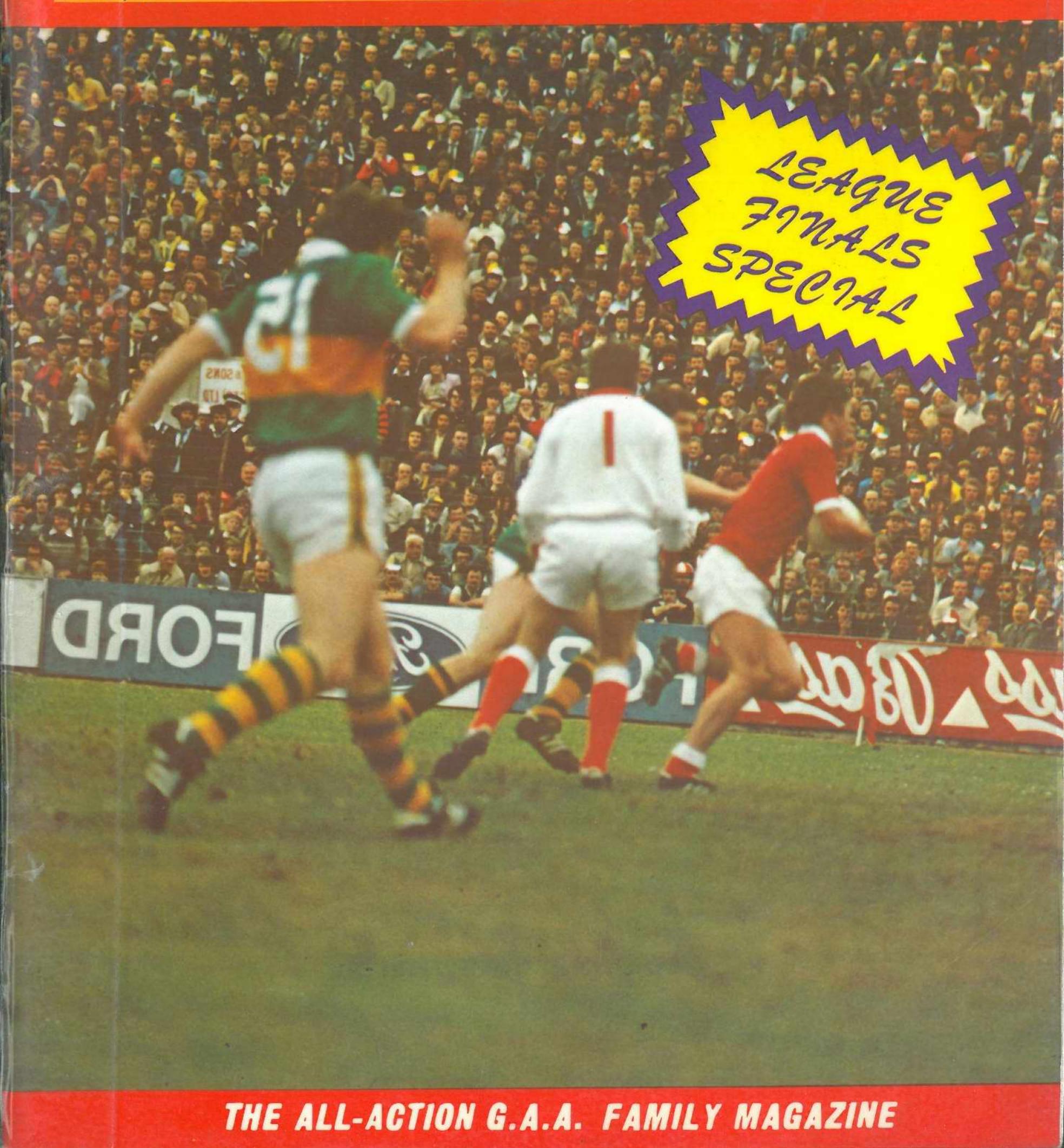
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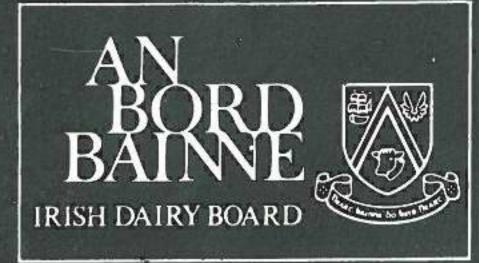
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## PADDY BUGGY

#### A WORTHY CHOICE

THE G.A.A. has been very fortunate in the men who have served in the position as President down the years. Their leadership and flair contributed greatly to the healthy position of the organisation to-day.

This proud record will be enhanced by Paddy Buggy, who is destined to join the exclusive company next year. The new President-Elect will take his place in the ranks backed by a wonderful record of distinguished and dedicated service to the G.A.A.

This record is put into focus in detail elsewhere in this issue. Suffice here to say that the qualities that have brought the Kilkenny man to the most prestigious position in the Association will serve him well as he leads the G.A.A. through the most important era in its history.

It says much for the democracy of the G.A.A. that Paddy Buggy is poised to take over the Presidency, as his club, Slieverue, is one of the smaller units in the organisation. That fact must give encouragement to the many young men up and down the country with designs on getting to the top — rising talents with the potential to emerge as the leaders of the future.

Paddy Buggy's election as President-Elect underlines in the best possible manner that the door to the top is open to all who have the ability and the will, necessary to get there.

The high point of the new President's term of office will be the Centenary Year of 1984. The celebrations to mark the momentous event will impose great demands on everyone in the organisation, from the club member to the leading figures nationally, to ensure that the occasion adds to the status and prestige of the G.A.A.

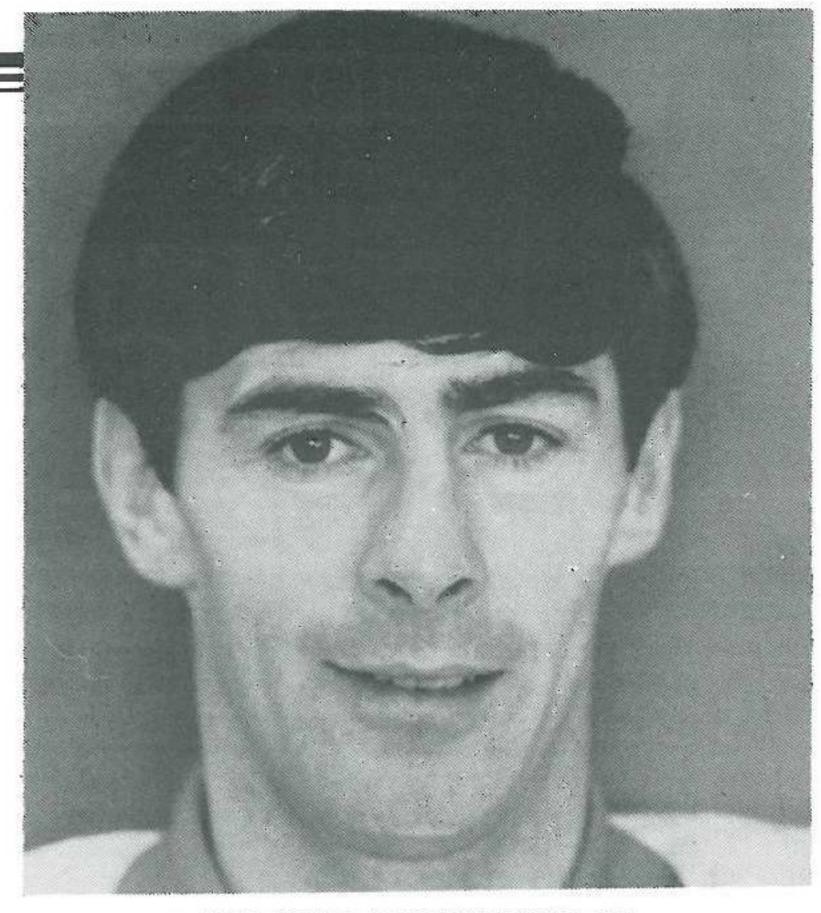
But Paddy Buggy, as the then President, will be the central figure around whom so much will revolve. He will be in the national spotlight as few, if any, of the previous Presidents.

The former Kilkenny inter-county hurler is well equipped to take this testing challenge in his stride, and play his part in the most effective manner possible to ensure a year to remember. More than that, he has the credentials to ensure as well that the standing of the G.A.A. in the community in general is advanced even further on many fronts during his term of office.

We know that we are voicing the feelings of everyone with the interest of the G.A.A. at heart in extending congratulations to Paddy Buggy on his election as President-Elect, and in wishing him every success in the demanding duties that lie ahead of him.

# WATERFORD BRIGHTEN HURLING PICTURE

BY JOE CULLEN



ALL STAR MOSSIE WALSH

Is 1981 going to prove the year for a place in the sun for the lesser lights of hurling? That must be a key question following the unexpected but welcome touch of variety injected this spring to the National League with the appearances of Waterford, Offaly and Laois, with only a single title between them, in the semi-finals.

Some will bemoan the fact that such as Kilkenny, Tipperary and Wexford failed to get into the final reckoning, but while due recognition must be given to these counties for their achievements, and their proud traditions, the fact remains that hurling badly needs the stimulus of new champions and novel pairings if the game is to make genuine progress.

To appreciate this, one has only to look back on the impetus the game received last year from Offaly's historic Leinster senior championship win, and Galway's first All-Ireland senior title triumph in over half a century. Then, there was the Laois win over Kilkenny in the League before Christmas, and the further talking points that the O'Moore County provided with their sensational but merited quarter final win over Tipperary.

Hurling has become more alive as

a result of all those performances, more appealing and better placed to face up successfully to the challenges from other sports.

Offaly have confirmed the good impression they created in last year's Leinster and All-Ireland championships by their League run. Laois, too, have gained in stature by following their promotion from Division I "B" with a ticket to the knock-out stages.

The over-all result is that the Leinster Championship, for so long a "two horse" race between Kilkenny and Wexford, is building up this summer to the most competitive in years.

And, what of Waterford? Surely they have provided the real "fairy-story" of the 1980-81 National Hurling League by their remergence? Only a few short weeks ago many regarded Waterford as doomed for a quick return to

Division I "B" next season, but they showed their great character in the best way possible by picking themselves up from the deck . . . and in the most exciting fashion possible.

One had to admire the way that they grasped the opportunity to end the relegation worries when they beat Wexford at Kilkenny in a playoff game. The Waterford men's hurling skills and "get up and go" approach in forging out a six points win showed in refreshing manner that here was a combination of genuine potential.

That good impression was confirmed when Waterford, with flair and dash, surprised many with the quality of their work in booking a rare League semi-final appearance at the expense of fancied Clare.

This edition went to Press before the semi-final againt Cork, but whatever about the outcome of that match, Waterford's come-back from the brink of relegation to such a strong position must encourage optimism for the future.

The county has a solid framework of talented hurlers. One of their longest serving campaigners is also one of their brightest figures — John Galvin. A Munster under-21

medalist in 1974 — the last provincial crown by Waterford in any grade — John has been doing tremendous work in the full back department.

His skills and mastery in all facets of the game have enabled him to make a vital contribution in moulding the defence into a very

dependable unit.

Galvin was Waterford's first All Star in 1974, when he found favour at midfield, and he has given great service to the senior side in the meantime.

Pat McGrath, who won a Railway Cup medal in 1978, has also been doing much to cut down on the scoring opportunities for opposing forward divisions.

Polished and very dependable, he gets through an amount of effective work in every match, and he also knows how to pop over the points as well.

Mossie Walsh has already captured the headlines, other than with Waterford. He became only the second from Waterford to win an All Star award when named at midfield in the 1980 Bank of Ireland side, and was one of those who ushered in a new era in Railway Cup history at Ennis, where he was in attack for Munster as they regained the title.

The Ballyduff club man is the type of exciting personality who can take a decisive grip on any match and steer a winning course.

However, it is in attack that Waterford's rate of improvement has been most noteworthy. The man who has had much to do in stepping up the scoring rate is come-back star Jim Greene, who has come out of a spell of inter-county retirement.

Jim Greene bagged many vital goals for Waterford before dropping out of the senior inter-county grade. That he has lost little of his touch was very much in evidence in the games against Wexford and Clare.

The Mount Sion club man grabbed a goal against the Leinster side and it was his splendidly taken second half goal that really turned the tide for Waterford against Clare.

JIM GREENE . . . his come-back has proved a big boost to the Decies men

It was Greene, too, who put the final gloss to the polished and workmanlike Waterford win by cracking home his second and the team's third goal just coming up to the final whistle.

Without question, then, Jim Greene is the type of sure finisher and goal-grabber who could cause plenty of problems for opposing defences in the up-coming Championship programme.

But the Waterford attack is far from being a one-man band. Tom Casey, who shot a splendid 1-6 against Clare, and Pat Carran are others helping to prompt the division into a smart-moving and good all round one with scoring power in all areas.

Nor should one forget the fact that behind the scenes is Joe McGrath, that Down native who has trained so many winning teams, and under whose guidance the Waterford climb back to the top has been masterminded.

Waterford have been a long time out of the honours. They have not won the National League since their solitary triumph in 1963, and one has to go back just as far to their last Munster senior championship title win. That was also in 1963.

Whether or not the tide will turn for Waterford at long last in the South this summer — they have not reached the provinical final in 15 years — it is too early yet for firm judgement. But their re-emergence in the League has certainly helped to whet the appetite for the Munster championship, and the Waterford men should repay watching.



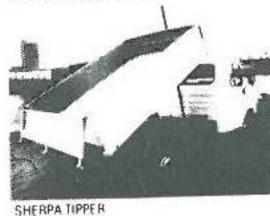
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## P. J. CUDDY FIRST LAOISMAN TO HEAD RATINGS

CORES win games, and the accuracy of Joe McGrath and P. J. Cuddy proved vital factors in wins that enabled Mayo footballers and Laois hurlers capture headlines during the period from February 15 to April 5 inclusive that forms the latest chapter in the TYLER TOP TEN review of 1981.

McGrath only declared himself fit enough from hamstring trouble minutes before the throw-in for preliminary National Mayo's League quarter-final against Fermanagh in March, and went on from there to shape a win for his team with two goals and a point.

Then, when Mayo met Dublin at Roscommon in a quarter-final, it was McGrath who grabbed the goal spotlight with his team's solitary one of the day, a score that came early on and did much to steady the Westerners and set them up for a narrow and thrilling win.

Those well taken match-winning goals bring a further bonus for the former Mayo All Star with a top of the chart rating in the current football Top Ten listings on 38 points. He gains a narrow lead over a county colleague, Ger Feeney, whose polished play at left full back in the games with Fermanagh and Dublin proved another vital "plank" in the Mayo triumphs.

Feeney makes his entry on 36 points.

The only footballer to improve his rating over-all is Eoin Liston, who was at No. 9 in the last issue on 21

points. The Kerry man had a splendid game against Kildare in the National League, and was to the fore for Munster when they regained the Railway Cup in their win over Connacht at Ennis.

Probably the best team performance in the period under review was in hurling — the win by Laois over Tipperary at Kilkenny that put the O'Moore County into the National League semi-finals. That came after wins over Antrim, Dublin and Westmeath and a six points defeat from Clare.

P. J. Cuddy was a Laois man among the scores in the run-up to the Tipperary match. He enhanced his earlier work with a good all round display, which he capped with two goals and a point, to emerge as one of the real heroes of the win over the one-time League title specialists.

So, Cuddy wins his spurs on top of the hurling chart with 40 points. As in football, his nearest rival is a county colleague, Pat Critchley, another whose ability to find the way through to the net had a big say . in the Laois history-making march. He collects 38 points.

John Horgan, our first-chart-

topper of the year in hurling, had a good game in Cork's win over Tipperary in the League. He now boosts his tally over-all to 56 points, and is the only hurler to make a second appearance this year so far.

This issue's charts:

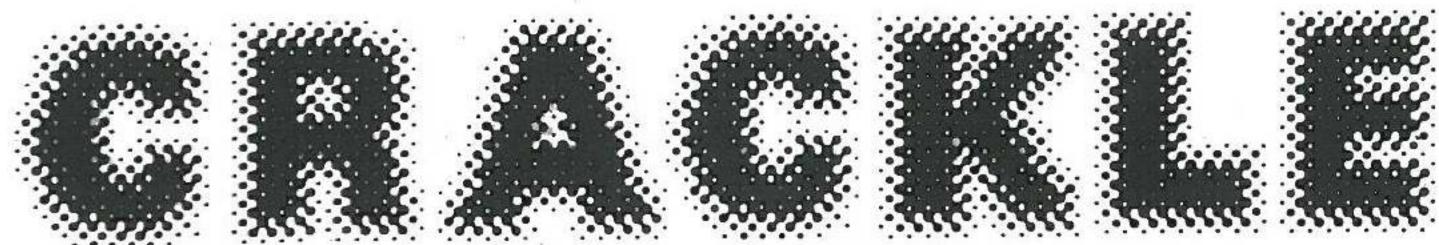
#### **FOOTBALL**

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	Pat Spillane (Kerry)	34
	B. Talty (Galway)	32
	E. Liston (Kerry)	51
	D. Earley (Roscommon)	28
	M. Coffey (Wicklow)	25
	P. Coyne (Galway)	24
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#### HURLING

40	P. J. Cuddy (Laois)	40
	P. Critchley (Laois)	38
36	T. Casey (Waterford)	36
	P. McGrath (Waterford)	
	P. Delaney (Offaly)	
	M. Jacob (Wexford)	
	J. Horgan (Cork)	
28	J. Callinan (Clare)	28
	E. Cregan (Limerick)	
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#### NATIONAL LEAGUE FACTS AND FIGURES



### Highlights



Tim Crowley (Cork)

D. McCurtain (Cork)

BY FRANK MILLS

The National Hurling and Football League are now firmly established as top competitions in the sporting calendar and they have provided many memorable games and exciting individual performances.

Some of the highlights are recalled in the following review.

The last year that a new name was inscribed on the National Hurling League winners' chart was 1956 when Wexford won the first of their four titles.

Only three Leinster counties have taken the crown — Kilkenny, Dublin and Wexford. The last success by an Eastern county was in 1976 when Kilkenny beat Clare in a final replay.

Kilkenny lost to Clare in 1978 for the second successive time in a final, and that also marked the last appearance by a Leinster team at that stage of the competition.

The first National Hurling League final was played in the 1925-26 season, and resulted in a Cork win over Dublin.

#### Mayo's Superb Record

Mayo have a superb record in the National Football League. They won the title six seasons in succession from 1934 to 1939 inclusive, and that is the best run of successes by any county in the code.

Mayo did not compete in the 1939-40 season, but were back again the following campaign to take the 1940-41 crown. So, in effect, it can be argued that they won seven titles in a row.

Laois won the first National Football League final, beating Dublin 2-1 to 1-0 in 1927. Amazingly

enough, the county has not since appeared in the concluding round.

#### **Cork Double**

Cork created National League history last year by winning the football and hurling titles; the first time that both titles were gained by the same county in the same year.

Jimmy Barry-Murphy was on duty for Cork in their football final win over Kerry at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. He went in as a substitute during the hurling final replay against Limerick, again at the Cork headquarters, and scored a point.

So, the brilliant dual-star from the St. Finbarr's club carved out his own special brand of history in the Leagues.

#### Record for John Doyle

John Doyle, who played many superb games with Tipperary and Munster over the years in a wonderful career, won his first National Hurling League medal in 1948-49. He went on to gain ten more—a record for the competition.

The famed Tipperary defender's big seasons were: 1948-49, 1949-50, 1951-52, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1956-57, 1958-59, 1959-60, 1960-61, 1963-64, 1964-65.

The National Hurling League has been won by Munster each year since 1977. Clare beat Kilkenny in the final, and retained the title the following year in another decider against the Noresiders.

Tipperary beat Galway in 1979, and then came those two games at Páirc Uí Chaoimh last season, ending with a 4-15 to 4-6 success by Cork at the expense of Limerick.

#### LEAGUE ROLL OF HONOUR

#### **FOOTBALL**

13 — Kerry: 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977. 10 — Mayo: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1949, 1954, 1970. 5 — Dublin: 1953, 1955, 1958, 1976, 1978. 4. — Meath: 1933, 1946, 1951, 1975. 3 — Galway: 1940, 1957, 1965. 3 — Down: 1960, 1962, 1968. New York: 1950, 1964, 1967. Cork: 1952, 1956, 1980. 1 — Cavan: 1948, Derry: 1947, Laois: 1927, Longford: 1966, Roscommon: 1979.

#### HURLING

14 — Tipperary: 1929, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1979. 11 — Cork: 1926, 1930, 1940, 1941, 1948, 1953, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1980. 7 — Limerick: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1947, 1971. 4 — Kilkenny: 1933, 1962, 1966, 1976. Wexford: 1956, 1958, 1967, 1973. 3. — Clare: 1946, 1977, 1978. 3 — Galway: 1932, 1951, 1975. 2 — Dublin: 1929, 1939. 1 — Waterford: 1963.



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# ORTHE SPUL.

BY TOMMY McQUAID

THE concluding rounds of the National Leagues have been providing the chief fare on the intercounty front in recent weeks. But, what do you know about these particular competitions? When were they introduced? Who are the specialists in hurling and football?

These are some of the features that form part of the ON THE SPOT... our popular quiz, which returns in this issue, and mirrors topical events, at least as far as the Leagues are concerned.

There are two separate sections to the quiz. The first deals with the Hurling and Football Leagues, linking events over the broad spectrum of the history of these competitions, and the second brings into focus some of the personalities who have been to the forefront in the Leagues in comparatively recent years.

As usual, points are awarded for each question to give that addededge competitively to the quiz. Mark in your score in the spaced provided, and in this way you will learn just how much you know about two of the premier competitions in Gaelic Games, and of some of the leading personalities of recent times.

Let's start with that section covering the main events in the popular autumn to spring tests:

#### The Leagues

- 2. Dublin were also engaged in the first football decider in 1926-27.

They met Laois. Who won that match?....

- 3. Tipperary have won more League titles than any other county in hurling or football. They took their last crown in 1979, but was that their 11th, 13th or 14th success?.....
- 4. How many times have Kerry won the football crown eleven, twelve or thirteen times?.....
- 5. New York won the football title for the first time in 1950. They beat Kerry, Cavan or Dublin in the final?.
- 6. You probably remember that Cork won the football and hurling titles last year. But what was the year of the last double for Leinster, which was brought up by Dublin in football and Kilkenny?.....
- 7. What county brought the football crown to the North for the first time, and for a bonus of five points, give also the year of that historic break-through?.....
- 8. Waterford have won the hurling title only once. Was their glory year 1957, 1963 or 1965?.....
- 9. What was special about Roscommon's football win in 1979?.
- 10. Cork's hurling win last year earned them their first title since 1974. True or false.....

Five points for each question, other than that bonus at No. 7, which makes that particular one worth ten points. Thus, a total of 55 points on offer here.

YOUR SCORE.....

Now, let's turn the ONTHE SPOT .... spotlight on some of the hurlers and footballers who have helped to make the League headlines in latter times in our second section dealing with:

#### **Personalities**

- 1. And to start with a bonus question. Name Cork's captains in last year's double?.....
- 3. Who captained Kerry when they last took the football title in 1977?....
- 4. Only one goal was scored in the last two football finals and that by a Cork man in 1979. Can you remember the goal scorer?...........
- 5. Tipperary's goalkeeper in their 1979 hurling final win?.....
- 6. When Meath shocked Dublin, the then All-Ireland champions, in the 1975 final they were captained by Pat Reynolds, Jack Quinn or Ronan Giles. Your selection?.....



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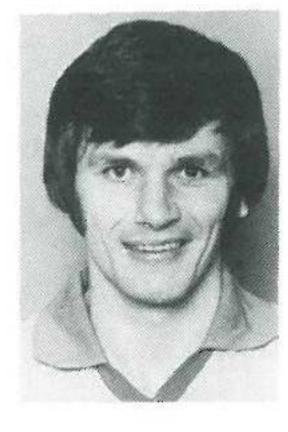


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7. Who are the National League medalists pictured here?....

- 8. Kerry's last football final win over Dublin was in 1977. Was their full back in that game John O'Keeffe or Paudie Lynch?.....
- 9. Only one player has the distinction of having appeared in winning finals in football and hurling in the same year.

Who is the player, and in what year did he complete the unique double?..

10. Jimmy Keaveney got among the League medals during his great career. But how many such souvenirs did he win?.....

With five points on offer once more for all questions, other than the leading teaser, which is worth ten points, this section offers a chance to boost markings by a further 55 points.

YOUR SCORE.....

#### How Expert are You

Total marks possible: 110. You can feel really pleased with your knowledge of Gaelic Games and the Leagues in particular if you scored 90 points or more. 75 to 90 points merits a good rating. Under that? Well, keep trying—there will always be another day!



(Answers printed in reverse to avoid distraction)

I. Christy Ryan in football, and Dermot McCurtain in hurling. 2. Ollie O'Connor. 3. John O'Keeffe. 4. Jimmy Barry-Murphy. 5. Pat goal. 7. Francis Loughnane and John O'Keeffe lined out at midfield. 3. Jimmy Barry-Murphy, who lined out in the football final, and went in out in the football final, and went in the football final, and went in the football final, and went in out in the football final, and went in the football final fina

#### **PERSONALITIES**

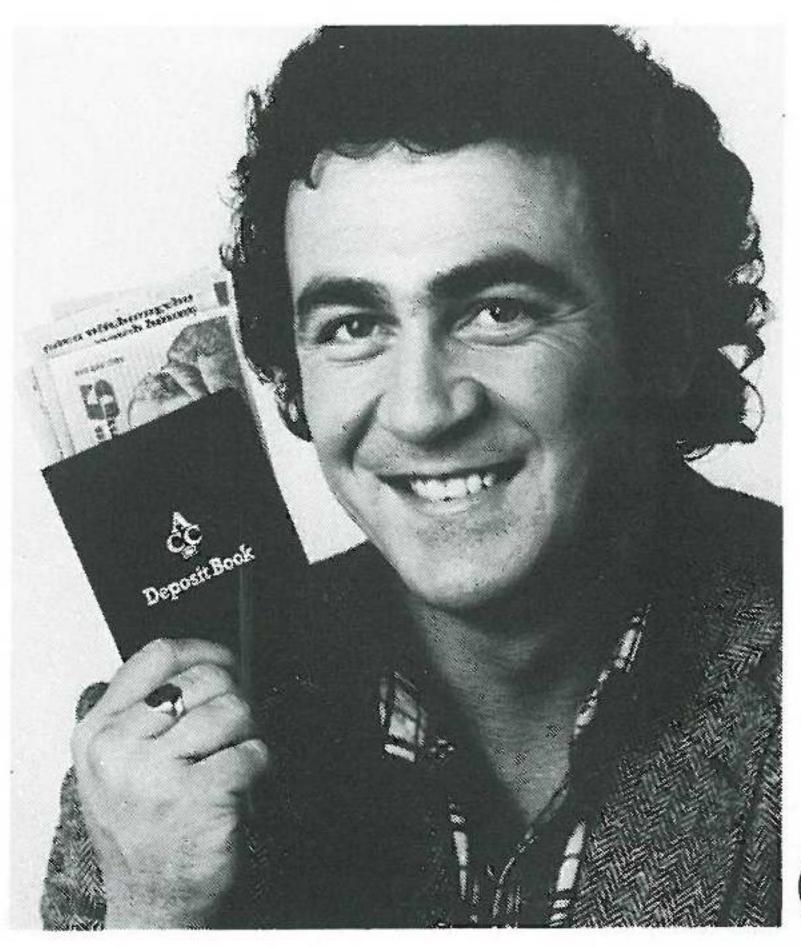
1. Cork, who won by 3-7 to 1-5. 2. Laois, successful on a scoreline of 2-1 to 1-0.3. 14th since 1928. 4. Thirteen. 5. Cavan, who lost by 0-12 to 2-8 to the Exiles. 6. 1976, when hurlers mastered Clare in a replay. 7. Derry. They beat Clare in a rovel final, and the year was 1947. 8. 1963. 9. Their victory over Cork gave final, and the year was 1947. 8. 1963. Roscommon their first League crown. 10. True. That was also their lith title since that 1926 win in the first final.

THE LEAGUES



John O'Connor (Roscommon), in possession, and Ger Feeney (Mayo), who have both been prominent in the 1980-81 National Football League campaign.

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## NEW HANDBALL CHIEF HAILS FROM CLARE

#### By Sean Clerkin

Care is the new President of the Irish Handball Council. He was launched into the position at the recent Congress in succession to Tom Walsh who had served handball loyally from his far flung base in Falcarragh for the regulation three year period.

In his acceptance speech, Jones was wholesomely frank in stating, that since he considered himself capable of providing fresh initiatives for handball, he had sought the Presidency without reservations.

We await with expectancy the Jones blueprint for the future of handball. I am confident that when it does emerge in the near future, it will be laced with the deep insight of a progressive thinker, the experience of one who has already proved his worth on his own stamping ground and the charisma that has been instrumental in luring many able people into his net of past achievements.

Unless Jones gets an extension of a year to his term of office, similar to that which was given to Joe Jennings a few terms back he will not have the distinction of leading handball through the centenary year of the G.A.A.

Nonetheless, I am quite confident, that three years hence, we will be lauding him on a magnificent contribution.

It is only mere ramification on my part to assume his areas of priority even if one does not require any special intuitive perception to suggest

that development in it's widest sense will be top of the list.

That, basically, is his forte. Since 1970, when he returned to Clare as a Civil Engineer and became involved in his local handball club at Shannon, Jones has proved that there are few to match him in the area of development.

There was only one roofed court in Clare at the time and he gauged that such a situation demanded immediate attention.

With Michael Boyce, a former President of the Irish Handball Council he undertook the task of visiting and preaching the handball message to every G.A.A. Club in the county.

The results were spontaneous and



\* CAIMIN JONES

effective. The first break came with the construction of a 40 × 20 court by the Lisdoonvarna Club under the direction of Father Tarphy, and this was quickly followed by the opening of courts at Ennis, Kilkishen, Shannon, Broadford, Tulla, Tuamgraney and Kilrush.

The venture at Kilkishen was of particular significance since it was the first court constructed in a G.A.A. field in Clare.

Now such clubs as Liscasey, Scariff, Clooney and Six Mile Bridge have also taken the construction initiative, so that by the end of this year, Clare will have sixteen covered  $40 \times 20$  courts.

The story also reveals that with Boyce again as a colleague, they were successful in obtaining amenity grants for court construction in Clare which at the present time amounts to £9,000.

On the same theme, it is more than a little interesting to record that for the past six years, Jones has been providing plans and an advisory service, free of charge, to clubs in all parts of the country.

It would, thus, appear that his intentions will be directed in the main towards a major increase in court construction and with special emphasis on G.A.A. Clubs who own their grounds.

It is also on the cards that Jones, during his term of office will attempt to condense the All-Ireland Championship programme.

He is of the opinion that too much time is given to these competitions to

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the detriment of county and club games.

In fact, he has attempted through motions by the Clare Board in the last two years, to have the All-Ireland Senior  $60 \times 30$  Singles and Doubles Championships played off in Dublin over the space of a week.

The idea has not been generally favoured by those who attend Congress, though it could yet transpire that the theme of such a change is, so to speak, ahead of it's time.

Caimín Jones was born in Scariff thirty seven years ago and educated at Tuamgraney National School where his father was principal. It will be recalled that his father trained the Clare senior hurling team beaten by Limerick in the 1955 Munster Championship Final and later be became Chairman of the Clare County G.A.A. Board.

In 1956 Jones won his final handball medal in a local competition organised by the "Father of Clare Handball", Michael O'Neill, the local club secretary.

He also played minor intercounty hurling for Clare in 1961 and 1962, in addition to winning a Dean: Ryan Munster Colleges Medal with St. Flannan's in 1961 and in that happy year also, he captained Scariff to the County Minor Title.

At U.C.D. he won a Dublin intermediate medal in 1962 and also

played on the winning Fitzgibbon Cup teams of 1964 and 1966.

A regular on all Clare hurling teams for many years it was not until that fateful return to Shannon in 1970, that Jones became immersed in the administration of handball.

To-day, it can be said without fear of contradiction that he is a handball fanatic. That characteristic, allied to his basic allegience to the G.A.A. and an in-built facility to lead makes him the ideal President at this stage of Handball's Development.

He will make a valuable imprint on the history of handball and present it as a viable entity of the G.A.A. for the centenary celebrations in 1984. Bail o Dhia ar an obair.



PAT KIRBY (Clare), second from left, seen here receiving a B & I Handball Award, is now residing again in the U.S.
 and will be a big loss to the sport in this country. Also in the photograph above are from left: Frank Scully, Assistant General Manager, B & I, Mrs. Pat Kirby, and Caimin Jones, now I.H.C. President.

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# FOCUS ON CLARE AND MUNSTER STAR JOHN CALLINAN

By Noel Horgan WATCHING the Railway Cup hurling final between Munster and Leinster in Ennis on St. Patrick's Day, I was most impressed, and not the least bit surprised, by the lively form of Munster wing-forward, John Callinan.

Clare's Callinan delighted the local crowd with a quality display of skill, speed and accuracy and clearly emerged as Munster's most consistently impressive performer on the day.

As Munster's forwards, backed by the strong wind, struggled to settle in the first half, it was the dashing play of John that enabled the southerners to lead narrowly at the break, and continued to shine afterwards when his colleagues finally found their rhythm and Munster cruised to a convincing ten-point success.

Waterford's Mossy Walsh played a huge role and Limerick's Eamonn Cregan and Joe McKenna grabbed the vital goals during Munster's second half improvement but it could not be denied that John Callinan was the winners' top player over the hour. It was a typical performance from the talented Clarecastle clubman, undoubtedly one of the most underrated players in the game.

Since making his debut as a teenager in the Munster senior final of 1972, John Callinan has blossomed into a top-quality intercounty hurler and he played a major role during Clare's magnificent league triumphs in the mid-'seventies. Yet John was one of the least heralded of the formidable Clare team which came so tantalizingly close to making a championship.breakthrough.

The principal reason for John's failure to gain due recognition during Clare's glory days was that he never indulged in unnecesary frills. Indeed, he preferred to let the ball do the work, producing flambouyant but energy sapping solo-runs only when lack of space prevented him from getting in a shot.

Such was the sharpness of John's delivery that much of his good work often passed unnoticed. But his economy of effort and the accuracy of his shooting and distribution served Clare well and stamped him as a highly efficient performer.

What I find most admirable about John Callinan's play is that he is prepared to put in a solid graft from start to finish in every game, no matter which direction the tide may be turning. He never gets ruffled and repeatedly, in the past, it has taken a quick point or two from John, in response to a major score from the opposition, to maintain Clare's composure and keep them on course for victory.

I also believe that it was a gross travesty of justice that John's contribution to Clare's triumphs went unrecognised by the All-Star selectors in the 'seventies. Speaking to him recently, I was greatly impressed by his conviction that Clare are set to return as a hurling power in the near future.

"Morale", said John, "was bound to slump drastically following the narrow failure to Cork in the '78 Munster Final but the old spirit has gradually returned to the Clare camp and the time is ripe for a revival".

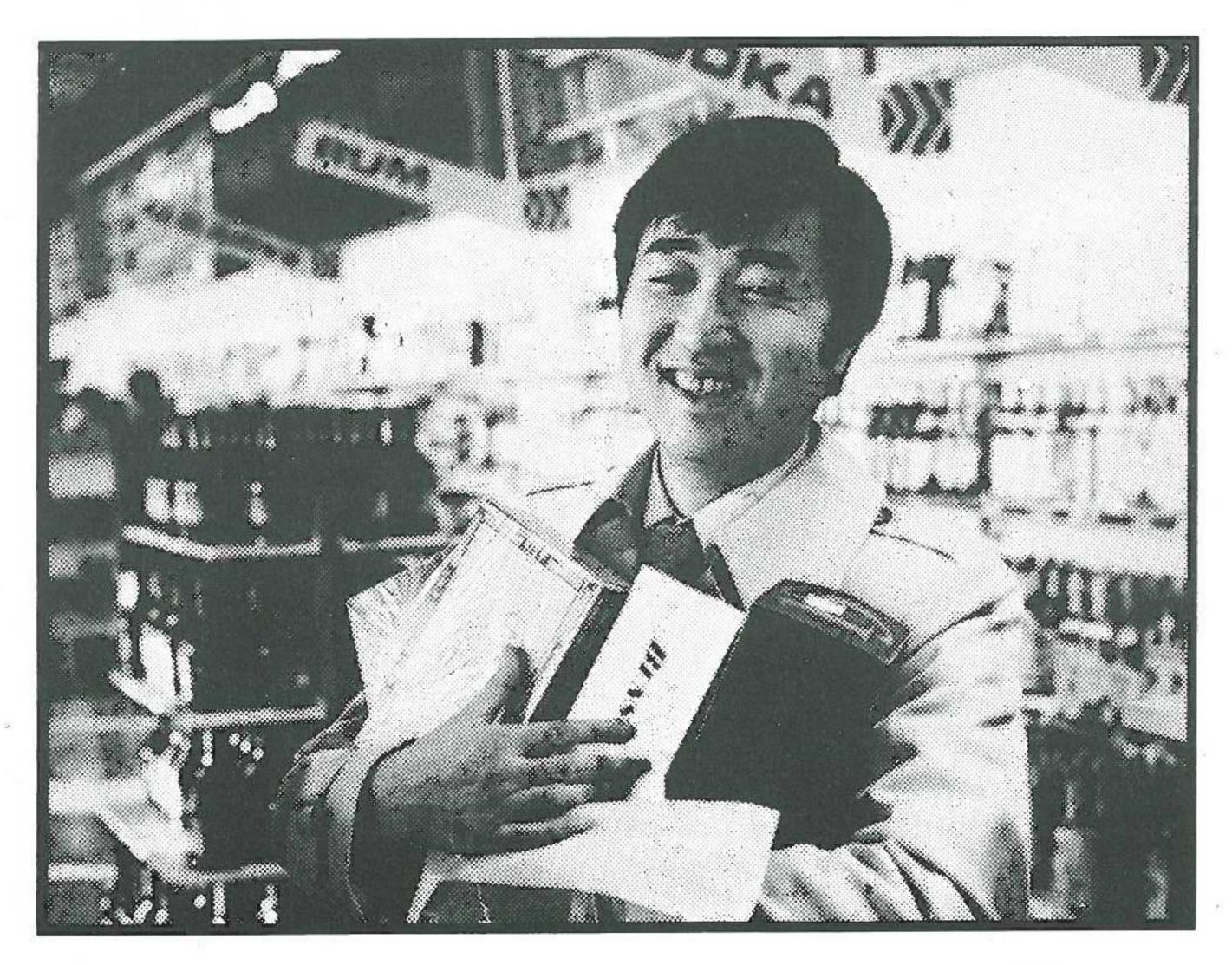
The nucleus of the 'seventies team is still there and much more experienced and John Callinan has high hopes for some of the new blood, notably Tony Nugent and Jack Heaslip.

John does concede, however, that competing in the lower league division has hindered Clare's development and it will take a few games against top quality opposition to hone the team's edge.

John feels that Clare were good enough to win an All-Ireland in the 'seventies but were extremely unfortunate to reach their peak at the same time as Cork's great three-in-arow squad, and he regards Ray Cummins as the man who made all the

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# THE GREAT IRISH TAKE-AWAY



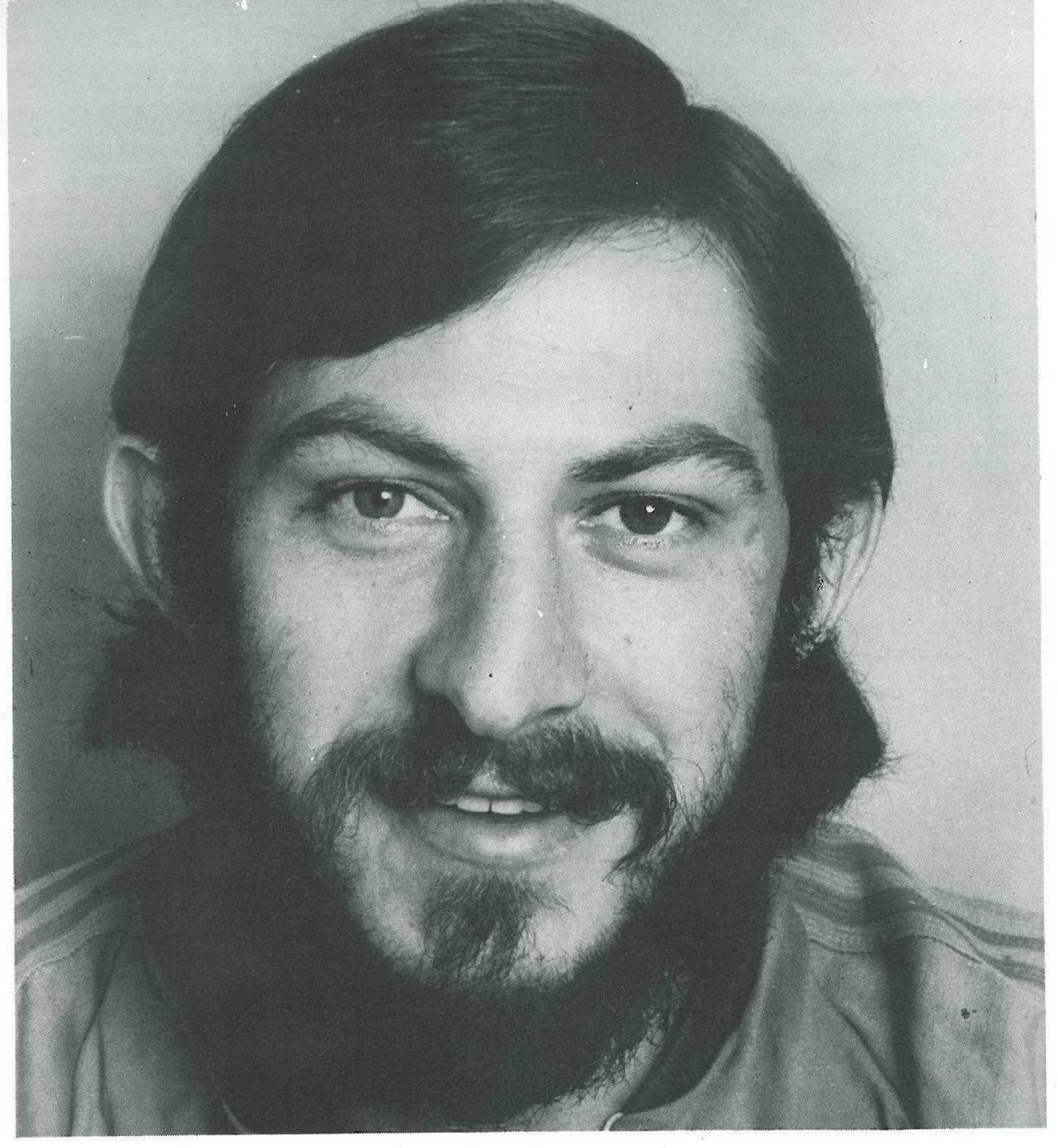
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difference in Clare's Munster final jousts with the Leesiders.

As a youngster John greatly admired the skills of Michael "Babs" Keating and Justin McCarthy and rates Tipperary's Tadgh O'Connor as the most difficult opponent he has encountered on the current inter-county

scene.

To date John's major awards include three Railway Cup medals, two National League trophies and a Fitzgibbon Cup medal, which he richly treasures, won with U.C.D.—a comparatively small collection, indeed, for a player of his vast talents.

Predictably, John's main ambition is to achieve All-Ireland success with his native county but only time will tell if the Limerickbased solicitor's confidence in the future of Clare hurling is well founded.

Whatever happens, it is certain that John Callinan, the sturdily built Clarecastle hurler, will play a key role in shaping the destiny of the Banner County in the 'eighties.

## PADDY BUGGY IS SUPE EQUIPPED FOR TASK A

Paddy Buggy, from Slieverue, will take over as the G.A.A.'s 28th President next year backed by a long and distinguished record in hurling and in the Association in general — a record stretching back to his school days. He has made his mark, too, in a varied field, ranging from hurling at schoolboy level up to the highest inter-county grade, from refereeing to the post of a county selector, and also in the role of an administrator.

The Kilkenny man, then, will step into the demanding post as President with the type of know-how and "grounding" at so many levels and over a long period that will be invaluable. This will, of course, be complemented further by his year as President-Elect.

So, Paddy Buggy is superbly equipped for the task ahead. It is a task that will be more demanding than ever in view of the workload that will result from leading the G.A.A. up to and through the Centenary Year of 1984. Many will be involved in the planning and preparations to ensure that the year is worthy of great occasion, but it is still true that the central figure around whom so much will revolve is the incoming President.

Buggy's proven record and his dedication leave little doubt that he will prove worthy of the trust placed in him by the delegates at Killarney at the end of March.

By now, it is generally well known that the President-Elect won an All-

Ireland senior hurling medal with Kilkenny in 1957 as right half back in the team that beat Waterford in the showpiece match. But it will surprise many to learn he is a former Munster inter-provincial!

It was while attending Mount

He went on to give distinguished service to Kilkenny over the next eleven years or so. The high point of his career in the Black and Amber was that solitary All-Ireland final win of 1957. Three years earlier, however, Buggy helped Leinster to forge out a then rare enough win in the Railway Cup.

He was right wing back in the side that beat Munster in the final to bring the Cup back to the province after a break of thirteen years. That was Paddy's only time to play in a

# BY TERRY McGRATH

Sion C.B.S. in Waterford in the 'Forties that this future President of the G.A.A. won his spurs with Munster in the interprovincial colleges' championship. He had two seasons in the Southern blue.

Soon after those outings he found favour with Kilkenny at minor, and graduated up through the junior ranks to a place in the county senior team in 1949.

Railway Cup winning final.

As a hurler he was stylish, dependable and a tireless worker. On the local scene he was in the Slieverue team that took Kilkenny senior championship for the first and only time in 1954. The following championship season saw him captain the Kilkenny senior team, and his last appearance in an All-Ireland final was in 1959, when

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#### Waterford beat Kilkenny in a replay.

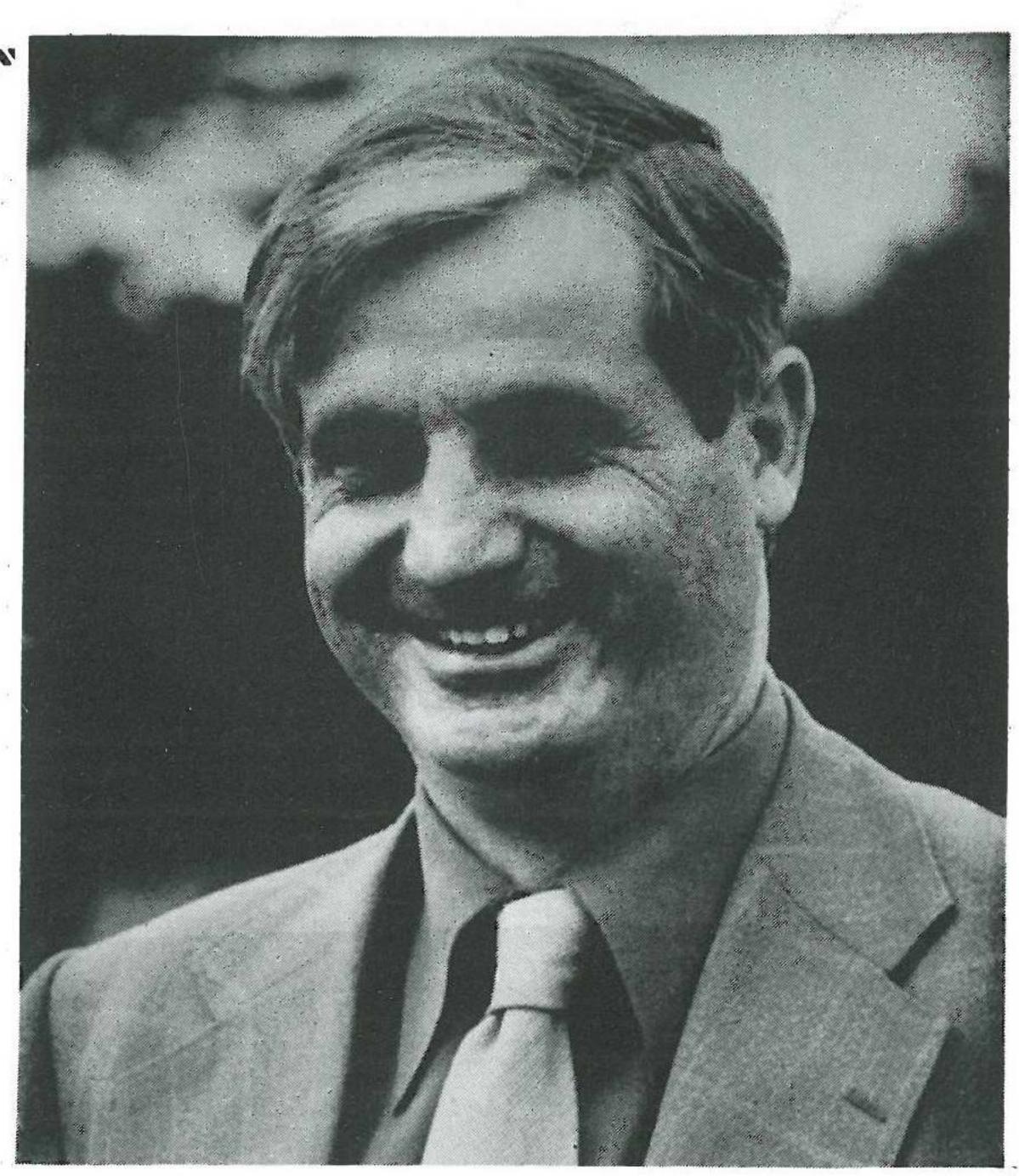
But his association with All-Ireland championship successes was renewed in the 'Sixties. He was a county selector when the Noresiders had a rare glory day over Tipperary in 1967 for the first championship win over a Munster county in 44 years. Paddy was a selector when the Liam McCarthy Cup was regained two years later following a showdown with Cork.

As a referee, he was in demand not only in Kilkenny, but on the national front, and he had charge of All-Ireland finals in a number of grades.

The President-Elect's involvement in administrative affairs has been a lengthy one as well. He was club delegate while still in his early days in senior hurling, and he became a member of the County Board in the 'Fifties.

Paddy went on from there to graduate to the Lenister Council. Moreover, he climbed to the top position in the province, and his three year term as Chairman of that body ended only a matter of weeks before he was chosen at the Killarney Congress as only the G.A.A.'s second President-Elect.

Paddy Buggy, therefore, has contributed much to the G.A.A. There



• PADDY BUGGY . . . third Kilkenny man to hold supreme office.

can be no doubt, either, that he will go on to enhance his proud record with the quality and skill of his work in his new position, and prove not only a worthy leader through some of the most momentous days in the history of the Association, but a very worthy successor to the ranks of men who have soldiered so successfully down through every generation in the office of President.

The Kilkenny man will be only the third native of the county to man this prestigious post. The first was Alderman James Nowlan, who was also the longest serving President.

He was elected to the position in 1901, and held office until 1921. In more recent times the office has been

confined to a three-year term.

Jim Nowlan is commemorated today by the magnificent Nowlan Park in Kilkenny.

Bob O'Keeffe, a native of Mooncoin, was honoured in 1935, and held the post until 1938. His G.A.A. connection, however, was with County Laois, and so he ranked on the Roll of Honour as an O'Moore County President.

Bob O'Keeffe is commemorated by the O'Keeffe Cup, the superb trophy that is presented to the winners of the Leinster senior hurling championship.

Paddy Buggy who is 52 will be the first Leinster President since Hugh Byrne, of Wicklow, in 1961-64.

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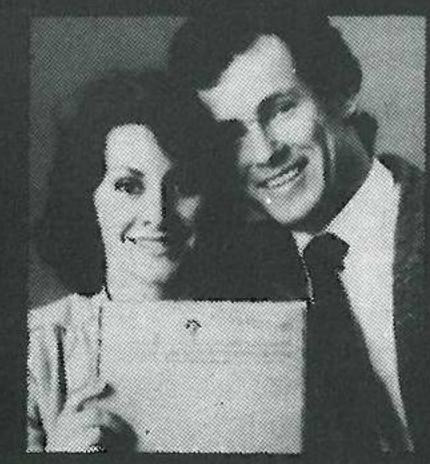
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# Peter McGinnity Makes History

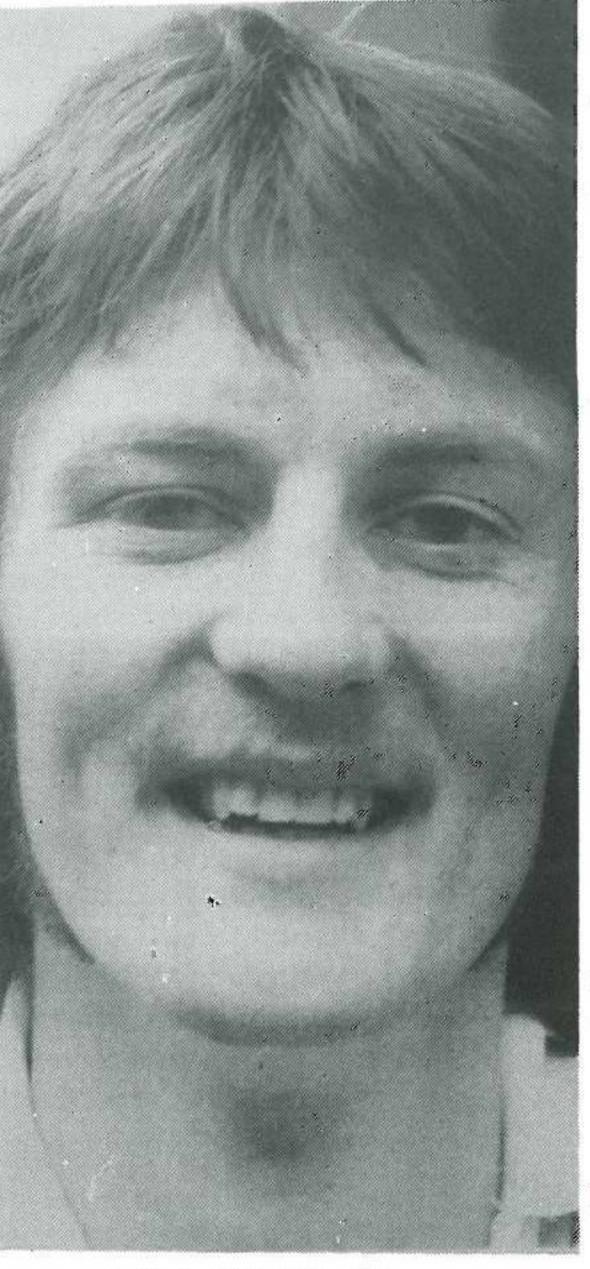
LSTER supporters have not had much to celebrate in modern times as far as national wins senior inter-county have been Northern teams concerned. Many contend, and with a great deal of justification, that a key reason why no Ulster team has won a major national senior crown since Down took the Sam Maguire Cup in 1968 has been a shortage of exciting personalities with the scoring touch.

Few in the province in latter times have matched the skills and the lethal finishing techniques of men like Paddy Doherty and Sean O'Neill, of Down, Charlie Gallgher of Cavan, and Derry's Sean O'Connell.

On the other hand, it must be conceded that the North has still produced its quota of personality-plus footballers in recent times. Men with the ability to take a grip on any match and stamp their individual brilliance on the exchanges with the quality of their play, and, as a result, earn the admiration and respect of all. Peter McGinnity is just such a footballer.

It is a tribute to his mastery of the skills that he has carved out such a splendid niche for himself among the leading lights in view of the lack of success by Fermanagh at senior inter-county level.

But class stands out, and McGinnity has brightened many a game in the North with his artistry and know-how. Not surprisingly, his qualities have brought him recognition as well at interprovincial standard, and his performances in the Ulster jersey have gained the tall Fermanagh man many admirers the length and breadth of the land.



\* Peter McGinnity

McGinnity has emerged as one of the outstanding interprovincial footballers of modern times. He has been a commanding figure for Ulster since the mid-'Seventies, both as a midfielder and a forward, and over a year go he wrote an historic dimension to his Railway Cup career.

In the 1980 final win over Munster, the Fermanagh man, who fields the ball securely and is adept at creating chances, captained Ulster to become the only native of the county to lead the province to the title.

He collected his second Railway Cup medal that day, having played in a winning final team for the first time a year earlier.

McGinnity helped Fermanagh earlier this year to win promotion to Division II of the National League for the 1981-82 season. The hopes of further glory were ended by Mayo in a preliminary quarter-final tie at Carrick-on-Shannon, but it was still a fine feat by Fermanagh to have taken the Division III title.

They clinched that crown, and with it a place in the knock-out stages by recording a rare win over Cavan at Cavan, a game in which the leadership of McGinnity at midfield had a vital influence on the outcome.

So, despite the defeat by Mayo, the League run as a whole is a firm platform for Fermanagh to build on for the Ulster title race — they are the only county still to put their name on the Roll of Honour.

Back to Peter McGinnity, and the fact that he has created such an impact at senior level will not have taken the keen Northern student of the game by surprise. Peter was an outstanding player as a teenager, and, in fact, was only 16 when he helped Fermanagh to win the 1970 Ulster under-21 championship!

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He was on duty when the county lost the All-Ireland final to Cork, and was again in the side that went under a year later to the Leesiders in the national under-21 decider.

In the meantime, this thoughtful and progressive footballer has been in there consistently turning on the style with county, province and club. He was prominent with St. Joseph's Belfast, in Universities' competitions, and also helped the Advanced Colleges' to win a title in the representative series of games against the Combined Services and the Combined Universities.

McGinnity had a further glimpse of All-Ireland glamour in 1980 with St. John's, of Belfast. The Antrim team reached the national club final at Croke Park, but had to give best to a Pat Spillane (Kerry)-led and star-studded Thomond College, Limerick, side.

As I have said, Fermanagh have not enjoyed many title wins in bigtime football. But they did reach a major milestone in 1977 in the Dr. McKenna Cup, an all-Ulster knockout senior football competition, which is, unlike so many tournaments nowadays outside of the Championship and League, treated very seriously and competitively in the North.

McGinnity's high powered play in midfield and his scoring ability proved a big factor in turning the key in the door to a final win over Donegal that put Fermanagh's name on the trophy for the only time in the past 48 years.

The Fermanagh native from Roslea has, then, picked up some important medals over the years. But medals are not the chief criterion to greatness — they are bonus points picked up along the way.

All round ability and dedication over a long period are the chief ingredients on the way to football greatness. And, the towering Peter McGinnity has long since collected his Master's Degree in this regard.

## THE 'BARRS GO MARCHING ON

By Noel Horgan

INETEEN eighty was a tremendously successful year for the famed St. Finbarr's club from Cork. Last May the 'Barrs captured the All-Ireland football crown with a victory over St. Grellan's of Ballinasloe at Tipperary Town and became the first club ever to achieve national success in both codes, having previously captured the hurling title in '75 and '78.

In September the Blues retained their county football title with a success over U.C.C. and they completed a year of unprecedented glory in October by taking Cork's most cherished sporting prize, the county senior hurling title, with an exciting victory over Glen Rovers.

Magnificent achievements indeed and the 'Barrs success at national level strengthened enormously their claim for recognition as Ireland's top G.A.A. club. It is a rating which all 'Barrs-folk would truly savour, expecially as the Blues have rarely been regarded as Cork's premier club in the past.

St. Finbarrs have been a powerful force since becoming officially affiliated to the G.A.A. in 1886, just two years after the birth of the Association. The club was in existence long before the G.A.A. came into being, however, the Barrs historians have many documents to prove it!

Since joining the G.A.A. the 'Barrs have emerged as Cork's most consistently successful club team, winning their first county title in 1899 and capturing at least one county title in every decade since then.

Despite their steadiness, however, St. Finbarrs were slightly eclipsed in every era as they sought the No. 1 tag in Cork. For instance, when they took their initial championship in 1899 Blackrock already had eight titles to their credit and were clearly kingpins at the time.

Blackrock gained their 20th title in 1931 but entered a barren spell afterwards and were not to succeed again until 1956. With the decline of the 'Rockies, it seemed inevitable that St. Finbarrs with eight titles in their possession would take over as Cork's top club. But it was not to be.

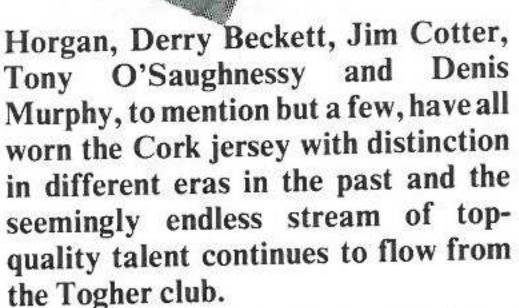
Indeed, a team from the northside of the city, founded in 1916 and named Glen Rovers, emerged as the leading force in the Rebel County, taking their first crown in 1934, winning a record eight championships in succession and eventually overhauling the 'Barrs in the hurling roll of honour.

To-day the 'Barrs, with 20 titles, remain in third position behind Blackrock (28) and Glen Rovers (24). But St. Finbarrs have carved a unique niche for themselves by attaining national success in both codes in recent times.

If the 'Barrs should bring off an All-Ireland club double this year, it would be impossible to ignore their claim for recognition as the nation's premier G.A.A. club.

Such an honour would be well merited by this tradition-laden club which captured the first of its six county football titles in 1956.

Down through the years, the 'Barrs have produced many great players in both codes. Names like Sean Condon, Dannix Ring, Mick Kenefick, Jim



Jimmy

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Without doubt, the 'Barrs have contributed enormously to Cork's more recent inter-county triumphs. In 1970, for instance Tony Maher, Seamus Looney, Con Roche, Charlie Cullinane, and the McCarthys, Gerald and Charlie, represented the 'Barrs on Cork's Cup winning team while Jimmy Barry-Murphy, the two McCarthys, John Allen and Denis Burns contributed to Cork's threein-a-row in the late 'seventies. And who can forget the magical goalscoring feats of 19-year-old Jimmy Barry-Murphy when Cork stormed to All-Ireland honours in football in 1973?

Predictably, the 'Barrs bid for the All-Ireland double this year will be backboned by several intercounty men, with Barry-Murphy, Christy Ryan, John Allen and Ger Cunningham spearheading the challenge. But what of the lesser known figures in the Blues' squad?

The largely unsung heroes, whose dedication forms the foundation for success in any great club and whose roles are every bit as vital as those of the major stars are well worth noting at this stage. Take Eamonn Fitzpatrick, for instance, a courageous and committed performer who probably epitomises more than any current 'Barrs player,

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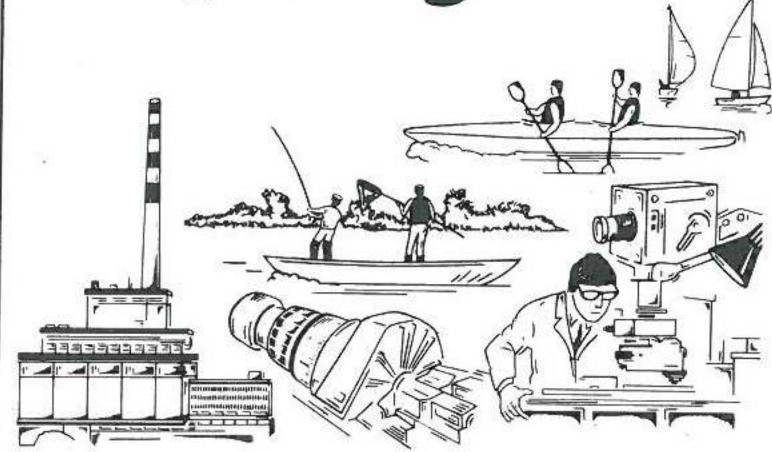


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#### ST. FINBARY'S — CORK CHAMPIONS



County Hurling Champions, St. Finbarrs team which won the Cork county senior hurling final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday, October 12th last, defeating Glen Rovers, 1-9 to 2-4. Back row (left to right): J. Goggin, J. Meylor, M. Kennedy, J. Allen, K. Driscoll, J. Hodkins, G. Cunningham, C. Ryan, J. B. Murphy, E. Fitzpatrick, T. Maher, D. O'Grady, J. Kerins. Front row, (left to right): N. Kennefick, F. Scannell, T. Maher, G. Murphy, B. O'Brien (captain), D. Burns, J. Cremin, C. McCarthy, J. Blake, and J. O'Shea.

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the type of spirit which prevails at the club's core.

Eamonn captained Cork's minor footballers to All-Ireland success in 1969 and subsequently won All-Ireland under-21 medals in both codes. Although he never made it as a senior intercounty man, Eamonn became an outstanding club player and shared in most of the 'Barrs triumphs during the 'seventies. Today, at 30, he is performing as impressively as ever.

It was a storming last quarter display and a great goal from Fitzpatrick that swung last year's county hurling final in St. Finbarrs favour. And he similarly turned the tide with a late burst which lifted the

'Barrs to a narrow victory over Roscrea in this year's Munster club decider. Concentrating on hurling nowadays, Eamonn Fitzpatrick is indeed an invaluable asset to St. Finbarr's attack.

Bertie O'Brien, too, has given huge service to the Blues. He also won an All-Ireland minor football medal in '69 and was understudy to Billy Morgan with the seniors for several seasons. But as the ageless Morgan seemed to improve with the years, Bertie decided to opt out of the inter-county football scene.

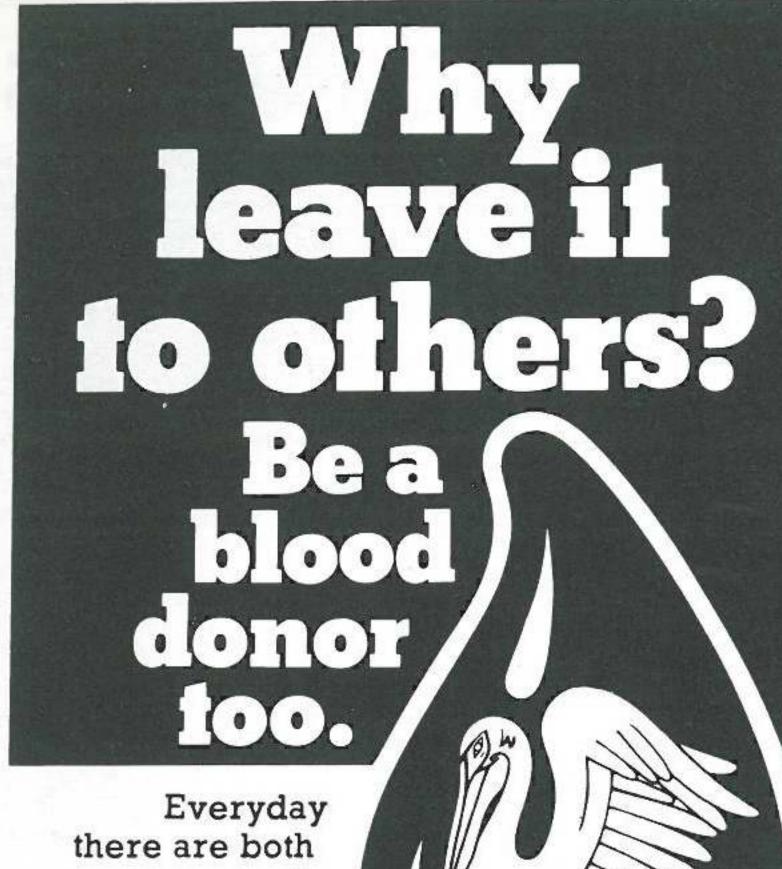
He continued as 'keeper with his club, however, and helped the 'Barrs to three county title wins. Bertie led the 'Barrs to victory in last Year's county hurling final and was so

impressive that he earned a call-up, at 30, for Cork in the current National League.

Niall Kenefick, John Cremin, Mick Carey and James O'Callaghan are some of the other "unknowns" who will figure prominently in the 'Barrs quest for a historic All-Ireland double.

A wealth of talent indeed with the strength of the 'Barrs hurling panel being guaged from the fact that Wexford intercounty man, John Meyler, cannot command a regular first-team place with the club.

Yes, 1980 was a proud year for St. Finbarrs, probably their most rewarding ever. But who can say that 1981 will not yield an even richer harvest for the great Cork club?



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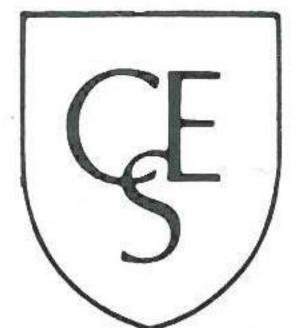
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#### WELCOME MOVES IN CAMOGIE

OW that the Annual Congress is over interest is back to the playing fields but before returning to that area let's look at the decisions taken in Newcastle at the recent Congress.

Two important decisions for players were written into the Rules. The motion to allow all counties who so wish to play in the Junior National League will be welcomed by the junior players in Senior Counties.

At the request of Congress 1980 the Referees and Coaching Committees liaised to examine the playing rules with a view to keeping the game safe for players and as a result of their deliberations the following rule will be implemented on a trial basis in all 1981 Senior and Junior Inter-County Competitions from May 1st 1981.

In all senior and junior intercounty matches, a player who, having been warned once by the referee for rough and or dangerous play, commits a second offence of this nature, will be dismissed from the field of play by the referee for the remainder of the game. will not be permitted in this instance, either.

This experiment, if it works, should ensure that the game is free of any play which could harm the players or the image of the Association.

St. Patricks, Cork, rocketed into

#### BY AGNES HOURIGAN

Substitution of this player will not be permitted.

Continuous dissent or the use of abusive/bad language after one warning by the referee also carries the penalty of dismissal. Substitution

fame, when they surprised all Camogie fans by taking the Munster title in both grades for the first time. But their success story did not finish there as they went on to capture

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Premier Honours by taking the Scielg Cup at the first time of asking. At the time of going to press, St. Patricks are also in the Junior All-Ireland Final.

Hard luck on Assumption School, Walkinstown, who were unsuccessful for the second year in a row.

Another Dublin School, St. John of God, Kilmore, are St. Patrick's opponents in the Junior All-Ireland Final.

New champions emerged in the Connacht Senior Championships. Glenamaddy Mercy Convent defeated Ballygar Secondary School who were in the final for the first time.

The Junion National League, which began last October, got half way through the Competition before Christmas. It is, at the time of going to press at the Semi Final Stage in two of the Divisions and the winners are known in the Third Division.

Kildare, who went so near to

victory last season, are in the semifinal and their most likely opponents from the Wicklow-Meath-Louth-Monaghan-Armagh zone are Louth, the only unbeaten side. The final is arranged for May 31.

Tyrone and Cavan got through their matches against Roscommon, Mayo and Donegal with full points so the honours rest between them for that division.

University College, Dublin, the Ashbourne Cup winners, and runners-up, University College, Cork, qualified for the final of the C.C.I.A. League.

The Liffeysiders defeated St. Pats, Drumcondra in one semi-final and the Cork College travelled North where they were victorious over Ulster Polytechnic.

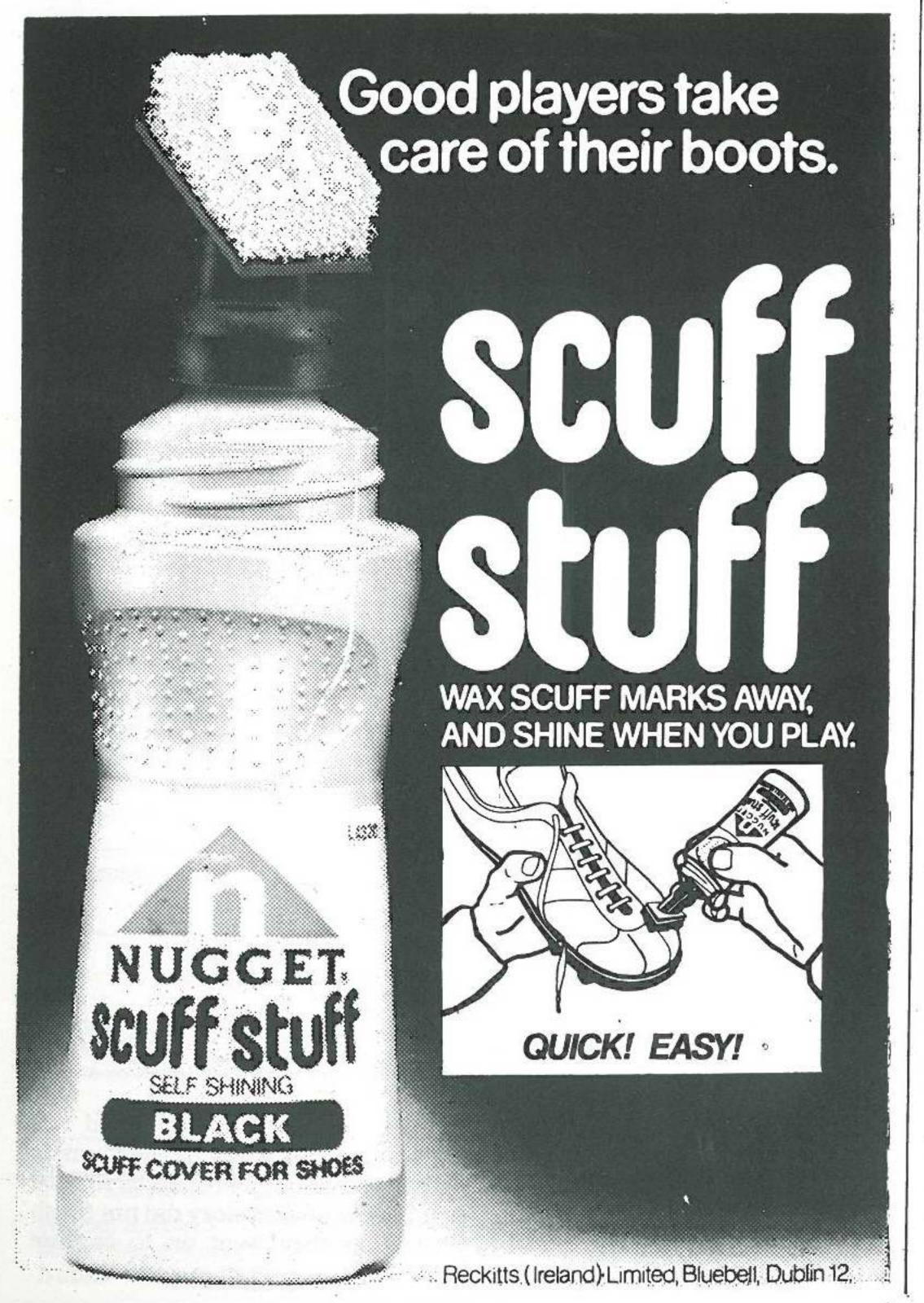
The finals of the Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa Competition held recently again proved very successful and the standard was a credit to the Provinces.

Roisin Mullen, Ballerin, Derry, won the Solo Insrument. Oranmore, Galway took two All-Ireland titles, the Ceilí Dancing and the Question Time. Another Galway girl, Máire Hayes, Mervue, won the solo singing. Limerick's Ballinacurra Gaels were adjudged best in the novelty section and the Recitation. Whilst Bruff won the Set Dance. The Ballad Group title went to Attical, Co. Down.

The Senior National League is already in full swing. All-Ireland champions, Cork, have scored a vital victory over League holders Kilkenny. But the Leesiders, who are also zoned with Wexford, are in a double round (home and away) section, and will have to travel to Kilkenny to play the Noresiders the next time so anything could happen.

Dublin and Antrim got through their first rounds against Down and Derry respectively. Limerick and Galway have taken the points from Clare and Tipperary in their first games in the section.

The Senior League is scheduled to be completed by mid-June and the Senior Championship begins on May 31, so a busy time is in store for all camogic enthusiasts.



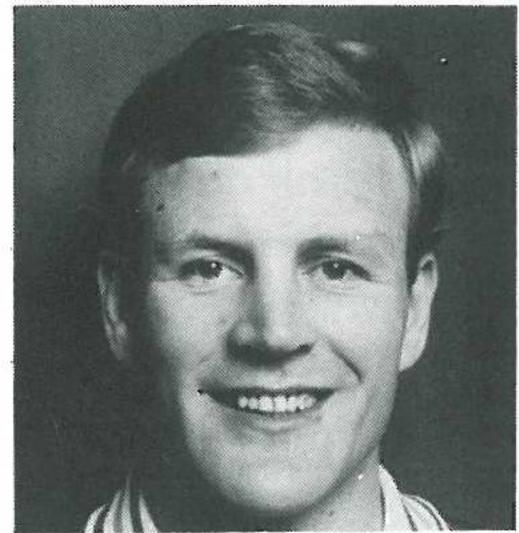
## TRENDSETTERS IN HURLING

BY LARRY HOGAN

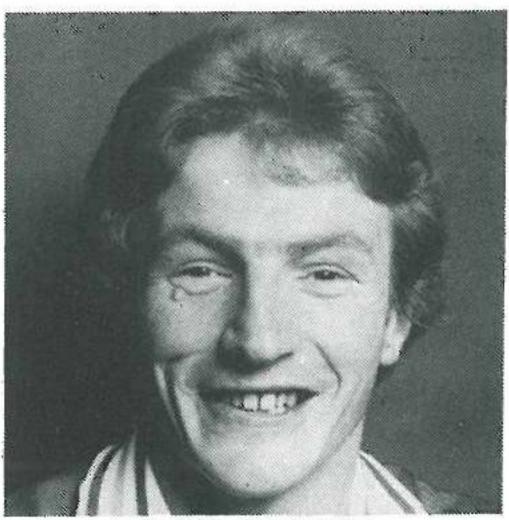
OACHIM Kelly and Pat Carroll were two of the brightest stars of the hurling scene in the past year, and both were also prominent in Offaly's good run in the current National League.

This pair showed up particularly well in the march to the first Leinster senior hurling title win by Offaly last year, a success that did much to advance the cause of hurling among the lesser lights of the game.

They further enhanced their reputa-



JOACHIM KELLY



• PAT CARROLL

tion, as indeed did every member of the Offaly squad, in the gallant failure to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final... a failure that took on a new prestige following the Westerners' Liam McCarthy Cup win over Limerick.

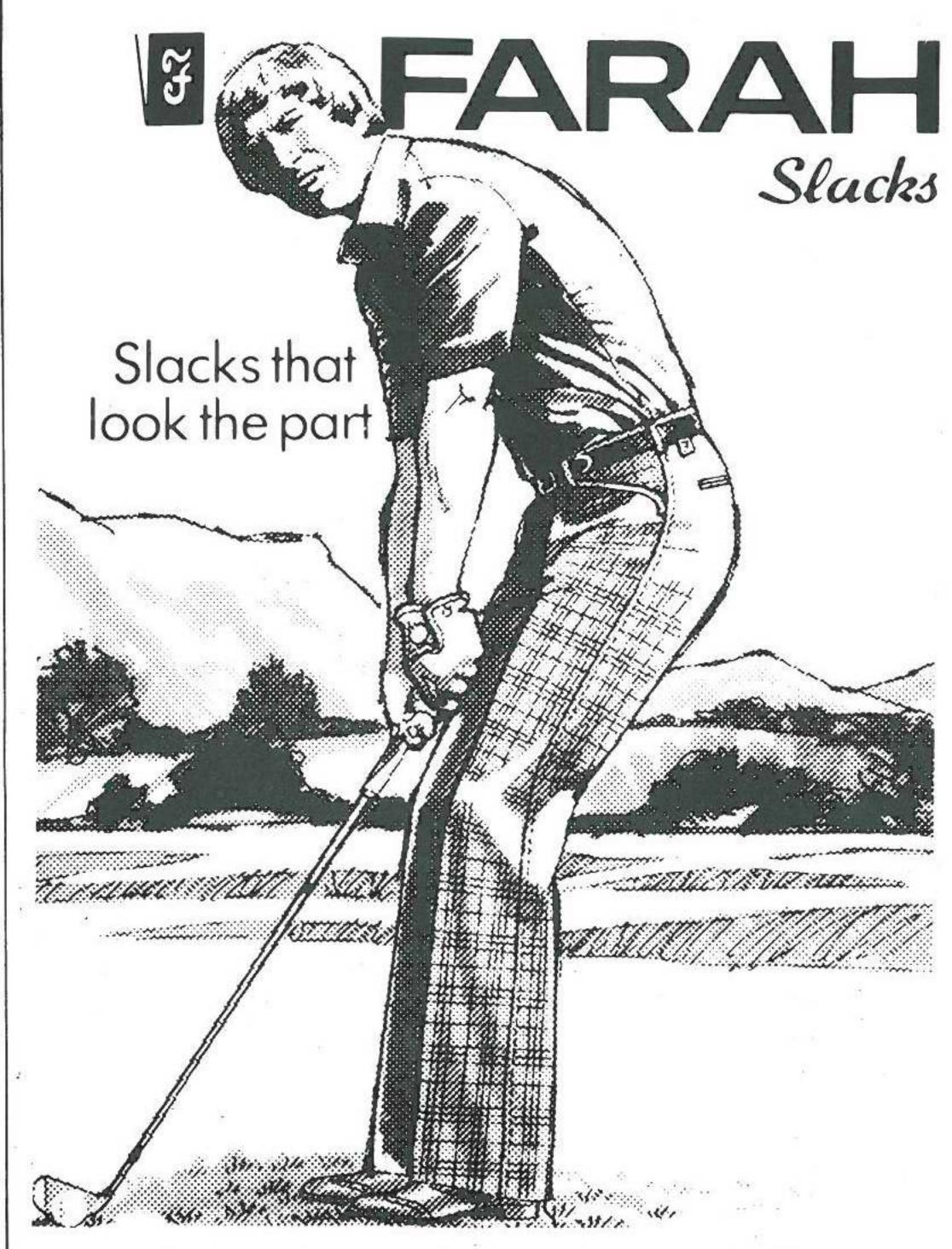
Few could have been really surprised,

then, when Kelly and Carroll were both included in the Bank of Ireland All Stars team last December. They were Leinster's only representatives in the selection.

In setting that trend for the province, Kelly and Carroll brought Offaly back into the line-up after a lengthy absence. Indeed, before this pair found favour only one other Offaly man had gained a place in an All-Star hurling team.

Damien Martin was chosen in goal in the first such selection in 1971, so that he helped to usher in one of the most important events in the history of Gaelic Games.

Martin was still starring in goal when Offaly finally took their first Leinster senior crown with that never to be forgotten final win over Kilkenny at Croke Park last July.



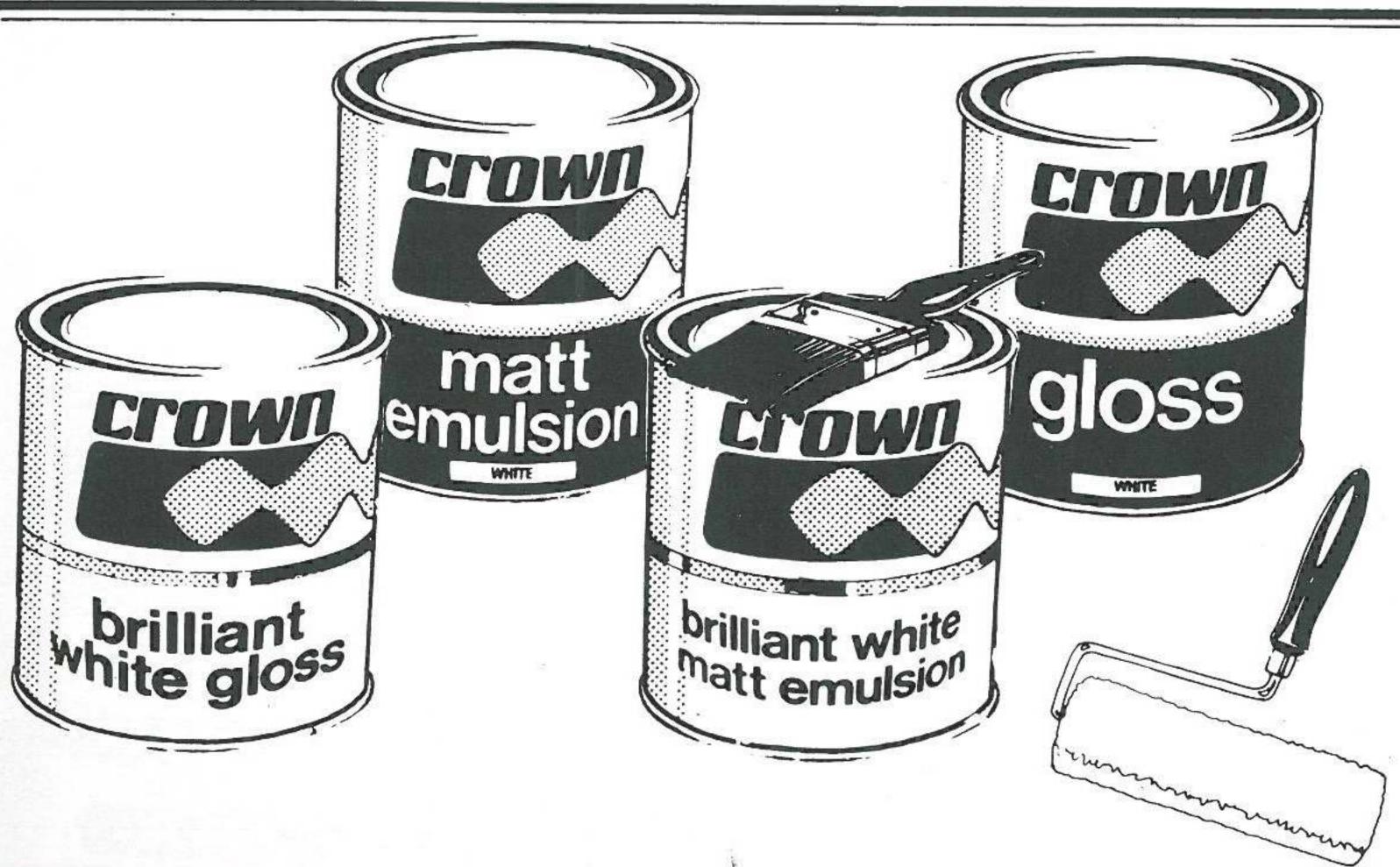
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### RESULTS SUMARY

#### NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE

February 22. Cork: Cork 1-7; Tipperary 1-7. Enniscorthy: Offaly 2-12: Wexford 1-14. Dungarvan: Waterford 4-13; Limerick 5-6. Ardfert: Clare 0-16; Kerry 2-8. Casement Park: Laois 1-10; Antrim 1-3. Trim: Meath 2-3; Kildare 1-4. Athleague: Roscommon 4-6; Carlow 4-5. Keady; Armagh 3-1; Down 0-9.

March 8. Kilmallock: Galway 0-12; Limerick 2-5. Dungarvan: Waterford 2-9; Offaly 1-12. Thurles: Wexford 3-11; Tipperary 3-10. Rathdowney: Laois 2-11; Dublin 0-7. Nowlan Park: Kilkenny 2-14; Antrim 0-6. Tralee: Westmeath 1-6; Kerry 0-6. Ballycran: Down 1-10; Wicklow 2-6. Carlow: Carlow 1-16; Armagh 3-4. Naas: Kildare 4-10; Roscommon 3-10.

March 15. Limerick: Limerick 3-9; Wexford 2-12. Rathdowney: Laois 3-9; Westmeath 0-7.

March 22. Thurles: Wexford 2-13; Galway 1-12. Nenagh: Clare 2-13; Laois 1-10.

March 29: Kilkenny: Waterford 4-13; Wexford 3-10.

April 5: Kilkenny. Laois 4-12; Tipperary 4-11.

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

February 22: Croke Park: Dublin 2-8; Down 0-9. Ballymote: Sligo 0-10; Donegal 0-8.

March 1: Croke Park: Dublin 2-8; Armagh 2-3. Tullamore: Offaly 1-10; Down 0-12. Roscommon: Roscommon 0-9; Cork 1-6. Tralee: Kerry 2-14; Kildare 0-5. Tuam: Galway 0-13; Tyrone 0-4. Monaghan: Mayo 2-9; Monaghan 1-7.
Navan: Meath 2-7; Derry 2-6.
Portlaoise: Laois 2-11; Antrim 3-7.
Gorey: Sligo 2-9; Wexford 1-6.
Cavan: Fermanagh 0-10; Cavan 1-5.
Balllyshannon: Donegal 0-9; Clare 0-4. Drogheda: Tipperary 0-7;
Louth 0-6. Kilkenny: Westmeath 6-10; Kilkenny 3-6. Longford: Longford 1-8; Carlow 2-2. Limerick: Limerick 0-7; Leitrim 0-7. Tramore: Wicklow 2-6; Waterford 1-8.

March 15. Croke Park: Dublin 1-7; Armagh 1-5.

#### PRELIMINARY QUARTER-FINALS

March 22. Croke Park: Armagh 2-11; Wicklow 1-10. Carrick-on-Shannon: Mayo 2-9: Fermanagh 0-9.

#### **OUARTER FINALS**

April 5. Croke Park: Galway 1-11; Armagh 2-3. Roscommon: Mayo 1-11; Dublin 1-10.

#### O'BYRNE CUP

Football: March 22. Navan: Louth 2-10; Meath 1-12. Wexford: Wexford 0-11; Kildare 1-7.

March 29: Aughrim: Wicklow 1-9; Westmeath 0-9. The Heath, Portlaoise: Laois 1-9; Longford 0-7.

#### DR. McKENNA CUP

Football: March 29: Ballinascreen: Armagh 2-11; Derry 1-9. Cavan: Monaghan 1-13; Cavan 0-7. Irvinestown: Tyrone 2-12; Fermanagh 0-6.

#### RAILWAY CUP HURLING

March 1: Birr: Leinster 0-11; Connacht 0-6. Newbridge: Munster 5-13; Ulster 1-8.

March 17. Ennis. Final: Munster 2-16; Leinster 2-6.

#### FOOTBALL

March 8. Roscommon: Connacht 2-19; Ulster 2-14. In extra time. Killarney: Munster 2-12; Leinster 0-10.

March 17. Ennis: Final: Munster 3-10; Connacht 1-9.

#### UNIVERSITIES' CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### SIGERSON CUP

Football: February 20-22. Maynooth: Dublin University 1-6; New University of Ulster 0-5. U.C. Cork 2-9; U.C.Dublin 1-11. In extra time. U.C. Galway 3-10; Queen's, Belfast, 1-9. Semi-finals: Dublin University 1-7; Maynooth 0-7. U.C.G. 1-5; U.C.C. 1-4.

Final: U.C. Galway 1-12; Dublin University 0-6.

#### FITZGIBBON CUP

Hurling: February 28-March 1. Dublin. Semi-finals: U.C. Cork 3-12: U.C. Galway 0-5. U.C. Dublin 7-12; Maynooth 1-9.

Final: U.C. Cork 2-9; U.C. Dublin 0-8.

#### REPRESENTATIVE GAMES

Football: March 25. Croke Park. Army 1-12; Combined Universities 2-8.

Hurling: March 25. Croke Park: Combined Universities 3-15; Army 1-6.

#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### CONNACHT

Football: March 22. Semi-Finals: Ballinasloe: St. Grellan's Ballinasloe 1-8; Roscommon Gaels 0-5.

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League has proven anything it is that the game is alive and well in the West. When the series started last autumn only one county from Connacht was among the elite in Division I, but Galway and Mayo have improved that position for next season by coming out on top in Division II.

Then, they followed up with those wins over Armagh and Dublin to go through with Roscommon to the last four, and so give Connacht a truly powerful representation in the runin. At a time when competition in the League is keener than ever, that feat is a fine advertisement for the standard in the West, and suggests that the forthcoming Championship there will be one of the most keenly contested in years.

Roscommon will be bidding to build on their own special brand of history. They took four titles in a row for the first time last July with a good win over Mayo, and no side has won five Connacht crowns on the trot since a Galway team of the Sean Purcell and Frankie Stockwell era reigned supreme from 1956 to 1960.

Can Roscommon equal that feat, or will Mayo or Galway end their dominance of the title? Time alone will show, but Roscommon have many vital assets.

Top of the list must be the experience they have gained from their lengthy spell on top. They are also well served throughout the field in top-class talent.

Dermot Earley remains one of the best match-winners in the game. He has had a lengthy spell in the side, but the tall Castlebar-born and now Newbridge (Kildare) club based footballer still employs his talents and scoring power to such excellent effect that he remains one of the best rallying forces in the game. The type of player, in fact, that any team with designs on getting right to the top must have in their squad.

Michael Finneran is another who knows where the goals are. He has emerged in recent times as Roscommon's ace marksman, and last year proved one of the most efficient finishers in the country.

Finneran is only 21, so his best days are still right ahead of him. An interesting point about his senior call-up is that it came in 1977 after he had assisted Roscommon at minor in a curtain-raiser.

Last year's final win gave Finneran, who plays with Western Gaels in local competitions, his third Connact senior medal.

Danny Murray is one of the best attacking half backs in modern football. He is an exciting unit, another man who can lift a team to great heights with his searing runs and his utter dependability. A former Longford minor, Murray, who like Earley is a National League medalist, plays club fare with St.

rankings.

It is not easy to pinpoint the reason for this barren spell, because Mayo, like Kildare, has had many star players over the years. But like the All Whites they have somehow failed to fuse the talents and the class into match-winning combinations in the crunch games.

Mayo have again some exciting personalities just now. Joe McGrath is without doubt one of the best goal-getters in football just now, a player whose ability to find his way consistently through to the net revives memories of the goal-getting feats of another Mayo forward of comparitively recent times — Willie McGee.

McGrath's goal-flair could prove decisive in the coming series.

# A KEEN RACE IN THE WEST

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Pat Lindsay, that tall, efficient full back, Seamus Hayden and John O'Gara, and the McManus brothers, Tony and Eamonn, are other trumps in the Roscommon pack, who are likely to be to the fore in the bid to remain "Kings of the West".

The most surprising feature of Connacht football is the lack of success title-wise at senior level of Mayo, a county with a long tradition in the game, and noted for producing top-class and cultured footballers. Not since 1969 has Mayo won out in the province, and that is a long absence from the

Ger Feeney, who has settled in superbly at left full back of late, Henry Gavin and Tom Kearney in the defence, as well, Willie Joe Padden at midfield and Pat Dixon up front are others who help to give Mayo a solid framework from which to power forward.

But have they still got the all round balance and drive necessary to end that long period out of the honours? That is the burning question.

Galway appear to be building up into a real championship force. They did well to come out on top in

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Division II of the League, and with players of the quality of Brian Talty and long serving Billy Joyce in midfield, Padraig Coyne, a very capable goalkeeper, Johnny Hughes in the full line, and Stephen Joyce, Gay McManus and Barry Brennan and the very promising Val Daly, who scored a superb goal against Armagh after going in as a

substitute, they have the nucleus of a fine side.

It may well be, however, that they will need a season more to mature into the type of combination with the all round know-how for a really serious bid for the provincial crown. Nevertheless, it would be foolish to lightly dismiss their chances of bringing the trophy back to the county after a lapse of seven years.

While Roscommon, Mayo and Galway have been capturing the inter-county limelight, Sligo and Leitrim have not had much to celebrate. However, the win of St. Mary's, Sligo, in the Connacht senior club final is an indication that the standard in that county is good as well.

So, one way and another the Connacht senior football title race of 1981 is full of exciting promise. The dash and enthusiasm of Galway, the scoring flair of McGrath and the strong all round support he has been receiving from the other sectors of the team . . . these are just some of the features that suggest Roscommon will have to work hard to stay on top.

But I find it hard to overlook their tremendous advantage in experience, the character they displayed in coming back from last year's All-Ireland final defeat, and the skills of men like Murray, Earley, O'Gara and Finneran. These are the principal reasons why I make Roscommon my early selection for this up-coming Connacht series.



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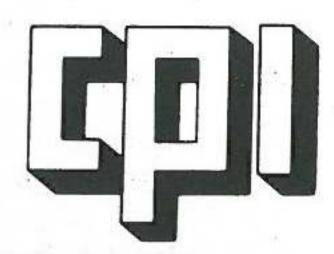
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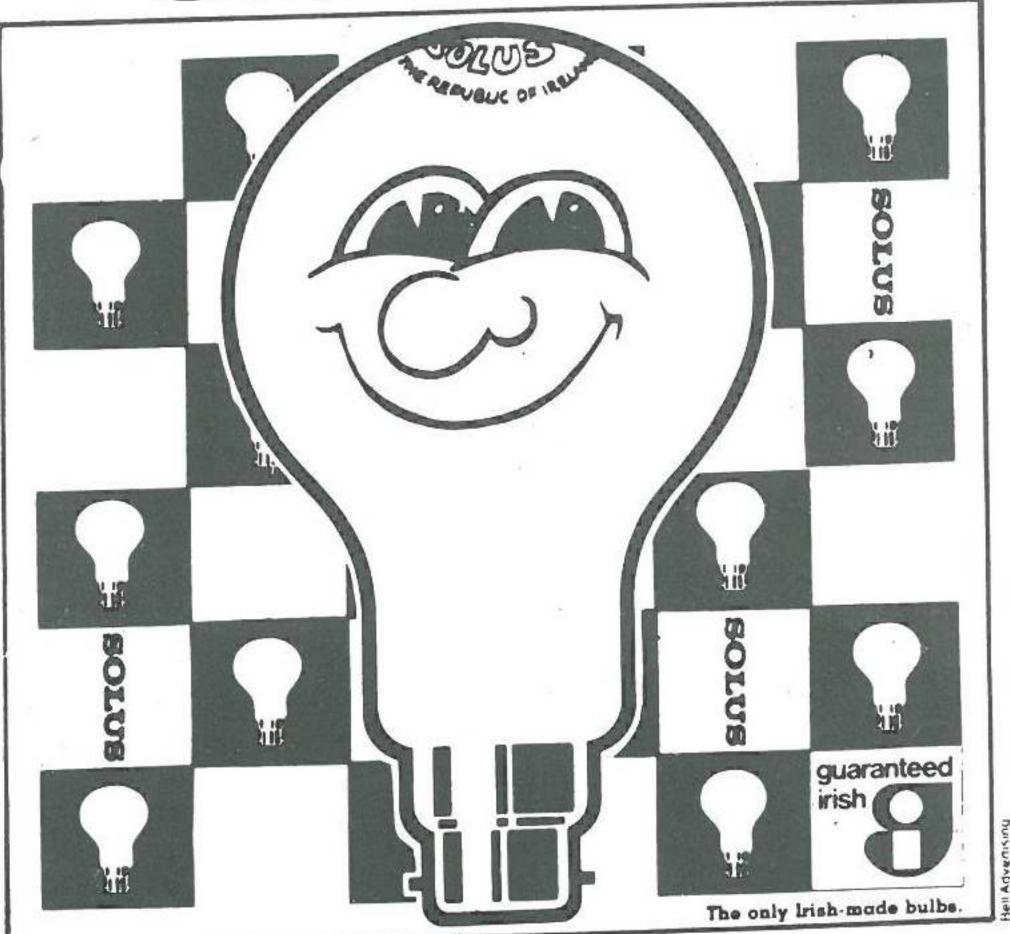
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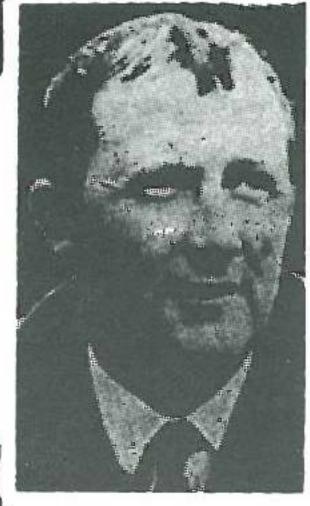
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Souvenir Programme 1956-81 of John Mitchels G.F.C. Newry, edited by Seán Og McAteer, age 19, a former Junior Desk contributor. This in effect is the Club History of Newry Mitchels, home club of Seán and Kevin O'Neill. Gerry Brown, the well known trainer gets honourable mention. There is, too, great mention of the halcyon days of the early 60's and of the famous all Newry final of the Down S.F.C. of '61 when Shamrocks (with Tony Haddon) beat the champions Mitchels by 1-11 to 2-6. Those were heady days when Down were the high kings of Gaelic football.

Price £2 includes postage from Seán Og McAteer, Stella Maris, Ballinacraig, Newry, Co. Down.

Claremorris G.A.A. Yearbook 1980 — A 32 page booklet gives some idea of the many activities of this ambitious club. The G.A.A. Club structure carried on the inside of the front cover gives some idea of the industry of the club and is an example for other clubs. Wellprinted and carrying plenty of photos, this is the best club production I have seen and Editor John P. Kean deserves credit.

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Kilkenny G.A.A. Yearbook 1980 — This 64 page book is a givaway for 50p. It has a fine colour cover and two fine two page colour spreads of the Kilkenny Co. S.H. finalists Shamrocks and Muckalee Ballyfoyle. This is the best Kilkenny Yearbook I have seen, with any amount of very interesting "fillers," a nice family portrait of the famous Fennelly brothers of Shamrocks (what a record they have!) and the

Downey Family Shem, Ann and Una Camogie stars of daughter Hylda, Orla, Maria, Bridget and son James. Peter Holohan, the editor, deserves credit for the general layout. Kilkenny may have had a bad year on the field but this is their best Yearbook yet.

Price 65p includes postage from Peter Holohan, The Kilkenny People,

34, High St., Kilkenny.

The Newsletter of the Castleisland Desmonds Club.

I was sent on the two latest issues of this club Newsletter which is supplied free of charge to members and supporters. It is called News and Views and is full of club news and interesting "fillers." There are photos too such as Mary Geany, the Desmonds Senior Team, Phil Horan the player of the year, Paul Geaney Clubman of the year, William O'Connor, Tom Brennan the referee, and club captain Mikie O'Connor, and county star goalkeeper Charlie Nelligan. Production costs are low, yet this club newsletter is a great example for all clubs. Copies can be had from Paul Geaney, Secretary Desmonds G.A.A. Club, Castleisland, Co. Kerry.

Sigerson Cup Souvenir Programme at Maynooth Feb. 20th and 22nd costing 50p is a 68 page booklet and a must for all programme lovers. The pen-pictures of the rival teams are great. I liked Colum Mullan's article entitled Memories of Maynooth's New Football Era. Colum from County Derry was a great Maynooth footballer and suffered very serious injuries as a result of a traffic accident. His article shows he is still very much in touch, still has a keen

and humour of sense involved. Keep it up Colum. You were one of the Pioneers of Sigerson Cup football in Maynooth. Gaelic Games holds a very special place in Ireland's National Seminary. This publication reflects that fine strength.

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Kildare.

Bliainiris Liatroma 1981, edited once again by Tommy Moran of Ballinamore, is a mammoth 132 page Annual which is well up to the fine standard set in the Leitrim Annual for years now. Con Houlihan has already done justice to this year's Annual in his Saturday Evening Press G.A.A. columns twice. I liked Art O'Baoill's Diallan 1980 sprinkled with plenty of photos, also Tommy Moran's interview with Mickey Quinn the county player of the year, Fr. Pat Lennon's article from the mission fields of Zambia under the title "The Community Aspect of the G.A.A,"

Sean McGoldrick's article on "Referees — the Supermen of Sport", Sean Murray's Inter-County Review 1980, the feature over two pages entitled "50 Years Ago", Mick Kilkenny's piece on the 1938 junior All-Ireland attempt, Eamonn Daly's delightful memory trip through the life and times of Ned McGowan, father of Eamonn. and Tony, and Seámas Heslin's piece reviewing the years 1947-60. This yearbook is one of the best I have yet seen and I wonder — really wonder — when Leitrim will at last get the McNamee Award it deserves.

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Co. Leitrim.

Eire Og, Inis "Gaelic News" Club Bulletin, cost 20p and this latest issue of the club Newsletter is up to the high standard set by previous issues. Gerry Slevin writes that the parents' lack of interest is disturbing. So it is Gerry and this is a nationwide comment often heard at G.A.A. club meetings. My favourite page is the back page where Observer writes a newsy column entitled "Sidelines".

Copies costing 35p from Tony Sharkey P.R.O., Eire Og Ennis G.A.A. Club Ennis Co. Clare.

Westmeath G.A.A. Yearbook '81 has a fantastic cover featuring the Hogan Cup Champions Carmelite College Moate.

Another mammoth 148 page production, this annual is printed by the Westmeath Examiner where the Leitrim Annual is also printed and if Leitrim don't win this year's McNamee Award for county Yearbooks, then Westmeath must.

It is full of interesting articles and fillers. The top articles are from Nicky Rackard's daughter Marian, Denis Kearney's article on Rev. Michael McManus, the very interesting Trath na gCeist, Frank Young's Tribute to the late legendary Jobber McGrath, Snippets from Westmeath G.A.A. topics of 1912, Fr. Cremin's account of Moate's 1980 Hogan Cup win (What a great trainer he is), Athlone's London trip by Paddy Flanagan (that great communicator), the Results and Roll of Honour 1980. The artwork in this Annual is quite superb. Get it.

Price £2.00 includes postage from Mr. Gerry Whelan, Editor C/O Westmeath Examiner, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

I have just received Val Dorgan's book on Christy Ring and will review it here in next month's issue. The

serialisation of this book in the Cork Examiner was excellent.

The artwork and the quite outstanding photography really did justice to the book and Christy Ring. I am looking forward to the official biography on Ring by Paddy Downey. Knowing Paddy's great power with words and his great admiration of Christy Ring (witness his tribute to Christy in "THE SPIRIT OF THE GLEN" and his

TRIBUTE to the late Christy in the Irish Times after the Cloyneman's death). I can't see how Val Dorgan's book will lessen the Downey book in

any way.

It may be a few years yet before Paddy's book is ready. I'm quite sure it will be a different style of book entirely and quite honestly I think the furore created because Dorgan's book came before the official one shouldn't have surfaced.

# FROM THE MAILBAG

Norman Rochford, The Square, Gort, Co. Galway. "At the Gort G.A.A. club A.G.M. I was elected with Gerry Linnane to organise Ciste Gael in the Club. Last year we had only 14 members. Now we have over 50. Gort G.A.A. club launched a calendar. Anyone interested in having one will get one from me if they send on £1.

My top men for 1980 were: Hurler of the Year: 1. Bernie Forde. 2. Johnny Flaherty. Footballer of the Year: 1. Gerry Connellan. 2. Matt Connor. Referee of the Year: 1. Noel O'Donoghoe. 2. J. J. Landers. Official of the Year: 1. Paddy McFlynn. 2. Dave McGann. Handballer of the Year: 1. Tommy O'Rourke. 2. Pakie Ryan".

• Good man Norman. Make it 100 as soon as you can. (J.M.)

Billy Smiddy, Ballycrenane, Ballymacoda, Co. Cork. "This is my first time writing to you. My two favourite players are John Fenton and Ger Cunningham.

• Two great players. (J.M.)

Tim Murphy, Shamrock Bridge, Rathmore, Co. Kerry. "I will send on the answers to my quiz as to the two youngest players ever to win All-Ireland medals".

• Please do Tom as this quiz of yours is dragging on and on. (J.M.)

Michael Quigley, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, Co. Galway writing for the first time is 13 years of age

and tells me his favourite sport is hurling. "My favourite hurler is John Connolly. Cork are favourites for this year's title. I am very proud to be a Galwayman at the moment because of our magnificent hurlers".

 And so am I. You win a Galway G.A.A. scarf. (J.M.)

Joseph McElligott, Glenoe, Listowel, Co. Kerry is full of praise for Jimmy Deenihan. "In 1978 he conceded only 1-1 in the championship in four games, in 1979 just one point and in 1980 not a single score. No other corner back has as good a record as that. The Kerry Yearbook was great. The G.A.A. should have a weekly magazine. I want to see the rule regarding the handpass changed. All scores should be kicked. I would leave the solo-run as it is. Getting rid of it would spoil players like Pat Spillane who relish it. My predictions for '81 are: Munster S.H. — Limerick and S.F. — Kerry. Leinster S.H. — Offaly and S.F. — Dublin. Connacht S.F. - Rosand Ulster S.F. common Armagh".

Thanks Joseph. You win a G.A.A.

kit-bag. (J.M.)

Oliver O'Regan, 39, Morrissey Ave., Cloughleigh, Ennis, Co. Clare. who sent on the Eire Og Newsletter tells me they sell on average 500 copies per month.

• Keep it up Oliver. (J.M.)

Geraldine O'Meara, Carrigahorig, Lorrha, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

"My favourite hurling star is Pat McLoughney and my star footballer is Jack O'Shea. I was delighted when Tommy Butler got the Goal of the Year Award as it was a great goal (no handpass involved). I enjoy reading GAELIC SPORT".

• And we enjoy you writing in. You win a Tipperary bob-cap. (J.M.)

Ann Fitzpatrick, aged 9, Clanananoe Cross, Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry reads GAELIC SPORT every month and enjoys it. "I think Pat Spillane is a great player and all the Kerry lads play a fair game. Roscommon take note. I want a cutout of Pat Spillane".

• How about a photo of Pat specially for Ann. He is one of my favourite players too. (J.M.)

John Murphy, 12 Hillgrove Lawn, South Douglas Rd., Cork wants photos of Cork's All-Ireland winning teams of '76 and '77 and of the two N.L. winning teams of 1980.

• John, have you got copies of the Cork Yearbooks? If not try and get them. (J.M.)

Finally my thanks to Dermot McCarthy, of Bath for the cuttings and programme, to John Browne of Garrylaurence, Dungourney Co. Cork who wrote in praise of Tim Kennelly, Michael Conneely, John Fenton and tells me he has 203 G.A.A. Books in his library, to Tony Maher of 20 Páirc Mhuire, Tullow, Co. Carlow for sending on a copy of the souvenour programme for the opening of Br. Leo Park in Tullow in 1966.

And that is all for this month. The days are beginning to get long now and we won't feel it until Summer. Start writing again on any G.A.A.

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#### AN GÚM

#### GEARRFHOCLÓIR GAEILGE — BÉARLA

Is é seo leagan gearr den Fhoclóir Gaeilge — Béarla a chuir foireann foclóireachta so Roinn Oideachais le chéile agus a foilsíodh i 1978, eagarthóir Niall Ó Dónaill, eagarthóir comhairleach Tomás de Bhaldraithe.

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#### RESULTS SUMARY

#### • FROM PAGE 35 LEINSTER

Football: February 22: Final: Newbridge: Walterstown, Meath, 2-9; Eire Og, Carlow, 2-8.

#### MUNSTER

Football: March 15. Semi-Finals: Killarney: Stradbally, Waterford, 3-3; Gneeveguilla Kerry, 0-11. Doonbeg: St. Finbarr's, Cork, 2-8; Kilmihill, Clare, 0-3.

#### COLLEGES' CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### PROVINCIAL FINALS CONNACHT

Football: March 15. Tuam: St. Colman's, Claremorris, 0-6; St. Jarlath's, Tuam, 0-5.

Hurling: March 29: Ballinasloe: Our Lady's College, Gort, 2-13; Portumna College 0-2.

#### LEINSTER

Football: March 22. Mullingar: Carmelite College, Moate, 1-6; St. Mary's C.B.S., Mullingar, 0-5.

Hurling. April 5. Athy: Kilkenny C.B.S. 1-8; Birr Community School 1-7.

#### MUNSTER

Football: March 29. Fermoy. Colaiste Iosagain, Ballyvourney, 1-11; St. Augustine's, Dungarvan, 3-4.

Hurling: April 5. Pairc Uí Chaoimh: North Monastery, Cork, 2-6; Colaiste Chriost Rí, Cork, 1-7.

#### ULSTER Football: March 8. Belfast: St.

Colman's, Newry, 1-3; St. Patrick's, Maghera, 0-4.

#### ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

Football: April 5. Cavan: Carmelite College, Moate, 1-5; St. Colman's, Newry, 0-6. Clough-jordan: St. Colman's, Claremorris, 3-5; Colaiste Iosagain, Ballyvourney, 0-10.

#### "B" CHAMPIONSHIP

Football: Askeaton: St. Enda's, Galway, 2-6; St. Finbarr's, Farrenferris, 1-7. Cavan: Portlaoise C.B.S. 1-9; St. Columb's, Derry, 1-4.

#### CAMOGIE

NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE March 8: Clonroche: Cork 4-11;

Wexford 0-3.

March 22: Kilkenny: Kilkenny 4-6; Wexford 1-5. Russell Park, Dublin: Dublin 7-8; Down 2-2. Shannon: Limerick 2-5; Clare 1-1. Kilrea: Antrim 1-5; Derry 1-1.

April 5: Ballincollig, Cork: Cork 3-6; Kilkenny 2-4. Tynagh: Galway 2-6; Tipperary 1-5.

#### HANDBALL

RAILWAY CUP FINAL

March 14. Croke Park: Munster (T. Ryan, Dan and John Kirby, T. Morrissey) bt Connacht (M. Walsh, J. O'Brien, P. J. Moran, F. McCann) 121-79.

#### ALL-IRELAND 40 × 20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 5: Tralee. Under-21 Doubles: T. Ryan and W. O'Donnell (Tipperary) bt. F. McCann and P. McCann (Sligo) 21-15; 21-13.

Masters Doubles: T. and W. Kearins (Kerry) bt M. Lally and S. Reid (Galway) 21-5; 21-3.

Golden Masters Singles: J. Walsh (Tipperary) bt. M. Walsh (Mayo) 21-14; 21-7.

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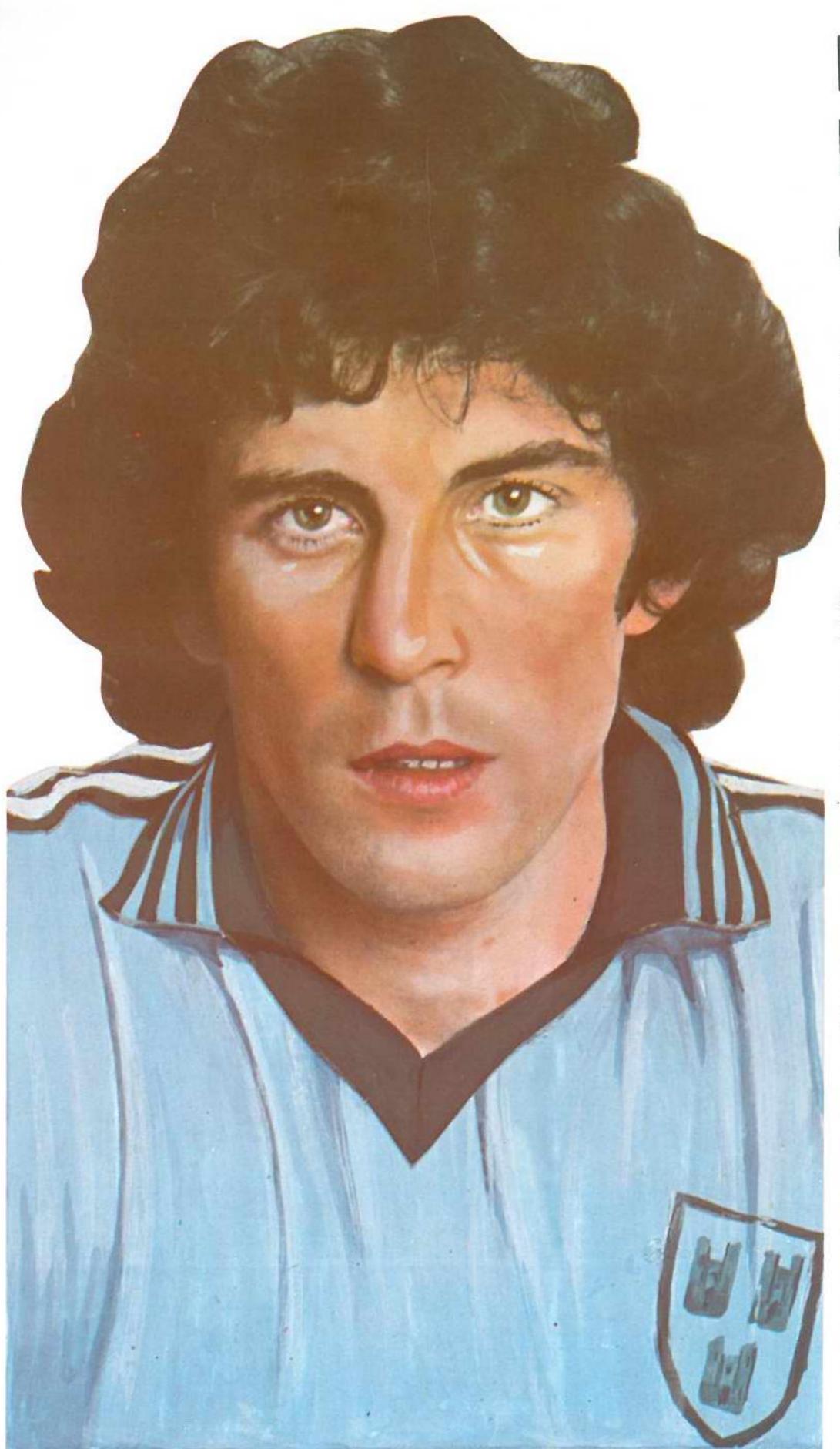
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#### Bernard Brogan (Dublin)

Age: 27
Height: 6ft. 2ins.
Weight: 13st.
Club: St. Oliver
Plunkett's
Position: Midfield
Senior Inter-County
Debut: 1974

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Bernard, who won the 1980 RTE Irish Superstars title, was full forward when Dublin started their glory run in 1974, but it was at midfield that he collected his two All-Ireland medals (1976 and 1977).

He grabbed the sensational last gasp goal that gave a 14-man Dublin side victory over Offaly in 1979 to equal a Leinster record of six senior titles in a row.

Winner of National League medals in 1976 and 1978, Bernard was honoured in the first Bank of Ireland All Stars team in 1979, and he has played with Leinster. A Railway Cup souvenir is the only major one missing from his set.

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