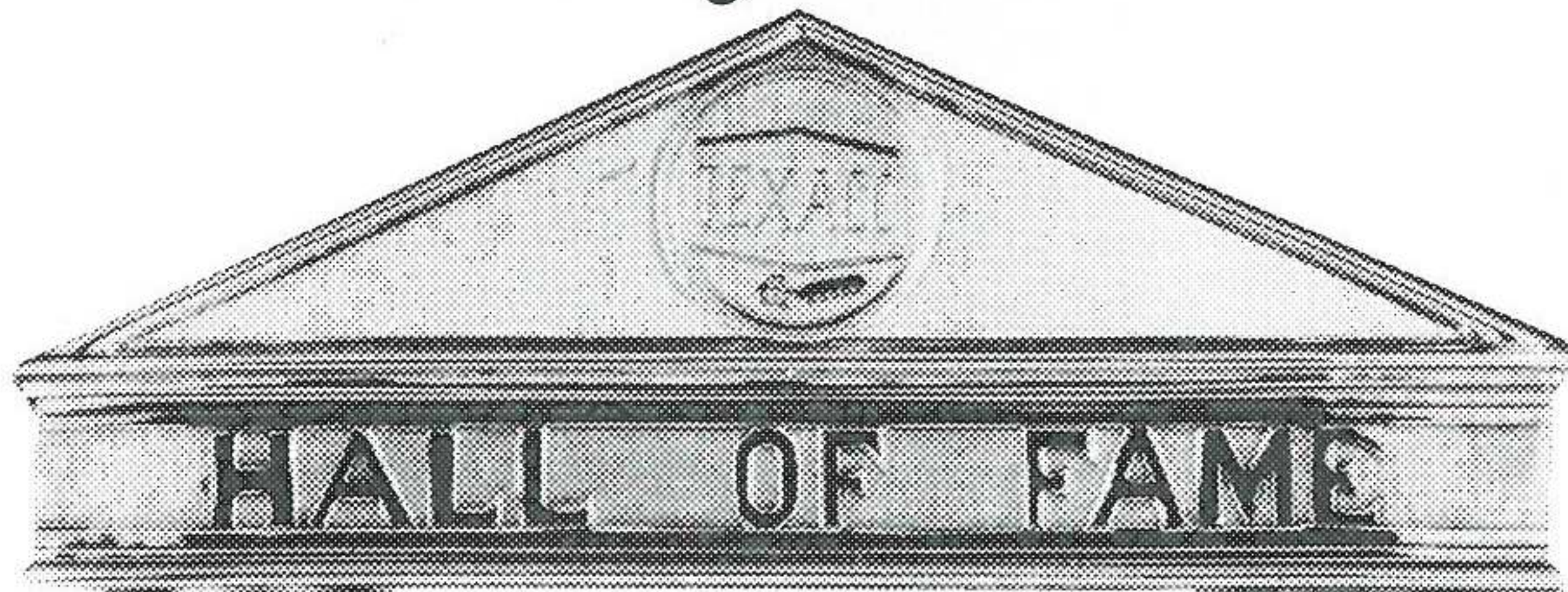


### HURLING

- 28 J. Horgan (Cork)
- 27 N. Skehan (Kilkenny)
- 26 B. Murphy (Cork)
- 25 N. Lane (Galway)
- 24 P. J. Molloy (Galway)
- 23 E. O'Donoghue (Cork)
- 22 G. Coughlan (Offaly)
- 21 G. Hayes (Dublin)
- 20 J. Thompson (Dublin)
- 20 S. Durack (Clare)



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*Pictured at Gaelic Sport's Tyler Top Ten presentation were (from left) Assistant Garda Commissioner Michael Enright, Paddy McFlynn President of the G.A.A., Paul Mongor Director of John Tyler and Sons, Seán Silke winner of the hurling award, Tony Keegan Director of Gaelic Sport, Garda Matt Connor of Offaly winner of the football award and Garda Commissioner Patrick McLaughlin.*

# Stars feted at presentation

By Tony Keegan

**T**HAT the GAELIC SPORT-TYLER TOP TEN annual awards have gained high status in Gaelic Games in a comparatively short time was very obvious from the representative attendance at an enjoyable reception and lunch at Buswells Hotel, Dublin, to honour the 1980 winners, Sean Silke (Galway) and Garda Matt Connor (Offaly). They are only the fourth award winners.

Many guests from the Association and from the national and provincial media, as well as from the Gardai applauded warmly as Mr. Paul Mongor, Director of John Tyler & Sons, presented the winners with the Tyler Perpetual Cups.

Sean Silke kept the hurling trophy in Galway for another year, John Connolly having brought the Cup to the county in 1979 for the first time. Silke finished with 179 points, a comfortable lead of 47 points over his closest rival.

Matt Connor had 20 points to spare over his nearest challenger in football. The Offaly sharpshooter

extraordinary collected 181 points, the highest tally gained in any year so far by any footballer or hurler. He is the first Offaly man to take the trophy.

Mr. Mongor, in welcoming the winners and the guests, said that John Tyler and Sons, as a leading Irish company, decided to become involved with the popular Gaelic Games monthly, GAELIC SPORT, in this sponsorship.

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"We know, too, from experience over the past few years that the

monthly awards are keenly awaited in football and hurling, and that the build-up towards the annual winners excites tremendous interest among the players, officials and supporters.

Mr. Mongor went on to pay tribute to the 1980 winners, whom he described as "two such splendid ambassadors of Gaelic Games".

"The 1980 campaign was a wonderful one for Galway and the entire country rejoiced in their long-awaited All-Ireland senior hurling final win. Sean Silke made a tremendous contribution with his high quality play and sportsmanship".

Mr. Mongor added that Sean Silke carved out his own special brand of history in that he became the first hurler to win an All-Ireland senior medal and a GAELIC SPORT-TYLER TOP TEN award for the same year.

The Director of John Tyler & Sons had this to say of Matt Connor:

"He is one of the most exciting

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*Action from the 1980 All-Ireland semi-final between Kerry and Offaly. Its three Offaly men versus one Kerryman. But the Kerryman has the ball!*

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young men to arrive on the Football scene in years. His gifted play, and above all his amazing accuracy around goal, marked him out last year as an outstanding figure.

"He helped Offaly to regain the Leinster senior title, and has established some superb scoring records into the bargain."

"I congratulate Sean Silke and Matt Connor on their skills, high standard play and sportsmanship. They did much to enhance the standing of Gaelic Games, and I wish them well in the future."

Tony Keegan, of GAELIC SPORT, also congratulated the winners, and thanked Tylers for their sponsorship. He had a word of appreciation, too, for the G.A.A., and particularly the Croke Park staff for their many kindnesses to the magazine over the years.

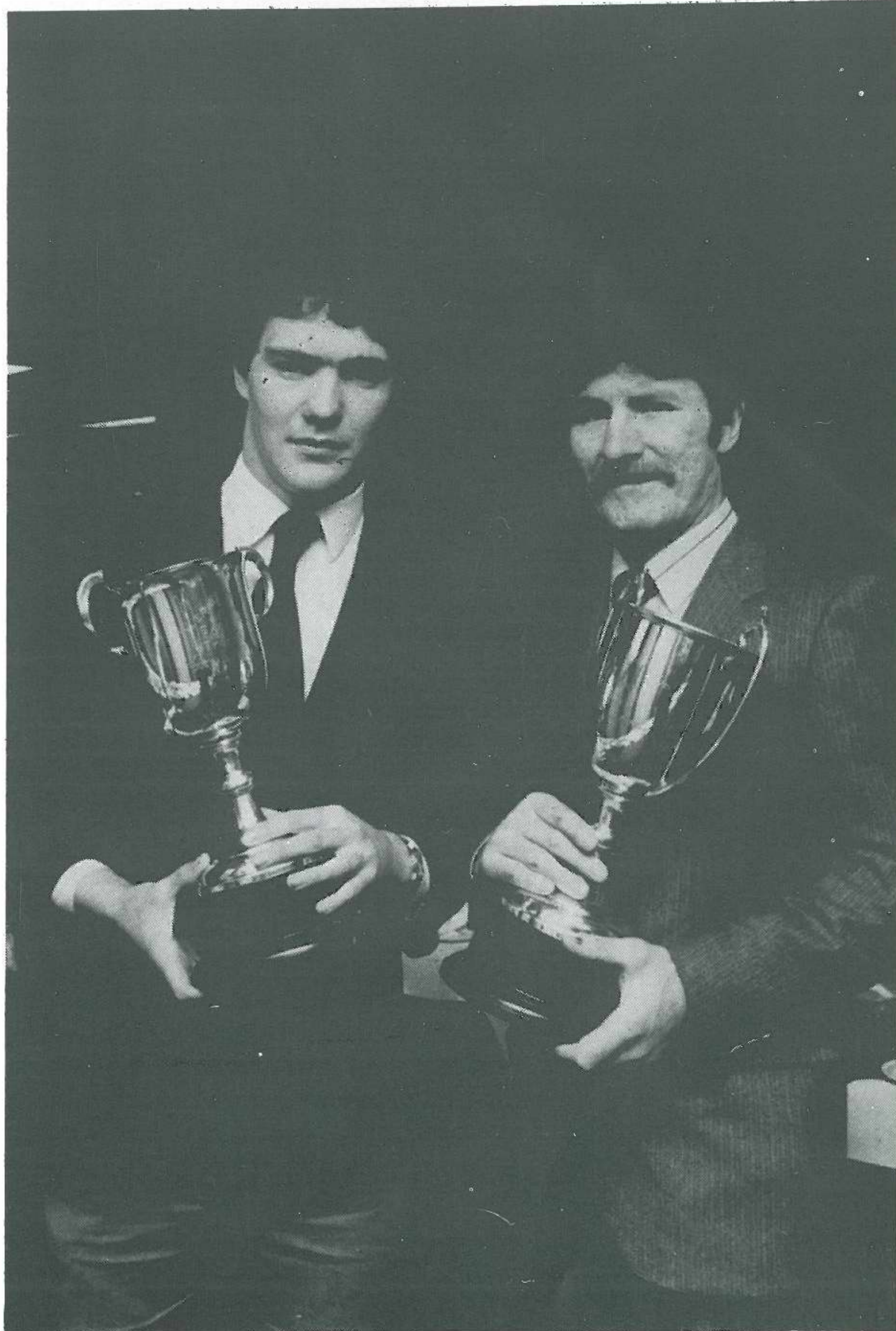
As for the award winners, Sean Silke and Matt Connor left no one in doubt as to their delight at receiving the awards, or of the high esteem in which they hold this particular promotion.

Officials of the Galway and Offaly County Boards were also present and praised the general workings of the promotion.

The marking system over the year as a whole is the feature that sets the GAELIC SPORT-TYLER TOP TEN awards promotion apart. While the All-Ireland finals are the top attractions of the year, and performances in those games frequently prove the cornerstone for annual awards, the Top Ten honours are based on performances monitored over the season as a whole, and recorded in each issue of GAELIC SPORT, as the leading ten players in each code are reported.

This aspect of the scheme is the feature that each year is gaining more and more favourable comment and support.

Sean Silke made his entry into the review as early as February-March, while Matt Connor took the first steps on the road to the top in football by finding favour in the



● *The two winners of Gaelic Sports Tyler Top Ten with their cups. They are Garda Matt Connor of Offaly (left) and Seán Silke of Galway (right).*

April-May Top Ten in the code.

Both also appeared in the January returns to well and truly clinch the honours for 1980. They well merit

their latest awards, and to echo again the words of Paul Mongor: "they are splendid ambassadors of Gaelic Games".

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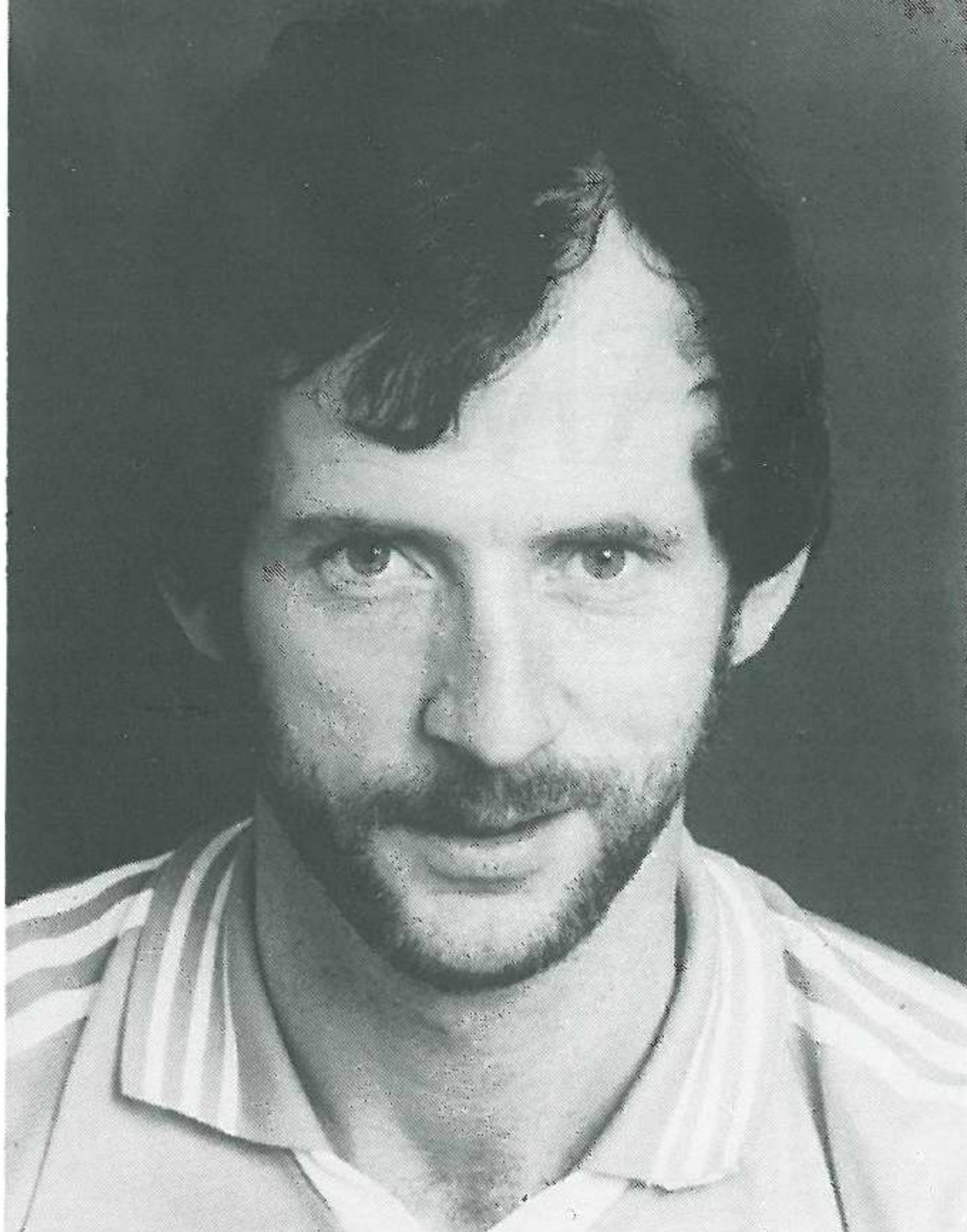
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# *McKinstry is Armagh's polished star*



*By  
Noel  
Horgan*

● *Colm McKinstry (Armagh).*

**B**ACK in 1975 I travelled to the Mardyke in Cork to view an All-Ireland club football semi-final between Nemo Rangers and Clan na Gael from Lurgan. Like the majority of the fair-sized attendance I was confidently expecting a victory for the Cork club.

After all, Nemo Rangers were a vastly experienced and highly talented team, spearheaded by such household names as Billy Morgan, Frank Cogan and Jimmy Barrett — players who had guided their club to All-Ireland honours in 1973 and had contributed hugely to Cork's impressive Sam Maguire Cup success later that year.

Clan na Gael, for their part, seemed an unglamorous bunch, devoid of any 'big names'. Granted the Lurgan side had previously contested an All-Ireland final, failing to U.C.D. after a replay, but with Armagh dormant in Ulster for a long time, Clan na Gael's top players were generally unknown outside of the Ulster province. And conceding home advantage, it seemed most unlikely that the northerners could foil the star-studded Nemo fifteen.

By the end of that hour, however, the spectators could be forgiven for wondering which team possessed the All-Ireland stars. Clan na Gael

dominated the match and would have registered a comfortable victory only for the remarkable display of prodigality by their attacking sextet.

As it was, the visitors seemed set to succeed when they led by a goal in the final minute but Nemo substitute Declan Murphy popped up at this point to grab a late equaliser against the run of play.

Daylight robbery, it was, especially as Nemo won the replay at Lurgan but Clan na Gael could take some consolation from the fact that their display in Cork convinced football enthusiasts in Munster of the top-quality talent within the Orchard county.

One of the most impressive performers on that winter's afternoon at the 'Dyke was Clan na Gael's tall, bearded midfielder Colm McKinstry. Fielding immaculately and distributing with intelligence, he dominated around the middle of the pitch and was instrumental in giving the visitors a distinct territorial

advantage.

His elegance enthralled me and the ease with which he performed his formidable feats stamped him as a class player. It was with great interest and anticipation, therefore, that I made the journey to Pairc Uí Chaoimh recently to view the Cork-Armagh league clash.

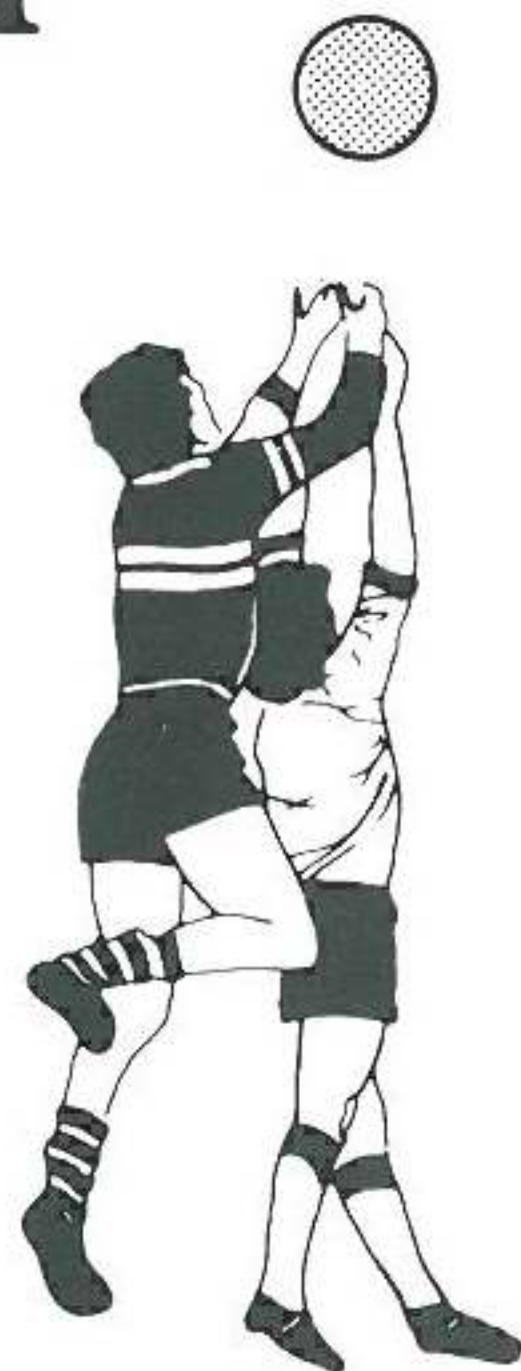
I had hoped to savour again the polished skills of Colm McKinstry on his second visit to Cork's playing fields. I was not to be disappointed.

McKinstry was masterly at midfield and, with strong support from Castleblayney's Frank McMahon, he gave Armagh a decided edge in the middle. Ironically, the Armagh forwards were again slightly prodigal and Cork won the day but there could be no denying that Colm McKinstry had again made his mark on Leaside soil.

Of course, the fortunes of McKinstry and of the Orchard county itself have improved

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considerably since Colm's original appearance in Cork in 1975. Nowadays, Colm is recognised nationally as one of the game's top players with two Ulster championship medals and an All-Star award to his credit.

Indeed, he is rated by many respected observers as the most valuable player on a formidable Armagh team. A brief recollection of last year's Roscommon-Armagh All-Ireland semi-final tends to support that opinion considerably.

Colm's control over Dermot Earley inspired Armagh to dictate matters from the start and the Ulster men looked the better-balanced side throughout the first half. Shortly after the resumption, however, McKinstry retired injured and, as Earley impressed, the trend of the play swung dramatically in Roscommon's favour.

Many Armagh folk maintain, with some justification, that the premature departure of Colm McKinstry cost their favourites a place in the 1980 decider.

Colm McKinstry first played senior for Armagh in 1970 and now, at 32, he could be said to be approaching the twilight of his career. Like all players, his main ambition is to savour All-Ireland senior success before he retires and, apart from holders Kerry, the Armagh prospects of championship glory in 1981 seem as bright as those of the other hopefuls. The Kingdom, needless to add, remain odds on favourites to retain the title.

One wishes Colm McKinstry well in his quest for that elusive All-Ireland medal and one hopes that he will not be forced to finish as one of the great players never to win football's ultimate honour.

The fact that such legendary figures as Roscommon's Gerry O'Malley, Derry's Jim McKeever and Sean O'Connell and Sligo's Mickey Kearins, to mention but a few, experienced such a fate would provide little consolation for the gifted Armagh man, were he to retire without a senior Celtic Cross.

# EXCITING SEASON AHEAD

*By Agnes Hourigan*

THE 1981 Fixtures List now available contains a fund of information for Camogie players and fans. The Junior National League already half way through recommences on March 1 and the Senior National League starts on March 8. The Final of the Junior National League is fixed for April 17 and the Senior League Final is scheduled for June 21.

The timing of the National Leagues is ideal for getting the counties into top form for the Senior Championship (Open Draw) which gets underway on May 31. In the Junior and Willwood Tailteann Minor Championship, which are run off at Provincial level at first, the pairings for the All-Ireland Junior Semi-finals are Connacht winners v. Ulster winners and Leinster winners v. Munster winners and they are arranged for August 9 with the Final as a curtain raiser to the Senior Final on September 13.

The Minor Championship which is fixed for Munster this year, has the semi-finals on August 29 and the Final on August 30.

The Gael-Linn Inter Provincial semi-finals in which Leinster play Munster and Ulster play Connacht, in both Senior and Junior are down for decision on September 27 with the Final arranged for October 18. The Club Championship semi-finals in which the Leinster winners are at home to Connacht and Ulster travel to Munster are fixed for October 11 and the Final will be played on November 1.

The season opens with a gathering of the C.C.D. winners from the four Provinces at Ballymun Comprehensive School on March 7.

However it is a long way to August

and September and there may be many changes on the intercounty scene in the meantime. Cork the Senior, Junior and Minor Champions, a feat never before achieved by any county, will have thirty-two senior players to pick from as the Junior medal holders are forbidden by rule to play in Junior Competition again. Kilkenny the National League Champions, hotly fancied for the Championship last season after their brilliant performances in the League will be very keen to get back in the championship limelight.

Dublin too have shown great potential in recent years but promised more than they achieved last season. They lost the league semi-final to Tipperary in extra time and went down to Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final. Limerick, too, surprised all Camogie fans when they held Cork to a draw in the All-Ireland Senior Final and only lost the replay by one goal. So the Shannonsiders are sure to be trying hard to make the Premier Award this time. They lost two League Finals by narrow scores in 1978 and 1979.

Congratulations to Marion McCarthy, the Cork Senior goalie, who hails from Ballinhassig, on winning the seventh B+I Line 'Camogie Player of the Year' Award. The other previous winners are Helena O'Neill (1974) Kilkenny, Bridget Doyle (1975) Wexford, Bridie Martin (1976) Kilkenny, Angela Downey (1977) Kilkenny, Pat Moloney (1978) Cork and Máiréad McAtamney (1979) Antrim.

Marion has had a most distinguished career on the Camogie Field. Last September she won her

sixth All-Ireland Senior medal in a decade. The first four she won (1970-73) as a midfielder but despite the fact that she never played in goal she was moved to that position in 1978.

A lucky move for Marion and for Cork as Marion, who was succeeding two star Cork goalies, Mel Cummins and Deirdre Sutton, distinguished herself in her new position in 1978 and 1980.

Thomond/N.I.H.E. won their first C.C.I.A. Trophy when their Freshers won the Annual Inter-College seven-a-side and they followed up that victory by winning the Purcell Cup, the Championship for non University Colleges.

The Ashbourne Cup is, at the time of going to Press, being played at University College, Cork.

Holders U.C.D., U.C.G., U.C.C. and Maynooth have qualified for the semi-finals.

In the second level Schools Competition the All-Ireland Senior Champions, North Presentation, Cork, and Maryfield College, Dublin have both lost their crowns.

St. Patricks, Cork are Munster Senior Champions for the first time. Roscommon Mercy Convent are in the Junior final in Connacht and should retain their title but their senior side is out of the race.

In Leinster, Walkinstown, Assumption Convent are still in the running to retain the Stuart Cup but may get strong opposition from Presentation, Kilkenny. Cootehill, Ulster Senior Champions last season have been knocked out and the honours rest between Kilkeel, Newry Tech., Bessbrook and Glenavy.

The All-Ireland Schools Senior and Junior Finals are fixed for April 11.

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● The 1977 Armagh team that reached an All-Ireland final for the first time since 1953. They are, back row (left to right): Peter Trainor, Larry Kearins, Colm McKinstry, Brian McAlinden, Tom McCreesh, Noel Marley and Jim Finnegan. Front row (left to right): Peter Loughran, John Donnelly, Denis Stevenson, Joe Kernan, Jimmy Smyth (Capt.), Paddy Moriarty, Kevin Rafferty and Jim McKerr.

## LOOKING NORTH (2)

# “On the day Armagh were very good”

By Eamonn Young

**K**ERRY'S first visit to Armagh towards the end of last year was historic. The champions were quite obviously happy to be carrying the Green and Gold flag so far from home and in many ways one of them told me Lurgan was farther from Tralee than New York, a town with which the Kingdom has a very special relationship. But what made the trip really historic was the form of the home side and the result a nine points defeat for the champions the final score being 1-17 to 2-5.

Armagh went off like a bomb and John Corvan stuck it in the net after 75 seconds with two points to follow up from Brian Canavan and Frank MacMahon. In fact the home side was 1-5 up before Kerry raised a flag, a penalty goal from the lethal boot of Mike Sheehy followed by a Tommy Doyle green flag to crown a spot of Pat Spillane energy. Armagh led at the interval by 1-10 to 2-1 and in the second half, flying fearlessly into the face of the wind and the Kingdom backs, they tacked on no less than seven points to Kerry's four.

On the day Armagh were very good. Naturally enough they had prepared for the game and it is obvious that each man was well geared to play well against the champions. In front of one's home crowd a man doesn't like to be shown up and especially when the opposition is formidable the natural thing to do is prepare well. The crispness of the northern side on the day proved this.

Sean O'Neill of Down was at the game and he told me he was quite impressed by Armagh's speed, fitness and general alertness. "Their win was well deserved" he said "They showed skill and class, were superbly fit in mind and body and were a yard faster than Kerry. It is only fair of course to remember that Kerry had ended a long campaign or rather a series of campaigns and could not be expected to be as sharp as an opposition that knew it had to play well to avoid defeat and perhaps humiliation. Kerry had the edge gone off them while the Armagh chaps were razor-sharp". Sean said

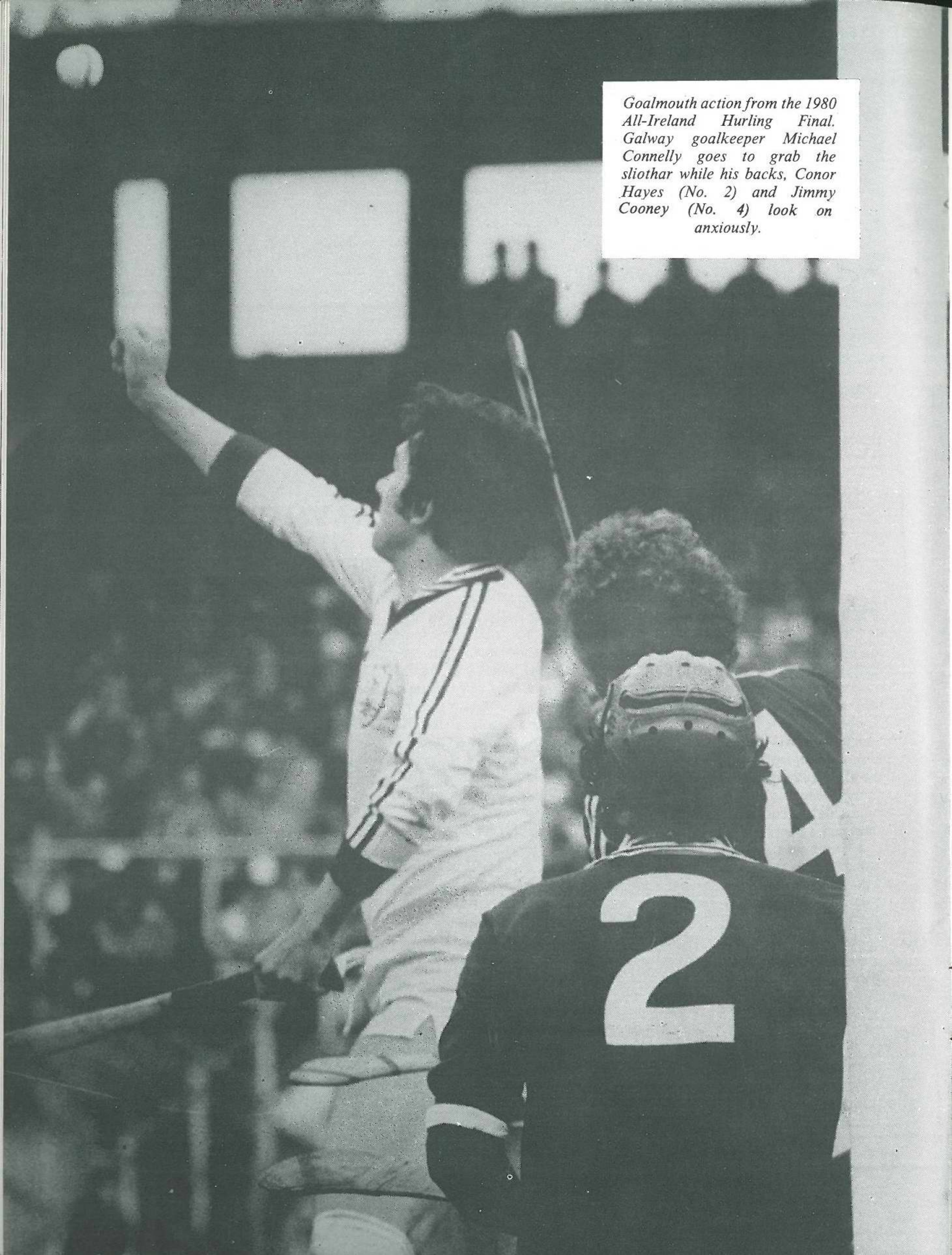
it was too early yet to estimate with any certainty what Armagh's future would be. A lot depended on what they would themselves make of that win. They would probably not let it go to their heads but look on it as a basis for further advance.

Sean O'Neill, as almost everyone knows, had 72 players on the short list for the Railway Cup, and when I laughed, asking him just how many had been on the long list, he said that each man of the seventy-two would be seen in competitive games between now and the Railway Cup as he didn't believe much in challenge games. "Each man must prove himself in a real game" he continued "and at this moment we have sixteen Armagh men on the panel."

All this speaks well for the Northern side and it seems obvious that the improvement will continue especially as the team is being well handled. In the League they will have plenty and varied experience so they should emerge next summer as a sound, well balanced side.

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*Goalmouth action from the 1980 All-Ireland Hurling Final. Galway goalkeeper Michael Connelly goes to grab the sliothar while his backs, Conor Hayes (No. 2) and Jimmy Cooney (No. 4) look on anxiously.*



# Congress will be vitally important

By Seán Clerkin

**T**HIS year's Annual Congress of the Irish Handball Council will, in my opinion, be the most important in the history of the game. The delegates from all the affiliated counties who attend it will be charged with the responsibility of charting a successful course for the game with special reference to the centenary celebrations of the G.A.A. in 1984.

A new President will be elected and he like Tom Walsh of Donegal who is now completing his term of office and the many dedicated people who have previously held the position will be embarking on a chore that has hard work as its emblem. He will be the architect of the new charter.

As I write these notes it is, indeed, pleasing to record that a number of well-known handball personalities have thrown their hats into the ring in quest of the prestigious position.

There is also an element of intrigue about the nominations in relation to Munster for instance, where we find Caimin Jones and Mick Tyrell, the Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Munster Council, chasing the Presidency. It is a just vindication of the work both have done, in their own domain for the promotion of handball. Jones has been prominent in his native Clare where the development of the game has been his forte, while Tyrell can lay claim to the successful evolution of the game in Tipperary. They are handball fanatics in a real sense, in that their interests can also be found in promoting the grass roots of their clubs back at home or in tediously tending to the coaching interests of the younger players.

The same sentiments can also be applied to Jimmy King from

Wexford who has many admirers as he makes a bid for the top position. During my twenty year plus acquaintance with the Wexfordman I found him moulded in the shape of the handball traditionalist with a deep insight for the game, a hesitancy to change just for the sake of matching the exigencies of the modern day and also with an ability to match strokes with the best players in the country.

I always considered Jimmy as being unfortunate not to succeed in scaling the top branch of the playing tree. He has given an amount of his time to promotional work amongst youth and like his Munster counterparts he also served his apprenticeship on the Provincial Council.

There was a suggestion some weeks ago that Tommy O'Brien of Kilkenny would be in the field but when I spoke to him lately he indicated that much as he would like the challenge, the multiplicity of his present duties would of necessity, rule him out.

Ulster will also have a Presidential nomination in Dick Murphy of Antrim. He has not been to the fore in the contest of National administration as long as the others, nonetheless his contribution to the upsurge of handball in Antrim has been considerable.

Thus the stage is set for an interesting contest and it is not gilding the lily to say that any of the four would fill the position adequately.

On his election, I am hopeful that the new President will immediately embark on a comprehensive policy towards the effective integration of handball in G.A.A. clubs so that, come 1984, the Association can really claim that the ideal of promoting all games stipulated in

the Official Guide has been pursued with vigour.

Let no one construe that my observations have hidden recriminations.

I concede that much progress has been made in recent years and this is evidenced from the number of G.A.A. clubs who promote handball. However, the fact remains that clubs are still providing facilities for sports outside the ambit of the Association while handball was omitted in the first instance.

The new President should ensure that ambiguity in this field will be eliminated and that G.A.A. clubs, now in the throes of development for 1984 will be forcefully reminded of their parallel obligation to handball.

Whither hardball, the traditional form of the game and is the playing pool of participants sufficiently large for the productive promotion of both the 60 X 30 and 40 X 20 codes?

These are questions that have been posed on numerous occasions over the years. Direct answers have never been supplied as a result of which we meander along, apparently contented with two forms of handball in two different types of courts.

I have consistently argued over the years that the potential ratio of players in relation to the population just cannot allow us the luxury of these diverse forms of handball. A bold and conclusive answer to the problem is long overdue and perhaps Congress and the new President will supply it.

And by the same token such important issues as communications, a re-structuring of the Handball Council and the special case of Dublin Handball might all find

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**I**T cannot be denied that the fates have, in the past, been relatively generous to Kerry's brilliant wing-forward Ger Power. The small but sturdily built Austin Stacks clubman has, at 28, already sampled more success than the majority of intercounty players experience in an entire career. To date Ger has won three All-Ireland medals, five All-Star awards and was captain of the Kerry team that completed the three-in-a-row last year.

A great player on a great team, the unassuming Tralee native has much to be proud of. Yet it would be inaccurate to suggest that Ger Power's career has been a complete bed of roses so far.

Like all footballers, he has suffered his share of ups and downs and his glory has not been garnered lightly. In fact, Ger Power might be regarded as the most unfortunate member of the current Kerry panel.

A recurring hamstring injury cost him an All-Ireland medal in 1979 and almost denied him the honour of leading the Kingdom to Sam Maguire success last September. As it was, he failed to last the distance in the 1980 final.

Such setbacks would dishearten many a player but Ger Power's enthusiasm and dedication were not diminished despite the fact that he had previously captured all of the major prizes in football.

Displaying typical spirit, Ger fought his way back to full fitness on each occasion and immediately resumed his place with the multi-talented Kerry team on which he served with such 'distinction throughout the seventies.

Yes, Ger Power is a vital cog in what is arguably the greatest Gaelic football machine of all time. He first donned the green and gold jersey as a minor but he had to wait until his graduation to the under-21 ranks to sample his initial taste of All-Ireland glory.

He captured his first senior Celtic

# A great player on a great team

By Noel Horgan

cross in 1975 when, as a dashing wing-back, he played a major role as a youthful and unfancied Kerry fifteen toppled Dublin in the national decider. The mighty Dubs re-asserted their authority in the following two seasons.

By now, of course, Ger Power had been transferred from wing-back, a position which earned him two All-Star awards, to wing-forward and the move was to prove a master stroke on the part of the Kerry mentors.

Ger revelled in the company of players like Pat Spillane, Ogie Moran, Mike Sheehy, Eoin Liston, John Egan and Tom Doyle, surely the finest collection of forwards ever to assemble on an intercounty team.

Swift, clever, skilled with an uncanny ability to drift into open ground even when pitted against the most vigilant and tenacious defenders, Ger was superb as Kerry motored impressively to an All-Ireland treble.

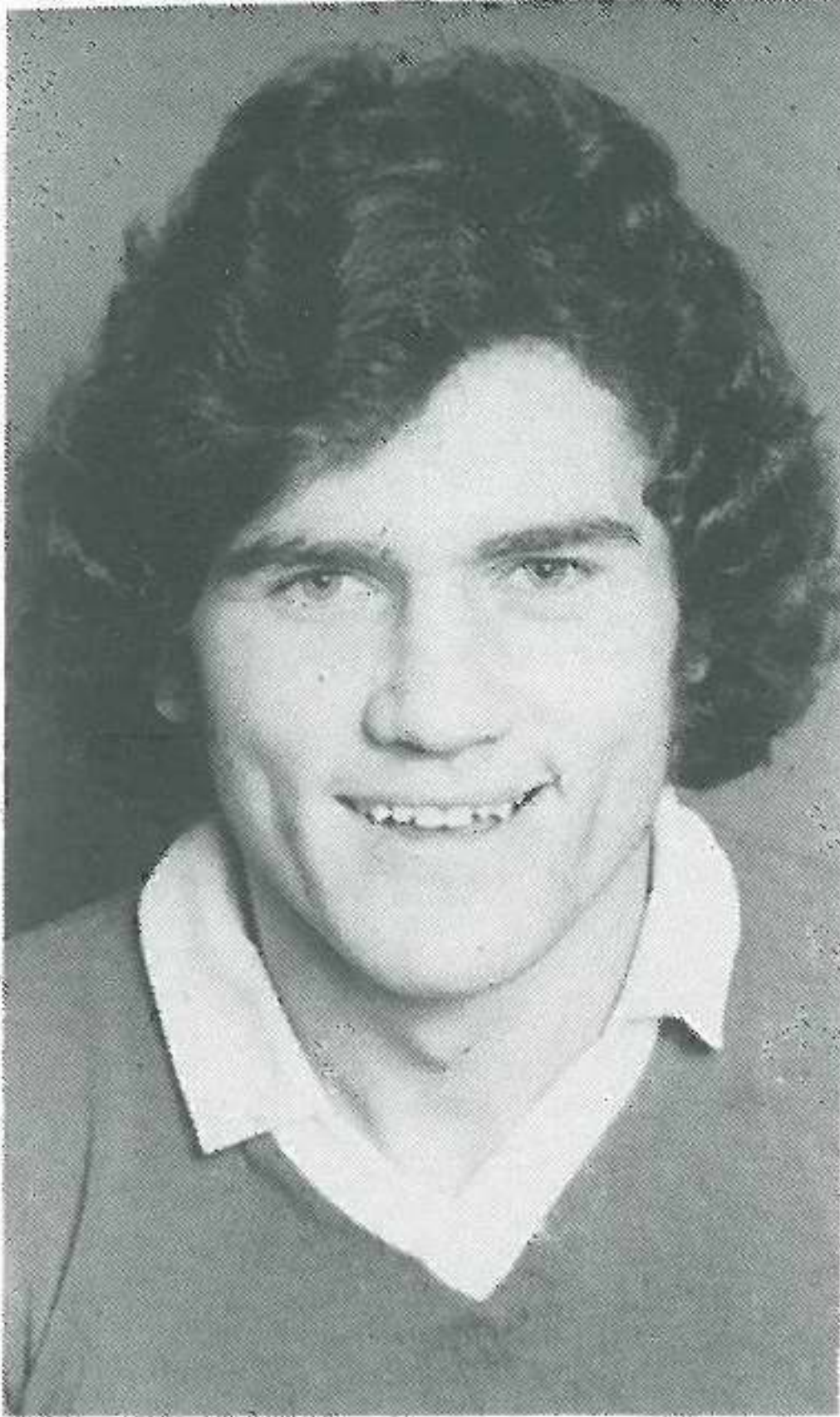
Probably his finest season occurred in 1979 and it was ironic that he should miss out on an All-Ireland medal that year. His display in the Munster final against Cork at Killarney was particularly memorable.

Sizzling on the right wing, Ger repeatedly tormented the Cork rearguard and roasted hurling star, John Crowley, as Kerry moved to a comfortable interval lead. On the restart Cork, inspired by strong displays from Kevin Kehily and Jimmy Barry-Murphy, made strenuous efforts to recover and were making progress until Power opened up again, capping a superb individual performance with a splendid goal in the closing minutes.

Ger shone also as Kerry trounced Monaghan and he seemed set to complete a great season when the champions faced up to Dublin in the decider. But the injury bug raised its ugly head at this point and Ger Power was forced to adopt a mentor's role as Kerry stormed to victory.

To compensate him, perhaps, Kerry honoured Ger Power with the captaincy of the team the following year and he proved an admirable skipper as the Kingdom marched on to the final with smoothly-executed wins over Cork and Offaly.

Injury struck Ger Power again, however, and while his determination enabled him to lead the Kerry men out on final day, he was but a pale shadow of his true self



● Ger Power, a vital cog in Kerry's football machine.

before he retired at half-time. Still Kerry, though handicapped by Power's departure and the absence of ace full-forward Eoin Liston, managed to limp to victory over tenacious Roscommon and Ger Power proudly received the Sam Maguire Cup.

It was unfortunate for Ger, however, that he was unable to make a more significant contribution as Kerry surmounted their final hurdle on the journey to the three-in-a-row.

Ger Power's immediate ambition must be to win another All-Ireland with Kerry this year and the Kingdom will surely be ante-post favourites for the '81 championship. But I suspect that secretly Ger Power's main hope is that Lady Luck will desist from frowning upon him at such inopportune moments in the future.

The talented Tralee man, son of legendary Limerick hurler, Jackie Power has already suffered more than his share in this regard.

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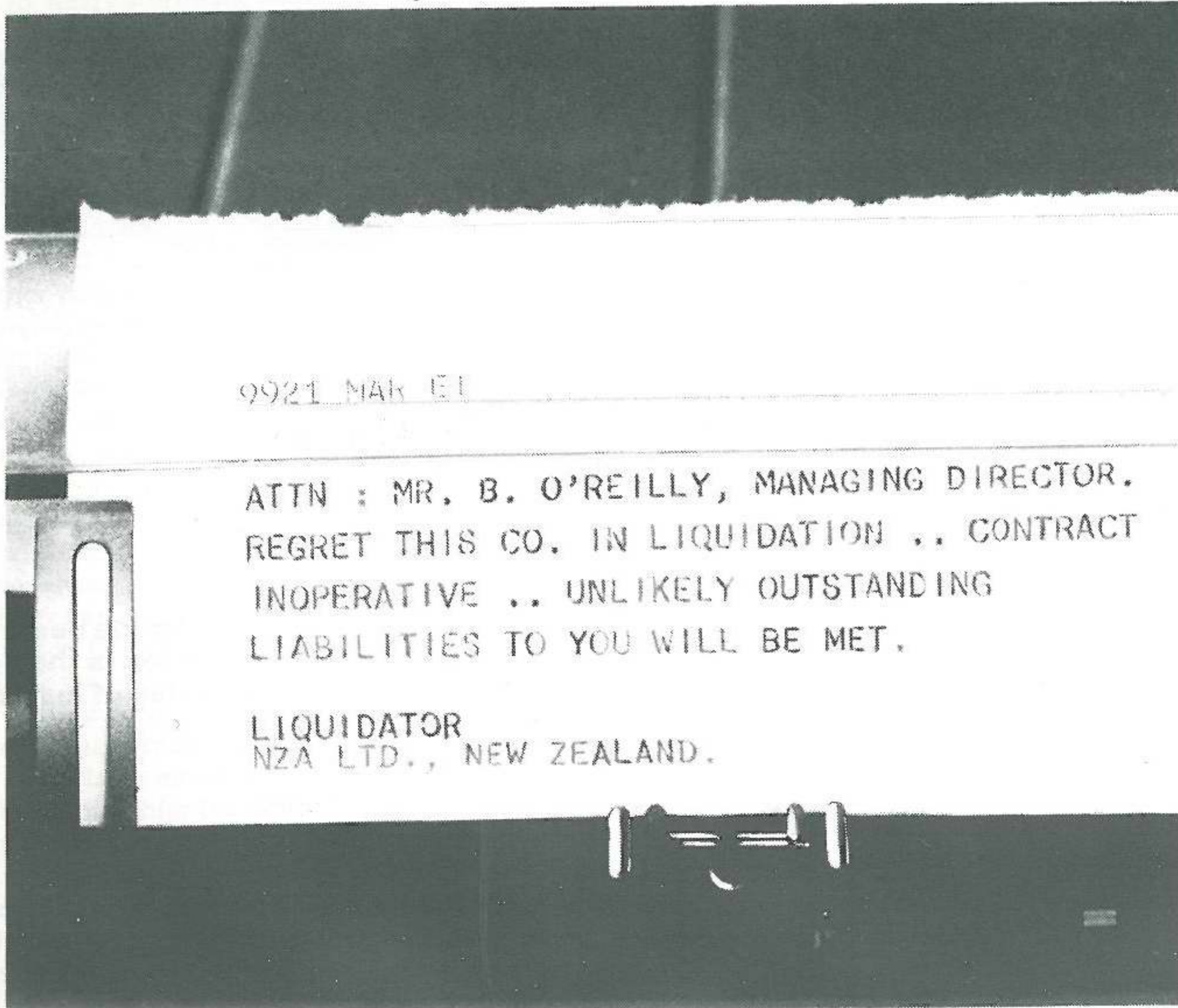
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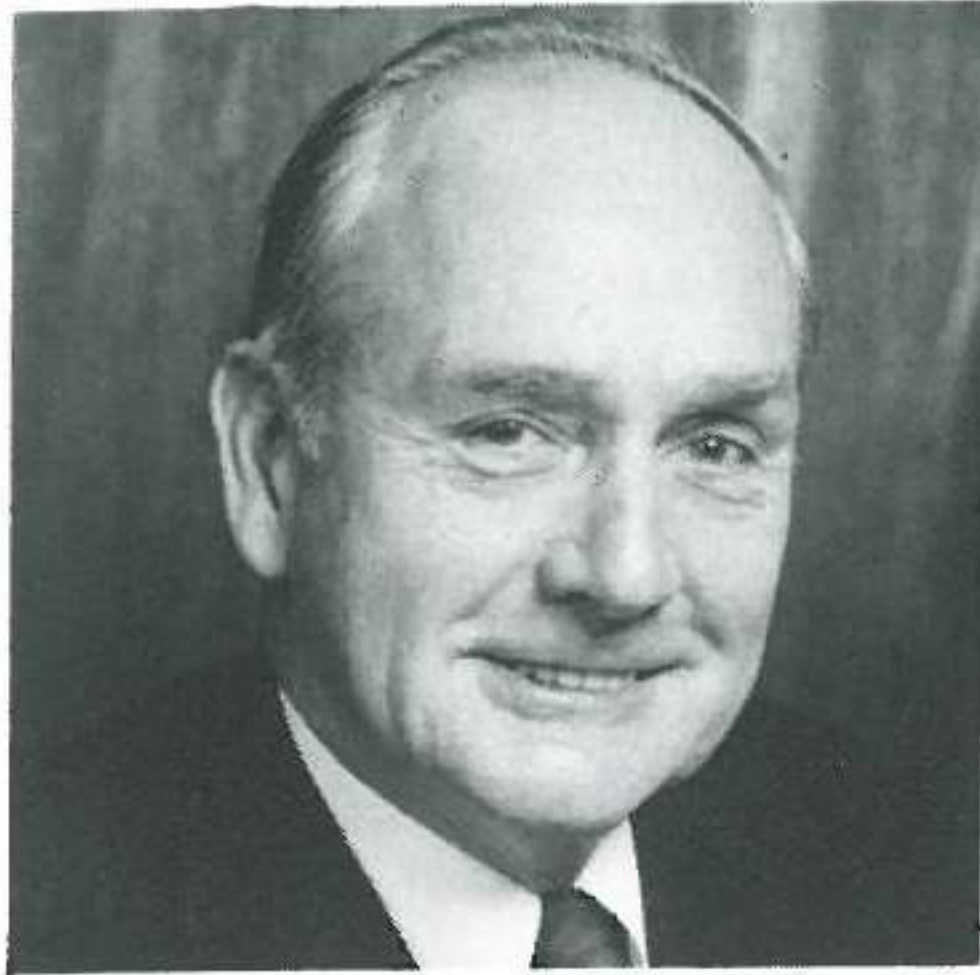
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**I**N these days of recession, when it appears the whole commercial, industrial and agricultural world is swiftly heading for near extinction, it is heartening and reassuring to come across an Irish company that is, apparently, quite oblivious to all the prophets of doom and which continues to march confidently ahead into the "perilous" 'eighties.

Our following article spotlights such a company — by name: The Insurance Corporation of Ireland Ltd.

Readers will note the Corporation's phenomenal growth particularly during the last decade, to such an extent that it is now the leading Irish general insurance company, transacting all classes of business.

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commenced trading. The following year The Continental Corporation of New York was invited to acquire a 10% shareholding.

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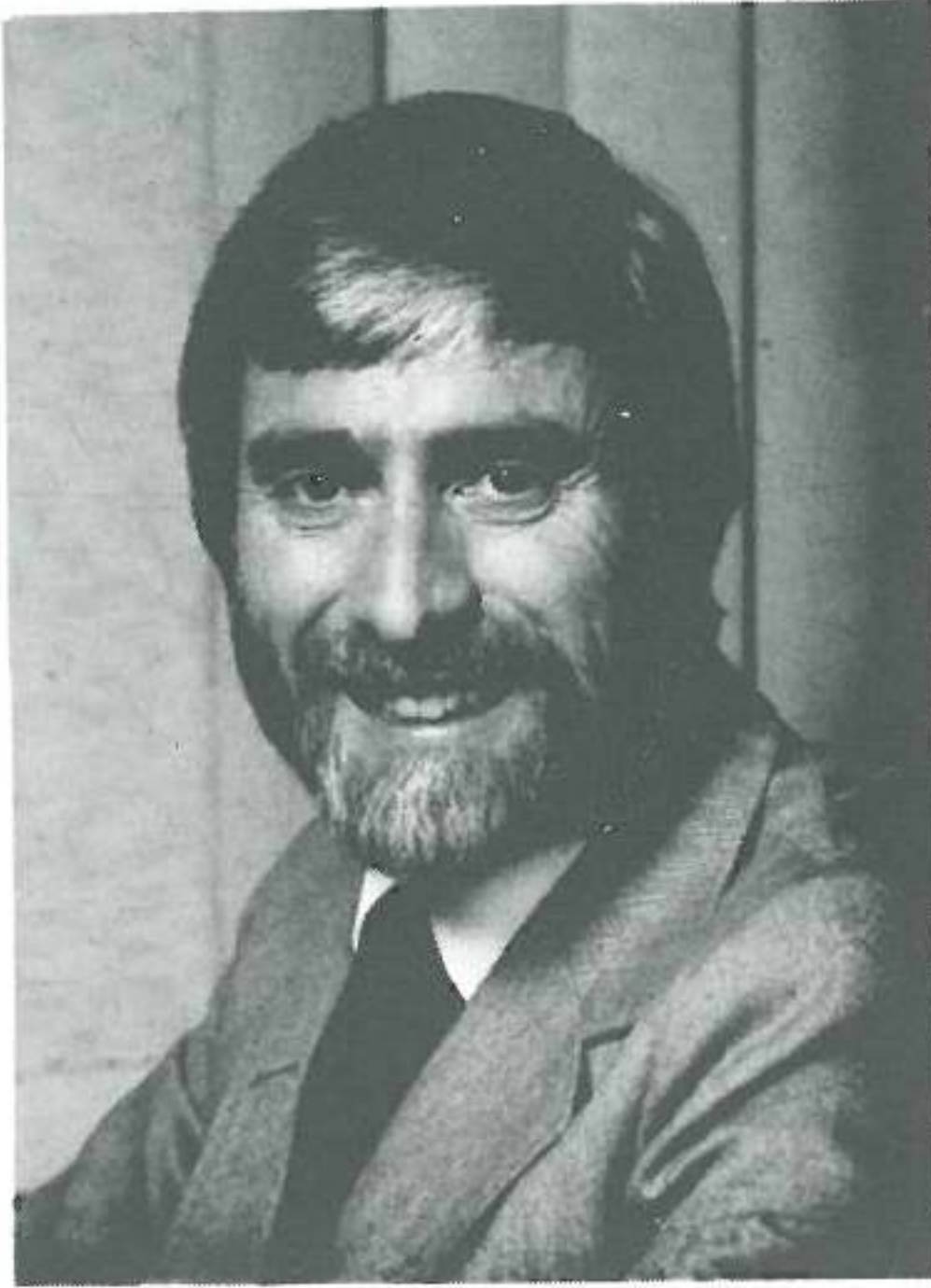
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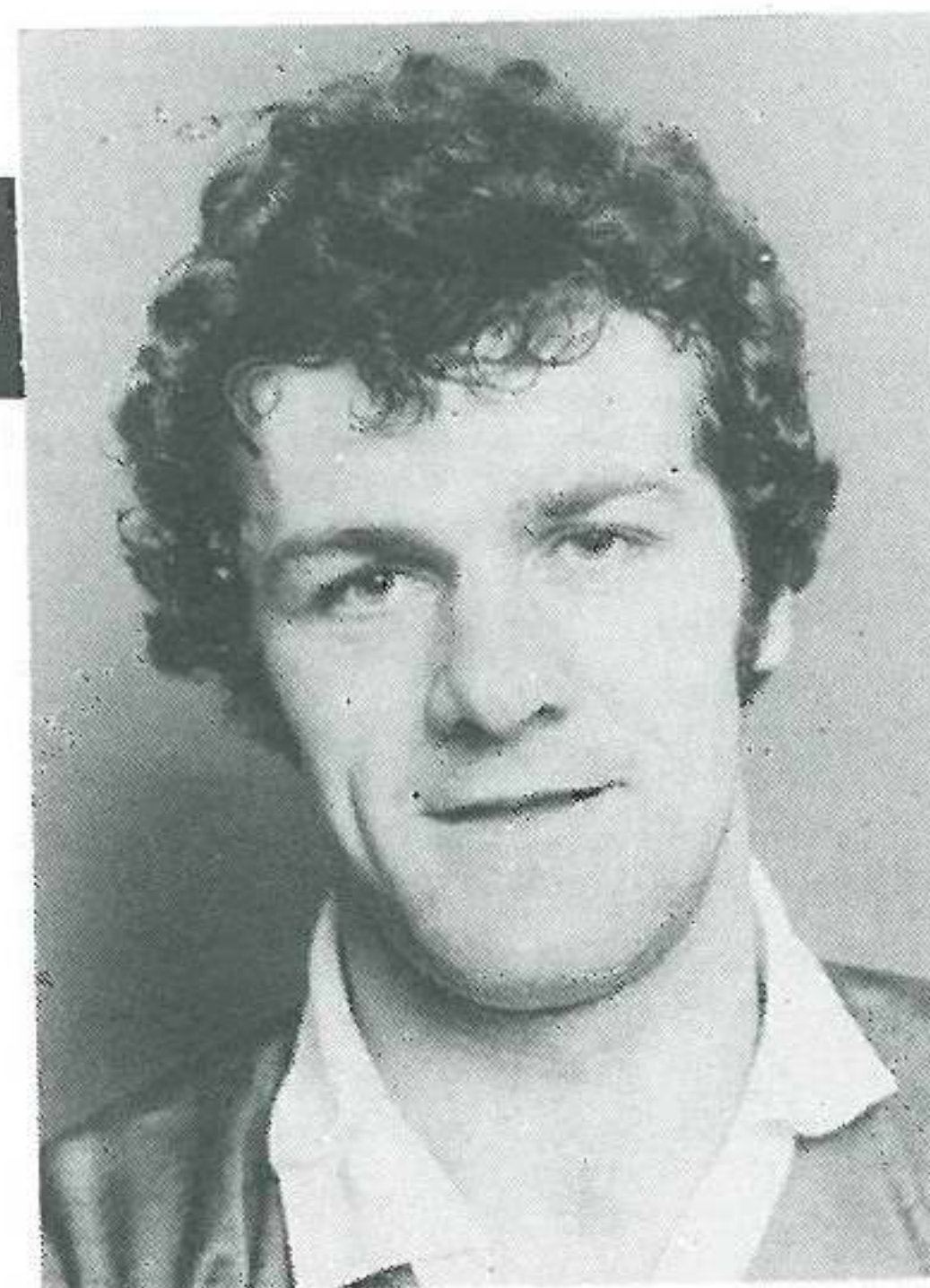
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# Careers Contrast

By TERRY McGRATH



• Jack O'Shea (Kerry)

**T**HERE could hardly be a better contrast to the fickleness of sporting fortunes than that provided by the careers of the men who have joined the ranks of Gaelic Games winners of Texaco awards — the 1980 representatives John Connolly and Jack O'Shea.

It has all been happening for Connolly in the winter of his inter-county career, even in retirement, in fact. But only after many years of disappointments, and at the highest level of competitions as well.

On the other hand, the Kerry football midfielder has made a habit of collecting awards in a short spell in the game, and already at only 23 he now has every major honour in the code.

Probably the best thing that happened in the past year was that John Connolly did not bow out of inter-county hurling without an All-Ireland senior medal. It would certainly have been tragic had the game's chief accolade eluded the Castlegar club man in view of his tremendous contribution to Galway and hurling in general in a dedicated and exciting career in the top grade stretching right back to 1968.

Make no mistake about it, John Connolly's contribution to the hurling game in modern times has been immense. His class, dedication and sporting qualities made him one of the most exciting personalities in the game, and an inspiration to Galway over the years when disappointments and frustrations were their "rewards" for their

ceaseless efforts in keeping a lonely flag flying in the West.

The fact that the Connacht county's lack of major successes until recent times did not prevent John Connolly from becoming one of the most popular and respected campaigners in hurling is the best tribute to his ability as a hurler. It is easy to shine in a smooth moving and very successful combination, schooled in match-winning performances; it is something else to scale the heights consistently without the stimulus of top class title winning displays.

But John Connolly did more than prove a key figure in the game for so long. He stamped his genuine skills in a variety of positions all over the field.

Whether it was at half back, midfield or on a forward commission, he went about his work with a proficiency that made him an outstanding asset in any side.

The tall Westerner's versatility was not confined to the hurling field. He also represented Galway in all grades of football, and won a provincial title as well at amateur boxing.

It was John Connolly the hurler, however, that we remember best of

all. The hurler who has a unique position in the annals of the game in his county; the man who led Galway to their last National League title, and then finally retired from inter-county games on the most successful note possible after playing a big part in that long-awaited All-Ireland senior final win last September.

He gained his unique place in Galway hurling as the country's solitary representative in the first Carrolls All Star hurling side. That was 1971, and it is sobering now to reflect that nine senior championship campaigns had to go through the sands of time after that before Connolly finally won hurling's top medal following the show-down against Limerick last year.

John Connolly made his debut with Galway in big-time hurling against Clare in 1968, having earlier appeared with the county at minor and under-21. After his All Star trophy at midfield, he had to wait until 1975 for his first national senior medal. When it came, however, there was the added distinction for the Castlegar man of captaining the side that beat Tipperary for the National League title.

Galway hurling then looked on the threshold of championship greatness, and those hopes seemed to be coming to full fruition when

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the Connolly-led squad shocked Cork for a place in the 1975 Liam McCarthy Cup game. The dreams of All-Ireland glory were shattered, though, by Kilkenny.

When Connacht, represented by an almost exclusively all-Galway squad, lost the 1979 Railway Cup final to Leinster, and Galway were again mastered by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final that season, few could have envisaged that John Connolly would still celebrate a "dream" campaign before bowing out of hurling.

Yet Galway and John Connolly were back in 1980 to celebrate a unique treble — a treble that saw Connacht regain the Railway Cup after 33 years, Castlegar take the All-Ireland club title, and then Galway win at last the Liam McCarthy Cup. A unique treble because that was the first time those titles were won by teams drawn exclusively from the one county.

John Connolly, an elegant and tireless hurler, who won county medals at minor, under-21 and of course, senior, was not the only member of his family to share in Galway's heady days.

His brother, Joe captained Connacht in the Railway Cup, and in Galway's All-Ireland final win he was also the team skipper. Another brother, Michael, also played in the match against Limerick.

This trio, as well as brothers Gerry and Pdraig, were in the Castlegar side that brought the All-Ireland club title West for the only time. Michael captained that team for a rare family captain's treble.

While many, understandably enough, regretted John Connolly's decision to bow out of inter-county competitions after the All-Ireland senior final, he could not have gone out on a better note. While he will be missed — indeed he has been badly missed by Galway in the meantime as they have struggled in the National League — the fact remains that, even without the glory that was his in 1980, John Connolly's place

among the giants was assured.

And, how appropriate that his early days in retirement have been marked with this latest honour that adds the Texaco trophy to his GAELIC SPORT — TYLER TOP TEN award of 1979.

It is interesting to recall that only weeks after John Connolly led Galway in their unsuccessful All-Ireland final bid of 1975, Jack O'Shea was out there at Croke Park as a teenager turning on the skills at full forward as Kerry beat Tyrone for the All-Ireland minor football crown.



● John Connolly (Galway)

Even though he displayed tremendous potential, potential that franked him to even the most undecerning of judges as a bright senior star on the way up, few could still have envisaged that the remaining years of the 'Seventies would prove so exciting and so successful for the young St. Mary's, Cahirciveen man.

Indeed, the success story continued into the 'Eighties, and now this cool, sure-fielding and progressive footballer already has three All-Ireland senior medals, a National League souvenir, a brace of Railway Cup medals, and an All Stars award for last year.

Kerry has produced more than the usual quota of midfield giants down

the years, but the 6ft. 1in. tall O'Shea, who was twenty-three last November, can already stand shoulder to shoulder with the best of them.

Sure fielding, work-rate, intelligent distribution, long kicking and a consistent level of high grade performance over the season are among the assets in the make-up of one of the most exciting young footballers in the talented company from the Kingdom that has already accomplished so much over the years.

O'Shea won a second All-Ireland medal in 1975 at full forward in the team that beat Dublin for the under-21 title. He collected further medals in that particular grade nationally in 1976 and 1977, playing at midfield in each of those campaigns.

But it was probably in the 1978 All-Ireland senior final that Jack O'Shea took his place among the midfield giants. Dublin were going for their third All-Ireland title on the trot in the clash with Kerry, and Brian Mullins and Bernard Brogan at midfield formed one of their strongest planks.

However, as Kerry powered to a famous victory, Jack O'Shea was the man who captured most of the midfield glory, and since then he has been a real power-house of a success story that marks the last few years as one of the Kingdom's most successful periods ever.

Not only that, the best must surely be still to come from the Cahirciveen man, as the experience and maturity gained from the successes of recent seasons will help to hone his tremendous skills and class still further.

It is odds on, then, that he will continue to capture plenty of headlines to make him a serious contender for top awards again in 1981 — perhaps even in our own Top Ten race. Certainly, Jack O'Shea is a gifted young man who can do much to ensure that Kerry will be a tremendous force — especially in their quest for a record-equalling four All-Ireland titles in successive years.

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# TOP GOALIES

By Eamonn Young

**H**ATS off to Offaly's hurlers. We all said that last year, but it wasn't until Damien Martin told me about the hurling scene that I, who had first seen the county play forty-five years ago against Wexford in New Ross realised what great fellows these hurlers from the midlands are.

If you draw a semicircle of ten miles radius with its centre on Birr you'll take in Banagher in the north, run east along to Kinnitty and back south to Coolderry and Shinrone. That's the hurling area. From Arderin Hill in the Slieve Blooms right north west to the Shannon at Banagher you'll go about twenty miles, and traverse the whole hurling scene. The best clubs are Shinrone, St. Kieran's, Drumcullen, St. Rynagh's, Kinnitty, Lusmagh, Coolderry and Ballyskenach, a team from which early in February stretched a Cork side drawn from hundreds of senior players.

A comparable area in Tipp would be a semicircle with Cahir as the centre, and lying on the south, taking in Burncourt, Clogheen, Newcastle and Clonmel, just a section of that county, while in Kilkenny (where football has no real status) a similar strip of county would take you from Kilkenny city to Freshford, Tullaroan, Kilmanagh, Callan and Bennetsbridge. So that's why I have great regard for the Offaly men and hope they'll soon win an All-Ireland.

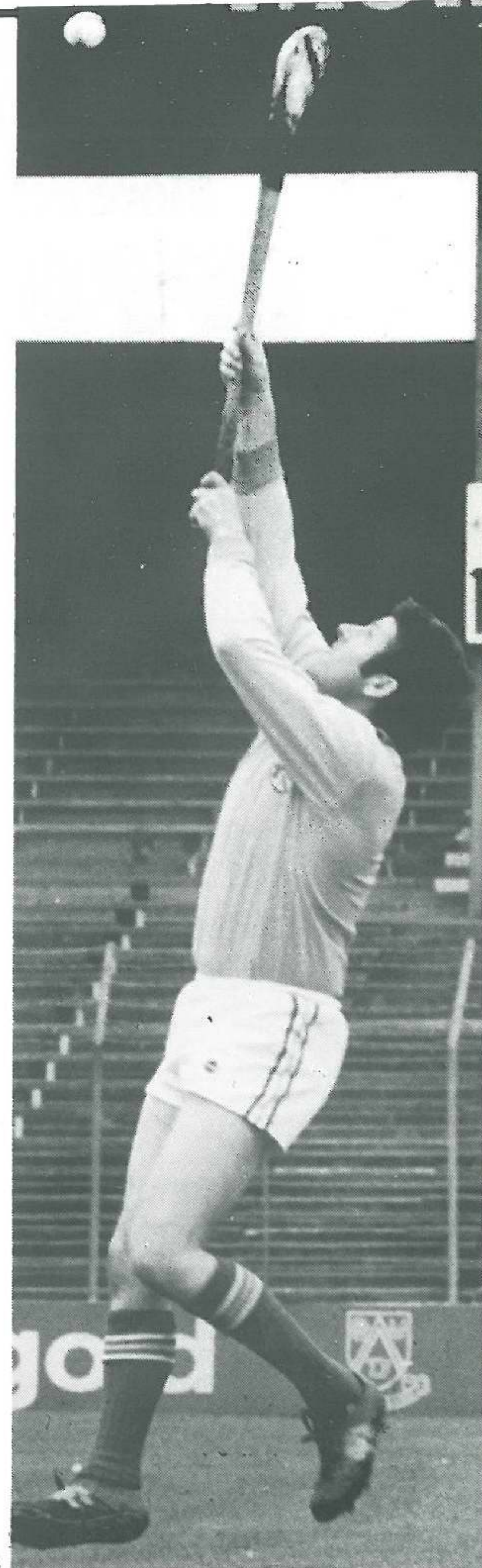
Christy King is the present goalie

for the side and he had a sound game against Cork. He takes over from Damien Martin of Banagher a hard lean-jawed man of thirty-four who has stood fair square between the Offaly posts for as long as some of the younger folk can remember. The Banagher business man, who ten years ago married his girl Josephine from Birr, mother of his three children, has hurling in the blood for his uncles Gaybo and Jerry Nallen wore the green, white and orange of the county. Josephine by the way did not see her husband play very often over the years, preferring to await the news at home, though she did see the historic win over Kilkenny last year.

Brother Gabriel of the Presentation Order in Birr was the man who set the feet of the little under-12 Damien on the hurling path and from full back on that team he advanced to the middle of the field in the under-14 side. At sixteen he was in the goal for St. Rynagh's and they went on to win the junior championship of '63 taking no less than ten county championships in the next twelve years. In the under-21 Offaly side of '64 they had no less than thirteen of the selection and that was almost a breakthrough for they went within two points of Wexford who that year won the All-Ireland. Since then they have been plugging away and just now there is every reason to suggest that they are up with the best. If the

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# Looking forward to the 'Eighties

By Tony Keegan

A POSITIVE look at some aspects of the business of farming is long overdue. We hear so much news of gloom and doom that we tend to forget that there is a good satisfying life to be made from farming. A careful practical approach is necessary however. Long term planning and development brings its own reward. Here are just a few thoughts on some aspects of farming that could be considered in looking forward to the 'Eighties'.

A recent survey has shown that there are about 90,000 rural electricity consumers without running water. When you consider that water is usually readily available below the surface of the ground, these consumers are, in effect, denying themselves the wide range of domestic and farmyard equipment that so many of us take for granted.

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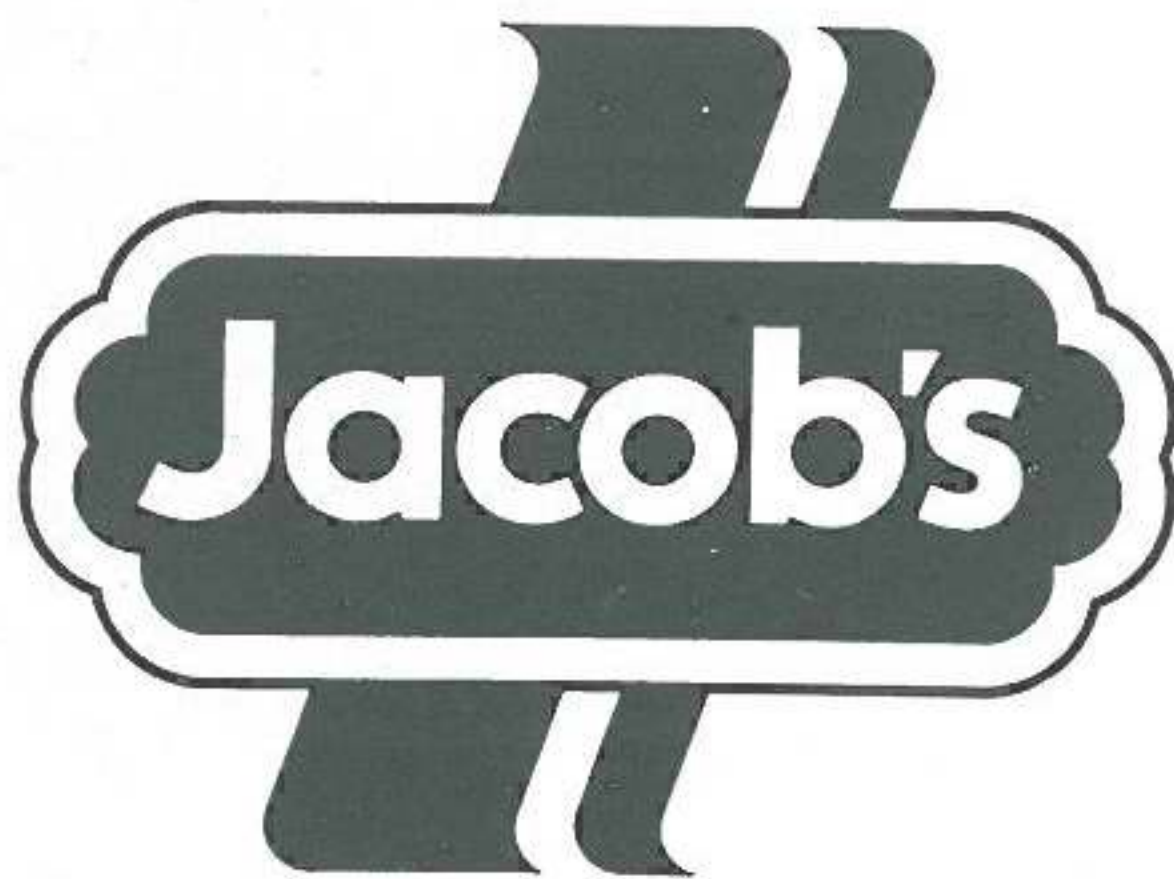
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It would be remiss of me to conclude without referring to the visits of an American Team to our country about a month ago. It was comprised of Vernon Roberts and Terry Muck from Chicago, John Sabo (New Jersey) and Gordy Pfeifer (Tacoma) and they were accompanied by Team Manager Bob Peters, the Executive Director of the United States Handball Association. Their mission here was to compete in the Top Ace tournaments, organised by RTE Sport in conjunction with the Irish Handball Council and Bank of Ireland, Waterford Glass, O'Neills International and Cougar Sports. Their decorum on and off the court, endeared them to everybody who came to see them in action, while their performances, were, needless to say from the top drawer. It would be nice if more international stars of this calibre could be enticed to our shores.

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# "The Metal Man" of Waterford

By Séamus Ó Braonáin

**T**HE Ware family holds a special place of respect in Waterford hurling. Charlie is considered to be the visionary who began the movement in Waterford which raised its hurling standards and its targets to the same level as the greatest in the land. His Erin's Own team became the object lesson of dedication to the game and the example of striving for perfection. Even when ten years past their peak they could collect themselves and by their skill, teamwork and coolness could handle teams of young lions who had grown up to challenge them and would eventually supplant them.

By their stimulus and example Erin's Own raised Waterford hurling; and Erin's Own's leader and symbol was Charlie Ware. When, after long years, Waterford won their first Munster Championship in 1938, having played a series of heart-stopping near misses throughout the 1930s against the might of Mick Mackey's Limerick, Charlie was still there displaying all his wonderful skills in full-back play.

When his county lost the All-Ireland of that year, on which he must have set his heart as the seal on all his efforts for hurling, Charlie Ware wrote to the County Board to declare that it was time he gave up inter-county hurling to give some young fellow a chance. The Board promptly wrote back that his letter had not been accepted, that they begged he might reconsider his decision for he was "still the best full-back in Ireland".

He was forced back into action to play in the League final that followed and in which once again Dublin beat Waterford. After that he must have felt that destiny did not have a crown in store for him.

Nearly ten years later the Munster Championship was won again and this time the McCarthy Cup was carried from the train at the station beneath Mount Misery and across Redmond Bridge for the first time.

History makes many fitting gestures but scarcely any more appropriate than that which decreed that the bearer of that Cup and captain of Waterford's first winning team should be Jim Ware.

It took one of those many revivals of Erin's Own to bring about such a cycle of events. Mount Sion had begun their climb to prominence in the 1930s; Tallow, Lismore, Portlaw and Dungarvan threatened the mastery of Rogha Eireann. Portlaw were champions and Mick Hickey was captain of the Munster champion side of 1938. Only in occasional vindications of their old pride were Erin's Own heard of in the 1940s until one last fling by the remnant of veterans of the 1920s and 1930s spliced to some newer talent beat Clonea-Power in a replayed County Final in 1947.

That meant Jim Ware was captain in the year of destiny. His place is guaranteed forever in the halls of fame. But Jim did not have matters all his own way in his playing days; it was a golden age of goalies. He established himself in the 1920s, taking over from such as Con Ward, Jim Deane and Tom King. For some years Jim (in goal), Charlie (at full-back) and brother Jack (at centre-back) held the middle together for Waterford, while the fourth brother,



• Jim Ware, the first man to bring the Liam McCarthy Cup to Waterford in 1948.

Murty, joined them in the County team for a while.

From the new Mount Sion club "Bon" Ryan took the county jersey for a time; the brilliant Tallow man Mick Curley was the first choice in the late 1930s and played tit-for-tat with Ware for the best part of a decade. Curley was the one in possession in 1938 for the losing All-Ireland; Ware was back in 1940; Curley again in 1942; Ware in 1943; Curley in 1946; and, finally, Ware from 1947 to 1949.

Jim was getting on in years by 1948, but there was nothing wrong with his reactions throughout that eventful season. More important, however, was his technique, then at near-perfection. His positioning seemed to cut down angles to nothing and I cannot remember a goalie who could cover his near post so effectively to attacks from the wings.

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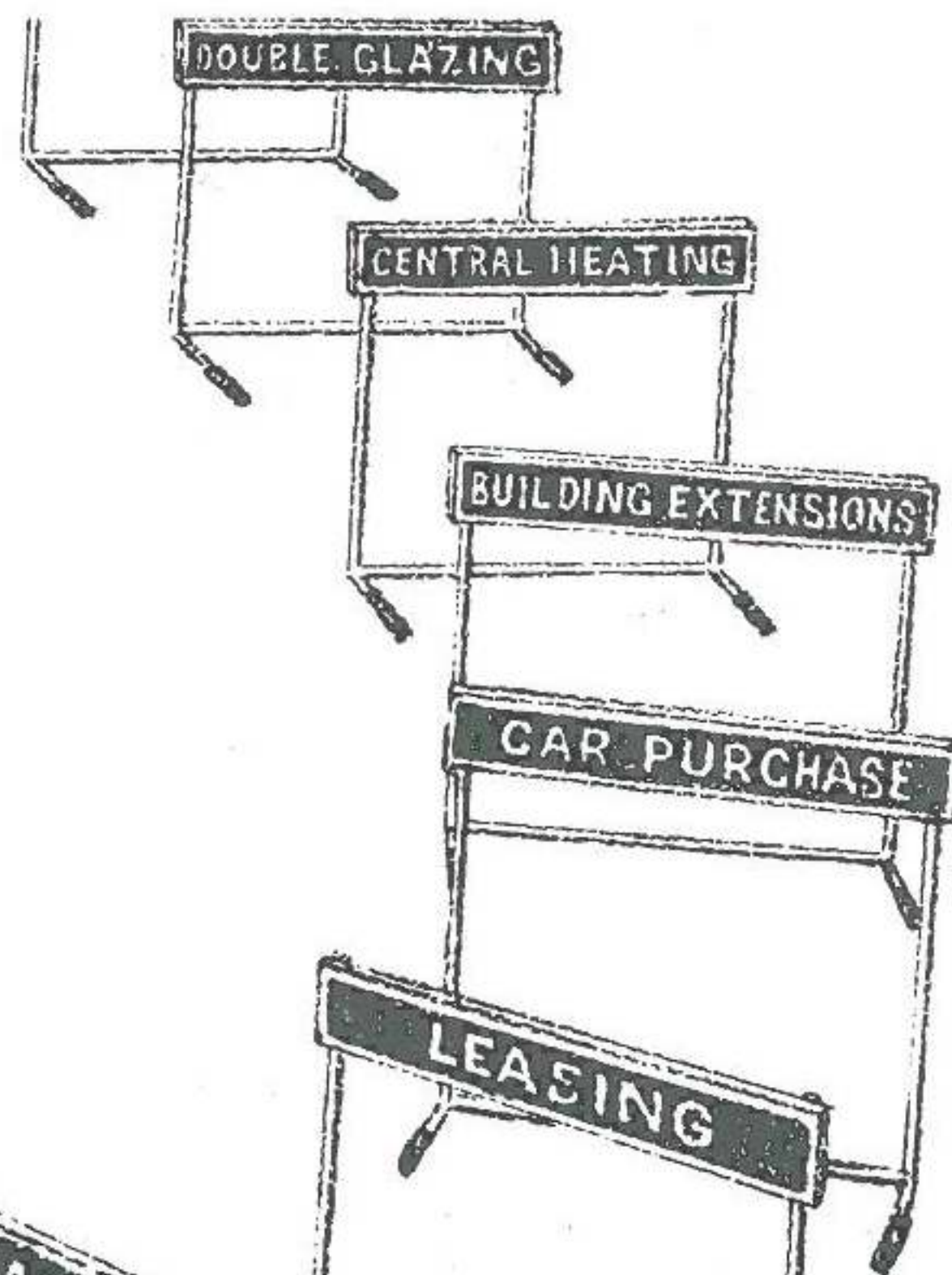
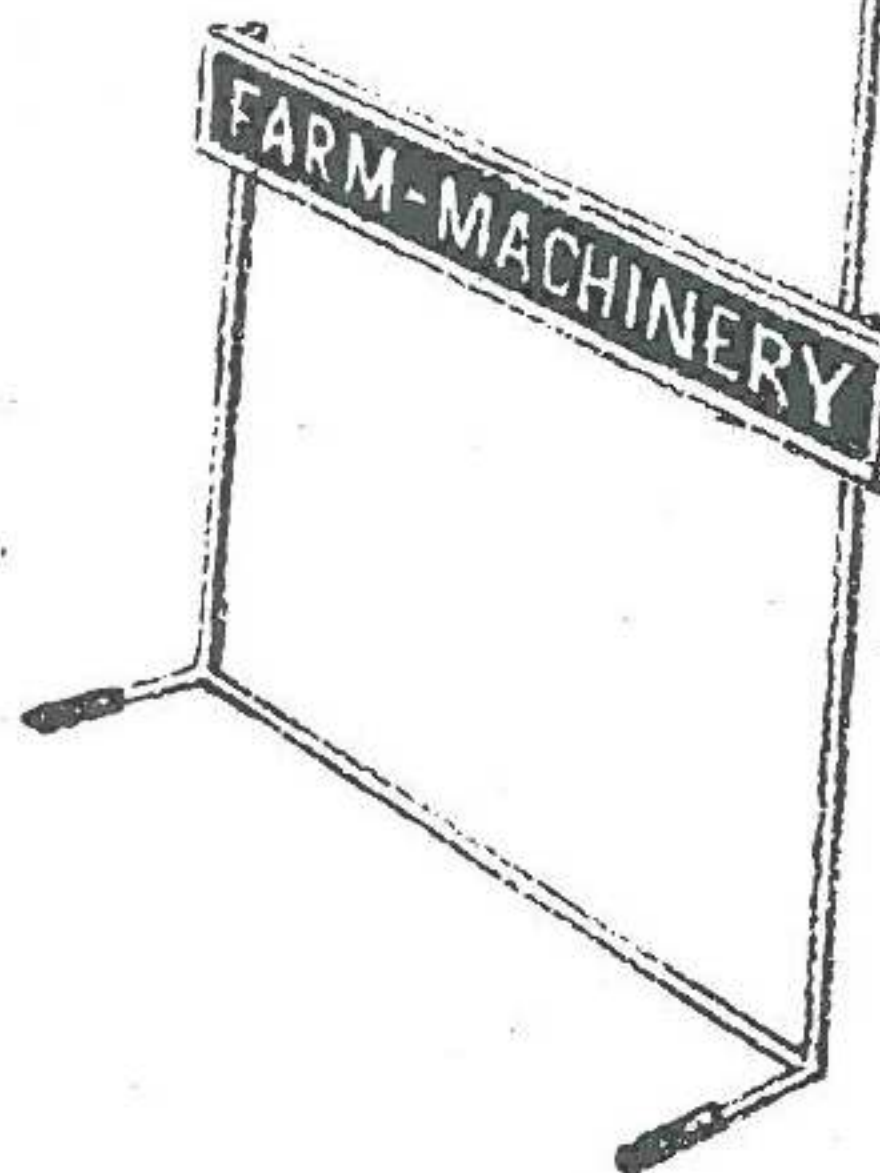
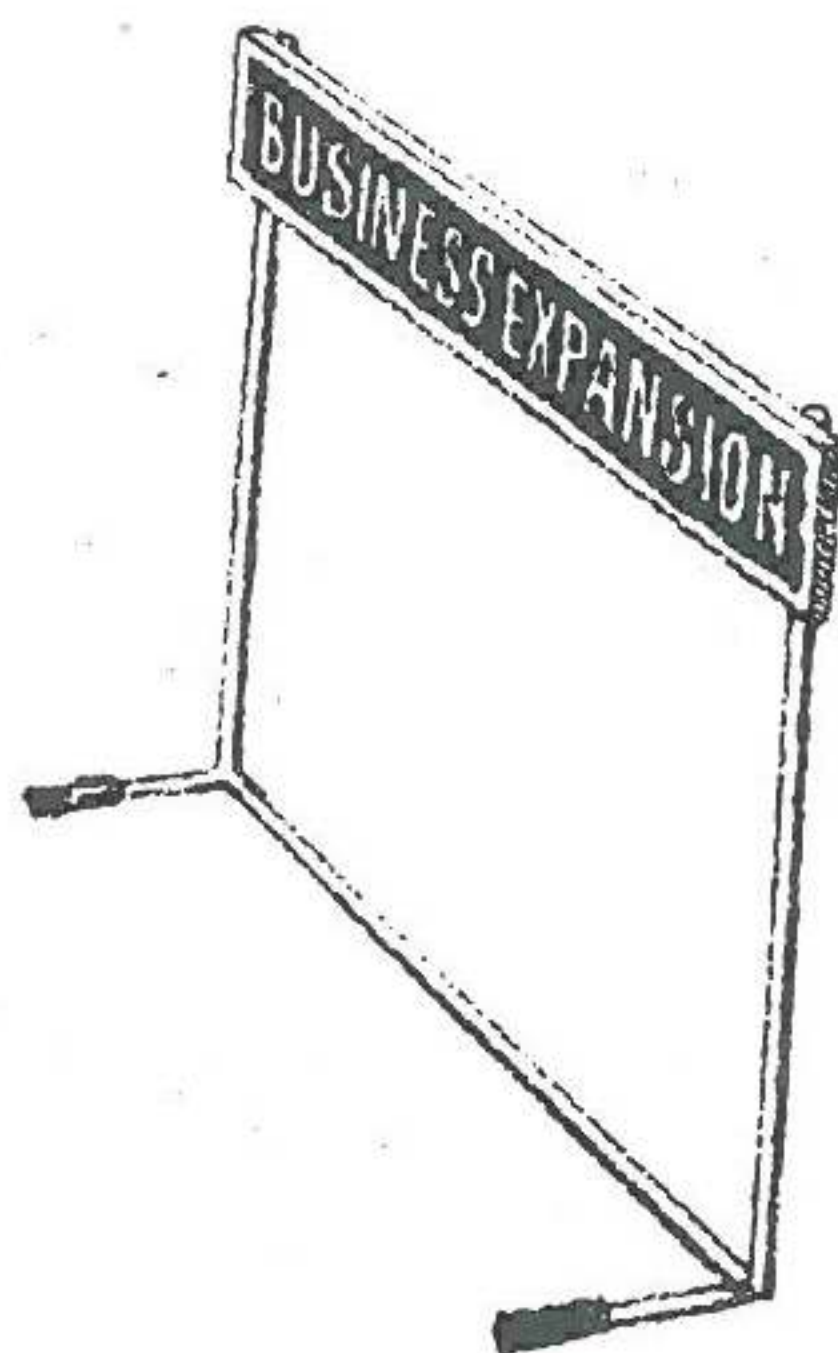
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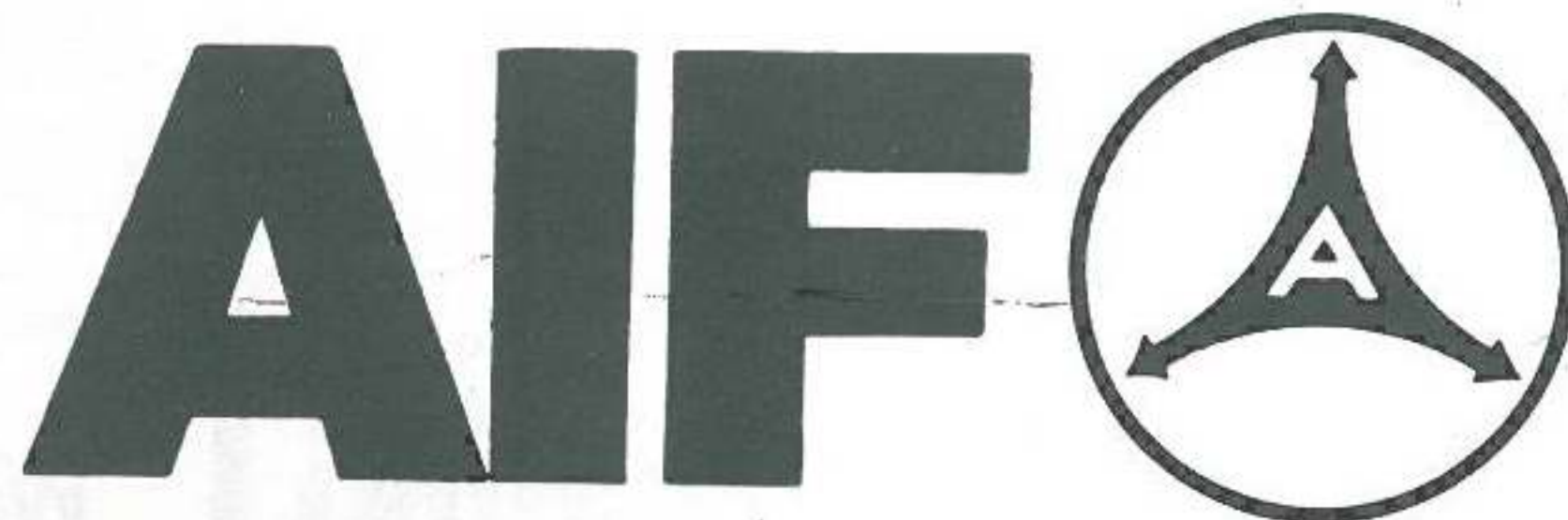
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Of course, Ware's appearance helped, too. Tall, angular and rather ungainly to look at, Jim always wore one of those flat caps that were very much part of goalkeepers' equipment in those days. The long knicks — longer than most of his colleagues of later years — were an added help to the impression of length, so that he appeared even taller.

When he stood in goal he held himself very straight, bending at the knees, perhaps, but never crouching from the shoulders. As you watched you got always the impression of this great dominating presence behind all the play with those piercing eyes glinting from the shadows beneath the cap-peak.

"The Metal Man" they called him in some circles, after the tower that looks out to sea near Tramore. No nickname could do him more justice for, apart from his dominating stature in the goalmouth, Ware probably stopped more shots on his chest, body and legs than other goalies have done with their hurleys:

shots seemed attracted to him as to a magnet.

Older followers will dispute about Jim Ware's greatest games. Seldom did he go in for the spectacular, and his technique made great displays look quite ordinary (the art that conceals art), so it was never easy to identify star-roles of his. However, I cannot better from memory a performance which he gave at Fermoy in 1945 against Tipperary in the Munster championship.

Against the breeze and despite being injured he pulled off a succession of remarkable saves — some which were going over the bar — so that Waterford led by 0-2 to 0-0 at half-time after Ware had defied the Tipperarymen for 30 minutes. At the interval he collapsed and had to be replaced.

It was with an injury, too, that he made his last farewell to the Waterford jersey, hurt in a torrid rush of forwards under a dropping '70' in the first round of the 1949 championship at Thurles against Limerick. He was taken off, spent several days in hospital and called it

a day thereafter.

As his brother Charlie had given massive service as selector, Board officer and Central Council delegate after his retirement, Jim gave years of his time to selection and training of teams. He always found something to do for the Association, and if there was nothing more he could do for the players you would find him operating the turnstiles at Walsh Park or selling tickets at Poleberry. Here is something that was written of him about the time of Offaly's first All-Ireland win in 1971:

"When the Offaly captain brought the Sam Maguire Cup home for the first time, that was how it was when Jim Ware brought the McCarthy Cup across the bridge in 1948. But I cannot help wondering whether the Offaly captain will be found, in twenty years time, collecting tickets at the gate of some field where some unimportant junior game is about to take place. Jim Ware does that, and in doing it, does not demean himself, but rather brings added honour to his untarnished reputation."

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Incidentally Sean O'Neill deploras the playing of League games in January and February pointing out that neither spectators nor players like them and there should be a real close-down for a few months.

To examine the other side of this ball-playing coin I got a hold of Mick O'Dwyer who, at this time of year, is able to pause and catch his breath. The busy Kerry trainer thought Armagh very impressive on the day in Lurgan. "They have a fine panel" he emphasised "and can put new men on the field like Jim Loughran and Frank MacMahon, who on the day I saw them, are as good any in the country. They were a tremendous side that day; they backed each other up; they combined well and took their points with a fine confidence. If they can keep that momentum up they'll be very hard to stop in the League. Any team that beats them in Ulster will have to be very good. I know that Down are coming along under Joe

Lennon and Tony Hadden and Down have had good under-age teams in recent times but just now Armagh look the form team. Jerry O'Neill looks after them well and to be honest, with a bit of luck I see an All-Ireland in Armagh. That would be a great day for Ulster and for the country. For that defeat in Lurgan we in Kerry make no excuses. The facts are that we were short four and I suppose they were sharper, for obvious reasons but on the day we were beaten fair and square. Good luck to Armagh."

Jim MacKerr the full back, Jim Loughran and Frank MacMahon in the centre of the field, Paddy Moriarty in the half back line or just anywhere, for he's a smart versatile footballer, John Corvan, Brian MacMahon, Denis Stephenson and Jim Kernan are only a few of the northern bunch who may yet be better known throughout the country. Much depends, as in the case of all teams, upon the way they're managed, for a team is improved individually and collec-

tively by sensible handling. It is obvious that the improvement is directly related to the ability, tolerance, firmness, and general psychological ability of the man in charge.

To-day in the North there are indeed troubles that slow up the games effort, but on the other hand there is a wealth of training knowledge available as a result of the money the British have put into the organisation of sport. There are more people who know more about athletic training of all kinds in the Six Counties than in most other places in the world and all that expertise is not being wasted. Undoubtedly the same fraction of the population isn't available for our games as there is in the south but it is obvious that what there is, has the attention of skilled and dedicated men. I just wonder how long it will take for an Ulster break-through. Is Mick O'Dwyer right when he says there's an All-Ireland in Armagh?

It wouldn't break any south-erner's heart to see it.

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hurling area is small the enthusiasm is great and a very significant section of that rural area lives for the game and longs for the day when the hurlers of the county follow in the honourable track carved by the footballers some years back.

Damien Martin trained hard and this strong lean chap found it easy to stay in trim. Stamina and speed training were part of his build-up and he knew enough about life, about goal-keeping and top-class competition generally, to know that the talk one sometimes heard about goalies not having to be as fit as the rest was hogwash. It is obvious that if a man has enough control over his temperament to stay in that awful spot in the first place, he usually has enough sense to know the requisites for playing well there in the second place.

Who were the forwards that worried him most? All the good ones, and he said you could never take a chance with the bad ones either but that glorious ciotóg Thurles man Jimmy Doyle always made him more alert than ever. "That fellow was a terror" said Damien "and do you know a forward who is very underrated, is Eamonn O'Donoghue of Cork. He's very unorthodox and it's very hard to anticipate his shot. You just don't know what he's going to do with it. I'm sure he does himself. Then there was Eddie Keher and Mick Brennan and that thundering forward Paddy Delaney. It was no joke trying to keep an eye on those fellows".

I'm sure they didn't underestimate the Offaly net-minder either who like all good players was up to every trick in the game. That day in Cork he tried — and who will blame him — to pull a fast one when he changed the sliotar for the last minute Offaly free when a goal was needed. Hard luck that ref George Ryan has a special interest in such happenings since it was played in a hectic Munster final day years ago now.

Whether Damien Martin will stand in the goal again or whether he'll play an important part on the

line, those who have seen the truly heroic advance of that small hurling community and who have applauded the skill and dash of Pat Carroll, Padraig Horan, Eugene Coughlan, Pat Delaney, Brendan Keeshan, Mark Corrigan, Joachim Kelly, that small beautiful hurler Ger Coughlan and the rest will feel that the MacCarthy cup will rest very happily between the Slieve Blooms and the Shannon when the great day comes, as it must.

The quest for a goalie at the other end of the time scale sent me over one evening to the Bishopstown grounds near Cork. The January twilight had fallen, lonely and chill and away towards west Cork the storm-clouds hung moodily over the rolling hills.



●Ger Cunningham of St. Finbarr's and Cork.

At first I could see little and was guided to the spot by the sharp crack of bas on sliotar. The man outfield had a fluent running style that was slightly familiar. How often I watched him whipping the ball away from centre or full back for Cork when Pat Mac Donnell was the finest hurling back in the country.

At the other side between the sticks was the seventy three inch, one hundred and seventy six pound, twenty year old Ger Cunningham of the Barrs who will, barring accident, stay between the Cork sticks for some time. I watched Pat MacDonne

driving in hard ones and then the long lofted shot as the goalie drove them back.

Afterwards in the dressing-room Pat told me how, as a teacher over in Iognáid Rís, he, Andy Creagh of the Rockies and John Mulcahy thought that the outfield under-14 player Cunningham would play well in the goal. It was a big decision, for Tony Mullins of the Barrs was playing splendidly there at the time. Their guess was right for in the Harty Cup afterwards and then as a minor with Cork the tall Barrsman, son of great enthusiast Jer and nephew of the immaculate Barrsman Mossie and Pa Finn became a class under-age goalie.

The tall lad's reflexes were always good, he had plenty of confidence in a pleasant relaxed smiling way; his balanced movement was evidence of mental poise, the ball-control was good and the one-handed catch was safe. After the Barrs won that county final last year and Cunningham played a grand game it was only a matter of time before he got his chance with Cork and that game was in New Ross when Cork travelled with half a team. What perhaps we didn't know is that the young fellows were as good as the better known and that day, all looking for places, they proved it, among them the new goalie. Since then he has played against Waterford, Galway, and Limerick. The tally against him in four matches is two goals, a tribute he says with refreshing modesty to the men in front of him.

Ger Cunningham trains regularly and likes to hurl with Pat Mac Donnell whom he admires. He also plays squash which keeps his reflexes toned up and here he follows in the footsteps of Noel Skehan who is a very competent player. Ger who works as a clerical officer in the Cork Farm Centre at Dennehy's Cross was very happy to win the Cork Youth Award for 1980 and altogether smiles with delight at what a year that has been. He is grateful for the encouragement he gets and recalls with pleasure the moments before

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# JUNIOR DESK



By  
**JACK  
MAHON**

**W**E have two G.A.A. Yearbooks for review this month.

1. **Cill Dara 1981** (Kildare G.A.A. Yearbook) is edited by Eoghan Corry (an old friend of ours now with the *Sunday Tribune*) and is published by Oisín Publications. I received my copy from Collette McCormick (Larry's wife and a sister of my old team mate Frank Evers) one of the editorial committee. I'm not going to over-praise this Annual as it can be improved upon in layout and other areas but Kildare are young in the game and I know that the Editorial Committee intend to keep on improving and getting the know-how. The price is £1.50. All the clubs get good coverage. So keep at it Eoghan, Collette and Co.

Price **£1.50** from Collette McCormick, 78, Castletown, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.

**Limerick G.A.A. Yearbook 1981** is as usual a highly sophisticated well produced annual up to the very high standards of this county in the past. But then Limerick with Seán Murphy, Liam McKenna, Seamus Ó Ceallaigh and Co. are old hands at the game and right good ones now. This is a superb annual and its 132 pages are full of excellent articles, fine photos, prose and poems of the finest order. There is variety, colour in this yearbook and the whole presentation is an example for all other counties (Kildare please note).

Price **£1.50** from Sean Murphy, c/o Limerick Leader, Limerick.

## CUT OUT

This month's Cut-out is Cork's All Star Hurler Tom Cashman. Here is a brilliant hurler whose modesty belies his brilliance. I'll never forget

his 1978 Munster Final display v Clare in Thurles. It was his display which beat Clare that day. As a minor too Tom was one of those star players whom you could predict for star status like John Horgan, Charlie McCarthy, Martin Doherty and Jimmy Barry-Murphy all of whom he starred with later. Son of a former Cork star, Tom is a real gentleman and hurler and we welcome him to our Cut-out series.

## CORRECTION

I referred to John O'Grady as "Camán" in the *Tipperary Star* when

reviewing the Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook in the last issue of Junior Desk. It should have read "Culbáire". "Camán" is of course Seamus Ó Ceallaigh of the *Limerick Leader*. However, this gives me a chance to salute men like **Culbáire**, **Camán**, Deiseach in the *Waterford News and Star*, G.A.A. Digest in the *Sligo Champion*, Terry Reilly's, *World of Sport* in the *Western People*, Carberry in the *Irish Weekly Examiner*, Orielman in the *Northern Standard* etc., etc. Men who keep the G.A.A. flag flying so proudly in our provincial newspapers.

## From the Mailbag

The Mailbag isn't too big this month. So start writing again.

**Philip Cashin, Brittas, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny.**

"Great to see Galway win at last. Kilkenny will come back again. I am still busy at the scrapbooks and it is a great pastime. I am looking forward to centenary year 1984."

• *I still keep scrapbooks myself.*  
(J.M.)

**John Rowe Junior, Clogh, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.**

"I think the best combination of backs in hurling were Jim Treacy at left back and Martin Coogan at left half back. The best hurling All-Ireland was between Kilkenny and Cork in 1972 and the best football All-Ireland that between Kerry and Dublin in 1976. My favourite footballers are Matt Connor and Bernard Brogan. The favourite hurlers are Mick Brennan and Frank Cummins. My provincial champ-

ions for '81 are N.H.L. — Offaly, N.F.L. — Armagh, M.S.F. — Kerry, M.S.H. — Tipperary, Leinster S.F. — Offaly and S.H. Kilkenny or Offaly. Ulster F — Armagh and Connacht S.F. — Roscommon. All-Ireland S.F. — Roscommon and S.H. — Kilkenny or Offaly. My ambition is to wear the Black and Amber of Kilkenny. I read GAEILIC SPORT every month and want a Cut-out of Mick Brennan of Erin's Own.

• *Keep buying GAEILIC SPORT. You win a Kilkenny scarf which I know you'll wear proudly. And I hope you realise your ambition to wear the Black and Amber.* (J.M.)

**Liam Horan (Aged 12), Neale Rd., Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo.**

"I would like to praise the reserve S.F.L. which was started recently by some counties in Connacht and Leinster. It should be extended to

• **TO OVERLEAF**



● Action from the 1979 All-Ireland semi-final. Kerry's Eoin Liston keeps his eye firmly on the ball while Monaghan goalie Pat Linden moves in anticipation.

● **FROM OVERLEAF**

the 32 counties. This would give some of the 'old faithfuls' competitive football before retiring. Also it could be used as a stage for comebacks by injured players."

● *I suppose the idea is borrowed from the Reserves Leagues in soccer. I'm not against it but let us experiment with it a wee bit more soon. It suits strong counties like Dublin but what about the weaker counties who find it hard enough at times to get commitment from their top team. Take Sligo for instance. Your letter wins you a Mayo G.A.A. bob-cap. (J.M.)*

Michael, 1C Rowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

"Thanks for the G.A.A. tie. I will wear it when I'm big enough"

● *Send on your second name next time Michael. (J.M.)*

Tim J. Murphy, Shamrock Bridge, Rathmore, Co. Kerry.

"Football appears faster today because of the handpass but it isn't.

Kicking the ball makes for a faster game. I'd love to see a return to the catch and kick"

● *Tim you win a Gaelsport Annual for your two correct answers to the December Quiz. (J.M.)*

**Martin Fox, Printinstown, Delvin, Co. Westmeath**, an old friend was eloquent on Galway's hurling success but calls the All-Ireland F. Final Day D-Day. D for Disaster. His new stars for 1980 were Bernie Forde, Michael Conneely, Matt Connor, Brendan Birmingham, and John Fenton. "Watch for a big hurling resurgence in Kilkenny and Clare. My hopes for '81 are

1. That the kicked goal a la Matt Connor will come back in football.

2. The hurling revival in Westmeath, Kerry and Laois to be continued.

3. A better All-Ireland F. Final.

4. Cavan to win out in Ulster again.

5. Brian Mullins to return to action again.

6. Junior Desk to thrive as always."

● *Martin you win a Gaelsport Annual too. (J.M.)*

**Ger Pender, Ballymorris Upper, Aghrim, Arklow, Co. Wicklow**, is still writing about Galway's great year in hurling and John Connolly's All-Ireland medal at last. "I hope he makes a come back next summer." How about it John. The game of hurling needs you. Kerry did well to draw with Kilkenny. One interesting item. Three Mick Moore's play at No. 15 for Laois, Kildare and Carlow footballers. How about that."

● *That's a plea I hope John Connolly reads. (J.M.)*

Next issue I'll review the Leitrim Yearbook. My thanks to Gerry Pender for the Wexford and Wicklow papers. Keep writing to Junior Desk,

**GAELIC SPORT,**

**80, Upper Drumcondra Rd., Dublin 9.**

# 1980 HANDBALL TITLES

## NATIONAL LEAGUE 1979/80

Winner	Kilkenny	(P. Reilly, O. Harold, E. Downey, J. Downey, R. Lennon, T. O'Brien)
R-up	Wicklow	(P. Lee, M. Dyer, L. Barnes, J. Doyle, R. Willoughby, R. Doyle)

## U.S.H.A. MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner	Ireland	Pat Kirby
R-up	U.S.A.	Rene Zamorano

## ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES

Senior Singles	Winner	G. Coughlan (Ennis C.B.S.)
	R-up	J. Leahy (St. Raphaels Loughrea).
Under 15 Doubles Winners		J. Woodcock and L. Connolly (Patrician College Fethard).
	R-up	B. Rennick and L. Magill (St. Macartans College, Monaghan).
Under 17 Doubles Winners		J. Scanlon and R. Fahy (Cashel C.B.S.).
	R-up	D. Casey and S. O Maolmhain (St. Nathys Ballaghaderreen).
Under 18 Doubles Winners		J. O'Neill and J. Scanlon (Cashel C.B.S.)
	R-up	J. Leahy and B. Kilroy (St. Raphaels, Loughrea).

## ALL-IRELAND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS' B CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles	Winner	P. McCann, Ballymote
	R-up	J. O'Donoghue, Cashel
Doubles	Winners	P. McCann and P. McCauley, Ballymote
	R-up	M. Walsh and P. Hallissey, Kilkenny

## UNIVERSITIES TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner	Queens University
R-up	U.C.G.

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## GOALIES

By Eamonn Young

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the big games as a minor goalie when trainer Fr. Michael O'Brien would walk down to the goal to shake his hands and wish him luck. Candidly I'm very glad he didn't decide to play soccer. He went over to Glasgow Celtic for a few days and spent some hard hours stopping fast balls shot by professional forwards. They would have kept him in the group but he knew he would have to bide his time for a first team place.

"Anyway" he says with that very likeable grin "I prefer hurling, I'm mad about hurling".

That day on local radio when the interviewer asked him what his great ambition was, I was sure he'd say "to win an All-Ireland with Cork". I loved his modest reply "To keep my place on the Cork side". When I applauded his answer that evening in the dressing-room he said "Of course I still feel that way. But if I stay long enough I surely would like to win a senior medal in Croke Park".

So from thirty-four-year old Damien Martin to Ger Cunningham of twenty there are a lot of hurling years and thousands of sliotars to be stopped or that have been stopped. They are both representatives of a distinguished hurling fraternity that goes back to Andy Fitzgerald, Dave Creedon and Tom Mulcahy of Cork, Paddy Scanlan of Limerick, Kilkenny's Ollie Walsh and Jimmy O'Connell, Dublin's Kevin Mathews, and Christy Forde, Tommy Daly of Clare, Mick Curley and Jim Ware of Waterford, Tony Reddan the iron man from Lorrha, Art Foley of Wexford, and many many more. They are members of a clan whose nerves are of steel fibre and whose hurling is in the twinkling of an eyelash and the whip of white ash. Long may they and their likes raise a cheer when the leather sliotar is swung aloft.

# Results Summary

## National Football League

February 1: Newry: Down 3-13; Kildare 0-6. Páirc Uí Chaoimh: Cork 1-9; Armagh 0-9. Roscommon: Roscommon 0-10; Dublin 1-5. Tullamore: Kerry 3-10; Offaly 1-9. Ballyhaunis: Mayo 1-14; Antrim 1-10. Ballinascreen: Tyrone 1-8; Derry 1-6. Navan: Galway 3-10; Meath 1-7. Carrickmacross: Monaghan 3-10; Laois 1-12.

Irvinestown: Fermanagh 1-11; Tipperary 0-7. Doonbeg: Clare 1-10; Sligo 0-6. Ballyshannon: Donegal 1-9; Wexford 1-4. Kingscourt: Cavan 1-10; Louth 1-9. Carlow: Wicklow 7-4; Carlow 1-4. Cloone: Westmeath 1-11; Leitrim 0-6. Limerick: Limerick 1-14; Kilkenny 0-4. Longford: Longford 1-8; Waterford 2-5.

February 8: Newry: Down 0-9; Armagh 1-6. Corrigan Park, Belfast: Derry 1-6; Antrim 1-5. Pomeroy: Tyrone 0-11; Meath 1-6.

## National Hurling League

February 8: Páirc Uí Chaoimh: Cork 0-10; Offaly 0-7. Ballinasloe: Galway 2-13; Waterford 1-10. Croke Park: Dublin 1-9; Antrim 0-6. Kilkenny: Kilkenny 2-11; Clare 2-9.

## Club Championships

### CONNACHT FOOTBALL

February 8: Sligo: St. Mary's, Sligo 2-9; Knockmore, Mayo 1-7.

## Universities' Championships

### RYAN CUP FINAL

February 7: Higher Education Football League: Ballybay: St. Joseph's, Belfast 1-10; U.C. Dublin 1-7.

## HURLING

February 15: Freshers Senior

Final: Thurles: U.C. Galway 1-11; U.C. Cork 1-9.

## CAMOGIE

### ASHBOURNE CUP (UNIVERSITIES' CHAMPIONSHIP)

February 15: Final: Cork: U.C. Dublin 1-4; U.C. Cork 0-5. Duichreact Final: Cork: Queen's University, Belfast, 5-1; New University of Ulster 2-3.

### PURCELL CUP FINAL

January 25: Limerick: N.I.H.E., Thomond, Limerick 1-4; Mary Immaculata, Limerick 1-3.

## COLLEGES' CHAMPIONSHIPS

### LEINSTER FOOTBALL

February 8: Tullamore: Carmelite College, Moate, 3-6; Ard Scoil Rís, Dublin 1-3.

February 10: Delvin: St. Mel's, Longford 1-8; Franciscan College, Gormanston 1-2.

February 13: Dublin: St. David's C.B.S., Artane, Dublin 0-9; St. Joseph's C.B.S., Fairview, Dublin 2-2.

## MUNSTER HURLING

February 15: Dr. Harty Cup Semi-Final: Buttevant: Coláiste Chríost Rí, Cork 1-10; Nenagh C.B.S. 1-7.

## HANDBALL

### NATIONAL LEAGUE 40 X 20

February 15: Final: Templederry: Clare (P. Devaney, N. Breen, M. O'Halloran, G. Coughlan, Dan and John Kirby) bt. Cork (S. Tanner, J. O'Connor, M. Mulhall, B. O'Brien, P. Morris, D. O'Callaghan) by 119 to 88.

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### TOP ACE 40 × 20

Winner Terry Muck (U.S.A.)  
R-up Vern Roberts (U.S.A.)

### TOP ACE 60 × 30

Winner Tom O'Rourke (Kildare)  
R-up Dan Kirby (Clare)

## INTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior 60 × 30	St. Comans Roscommon
Novice 60 × 30	Coolboy
Senior 40 × 20	Capwell
Novice 40 × 20	Moycullen



## Tom Cashman (Cork)

Age: 23  
Height: 5ft. 10½ins.  
Weight: 11st. 7lb.  
Club: Blackrock  
Position: Left half back  
Senior Inter-County  
Debut: 1976

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Tom is son of former Cork goalkeeping ace Mick, and is a versatile hurler. He won All-Ireland senior medals in 1977 and 1978 at midfield, was at centre half back when Cork won the National League last year, and started competitive hurling this year at No. 7.

An All-Ireland minor medalist in hurling and football in 1974, he was at midfield when his club took the national title nearly two years ago.

Tom helped Munster to their last Railway Cup title in 1978, and was honoured by the All Stars in 1977 and 1978.

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