

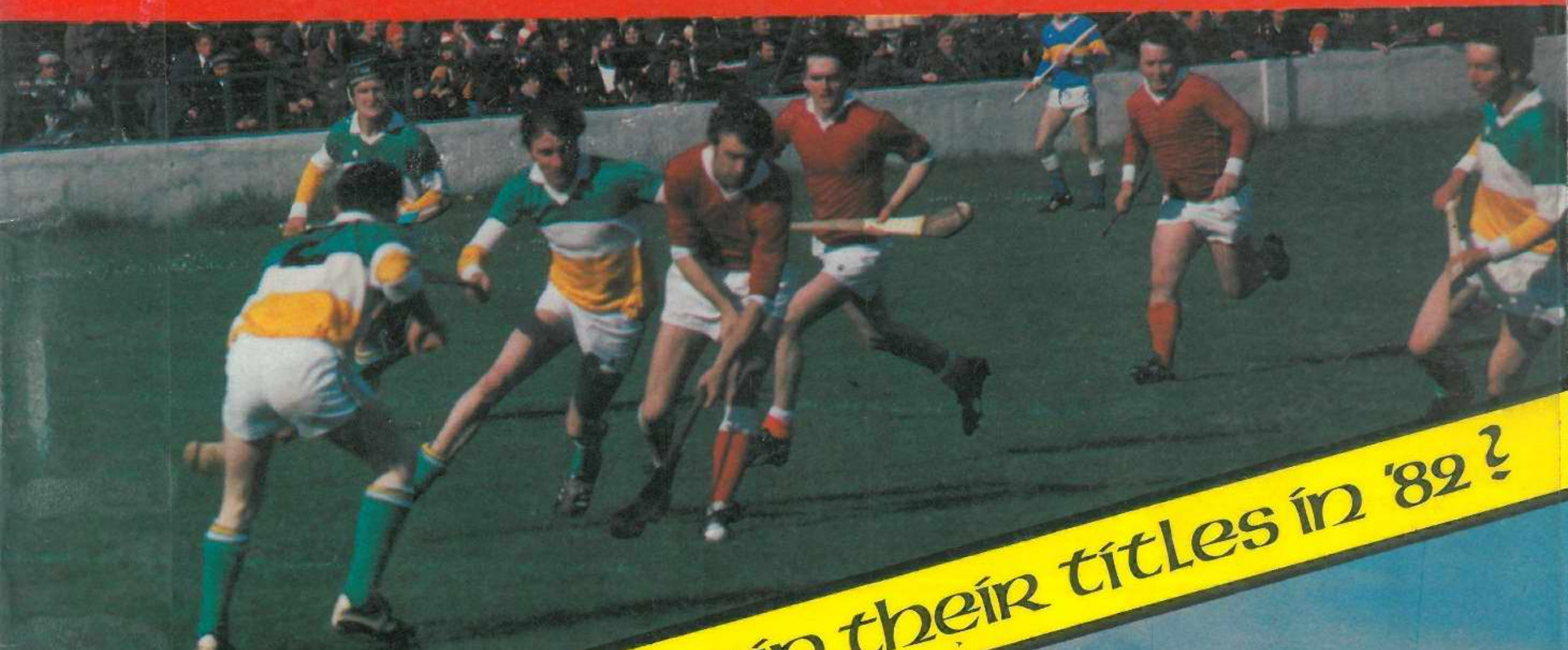
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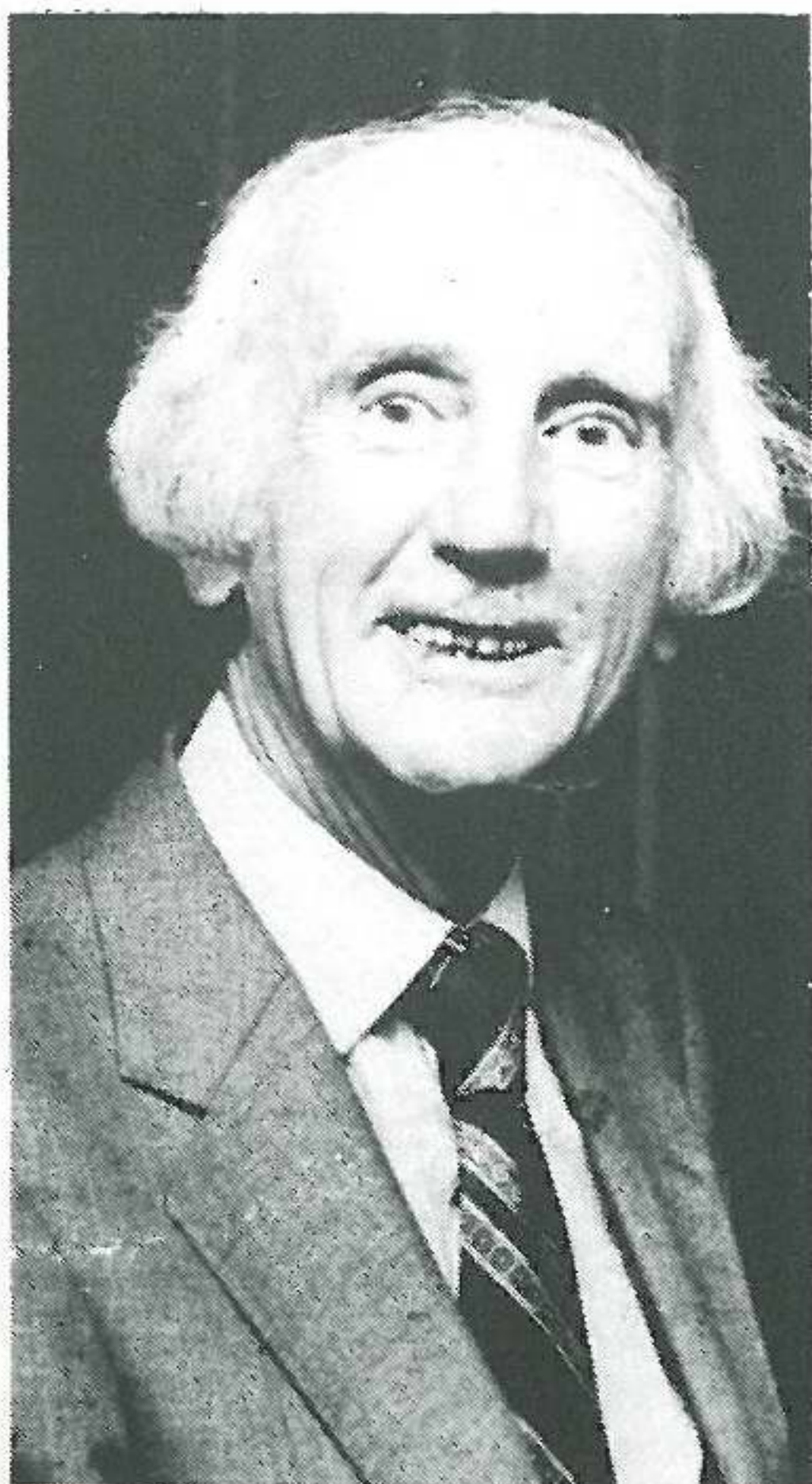
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MONEY MATTERS

IS the G.A.A. in danger of putting the cost of games beyond the reach of the regular supporters, those enthusiasts who go along faithfully to Croke Park and other venues for most games regardless of the teams in opposition? That is fast becoming a burning question.

There has been considerable criticism in recent times of the admission charges at Croke Park for games in the National Leagues. Now, on top of this comes the news that prices are to be increased for the All-Ireland semi-finals and finals.

The G.A.A., like other sporting organisations, and, every man and woman, is being hit badly by galloping inflation. The cost of promoting the annual schedule of inter-county games has been spiraling, and admission charges to games provides the Association with the only tangible way of financing the programme.

Nevertheless, high admission charges can have a boomerang effect. In Dublin, particularly, there is a large "floating" following for Gaelic Games, followers who are to be found at Croke Park for most games there. But it is becoming an expensive business to attend at headquarters regularly.

The admission charge cannot be seen in isolation. To this must be added costly bus fares, or petrol charges, for travelling to and from the venue, and for many as well the cost of a programme for their complete enjoyment of the bill.

The recession continues to bite deeply, and many as a result must now cut back on entertainments and pastimes. This probably had much to do with the fact that the National Football League semi-finals double bill at Croke Park in early April attracted an attendance of just over 11,000 — small by Gaelic Games standards.

There is another point that cannot be overlooked either. Gaelic Games followers have not generally been receiving value for money.

True, hurling has been providing good fare, but the same cannot be said of football. The number of worth-while games in the code at Croke Park in League or Championship over the past few years can be counted on the fingers of one hand. The element of uncertainty, the key to exciting and crowd-pulling sport, has also been absent from too many football games.

Followers generally know what to expect from most pairings. And as circumstances dictate that they must become selective in the choice of relaxation, they will cut down eventually on the quota of Gaelic Games a month.

The G.A.A. needs to keep pace with inflation, but instead of raising prices, it might be more profitable in the long term to look at other ways of bringing in extra finance.

The most obvious one is to restore football to the crowd-puller the game once was. Progressive steps are needed to improve standards, increase the now so narrow base of counties with genuine chances of winning major titles, and perhaps at the same time introduce the Open Draw as a means of injecting new variety and new appeal.

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Top Ten

TOP RATING FOR NOEL SKEHAN

KILKENNY'S National Hurling League final win, and the drawn game between Kerry and Cork in the football decider were the dominant features shaping the latest Tyler Top Ten ratings, which were compiled on performances in games played from March 7 up to and including April 25.

Kilkenny had many heroes in their exhilarating climb back from Division I "B" status to the Hurling League crown, but pride of place still goes to Noel Skehan. He showed, especially in the final against Wexford, that at 35 he remains one of the outstanding goalkeepers in the game.

Skehan's class was in evidence with a number of vital saves in the run-in to the decider. Then, he excelled in the show-down with traditional rivals Wexford, when some of his saves were out of the ordinary. His contribution to the win was immense as a result.

Consequently, the Bennettsbridge club man goes to the top of the chart in this issue with 40 points. This has him three points clear of his closest rival in the table, fellow county-man, Frank Cummins, who highlighted good work early on with a telling show in midfield against the Slaneysiders.

Cummins is, like Skehan, making his debut this season in the chart.

Another Kilkenny man in the spotlight is score-getter Billy Fitzpatrick, who wins third place in this issue, and as a result jumps to the top of the hurling chart over-all for the year so far. The Kilkenny forward picks up 36 points to bring his record to 63 points so far.

At the other end of the scale is Mayo's Joe Henry, who had a capital game as Connacht shocked Leinster in the Railway Cup final on St. Patrick's Day. He bagged three vital points in that match as well and makes his entry into the chart in tenth position on 24 points.

P. J. Molloy, who hit Connacht's last gasp winning goal in the inter-provincial final, is the only hurler other than Fitzpatrick, to improve his over-all placing. He picks up 28 points this issue to go to 58 points over-all.

Kerry and Cork take the lion's share of the football ratings, with Jack O'Shea out in front on 38 points. He impressed against Derry and Armagh in the earlier games, and had a good game in the final.

This is O'Shea's second appearance this year, and he now takes over as leader for the season with 66 points, just four ahead of Kevin Kehily, who collects 33 points after his showing as Cork kept their League ambitions alive.

The top three in each code so far this year are:

HURLING: 63 points: B. Fitzpatrick (Kilkenny). 58: P. J. Molloy (Galway). 40: N. Skehan (Kilkenny).

FOOTBALL: 66: J. O'Shea (Kerry). 62. K. Kehily (Cork). 58: J. McKerr (Armagh).

The latest charts are:

HURLING

40	N. Skehan (Kilkenny)	40
37	F. Cummins (Kilkenny)	37
36	B. Fitzpatrick (Kilkenny)	63
35	D. O'Hara (Kilkenny)	35
33	C. Doran (Wexford)	33
30	J. Nolan (Wexford)	30
28	P. J. Molloy (Galway)	58
26	J. Galvin (Waterford)	26
26	J. Power (Waterford)	26
24	J. Henry (Mayo)	24

FOOTBALL

38	J. O'Shea (Kerry)	66
36	T. Doyle (Kerry)	36
36	Dom Creedon (Cork)	36
35	D. Allen (Cork)	35
33	K. Kehily (Cork)	62
31	John O'Keeffe (Kerry)	31
30	S. Walsh (Kerry)	56
30	Ger O'Keeffe (Kerry)	30
28	J. McKerr (Armagh)	58
26	M. Connor (Offaly)	26

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"IT'S LIMERICK FOR ME!"

HURLING enthusiasts in Munster are eagerly looking forward to May 31, the day when Cork cross camans with Tipperary at Pairc Ui Chaoimh to commence a provincial tourney that appears to be the most open for years.

Since its inception in 1886 the southern championship has been dominated to a large degree by Cork and Tipp and each county has won more titles than the combined total of all the other counties in the province. In fact, Cork and Tipp between them have succeeded in 69 of the 94 championships completed to date.

Limerick, Waterford and Clare have produced top quality teams less frequently but have almost always remained sufficiently prominent to ensure that the Munster championship — arguably the most attractive competition in the GAA calendar — has seldom been less than intriguing.

Rarely in the past, however, has the result of the race for provincial honours been as uncertain as this year and success for either Cork, Tipp, Limerick, Waterford or Clare would not be regarded as a major surprise.

Pessimists would argue that such an evenness in Munster has been brought about by a lowering rather than a raising of standards and it is true that there is no outfit involved this year with the overall brilliance and balance which Tipp's great squad of the early 'seventies and Cork's three-in-a-row team of the mid-seventies possessed. But all counties vying for glory are formidable, with sufficient individual flair to guarantee that the '82 championship will be as attractive, interesting and

even more competitive than any of its predecessors.

Cork are current favourites with the bookies and have been eagerly experimenting in the recent league campaign with a view to repairing the huge gaps left by the departure of such recent greats as Martin Doherty, John Horgan, Gerald McCarthy, Denis Coughlan and Charlie McCarthy.

INTO PLACE

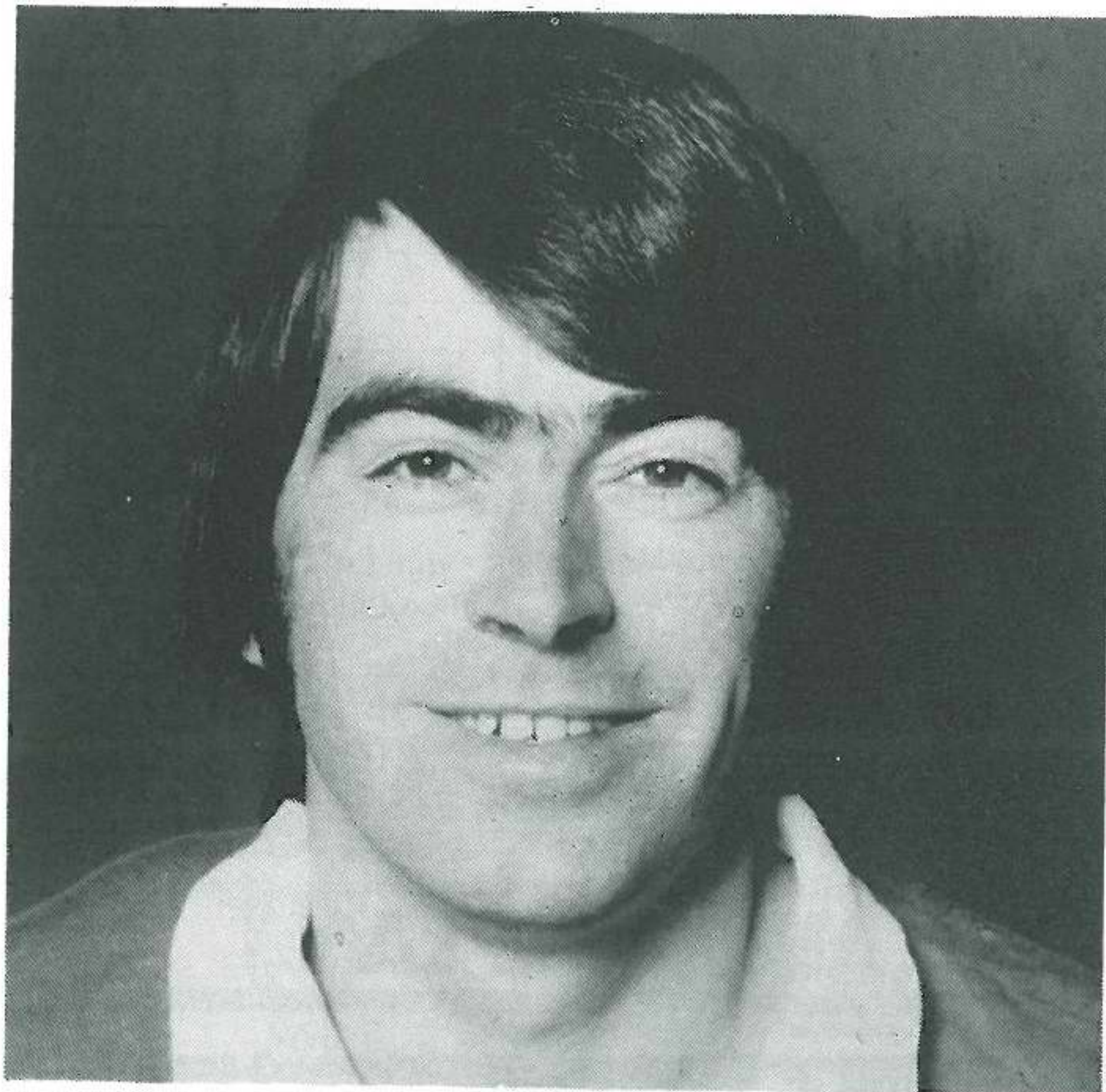
Things appeared to be fitting into place nicely for the Leesiders when they made it to the semi-final but a

determined Wexford outfit exposed glaring weaknesses in Cork's set-up. The fact is that Cork are vulnerable up the middle — the backbone of any good team — and unless they can solve the problems in the central positions they appear unlikely to win out.

John Crowley, star pivot of the three-in-a-row team, is currently operating at full-back and it is hoped that he will resolve a problem that has existed since Martin Doherty emigrated to the United States.

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● Joe McKenna, Limerick's "scoring machine".

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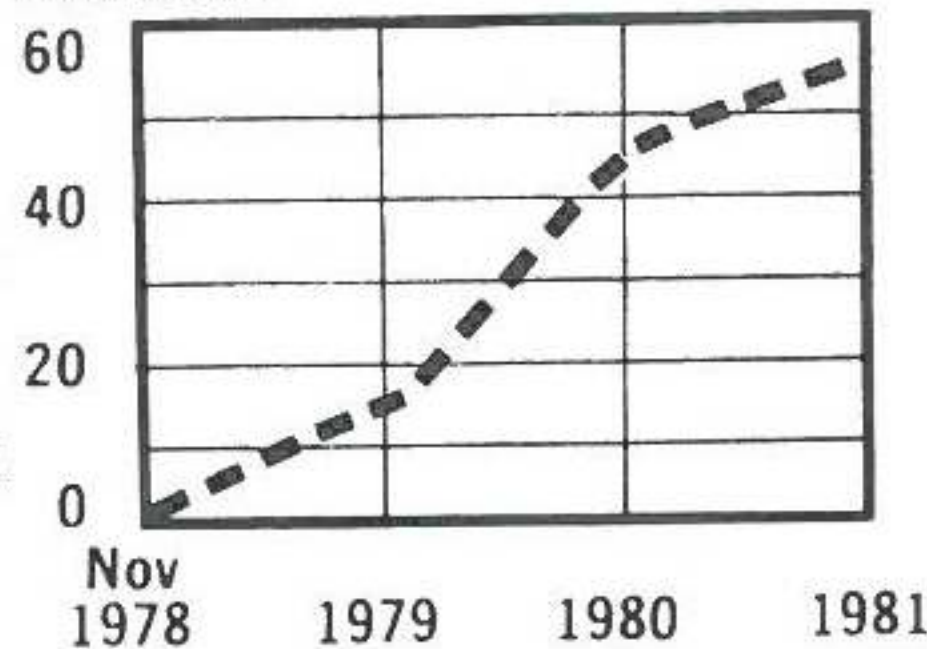
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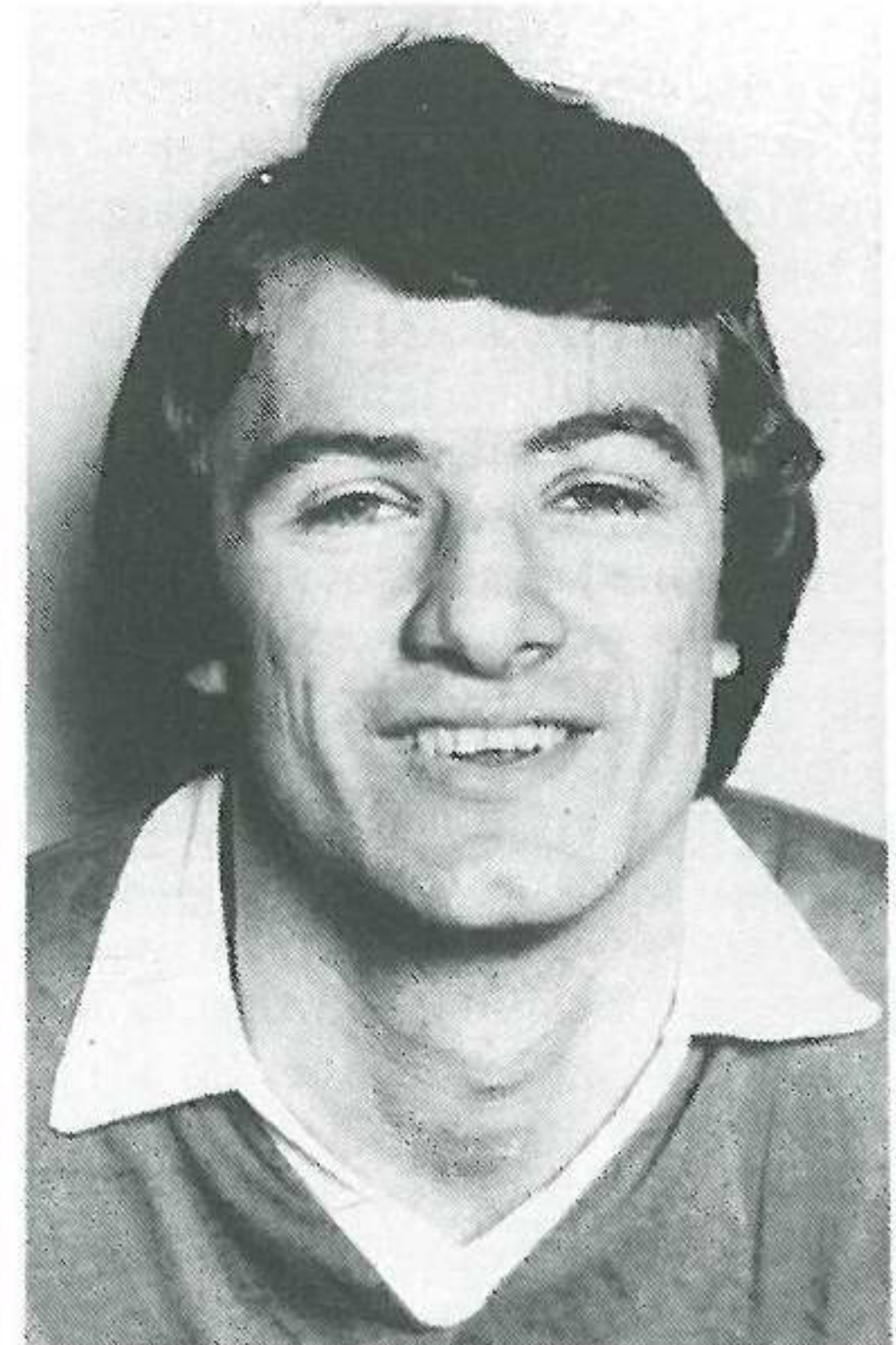
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performed adequately in the league and is probably the best player for the job but he is clearly more at home in the No. 6 shirt. To make matters worse, Cork have failed to find a replacement centre-back.

Pat Horgan, former centre forward and left wing back in the league, could be the answer to that problem but he has had little experience in the post at inter-county level.

Centre-forward, too, has not been adequately filled as is illustrated by the fact that several players were tried in the league with minimal success. Jimmy Barry-Murphy, inconsistent at full-forward, has performed effectively on the forty in the past but he will hardly be released unless Ray Cummins, currently contemplating retirement, can be coaxed to do duty again.

Cummins' return would be a great morale boost to the team as a whole and Cork have the material to mould together a formidable force, should they manage to come to grips with their problems in the vital central positions. At the moment, however, there are too many question marks hanging over the Leaside squad to justify confidence.



● Jimmy Barry Murphy
Cork sharpshooter.

For all that Cork will be fancied to surmount their initial hurdle against Tipperary. The premier countymen were comfortably mastered by the Rebels on two occasions in the league when it was obvious that Tipp's promising underage players are finding the transition to senior status extremely difficult.

It is highly likely that Tipp will recall experienced campaigners like Tadgh O'Connor, Noel O'Dwyer, John Grogan, Jim Kehoe and Pat Fitzelle for the championship and while their presence would bolster the side one would have to regard reliance on such "golden oldies" as a somewhat retrograde step.

Waterford have made great strides in recent seasons and performed encouragingly in the league before succumbing to Kilkenny after a replay. The Decies mentors made no secret of the fact that they were determined to do well in the league to consolidate confidence and the team probably played to peak performance during that competition. They seem unlikely to improve as much as other counties for the championship.

Granted, Pat McGrath was a great loss in the replay against Kilkenny but it is fair to say that the Noresiders looked in control in the drawn match until a dubious semi-penalty decision against Noel Skehan which Tom Casey converted, prompted a Waterford rally.

Clare's challenge will be backboned by such old reliables as Sean Hehir, Sean Stack, Ger Loughnane and John Callinan and, on their day, the Banner men are capable of matching the best. Inconsistency is their main failing, however, and while they could conceivably win a game, one is reluctant to give them the vote to go all the way as they have faltered too often at the final hurdle.

Holder Limerick look the safest bet to win out and make it three provincial titles on the trot, principally because they possess more potential match-winners than any of their rivals.

THE BEST

Joe McKenna is Limerick's main ace and he practically won the crown on his own last year. The only full-back in the province who looks equipped to contain the South Liberties goal-grabber is Len Enright and he will, of course, be guarding the Limerick goal area during the campaign. The Shannonsiders are fortunate to have both the best full-

forward and full-back in their line-out.

They have their weak links like the other counties but in Liam O'Donoghue, Sean Foley, Jimmy Carroll and wily veteran Eamonn Cregan they possess players with the experience and expertise to steer the county to further glory.

So, it's Limerick for me this year but I hasten to add that I'm not prepared to put my shirt on them!

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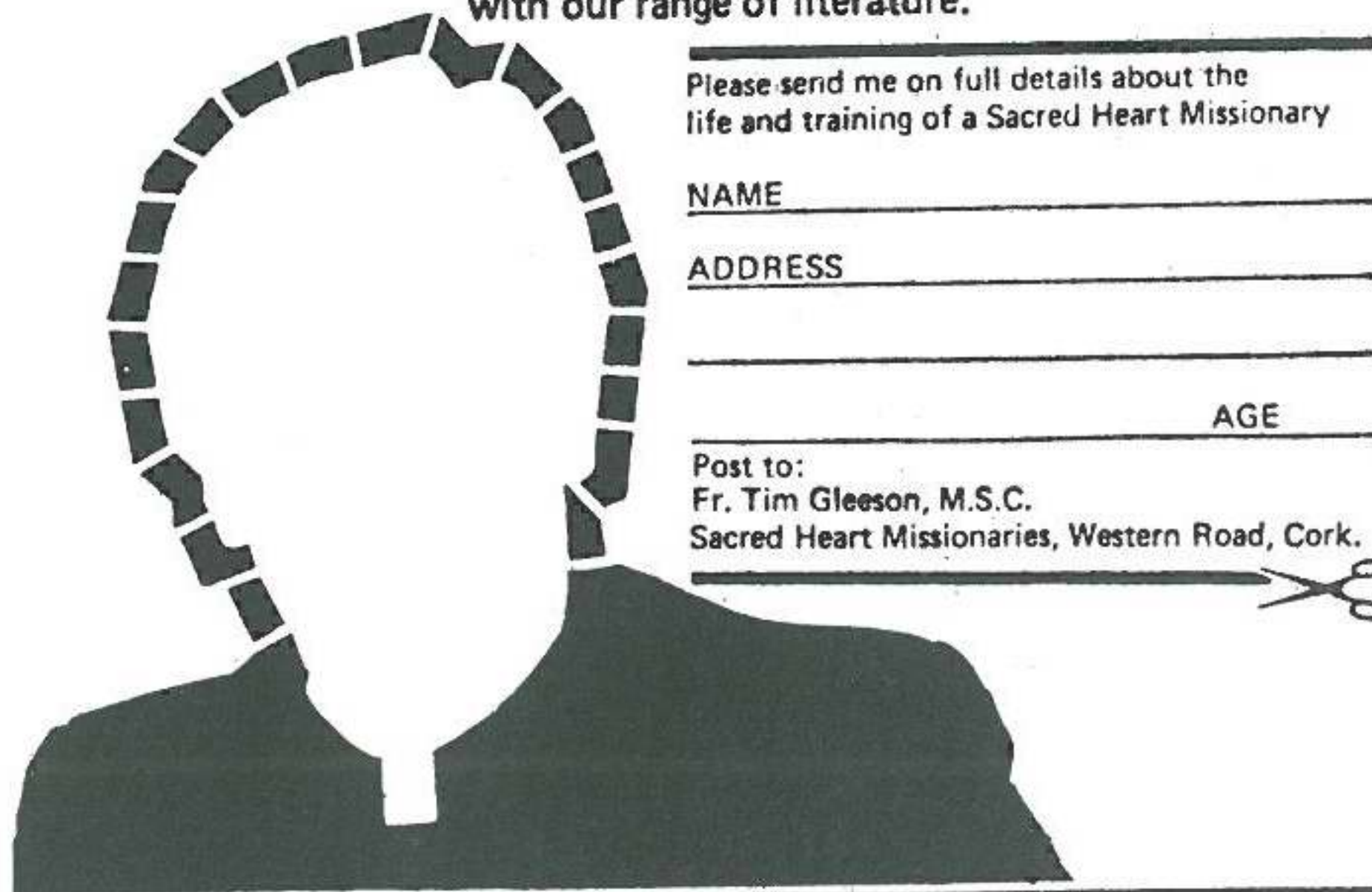
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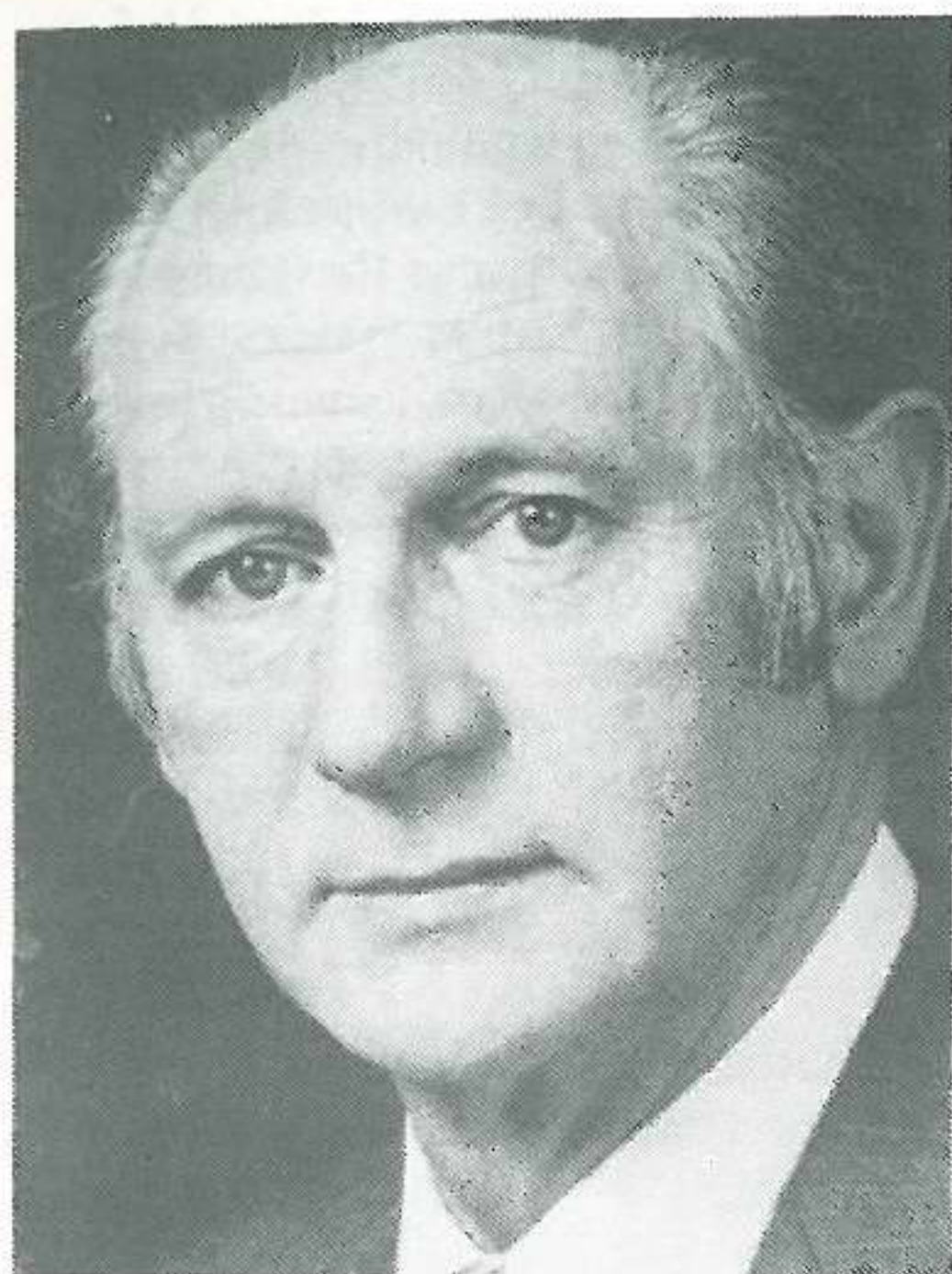
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● JACK LYNCH

TWO young men sat in the lounge of the Central Hotel, Dublin. Quietly they talked, their conversation sad. To me it was a woeful evening. Cork hurlers had been beaten again and it was eight years since we had won an All-Ireland. At 17 as I was, one takes that very badly and at 27 which was about the age of the pair John Quirke and Micka Brennan two of the best men who ever hurled for Cork, it was even worse for neither of them had been on the great team of '31.

That day in the Central is as clear as yesterday after 43 years. And why not? For that was the day Jimmy Kelly's point won the Thunder and Lightning All-Ireland for Kilkenny in '39.

But in the shadow of defeat as we were, neither of the three of us knew that around the corner the sun shone. The following year brought no real reward but in '41 in spite of the serious outbreak of foot and mouth disease when great big trenches were dug across the fields and herds of prime cattle were driven into them and shot by us soldiers, the Munster championship went ahead although Tipp were not allowed play because of the disease. In the Munster final Cork had a great game with Limerick, great from Cork's point of view in that the men in red scored eight goals.

GOLDEN MEMORIES OF CORK HURLING



● CHRISTY RING

In the final of that year 26,000 turned up and every second one seemed to have cycled or walked to Dublin for petrol was an article kept for armies in the pursuit of death and doctors chasing life. The Metropolitan side with Harry Gray of Laois a great man in the centre of the field did not have a enough fire-power for the very urgent Cork side and we won it 5-11 to 0-6. Ted Sullivan, and Micka Brennan got two fine goals and there was an estatic moment when Billy Murphy (known as Long Puck for very sound reason) dropped the puck-out on the Dublin 21 and John Quirke who had already

BY

EAMONN YOUNG

discussed the idea with Billy doubled the fast white ball on the drop and sewed into the back of the net.

It wouldn't be fair to Tipp not to mention the Munster final played in Limerick at the end of October. The foot and mouth outbreak was then under control. and Tipp fielded a good team and proved it by winning 5-4 to 2-5. There was blue murder in Cork and even after forty years we don't mention many names. Enough to say that a lot of cross words were said and dirty linen washed. Three

weeks later on the teams played in the tourament and Cork won it well.

In '42 Con Murphy, Sean Condon, Mick Kenefick three young players, Derry Beckett, who won medals in both games, were on the side that beat Limerick and Galway before beating Dublin by seven points in the final. Cork were firmly on the road just then with a young team and a confidence shone further by ability and enthusiasm.

In '43 Antrim shocked the country in general and Galway in particular. Then they moved on to play Kilkenny in the Belfast semi-final. It's a day that older Noresiders won't forget, for Antrim won it and when they faced Cork in the final there were as Jim "Tough" Barry said 31 counties rooting for them. It takes a lot of shouting to chalk up a goal however and when John Quirke, Ted Sullivan, Christy Ring, Mick Kenefick, Jack Lynch and Con Cottrell were finished scoring it was a blue look-out for the gallant Northerners. That was a great year for Mick Kenefick for when he captained the men in red in that final he had just turned 19 years of age.

So on to '44 with a record to beat for Cork, Tipp and Kilkenny had already won three finals in a row. Tipp were beaten in the first round and then came a mighty draw with Limerick that sent them on to a hectic

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replay and a win for Cork. In the semi-final against Galway Sean Condon swung a long high shot to the Galway goal and some thought that Mick Hennessy's whistle had gone before it went over the bar but the score was allowed and again it was Dublin in the final with Ned Wade, Jim Butler, and Harry Gray leading the Leinster side.

Cork well trained by "Tough" Barry and unified into a single highly-toned instrument could not be stopped however and with athlete Joe Kelly flying in the forward line and Hitler Healy adding his own inimitable brand of stimulated hurling Cork won by 14 points. Thus the great day arrived and for all time the four in a row stands for the best to have a crack at.

Tipp had hammered everything around them in '52 with two Leagues and 3 All-Irelands in a row under their belt. In Limerick that day I watched them grimly as Pat Stakelum, Tommy Doyle, Seamus Bannon, Mickey (the Rattler) Byrne,

Tony Brennan and the rest ran on to the pitch. That was the day Corkmen on the field and off it went mad. It is fatal to pause for one could write about it all day. Enough to say that when it was over and Christy Ring was shouldered off the field with blood flowing down his face neither he nor his comrades nor the supporters cared. It was as good as any day to die for Tipp had been stopped and the four-in-a-row was intact. John Lyons, Willie John Daly, Matty Fouhy, Liam Dowling, Pat Parry, Vincy Twomey, Tony O'Shaughnessy, the O'Riordans, Mossie and Gerry... what men they were.

That year they beat Dublin by 13 points and in '53 knocked Galway out by four and moved on in '54 after the three in a row. In the semi-final Galway went out once again and in the final the great Wexford side showed it had arrived at last. What power! What hurling! What sportsmanship! In the end with the mighty men from Barrow and Slaney leading by two points it looked curtains for Cork and all I could see was Wexfordmen hammering the ball upfield to

the Canal end. Then the ball broke from Liam English and Bob Rackard. Ring got his stick to it and away it went towards the end at left corner on the Railway side. A slim, fast man darted after it, swung fast on the ciotog and there it was in the net with another All-Ireland for Cork that John Clifford and all Leaside will never forget.

Three in a row and eight medals for Cork and Christy Ring.

TWENTY-TWO YEARS SKIDDED PAST!

That game with Tipp in '76 started the road with a few gasps of real apprehension. Tipp led by three points at the break but John Grogan had them ahead in the second half until goals by Ray Cummins and Seanie Leary followed two fine saves by Martin Coleman. At the end Francis Loughnane was blown for over-carrying and Cork were happy enough to call it a day with one point to the good. In the Munster final played at Cork a great goal by Charlie Mac Carthy was one of the hour highlights and the Cork side pulled away

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Wexford hammered Kilkenny that year and in a tremendous hour draw with Galway in Cork showed us what they could do at the second attempt when they moved on to the final with three points to spare. In the final an amazing 2-2 by Wexford in the first six minutes left us gasping but Gerald Mac Carthy's support of Pat Moylan in the middle of the field allowed the Rockies man to slip over some classy points and with Ray Cummins, Charlie Mac Carthy, Mick Malone, and Seanie Leary (who retired later) getting the scores Cork were well in the game in the second half when Jim Barry Murphy's move to centre-forward opened up the Wexford defence.

Charlie Mac Carthy hit a smashing goal with the left at the Railway end in the second half and Cork won by four points. In '77 Cork beat Galway in the semi-final after weeks of tension caused by a playing gear row and it was then that Christy Ring, afraid of his life that Brian and Jim Barry Murphy both footballers might be suspended along with the Cork football team, told me with all the Ring emphasis that Gaelic football should be banned for it had the G.A.A. ruined. In any case all went well and after the Galway win the team faced up to Wexford once more where even the power and craft of Mick Jacob, Willie Murphy, John Quigley and Tony Doran couldn't stop the men in red from taking the national lead with 23 titles.

Martin Coleman's great save from Christy Keogh ended an hour of

triumph to the tune of 1-17 to 3-8 with two up Cork went on to '78 to take Waterford and Clare before meeting Kilkenny in the final. They were level at half time but Liam O'Brien put the Black and Amber a point ahead 13

minutes into the second-half.

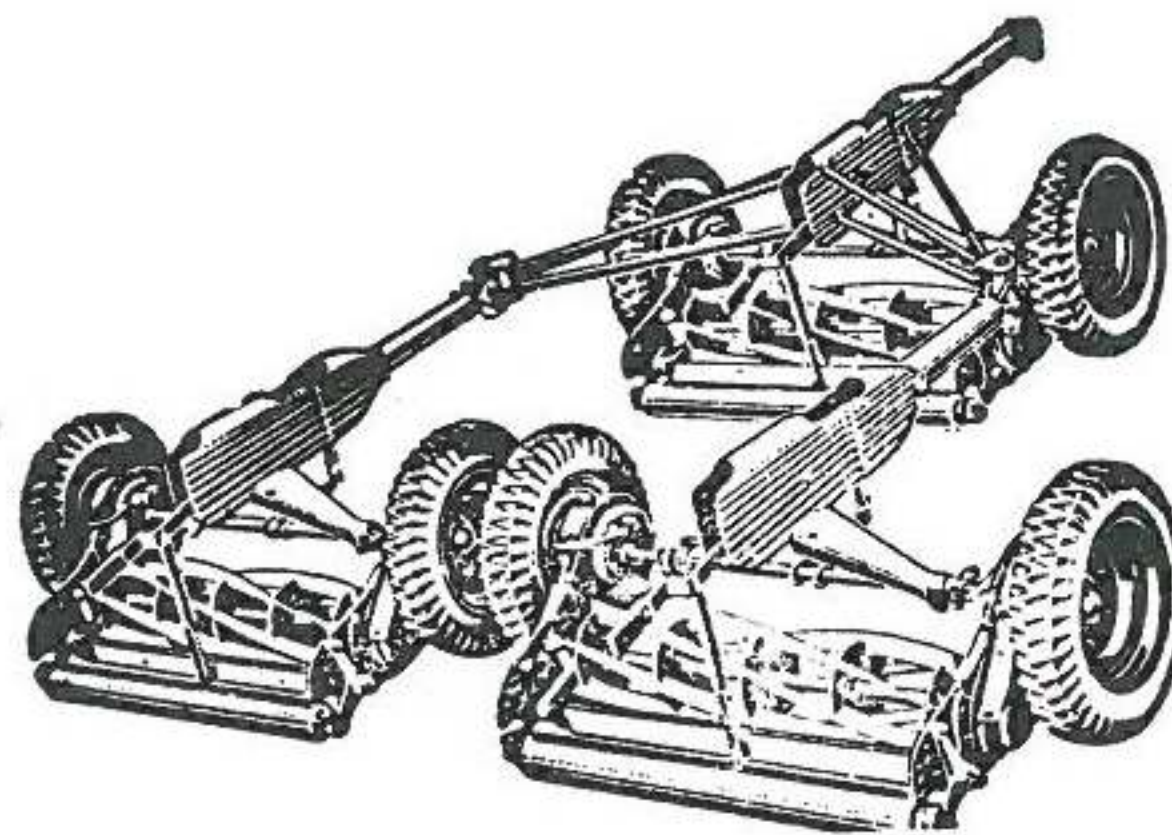
Then came Tim Crowley's great point from the right wing and that was when I saw Cork coming home. It was near the end that Jim Barry-

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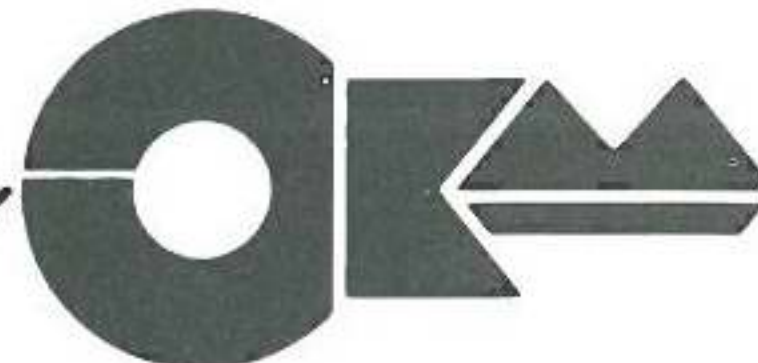
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● Pictured at the reception to honour the Cork hurlers after their '46 triumph over Kilkenny, (from left): "Bowler" Walsh, Co. Board Chairman, a very youthful-looking Christy Ring and doyen of hurling coaches, the late great Jim "Tough" Barry.

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Murphy swerved away to the left of the goal hit a sharp shot to the square and a disastrous deflection by a Kilkenny defender sent the sliotar to the back of the net past a very angry Noel Skehan.

Hard to blame him. Billy Fitzpatrick's goal showed the typical Kilkenny courage but Ray Cummins and captain Charlie Mac Carthy swung over the points that made it 1-15 to 2-8 and a million Corkmen happy. So that's it. Three in a row and if we didn't make it four its no cause for suicide. We can always start again.

Nine men won medals in the four-in-a-row era. They were Batt Thornhill, Alan Lotty, Billy Murphy, Din Joe Buckley, Jim Young, John Quirke, Christy Ring, Jack Lynch and Paddy O'Donovan. Ten men won three

medals each in the 50s. They were Christy Ring, Dave Creedon (who came out of retirement in '52 because no less than 3 goalies were not available. Dave let in one goal in 3 finals.) Gerry O'Riordan, John Lyons, Tony O'Shaughnessy. Matt Fouhy, Vincy Twomey, Gerard Murphy, Willie John Daly and Pat Barry of Sars.

There were also ten who won three in a row in the '76-8 era. These were John Crowley, Martin Doherty, Denis Coughlan, Brian Murphy, Martin Coleman, Jim Barry-Murphy, Ray Cummins, Gerald and Charlie Mac Carthy and Seanie Leary. John Horgan went in as a substitute in 1976 and played in 1977 and '78 Finals.

What a record those men have and as sportsmen they would be the first to acknowledge the help of comrades, trainers, selectors and the men

in the street. They were (and are) our heroes, far dearer to us than the million-pound professionals they write about every day in the papers whose names are on the school-bags and whose faces most of us will never see. We are proud of these hurlers not because they come from Cork but because they stand for our people, our own thinking and our own national pride.

I'll end on a note of failure. No wonder you raise an eyebrow. Well, the task given was to pick the best 15 from all these hurlers of the 40's, 50's and 70's. I just couldn't face it, and after picking what I think is the best I just wouldn't face my friends afterwards. I asked a few well-known players. Their response? Like myself they just chickened out. "Are you mad" replied one. "I've got to live the rest of my life here".

UK Carpet Importer goes to the wall

By Bill Lyon - Economics Correspondent.

THE EFFECTS OF THE RECESSION on the home furnishings business abroad were brought home rather forcefully yesterday with the announcement of the collapse of one of Britain's longest-standing carpet importers. The effects on Irish exporters and rumours are circulating that some big Irish exporters may be in a similar state of affairs.

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ON THE SPOT ...

BY TOMMY McQUAID

WITH the National Leagues having already passed into history for another season, it is all systems "go" on the Championships front. Let us hope that the fare, particularly in football, will be much more pleasing in all grades than was the case in many of the matches in the code in the recently concluded League.

Most followers will need no reminding that Kerry are in line for a record-making five All-Ireland senior football titles in a row this season, or that Offaly will be in the unique role of defending national champions in senior hurling. But what about the other grades?

Can you name off-hand the Ulster under-21 football champions of 1981? Or, for that matter, the runners-up to Tipperary in the All-Ireland final in under-21 hurling last season?

Here is YOUR chance to find out just what you can recall of some of the happenings in the lower grades of football and hurling in the past year. ON THE SPOT ..., our popular family quiz, gets under way with a special section on just such events.

We are following our usual and now popular pattern of a Quiz with a number of separate questions, and the practice as well of awarding marks at the end of each section.

This issue, however, we are introducing a new innovation in a special single TWENTY-MARKER designed to test the enthusiast who considers himself a REAL EXPERT on Gaelic Games affairs. This TWENTY-MARKER is also one for those with long memories, in that it

does not relate to recent happenings. However, let us make a beginning with:

1981 HAPPENINGS

1. These questions all deal with happenings in grades other than senior, and we throw-in the ball by asking: What county won the Ulster Under-21 football title last year?

.....
2. Name the Ulster title runners-up in that grade?

3. Who knocked Kerry out of last season's under-21 football championship?

4. The runners-up to Tipperary in the All-Ireland under-21 hurling final?

5. Cork and Derry contested the 1981 All-Ireland minor football final. Name the counties they beat in the semi-finals?

6. Our first bonus question: Clare won their first Munster minor hurling title last July. Was their winning margin over Tipperary two, three or four points, in the Munster final?

..... A five points bonus on offer here.

7. Longford were runners-up for a provincial football title last season. True or false?

8. Another True or False question. Kilkenny beat DOWN in a LEINSTER minor hurling championship tie last year?

9. Who won the All-Ireland "B" Hurling championship in 1981?

10. Louth and Galway contested an under-age All-Ireland semi-final last season. List the football grade

concerned, and also name the winners?

Five points on offer for each question here, plus that five points bonus at No. 6. Therefore, if you know your Gaelic Games affairs well enough to collect full points for this entire series, then chalk up 55 points here

Now, a chance for supporters of camogie and handball to make up possibly extra ground on others with this section:

OTHER GAMES

1. One of the following won the All-Ireland Coca Cola Open singles senior handball title last year: Tommy O'Rourke (Kildare), Tony Ryan (Tipperary), or Paddy Reilly (Kilkenny). Your choice?

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2. The All-Ireland senior camogie championship final went to a replay last season. Name the finalists?

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3. An All-Ireland senior camogie medalist of last year was later named the Camogie Player of the Year. Can you name the award winner?

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4. This young handballer won the All-Ireland 40 x 20 senior title in 1981 for the first time, and later reached the U.S. under-23 championship semi-final. Who is he?

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5. Who is the President of the Irish Handball Council? He was elected to the position during 1981

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Once more, each question is worth

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● PAT CARROLL
OFFALY CAPTAIN

CAN Offaly hurlers and Kerry retain their All-Ireland senior titles this year? I would not be prepared to take any bets on the champions both remaining on top after events in the National Leagues.

Granted, experience has shown that the Leagues are not always the most reliable of guides to the Championships, but at the same time, it would be foolish to ignore vital pointers that have emerged from the recently concluded tests.

Take hurling. Kilkenny and Wexford, who monopolised the Leinster title for so long until Offaly arrived on the scene in a big way in 1980, showed with their first-rate contest in the League final that they are again on the right track.

They have both built-up strength over the League campaign, have potential match-winners in all departments, and are bound to have gained greatly in confidence from their march to the League decider. Confidence and assurance are vital weapons in the armoury of any team with designs on getting to the top in the knock-out test.

In football, Kerry's comeback from their near disastrous results early on (remember their failures to Mayo, Roscommon and Armagh?) to reach the final, and then that exciting

draw with Cork, must surely end the talk of recent time that they are on the way out. That comeback is a fine tribute to the Kingdom's character, and to the spread of talent in the county.

It would appear, then, from the evidence of the Leagues that the champions in each code are up against it.

These include the powerful back play of Colm Doran and Mick Jacob, the skills of George O'Connor in mid-field, and the flair that Tony Doran, who only returned to the side in the League semi-final after a lengthy absence, has for snatching vital goals.

It is hardly going to help Offaly's cause that they will go into that game soon after returning from the All

BY SEAMUS KAVANAGH

Offaly have a particularly difficult road to travel. Their opening game will be against Wexford at Croke Park on May 30, and that looks like proving a really testing engagement for the history-makers from the Midlands.

PLUS POINTS

Wexford are in no way down-hearted after the defeat by Kilkenny, a match they might well have won after having led for most of the way but for the brilliance of Noel Skehan in goal.

I think Wexford will need to plug a few gaps throughout the field if they are to go all the way in Leinster this year. But, they still start the comeback bid with many vital plus points.

Stars tour, which could well have an effect on the opening bid.

Nevertheless, it is not all gloom for Offaly. For one thing, they will have the confidence of All-Ireland champions, and that is bound to help their cause. It should enable them to settle down quickly and express their talents fully.

Then, the holders will again have the assistance of the man who scored the late winning goal against Galway in the All-Ireland final — Johnny Flaherty. He has been in the U.S. for some months, but is due to return home with the touring party.

The Kinnity club man may be a long serving campaigner, but on the evidence of his sprightly play last season, he may well prove the man to

to their titles in '82?

SUGGESTS NOT CHAMPIONSHIP IS "KETTLE OF FISH"



pep up the scoring division once again.

Offaly have much to recommend them elsewhere. Pat Delaney, Ger Coughlan and Ambrose Fogarty are a trio who could do much to knit the rearguard into a tight and unyielding unit. Joachim Kelly and Liam

Currams are others who could help to spur the side into match-winning style further outfield.

Up front, any attack with men of the calibre of Flaherty, Pdraig Horan, Pat Carroll and Mark Corrigan must command the respect of the best of defences.

ON TROT

So, let's not dismiss Offaly's chances of a third Leinster senior title on the trot.

If Offaly get over that game, they will have another difficult hurdle against Laois, who gave them such a fright in last year's semi-final.

In contrast, Kilkenny have a much easier passage on paper to the final. They start out against Westmeath or Dublin, and that is in a semi-final.

I think then the odds must be firmly on the new National League champions.

Their National League title win proves conclusively that the Nore-siders are very firmly back on the rails. They have room for improve-

ment as well, and with men like Noel Skehan, Brian Cody, Joe Hennessy, Dick O'Hara, Frank Cummins, Liam Fennelly and Billy Fitzpatrick prompting matters in progressive fashion, I think that Kilkenny are the team most likely to come out of Leinster this year.

As for football, Kerry can take a great deal of comfort from the way they have overcome adversity—not many teams could battle on so bravely in the face of so many injury problems — to keep their National League title hopes alive.

Possibly, they should not have been caught by Cork in the drawn final, especially as the Leesiders played in the final minutes with only 14 men. But, still, Kerry showed plenty of sparkle in that game, and I am convinced they are going to be hard to beat.

Nevertheless, Cork may prove equal to the task. They have now brought in two good results from League games against Kerry at Killarney, and that is a tribute to the many fine qualities in their young and ever-improving team.

● *Kerry's attempt for the five-in-a-row could hinge on the availability of sharpshooter Mike Sheehy. The absence of the Austin Stack's man against Cork, in the drawn league final at Killarney, proved costly, when the Kingdom could only manage three points from placed balls.*

AT CORK

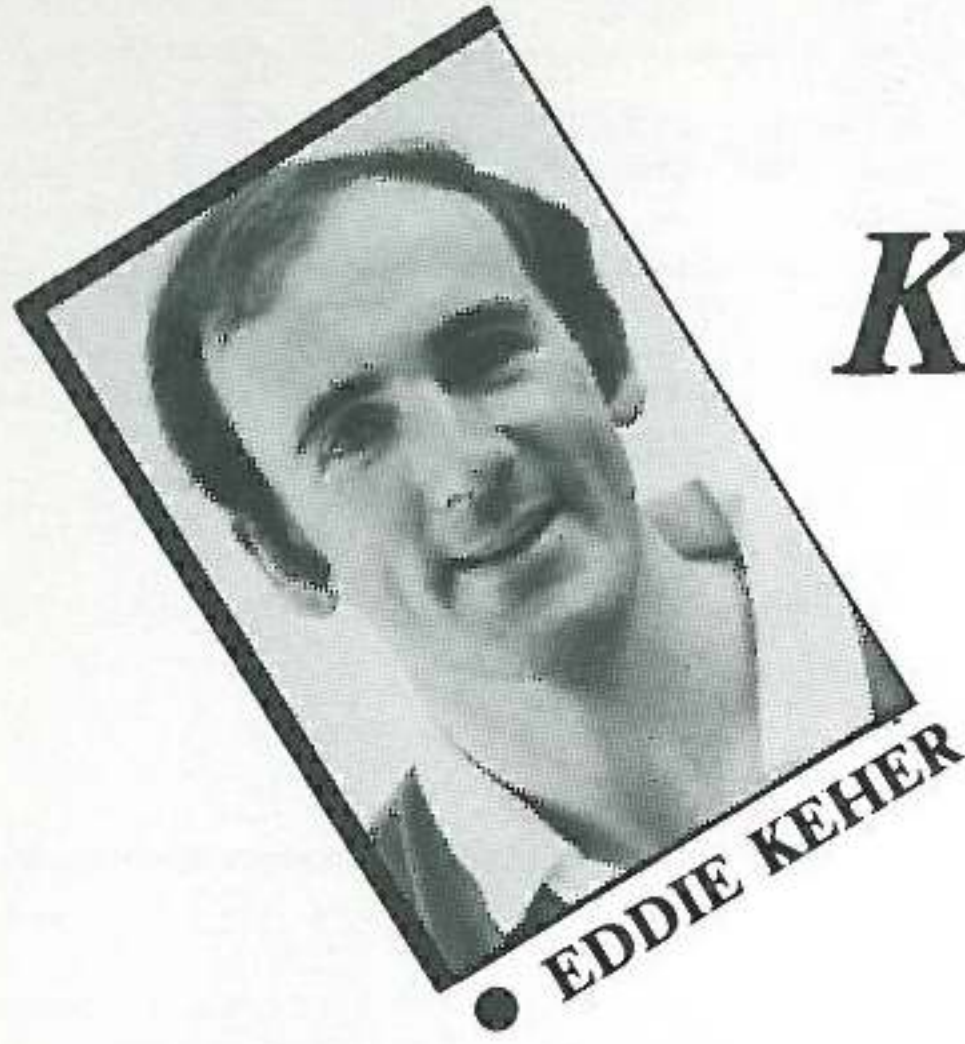
Their League run, irrespective of the outcome of the final replay, is bound to boost morale, and one must still not overlook the fact that the Munster final this year will be played at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. The venue is sure to prove a great aid to Cork.

It seems to me, then, that if Kerry are to be foiled of their record-making fifth All-Ireland senior football title in succession, Cork will be the team to end the ambitions.

Should Kerry get out of Munster again, I doubt if they will be stopped. The standards in the other provinces are not very high, and I don't see any real challengers in waiting in Leinster, Connacht or Ulster.

I think then that the Sam Maguire Cup will remain in Munster for another year, and much as I respect this up and coming Corkside, I rather fancy that Kerry with so much at stake and such a wonderful opportunity to frank recent achievements with the hallmark of greatness with five titles in a row, are the better bet.

For me, then, it's Kilkenny and Kerry for the top honours in 1982.



KILKENNY'S "NEW" TEAM ARE LOOKING GOOD

BY JIM BENNETT

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THE return of Kilkenny to the top Division of the National League after two years' absence and subsequent league title win is an indication of the end of a period of obscurity. Of course, we speak in relative terms, for a few years out of the honours' list would not mean anything to another county. It is a tribute to Kilkenny's constancy and continuous prominence in hurling that we venture to use the phrase "a spell of obscurity"!

Kilkenny had so long enjoyed the gifted and almost magical backing of the management group headed by Fr. Tommy Maher that it was difficult to make the transition to a new group. More and more obligations in their daily lives, not to mention the slowing influences of the passing years and the feeling of having nothing more to prove, made it inevitable that Fr. Maher and Mick Lanigan would move further from the scene.

For a time there was a state in which they were pressed to stay while knowing they should go. Eventually, new men were named and took over. But it is never easy to follow a gifted leadership which seemed to have the combined talents to turn every kind of metal into gold. Luck, too, no doubt.

BLIND FAITH

Most of all they had the blind faith of the generations of players and followers in their ability to wave wands or say prayers, or do whatever it took to make them winners. They had so often succeeded and so seldom failed. And if the unit failed it was clear enough that the blame did not lie with the management.

Transition of players as well as management made it difficult for Eddie Keher and Pat Henderson, though much good work was done. More recently, after a break, Henderson came back to the ranks in company with another former player of highest reputation in Kilkenny hurling — Fan Larkin. With their fellow selectors and coaches they have turned the attitude of the Kilkenny county team right around.

SURPRISE DRAW

The tired and uncertain approach has given way to an ambitious sharpness and a clear desire for better things. Of course, confidence has suffered somewhat, for even the Kilkennys of this world cannot afford to lose games against modest opposition and be held to a surprise draw by Kerry without losing some of the arrogant certainty that made the Skehan-Larkin-Henderson Cummins-Keher-Delaney-Fitzpatrick teams such formidable ones.

● OVERLEAF

Two former Kilkenny stars who are now playing a vital part in the Marble county's resurgence, Fan Larkin and Pat Henderson.



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Someone said: "It's all in the mind!" and while that is manifestly overstating it in a game of such complex physical demands as hurling, nevertheless there is a substantial amount contributed by self-confidence and conviction.

Whether Kilkenny can mount a really telling challenge for the All-Ireland championship this summer is something not altogether clear. True, they are now League Champions. But there is a world of difference between the League and the Championship.

In the championship they will have a softer run than either of their main opponents. Offaly, the All-Ireland

champions, have to face up to their Leinster final opponents of last year in their first outing. If they were successful in that they should have to do battle with their neighbours Laois who always give them such a torrid time. And then they would face Kilkenny, if they were still standing and if Kilkenny had crossed their easier hurdle.

In brief, Kilkenny will have to make better preparation than usual for the Leinster championship, because whoever they meet — be it Offaly or Wexford or Laois — they will be engaging battle-hardened

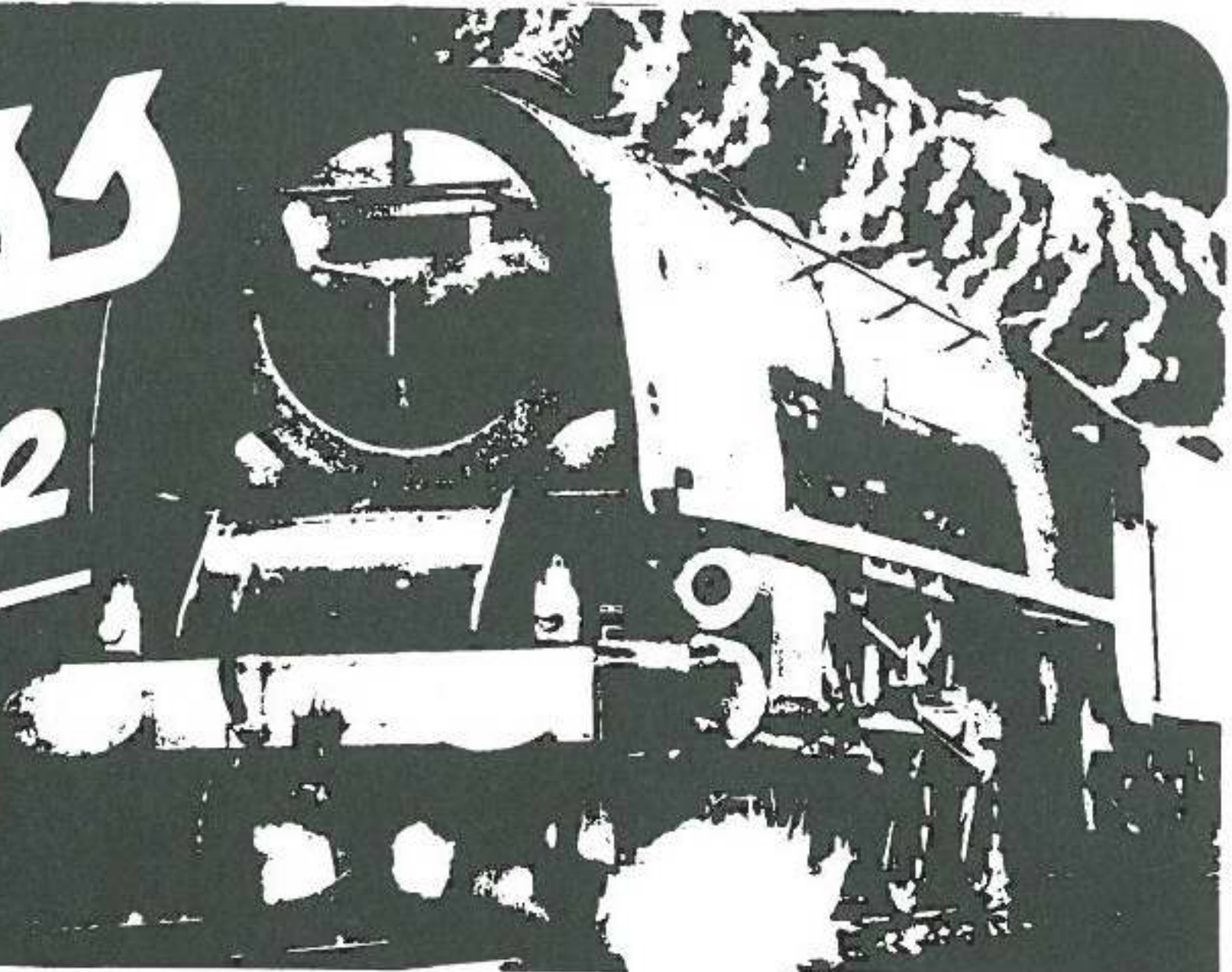
fellows who have already survived the toughest competition.

Mind you, it has to be admitted that there is nothing certain ever about the Leinster championship in recent times: Wexford and Kilkenny are traditionally only a point or two apart; and since Offaly have muscled in on them, they neither succeed nor fail by anything very substantial.

If Kilkenny come through these Leinster tests they must be regarded as fit for anything. And with their fresh determination and regained appetite it would be a rash person who would say they could not go all the way. But, for the moment, we must wait and see.

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five points, making this section overall capable of boosting the points score by 25 points. YOUR RETURN.

Now, we come to a popular enough aspect of the Quiz, judging by the response of readers:

PICTURE SECTION



1. Who are the players pictured above?.....
2. Did either win a provincial senior medal in 1981?.....
3. What are their clubs?.....
4. One played in a county senior title winning team in the past year. Name the player in question?.....

Five points again for each question answered correctly. A five points bonus also on offer for going through the card correctly, so that this section can yield 25 points. YOUR SCORE

Now, we wind up the QUIZ with our new special "Tough One",

designed to really separate the "men from the boys". Here, then is our first:

TWENTY-MARKER

In the early days of the Championships, teams were composed of twenty-one players. They were reduced to 17 for the 1892 senior championship. In what year came the later and as of now final reduction to 15 players-a-side?

As the title indicates, a correct answer here will send your points total soaring by a thundering 20.

The total points on offer in the Quiz: 105. Help yourself to an excellent rating for 90 or more. 80-90 is very good, and 60 to 80 good.



● Mick Jacob, Wexford's first All-Star award winner in 1972, is still playing as well as ever. The ginger-haired centre-half back made his county debut as a goalkeeper with the under-21 hurlers in 1965 and the following season played his first game for the seniors. With the exception of a Liam McCarthy Cup Medal, Mick has won every honour in the game.

ANSWERS

(Answers printed in reverse to avoid distraction)

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1913 games.
The reduction in the number of players in a team to 15 came for the

TWENTY-MARKER

1. Colm McKinsty (Armagh) and Brian Cody (Kilkenny). 2. Neither was on a winning provincial senior title winning team in 1981. 3. Clan na Gael, Lurgan (McKinsty) and James Stephens (Cody). 4. Cody was in the James Stephens team that won the Kilkenny senior title.

PICTURE SECTION

1. Paddy Reilly (Kilkenny). 2. Kilkenny, the winners, and Cork. 3. Liz Neary, who was full back in Kilkenny's senior title winning team. 4. Tony Ryan (Tipperary). 5. Caimin Jones (Clare), who was elected in March 1981. As in the G.A.A. the term of office is for three years.

OTHER GAMES

1. Monaghan. It was their first title win. 2. Donegal. 3. Cork, who beat Kerry by five points in the Munster final. 4. Kilkenny. 5. Roscommon, who lost to Cork, and Dublin, beaten by Derry. 6. Two points: Clare 3-13; Tipperary 3-11. 7. True, Longford lost to Louth in the under-21 final by 0-6 to 2-8. True. Down and Antrim competed in last season's Leinster championship, as has been the case in recent years, and Kilkenny beat the Mourne boys by a convincing margin. 9. Antrim, who beat London in the final. 10. The under-21 grade, and Galway won by 3-8 to 1-6.

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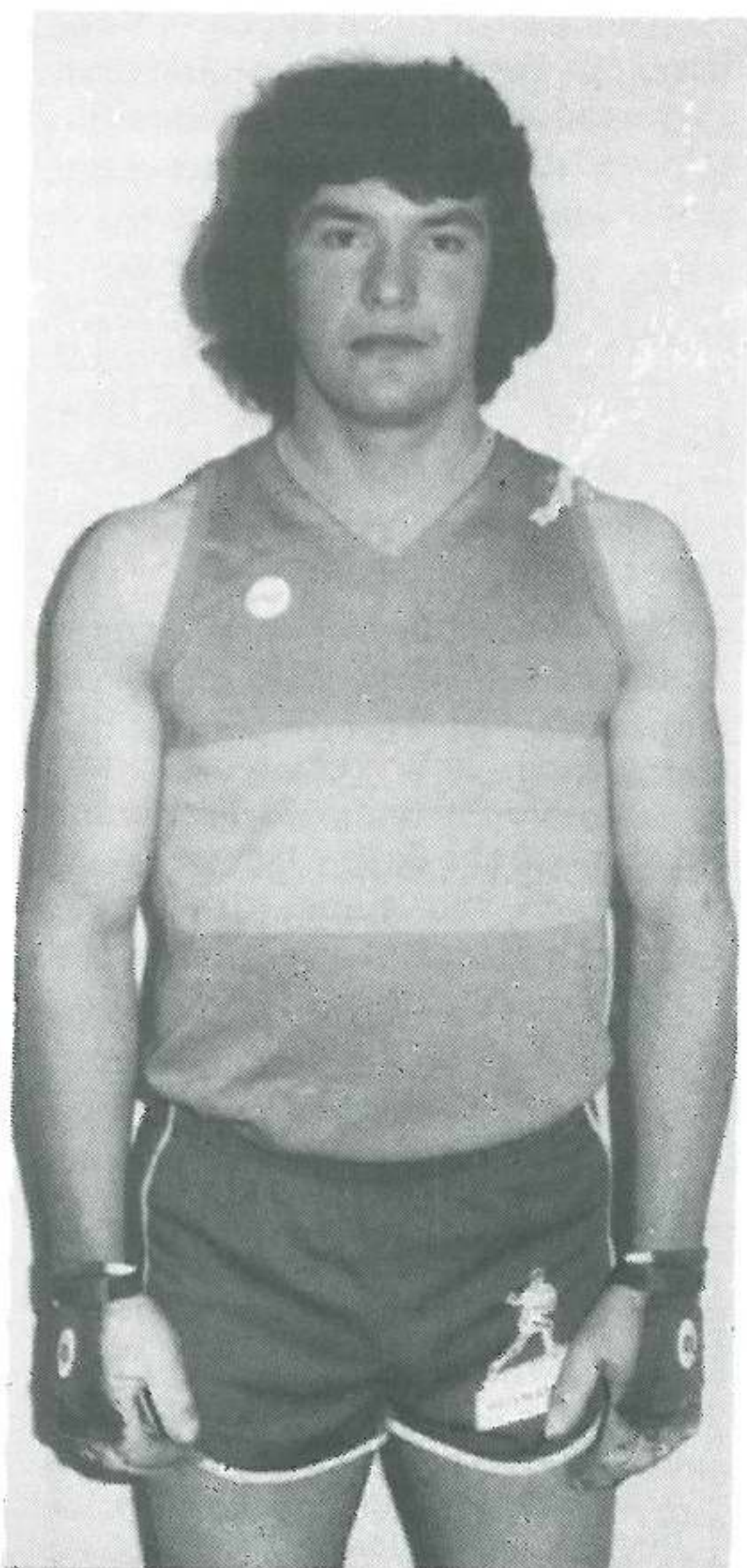
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TWO FINE AMBASSADORS OF IRISH HANDBALL HEAD OFF WEST FOR U.S. TITLE BIDS



● *Tony Ryan will be Ireland's under-23 representative in the U.S. Championships in June and will be hoping to improve on his performance last year when he reached the U.S. semi-finals.*

ON the last Sunday in April 1979 a young Mayo player by the name of Martin Heneghegan carved out his own special niche in handball history when he travelled to Tuamgraney and won the All-Ireland 40 x 20 championship in the Novice grade at the expense of John Rossitor from Carlow.

Nearly three years later the significance of that victory came into focus when Heneghegan recorded the most notable victory of his career.

That was in the Ballymacelligott court in Kerry recently when the Mayo player pulverised a star-studded entry to gain the Irish Singlet in the U.S.H.A. Open Championships at Tucson in a few weeks time.

The reputations of such accomplished players as Noel O'Brien (Tipperary), Pat Clery (Wexford) his countyman Peadar McGee and Galway-based Pat Delaney all fell in the wake of the superb craftsmanship of Heneghegan.

An example this, surely, in systematic preparation and the three year apprenticeship dissolves in relation to the final outcome.

After that novice singles win in 1979, Heneghegan went on to take the doubles title as well.

NEW YORK

This event proved to be a news headliner for his partner was Mike McDonald, who was based in New

York and flew in for all his games.

The Heneghegan victory express remained on the main line. He tried his luck in the Atlas Trials at Abbeydorney in April '80 but was unable to match the handball skills of Tommy Fitzgerald from Kerry. He took the progression from novice to junior ranks in his stride and crowned a magnificent season by taking the doubles title in partnership with Murt Sweeney against Eugene Kennedy and Brendan O'Brien of Cork.

Heneghegan drew a blank in the 1981 All-Ireland campaign but he never deviated from his regular training stints in the ball-court and when this year dawned it was evident that he was determined to make a major assault on the senior grade.

The Connacht Championships saw him at his brilliant best. In his first outing he accounted for Pat Delaney of Galway and then followed on with a resounding victory against Micky Walshe of Roscommon.

Heneghegan is well-deserving of the trip and we can be confident that he will make a favourable impression.

UNDER-AGE

It is hardly surprising to find the Ballypatrick star, Tony Ryan as our representative in the under-23 divi-

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sion. Though in point of fact he did not have everything his own way in the trials where he was particularly pressed by Wexford's handball cum hurling star John Fleming.

Fleming led 17-14 in the first game and appeared set for victory.

But Ryan never panicked and edged his way back for a good win. The same position obtained in the second game when Fleming led 10-2,

but again, his vast experience came to the rescue of the Ballypatrick youth.

Ryan went to the semi-final of last years competition at Charley's Club, Palatine, Chicago.

It is generally conceded that, but for a twist of bad luck, Ryan could have at least won a place in the final.

In his semi-final tie against Jonathan Kendler of Lake Forest he won the first game by eight aces and at different points in the second was winning 18-12 and 20-17.

He had the winning of the set at his mercy when he completely mishit what would have been the winning shot with Kendler lying prostrate on the floor.

With that let-off the Forest Lake player recovered his composure to win the game by the narrowest of margins and he went on to win the tie-breaker.

LADIES TOO!

Ryan obviously will be hoping to meet Kendler again, for he has never been able to shake off the memory of that mistake. He has no fears of playing in Tucson.

In 1980 he had the distinction of gaining a respectable fifth place position there in the plate competition. His star continues to sparkle as evidenced earlier this year when he achieved the B and I handballer of the year award.

The ladies will also be sending players to Tucson, though, as we go to press, the trials have not taken place.

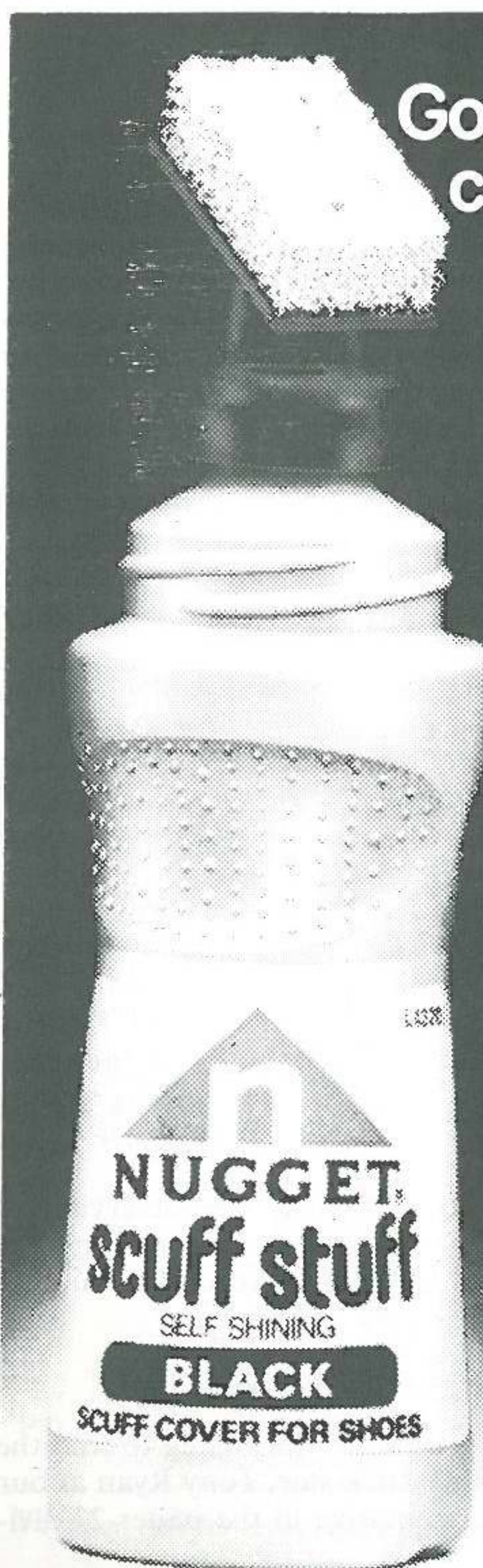
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SIAMSA KILKENNY FOLK FESTIVAL

BY
TONY
MURRAY

A DARING and innovative fund-raising effort has just been launched by St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club in Ballyragget, North Kilkenny. The club is running a one-day Siamsa with huge names in the folk world and is aiming to attract an audience of 20,000 people.

Siamsa Kilkenny Folk will be the first major open air event of the year and it takes place in Kilkenny's Nowlan Park on Whit Sunday, June 6. The grounds were kindly given by the County Board for the event in which the club is investing £40,000.

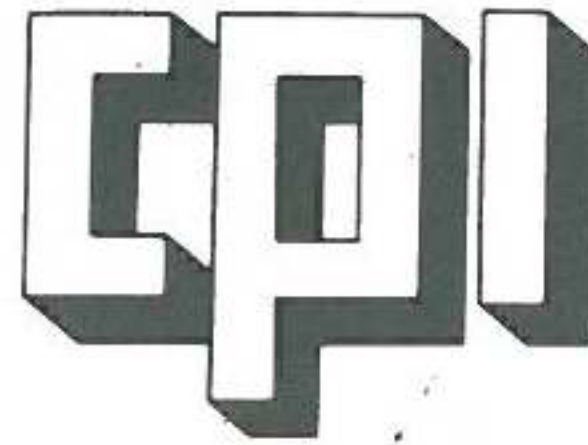
Signed for the afternoon and evening of folk music are the The Furey's and Davy Arthur, The Chieftains, Moving Hearts, Loudest Whisper, The Dubliner's, Stockton's Wing, Jim McCann, Drops of Brandy and Bodhran. The show starts at noon and continues until about 8 p.m.

The Ballyragget Club initially started quite a small fundraising effort but with the help and advice of local promoter Tom Fitzpatrick, and some far-seeing and courageous committee members they decided to go for the big effort and pull off the big prize.

This has led them into a mammoth operation involving licences, catering, band promotion, stage building, sound systems, publicity, and all of the things that make a festival work. But the committee are well up to the task and whenever they've needed help they've drafted in professional help.

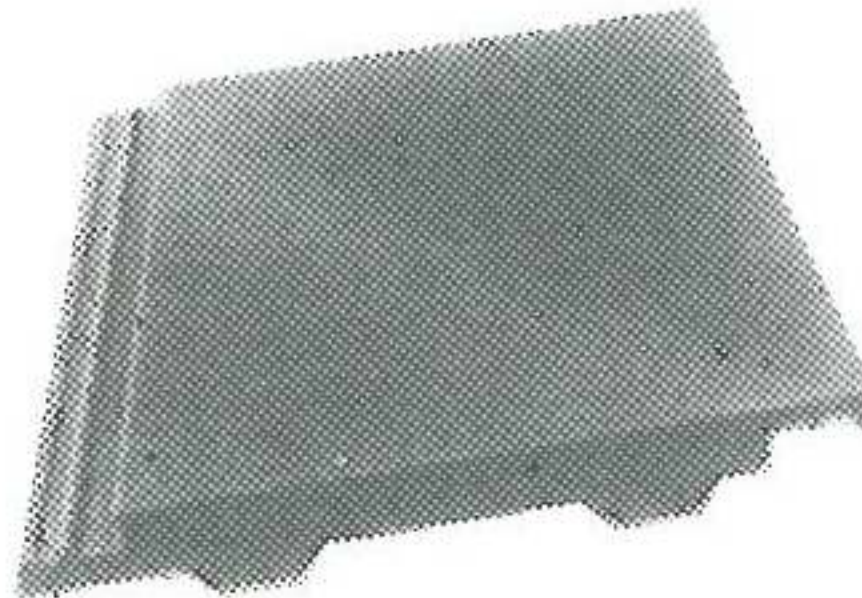
Twenty-five acres have been allocated for car parking, and camping next door to Nowlan Park which is itself only 300 yards from the city's railway station.

The aim of the Siamsa is to get money for new dressing rooms, showers, toilets, a squash court and a handball alley at Ballyragget

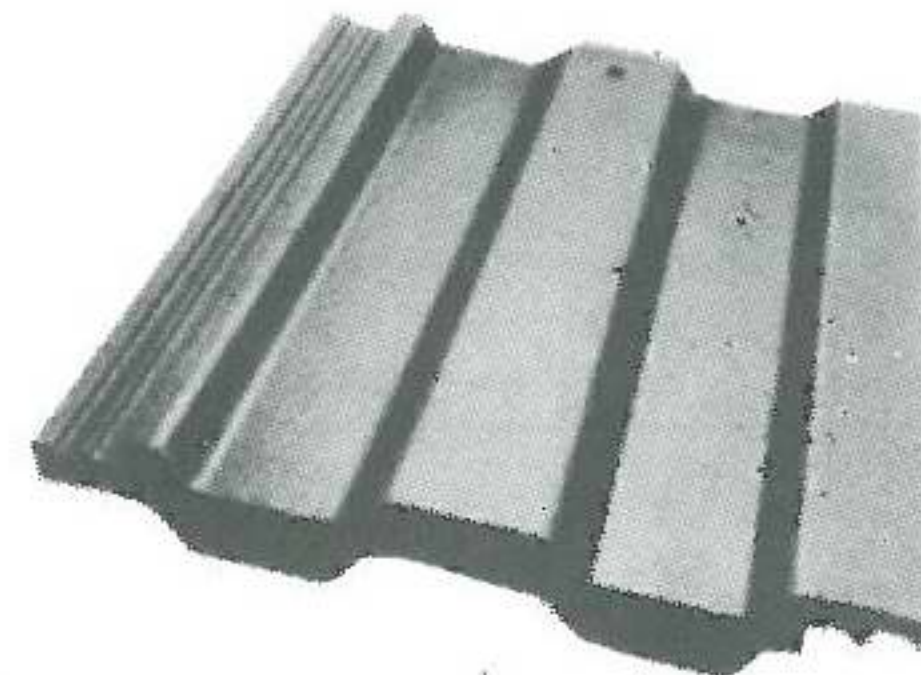


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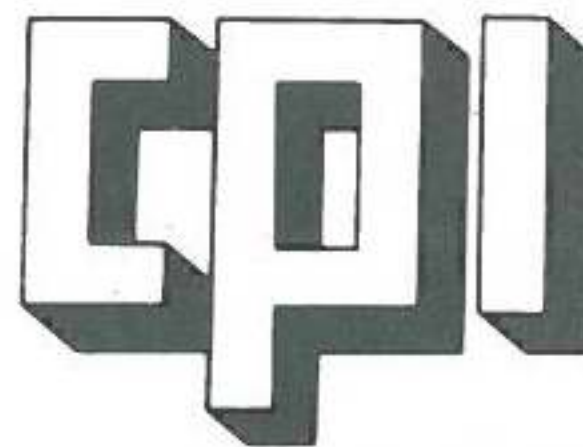


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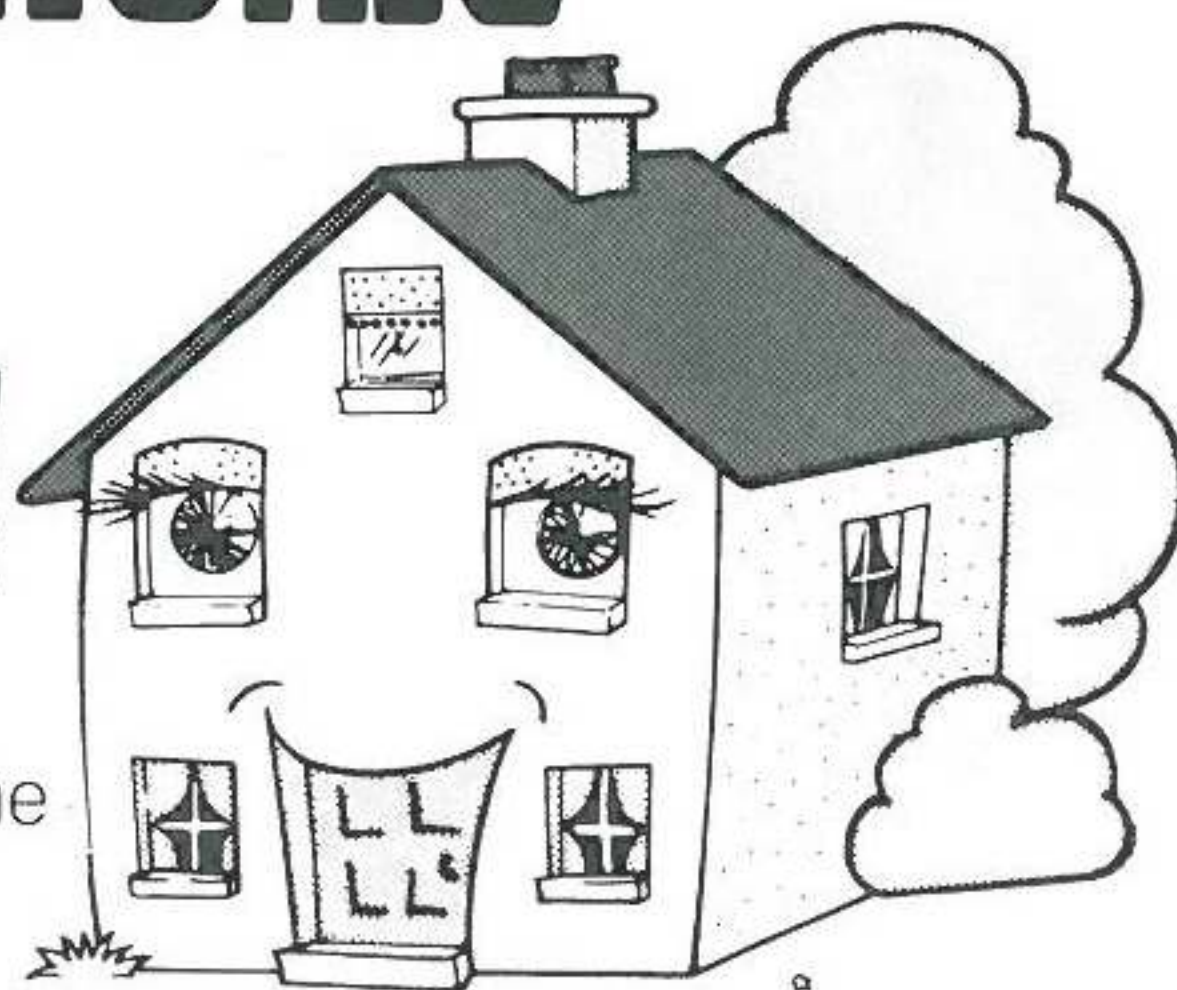


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● *Tom O'Beirne (left) Managing Director, Coca Cola pictured here with Liam Mulvihill, Director General, G.A.A. and John Kirwan, Chairman, Dublin Feile Committee at the recent Press conference announcing details of the '82 Feile which, this year, is being held in Dublin.*

E.S.B. BOOST FOR FEILE NA nGAEL'S DEBUT IN CAPITAL

BY SEAN O'NEILL

WITH eleven successful years to its credit this year's Féile na nGael is centred in Dublin. The capital city has so many alternative distractions that the Feile could be obscured. A success in Dublin would ensure the continued progress of this great youth festival. How to motivate the youth of the county and woo them from the many attractive alternative recreational activities was the dilemma occupying the minds of the Feile na nGael Executive.

The Electricity Supply Board offered to help by sponsoring special Feile projects for GAA clubs throughout the country and primary schools in Dublin. In addition, the ESB will host a gala concert for the participating teams in the National Stadium, June 25th. This concert will feature the "Furey Brothers and Davy Arthur" and "Danny Doyle".

The ESB sponsorships of Clubs

and Schools projects are divided into three categories. Category I is a competition among Dublin hurling and camogie clubs who will be hosts to the provincial teams which will come to Dublin for the Feile. To enter this competition each Club has been asked to prepare a Planning Report as to how the visiting teams will be looked after, followed by a Progress Report on how these plans are being implemented.

The winning club will be judged on the standard of its advance planning, the hospitality and entertainment provided for visiting clubs, the level of club support and community participation in the Feile activities and the turnout for the parade on the day of the Feile na nGael finals. The second category is a project competition entitled "Electricity in our homes and in our community", for Dublin primary schools.

The third category for all GAA hurling and camogie clubs is similar to the one for Dublin primary schools.

The winning club in Category 1 will be announced in a special ceremony in September next and the presentation of awards to the winners of Categories 2 and 3 will take place at the Gala Concert on June 25th.

The ESB sponsorship is in addition to the very generous sponsorship of the Feile since its inception by the Bottlers of Coca-Cola.

Commenting on the ESB's support, Don Cotter, Chairman of the GAA Dublin County Board, said, "The interest shown by a national organisation such as the ESB in engendering a love of Gaelic cultural pursuits among our youth is a significant landmark in the history of Feile na nGael".

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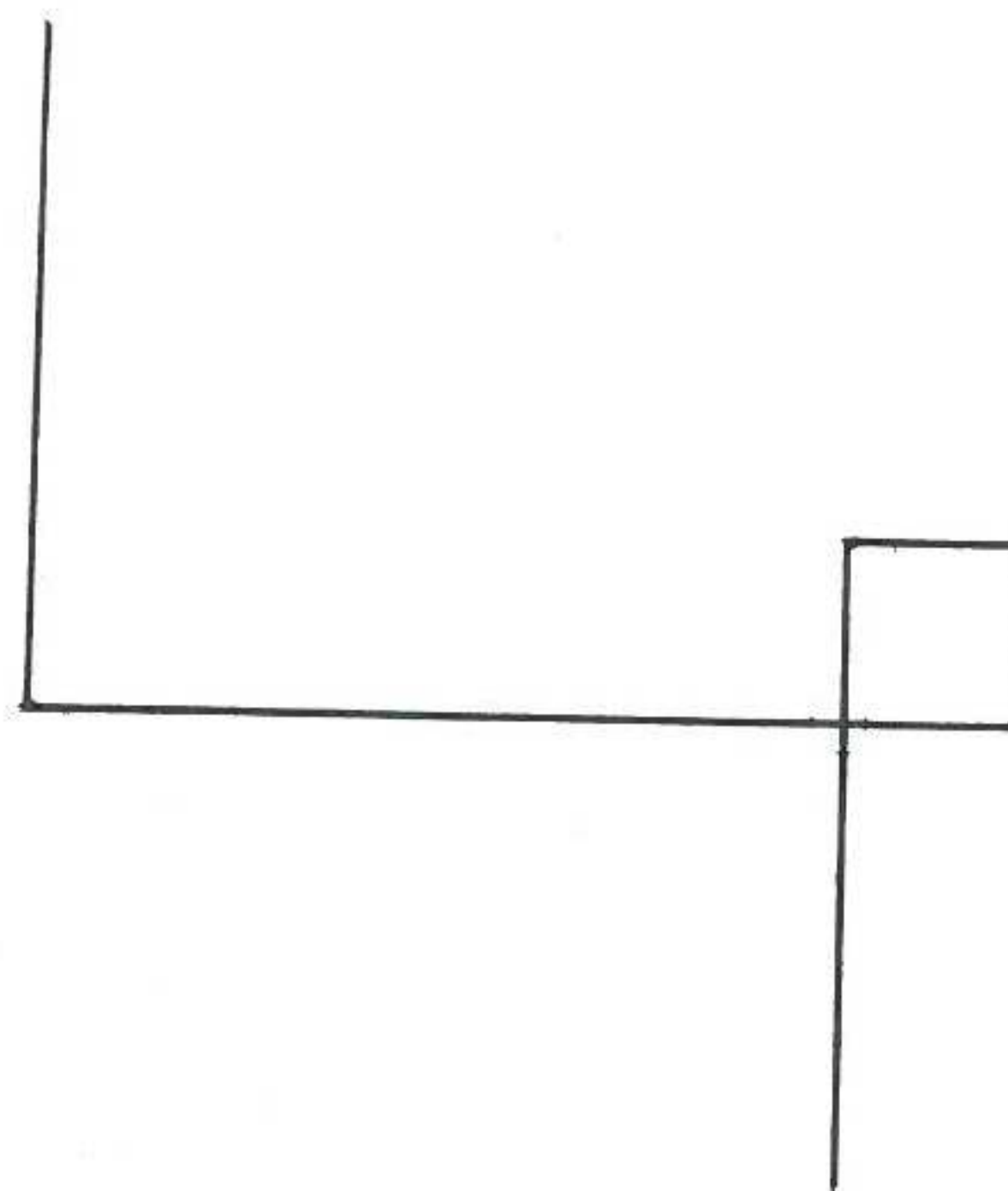
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CAMOGIE COMMENT By AGNES HOURIGAN

NEW PRESIDENT HAD AN HONOUR LADEN CAREER

MARY Fennelly, an All-Ireland Senior Medal winner with her native county, Kilkenny, was elected President of An Cumann Camógaíochta at the recent Annual Congress at Wexford.

Mary comes from a well-known hurling family, her cousins the Fennelly boys have graced Kilkenny teams in all grades.

She came to prominence with her school, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, with whom she won All-Ireland Colleges senior medals in the Inaugural year of the Competition 1968 and the following year. She went on to gain further fame with her club, St. Pauls, which holds the record of All-Ireland Club titles won — five in all.

COUNTY BOARD

She won the Premier awards in 1974, 1976 and 1977 and has won two Senior National League medals in 1975 and '78.

When Miss Fennelly was first playing camogie for her school, there were very few clubs in the county. In her position as county secretary, she and her colleagues, Mary Conway, Angela and Ann Downey, Carmel Doyle, Beatrice Treacy, Bridie Martin and many others have built a strong County Board with eighteen active clubs and competitions in senior, intermediate, junior, under 14 and primary schools grades.

When the Féile na nGael was held in Kilkenny in 1977 and '78 Mary Fennelly and her colleagues were highly commended for their efficiency and organisation. They succeeded in promoting teams at the under-14 age level all over the county, consequently the camogie Féile competitions were an outstanding success.

Miss Fennelly is the first Kilkenny lady to be elected to Camogie's highest office and with Mr. Paddy Buggy, President of Cumann Lúthcleas Gael and also from Kilkenny, even closer liaison between the two Associations is possible.

Mary Fennelly, if she shows the same initiative in her new role as she has shown in her native Kilkenny, is sure to bring the Association forward as her predecessor, Miss Mary Moran did.

THE LEAGUES

Both National Leagues are nearing conclusion. At the time of writing Kilkenny are unbeaten in Section A and Cork have full points in Section B and are favourites to reach the final on May 23.

The Junior League had a new look this season. For the first time the senior counties were permitted to enter. There were five zones in all.

Two comprised the second best of the senior counties and three zones were confined to fifteen teams from the junior counties. The junior

counties started in November and played two games each before Christmas. All five restarted in March. The winners of the three junior zones go into the semi-final while the two junior zones from the senior counties must play-off for the fourth place in the semi-finals.

The inauguration of both leagues have proved a great stimulation in the counties but, as is to be expected, the Junior League has done a great deal to promote the game. Heretofore many of these counties got one inter-county match in the championship whereas nowadays they have at least four outings in their zone and are better prepared for the Championship.

LEVELLING-UP

As is clear from the league results there is a great levelling up of standards. No game in the junior zone is a runaway for one county and even though some counties have no points from their matches many of whom I have discussed this situation well realise that lack of experience and match-play are all they are missing out on.

The only danger I see and indeed fear is the cost of transport. This is affecting Camogie Boards and Councils and indeed clubs and schools at all levels of the Association and it is an area where officials should anticipate the need to organise their financial situation in good time for their playing season.

GRADAM TAILTE

A NEW promotion in camogie is on the way. This is Gradam Tailte, a day of sporting competition involving the camogie Player of the Year from each of the 32 counties, to be held at Dublin's Colaiste Phadraig, Drumcondra, on May 29.

The competition will feature seven separate events, and of these, three are compulsory for the competitors — camogie skills, indoor obstacle course, and 100 metres.

Each player will also compete in two of the following four: 800 metres, outdoor obstacle course, gym tests, and basketball. Scoring will be on a points system with the winners receiving special awards at a reception in Dublin. Commemorative awards will also be awarded to the other competitors.

The selection of each county player

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of the year was based upon the following criteria — proficiency, skills of the game, sportsmanship and commitment.

The game of camogie is Ireland's largest women's sport, with over 60,000 players in schools, colleges and clubs throughout the country.

Gradam Tailte will give greater recognition to camogie players and their skills, and will undoubtedly help to advance the game in general.

It will prove a novel and appealing addition to an already full calendar of events, which sees camogie now provide competitions from minor to senior at inter-county level in the Championships, and at senior and junior in Leagues and interprovincials.

In addition, of course, the game is strongly supported in the schools. It is interesting, too, in this regard that St. Patrick's, Shannon, have this spring won the All-Ireland Colleges' senior championship for the first time.

The Clare girls beat St. Raphael's, Loughrea, by 1-7 to 1-4 in the final. Lourda Fox, and Martina Began, who starred for Clare in last year's All-Ireland junior title, win were among the key figures of the St. Patrick's triumph.

Carmel Briscoe, who helped Galway to last season's All-Ireland minor title, was one of the stars of a gallant St. Raphael's side.

Clare's junior title win last year, and the latest success by St. Patrick's show that camogie has a rich pool of promising talent in the county, and the prospects of important triumphs at senior in the near future by the county team must be bright.

The sport is also on a firm footing in St. Raphael's. The school reached the All-Ireland junior final as well, and although the Galway representatives lost that game, they put up a fine display when losing by 3-9 to 4-0 to Maryfield College, Dublin. This was the second title win by the Dublin College.



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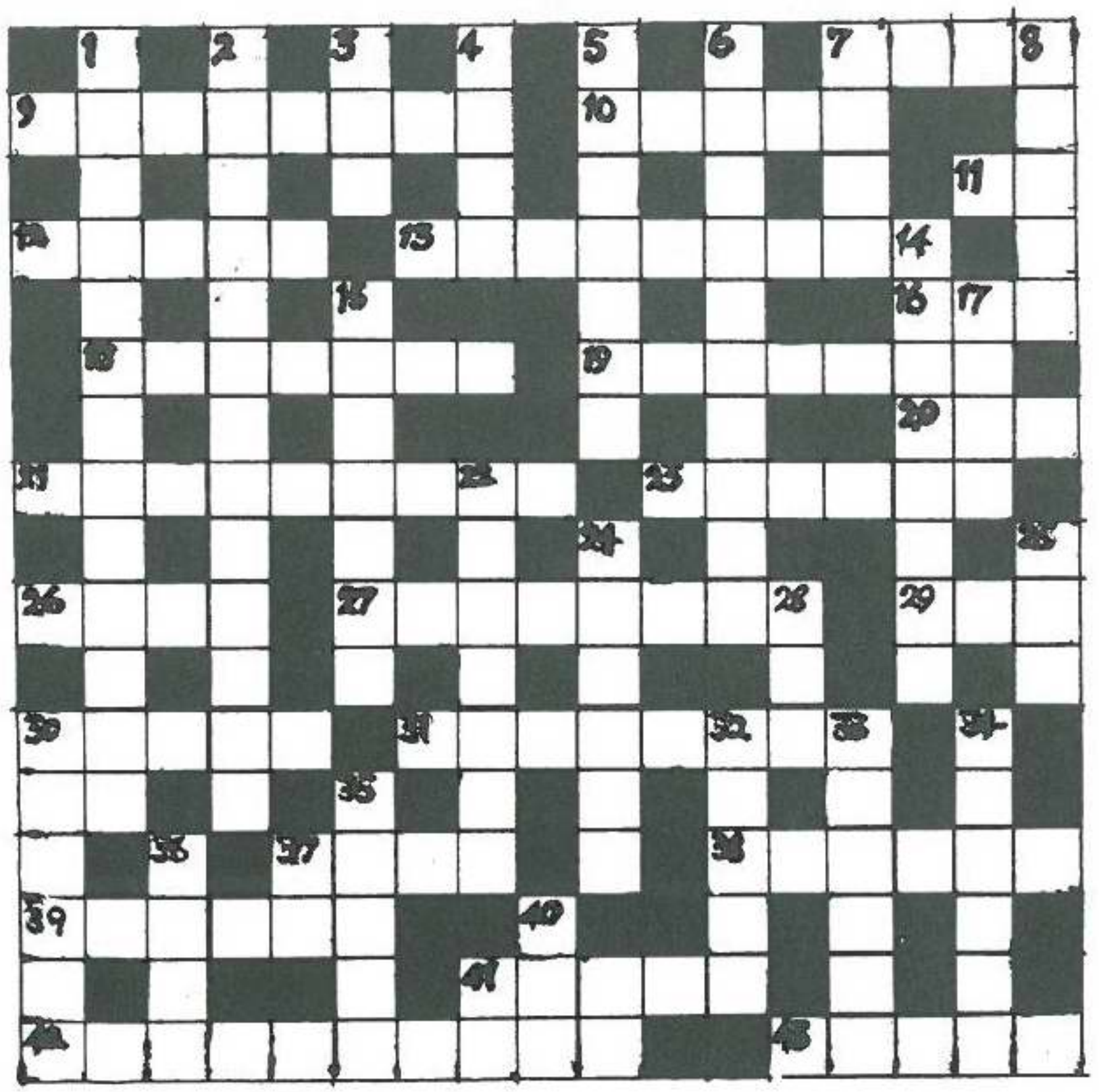
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CLUES ACROSS

- 7. Rove wide until the game is finished. (4)
- 9. Great Tuamgraney handballer. (3,5)
- 10. Appears to need a drier position in the Kilkenny defence (1,4)
- 11. Armagh and Ulster defender of the 1930s. Initials. (1,1)
- 12. Legendary Clare and Dublin goalie from Tulla. (1,4)
- 13. Kerry All-Ireland winning goalie in minor and under-21 in 1975. (1,8)
- 16. Rag involved in agriculture briefly. (3)
- 18. South Tipperary town with a football tradition. (7)
- 19. One who plays the game for the love of it. (7)
- 20. PGA keeps An Bearná Baoil. (3)
- 21. Shinty — official terminology. (9)
- 23. Kilkenny and New York star whose late point won the 1947 All-Ireland. (1,5)
- 26. What the referee should do when a player commits two personal fouls. (4)
- 27. RTE personality whose Highways and Byeways often lead him into GAA clubs. (1,7)
- 29. Game postponed. (3)
- 30. (and 39 Across) Energetic and attacking half-backs of Roscommon. (5,6)
- 31. Hannah as a Tipperary midfield hurler of the 1950s. (8)
- 37. Full-back on good Galway football teams of the 1950s. (4)
- 38. Main exploiters of the original handpass in the 1940s. (6)
- 39. See 30 Across.
- 41. Mayo hurler representing Connacht. (5)
- 42. Corkman whose father won All-Ireland medals in goal and at midfield. (3,7)
- 43. Serve some poetry about hurling or football. (5)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Well-known Weatmeath official and an expert publicist. (5,8)
- 2. Practice at the essential techniques of the game. (5,8)
- 3. Car describes an easy curve—like a lob. (3)
- 4. Cork footballer on Railway Cup duty in the 1980s. (4)
- 5. Saint for whom the Galway champions of 1979 were named. (7)
- 6. Nemo Rangers man in the Cork forward line. (5,5)
- 7. Ode a Clare footballer would compose in two Railway Cup finals in the early 1950s. (4)
- 8. A wanderer in the Glen. (5)



- 14. Nothing on but a prominent Galway forward during the 1970s. (8)
- 15. Captain and coach at various times with the champion Dubs. (7)
- 17. Harry played for Dublin as well as his native Laois. (4)
- 22. All-Ireland medalist with Dublin who has high-up connections. (7)
- 24. One of the Galway All-Ireland hurling champions of 1923, or one of the Waterford ones of 1959. (6)
- 25. Senior Football Championship. (1,1,1)
- 28. Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. (1,1,1)
- 30. Cork half-back from the Rockies. Christian name. (6)
- 32. Made a famous Kerry full-back line with Keohane and Myers. (5)
- 33. Home-born players such as Dublin field. (6)
- 34. Limerick captain 1973 or Waterford star of 1948-65. (6)
- 35. Say he will make a Dublin centre half-back of the 1961 All-Ireland. (5)
- 36. Looking serious and determined — though it may sound like a fairy tale. (4)
- 37. Father briefly reintroduces 6 Down initially. (1,1)
- 40. Eat some after-match beverage. (3)
- 41. Make the most famous Cavan centre-forward play the other way, initially. (1,1)

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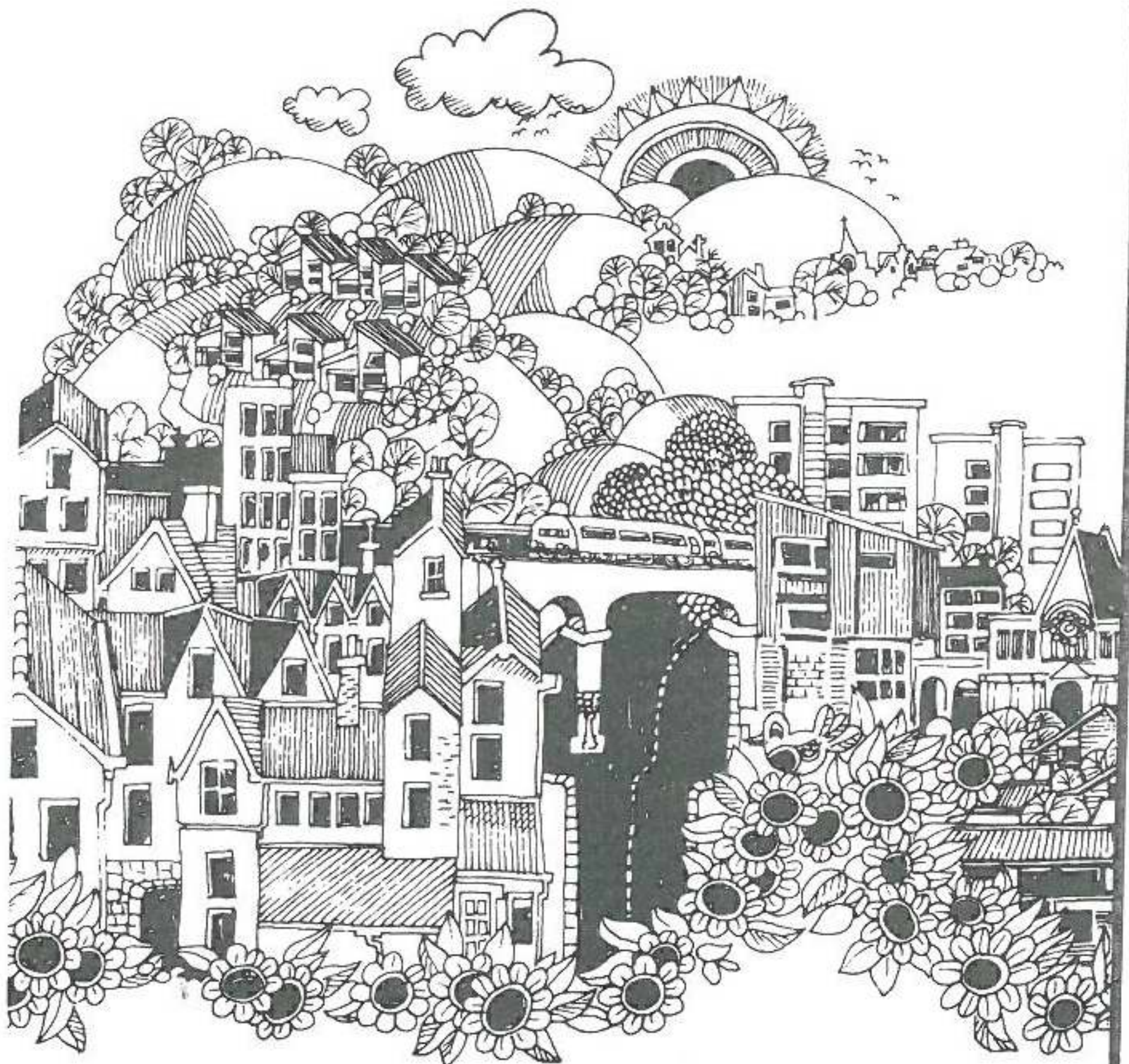


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JUNIOR DESK



By
**JACK
MAHON**

THIS month I promised to tell you the story of Colm Mullan of Derry. Colm was a brilliant college star with St. Columb's College, Derry being right-half back on their Hogan Cup winning team of 1965 and winning a minor All-Ireland medal with the Derry minors in the same position that same year, on Derry's U-21 All-Ireland winning squad of 1968 but had a shoulder injury which curtailed his participation, on and off the Derry senior football team from 1969-72 in 8 different positions, when winning, an Ulster S.F.C. medal in '70, a Dr. McKenna Cup medal in '69 and a Wembley Tournament medal in 1972. Also played with Derry in the U.S.A. in 1972.

Colm, after his student days in St. Columb's, went to Maynooth to study for the priesthood and captained their first-ever Sigerson Cup team against U.C.C. at Clonmel in 1972. Played for the Combined Universities at full-forward, v. Connaught in 1972 (I was at the game) and was selected for the Combined Universities again the following year to play against Ulster in the Railway Cup.

On the Thursday before Colm was to play against Ulster word reached him in Maynooth that his St. Columb's College team-mate of 1965 Brendan Dolan of Tyrone was killed on his way to work. Brendan was due to play for Ulster the following Sunday too. Colm went to Tyrone to pay his respects and on the Friday night when returning to Maynooth from attending Brendan Dolan's

wake was instantly paralysed in a car collision with an Ulsterbus between Emyvale and Monaghan. Colm was then to spend 2½ years in 4 different hospitals being rehabilitated in the National Medical Rehabilitation Centre in Dun Laoghaire. So much for the statistics.

That was the tragic end of Colm Mullan as a footballer. That was the end of the priesthood too for Colm. But instead of lying down under such a heavy cross Colm still maintains his G.A.A. and other interests from his wheelchair. For the past number of years he has been prominent with youth. He is the Youth Officer of the Ballerin G.A.C. with whom he played all grades of football as a youngster himself. He is also youth leader and secretary of the Errigal Youth Activities Club which caters for Irish Dancing, Traditional Music, Athletics and Boxing.

SALUTE

I'd like to send a salute from Junior Desk to Colm and say thanks for being such an example to us all. Colm's home address in Derry is 84 Ringsend Rd., Limavady, Co. Derry if any of you would like to drop him a line. And keep up your interest in G.A.A. and youth affairs, Colm. It is men like you who make the G.A.A.

CUT-OUT

This is the night of the drawn N.F.L. Final between Cork and

Kerry as I write this and as always John O'Keeffe, that superb sportsman from Tralee, our cut-out this month, was one of the Kerry stalwarts. Son of a Kerry footballer, John will go into the record books if Kerry win the 5-in-a-row with John in his now customary position of full-back. One way or the other he will go down in football history as one of the most versatile footballers of all time.

YEARBOOKS

Westmeath G.A.A. Yearbook '82 (£1.50 without postage from Gerry Whelan, Editor, Westmeath Examiner, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath). A massive production as usual — 164 pages in all. This is a great yearbook. Get it.

Leitrim G.A.A. Yearbook '82 (£1.50 without postage from Tommy Moran, Editor, Ballinmore, Co. Leitrim). Another must. Some great articles. Get it too.

Crossmolina G.A.A. Yearbook '81 (60p without postage from John Harkin, Editor, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo). It isn't often we have club yearbooks. I think of Claremorris and Salthill. This is a good one and good value too. A good club too.

THE MAILBAG

Kieran Rosney, 181, Grotto View, The Batteries, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, is looking for a

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Gaelsport Annual for 1980 and wants a colour cut-out of Liam Currans.

● *The first Gaelsport Annual was for 1981. (J.M.)*

Norman Rochford, The Square, Gort, Co. Galway, sent me on Gort's G.A.A. Calendar for '82. Any reader who wishes to get one can have one by sending on £2 to the above or to Gerry Sheehan, Garda Station, Gort, Co. Galway.

Michael Quigley, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, Co. Galway, thinks that Offaly's hurling win in 1981 was great for hurling. "They put in the effort." There are some new hurling teams coming on such as Waterford, Wexford and Tipperary who will be a force in the near future.

● *Michael you win a G.A.A. shoulder-bag (J.M.)*

Gerry Pender, Ballymorris Upper, Aughrim, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, is one of our old reliables and sent me on some copies of *The Wexford Echo* and the *Wicklow People* which reflected Wexford's recent hurling successes and Wicklow's tremendous achievement in winning promotion to Div. 2 of the N.F.L. "The achievement of Wicklow footballers in the past 2 years has been magnificent."

● *So it has, Gerry. (J.M.)*

Martin Reid, 57, Kilbarron Road, Coolock, Dublin 5 wants a G.A.A. scrapbook.

● *Write to G.A.A. Shop, Croke Park, Dublin 3. (J.M.)*

Joseph McElligott, Glenoe, Listowel, Co. Kerry, suggests changes in the N.F. and N.H. Leagues. He suggests that there be just two Divisions in both hurling and football. "The teams that finish on top in both leagues should be crowned champions. This would prevent fixture congestion." Joseph also feels if soccer and rugby were allowed to be played in Croke Park, it would bring in a lot of money. His predictions for 1982 are Munster

F.—Kerry and H.—Waterford or Limerick. Connacht F.—Roscommon. Ulster F.—Armagh. Leinster F.—Wicklow and H.—Offaly. All-Ireland F.—Kerry and H.—Limerick or Waterford.

● *I like your hopes for Wicklow. I wouldn't be in favour of allowing soccer and rugby to be played in Croke Park or vice versa. Joseph you win a Kerry G.A.A. Tie. (J.M.)*

Kevin Toner, 55, Ballynease Road, Bellaghy, Magherafelt, Co. Derry recently attended the Sigerson Cup Finals in Belfast with Tom Scullion of Bellaghy, Derry and Q.U.B. (an old opponent of mine from 1958). "We met all the great names of the past 20 years and the crack was great. Frank Higgins of Tyrone remembered his duel with you in 1958 (So do I). These Sigersons, just like the Railway Cups are vital to G.A.A. Folklore and Ulster Football was certainly boosted by Queen's success in this years' final."

Kevin is P.R.O. for the Bellaghy G.A.A. club and is compiling a Club history for 1984. In the 1964 September issue of *Gaelic Sport* Matt Fitzpatrick wrote an article on the Bellaghy Football Club. "I would like to get a copy of this article." Kevin enjoys reading Junior Desk. His tips for '82 are Armagh, Cork, Dublin and Galway in Football.

● *You could be right too, Kevin. I was sorry to have missed Sigerson as the U.C.G. trainer Tony "Horse" Regan is a great friend of mine and a great character. I hope you get that article and best of luck with the history of your well-known club. I'm sorry I missed meeting Frank Higgins. We had some hard tussles. He was a very strong man and on one occasion lifted me clean over his head as I went up for a ball behind him. You win a Derry G.A.A. scarf. (J.M.)*

Eddy O'Brien, 15, Fairlawn Park, Finglas, Dublin 11, wants a copy of the Tipperary Yearbook of 1979.

● *Write to John O'Grady, Pinehurst, Cloongour, Thurles, Co. Tipp-*

erary and he may be able to help you. (J.M.)

Tom Agnew, Woodpark, Brownstown, Navan, Co. Meath, wants copies of the Connacht Railway Cup team of 1934 and the Mayo team of 1932. He is interested in all G.A.A. photos of the 1930-50 era. Tom will buy the photos or borrow them to get a print and then return the photos. Tom also wants a copy of "Greats of Gaelic Games, Vol. 2" by Owen McCann.

● *Re. the photos write to Johnny Mulvey, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Re. the book write to Owen McCann himself at 56, Ardlea Rd., Artane, Dublin 5. (J.M.)*

Tim Murphy, Shamrock Bridge, Rathmore, Co. Kerry, in a long letter pays tribute to P. J. Molloy and the Connolly brothers who remind him so much of the Rackards. He has hard words to say about football where there is too much bunching and punching and throwing. He longs for the return of the old honest to goodness shoulder charge. He admires John O'Keeffe our Cut-Out this month but feels players won't need football boots soon with the kicking going out of the game. Tom is very fond of quizzes and is constantly sending me questions but holding back on the answers.

● *I'll use your quiz Tim if you also send on the answers. (J.M.)*

Roy McLarnon, Lambeg, Lisburn, Co. Antrim is Treasurer of St. Agnes G.A.C. in Andersonstown, Belfast and is also involved in Scór. He is looking for Quizbooks and other informative books on our games and cultural activities. Roy agrees with my comments on Brian McEniff's approach to winning. "I have as a player myself experienced the sort of thing you referred to and feel if this unsporting practice were to cease it would go a long way to reduce the needle and tension which have become commonplace at many of our big games."

● *Roy you win an Antrim G.A.A. tie. (J.M.)*

Donal O'Dwyer, 8, The Orchard Mahon, Blackrock, Cork, has great regard for Offaly's Johnny Flaherty who has "amazing skill and can get scores from any angle." Donal feels Galway will win the McCarthy Cup in 1982 and that Kerry's reign will come to an end though he thinks Billy Morgan's going to the U.S.A. will be a big loss to Cork.

● *Donal you win a Cork Bob-Cap. (J.M.)*

Kevin Maher, Clashagad, Dunkerrin, Birr, Co. Offaly is writing for the first time (Fáilte Romhat, Kevin). He is 11-year-old and follows Offaly in both hurling and football. He was at last year's hurling final and was very happy. His favourite players are Damien Martin, Pat Delaney and Liam Currans. His favourite Offaly footballers are Matt and Richie Connor.

● *Kevin you confuse me. For your brothers are all great Tipperary fans. But you win an Offaly G.A.A. scarf. (J.M.)*

Declan Ryan, 13, Toberaheena Estate, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary thinks the high standard of hurling is due mainly to the young people. "U-21 players are breaking into Senior ranks and eliminating older players. My favourite club is St. Mary's Clonmel, of which I am a member. The titles we won in 1981 are: Senior South Title (first time in 52 years), U-16 South Title, U-14 South and County Titles, U-12 South Title. The main reason that the seniors won the South Title is due to the training of Mossie Carroll. He is my favourite player and lives near me. I look forward to the Tipperary v Cork game in the Munster S.H.C."

● *Declan you win a Tipperary G.A.A. scarf with this fine letter. You have a fine club and keep admiring Mossie. He is a great player. (J.M.)*

Fintan Diviney, Foxtail Hill, Tubber, Co. Galway was sorry Galway lost last year's All-Ireland

but "it was nice to see Offaly win their first. I went to the game by train and had a ticket for the Cusack Stand (Upper Deck). My men of the match were Pat Delaney and Steve Mahon. I am sorry to see Féile na Gael leave Galway this year as I have very happy memories of the Féile. I played in both Féiles in Galway and am U-14 again this year. I'm looking forward to a Galway football revival after last year's great U-21 team."

● *So am I. I loved your letter Fintan and I'm sorry to see Féile leave Galway too. But other counties must get it. You win a Galway Bob-Cap. (J.M.)*

Paul Maher (same address as Kevin) is like Gerry Pender one of our old reliables and writes as follows:

"It's over a year since I wrote to you. Didn't Offaly hurlers surprise us all last year? The John Connolly disallowed goal was controversial. Then there was the Leinster S.H. semi-final and Paddy Kirwan's long-range free. Still it was Offaly's year and let's hope Waterford, Laois and Clare take hope and make a burst for it. This brings me to the All-Stars. Why was Texaco winner Pat Delaney left off the hurling team? Mark Corrigan deserved one last year, he was lucky this year. Others unlucky this year were Niall McInerney, Eugene Coughlan, Noel Lane and Sylvie Linnane. Regarding the football team I think Matt Connor, John Egan and Pat Fitzgerald were unlucky. What a good year Jack O'Shea had. His goal in the Final was a cracker. He is the best midfielder in Ireland. Hurling is great. Football continues to go down in standard. This latter is not due to Kerry's dominance. The other counties are just not good enough. I expect Offaly and Galway to be back again this year." Paul has great praise for Mossie Carroll who inspired Tipperary in the N.H.L. as did Pat McGrath and Jim Greene for Waterford. "I have just read the book 'Clash of the Ash' and enjoyed reading it immensely.

● *Paul thanks for your fine letter. You win a shoulder-bag. (J.M.)*

Sean Coleman, Loughpark, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath plays hurling for Lough Lene Gaels U-12's and has great admiration for Noel Skehan of Kilkenny.

● *A marvellous goalkeeper and a fine fellow too. I was a Galway delegate at the G.A.A. Congress in Kilkenny this year. After it was all over they started to clear the hall of chairs and among the voluntary helpers lifting the chairs and tables away was the bould Noel. I admired the man no end. Here was one of Kilkenny's top stars willing to give a hand at clearing and cleaning up the place. Well done, Noel. You and your fellow Kilkenny former stars Ted Carroll, Eddie Keher and Pat Henderson among others set a very fine example. (J.M.)*

Declan Cronin, Church Rd., Durrus, Bantry, Co. Cork, pays tribute to Limerick's Joe McKenna, Offaly's Paddy Kirwan, Galway's Niall McInerney, John and Joe Connolly, Offaly's Damien Martin and Johnny Flaherty. "One of my favourite players Tom Cashman came down to our village in June 1981 to open our Carnival. He stayed the night and the following day he came to our house for a cup of tea. He is a very versatile player".

Talking about football, Declan pays tribute to Billy Morgan now gone to the U.S.A. and to Jack O'Shea whose goal in the final "was a banger". Declan has high praise too for Cork minor Colm O'Neill and for U-21 player Mark Delaney who got injured playing for Bantry Blues last year. One player from Durrus, Mick Cotter played for Bantry Blues v Nemo Rangers in the Co. Final. "Pat Spillane teaches P.E. in Bantry Vocational School and some evenings trained the Bantry Blues who proved no match for Nemo in the Co. Final".

● *Great letter, Declan. You win a Cork G.A.A. tie. (J.M.)*

Anne Walsh, 6, St. Stephens Park, Castleisland, Co. Kerry, has lots of sports magazines for sale.

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DIVISION I AWARD COUNTY WINNERS

**A.I.B. CLUB
AWARDS REPORT**

BY FRANK CUSACK

The AIB-GAA Club of the Year Awards Scheme, which went countrywide for the first time in the past season, has reached its final stages. The county selection panels, consisting of each County Board Chairman, Secretary and one other appointed person, have completed their work, and the Division Award winners in each county have been presented with their trophies at four provincial functions.

The provincial and All-Ireland Club of the Year awards will be presented at the All-Ireland banquet in Dublin in May.

The Division I award winners in each county were:

CONNACHT

Galway: Bothar na Tra. Leitrim: Carrigallen. Mayo: Ballina Stephenites. Roscommon: Clann na Gael. Sligo: Tourlestrane.

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LEINSTER

Carlow: Eire Og. Dublin: Na Fianna. Kildare: St. Mary's, Leixlip. Kilkenny: O'Loughlin-Gaels. Laois: Portlaoise. Longford: Longford Slashers. Louth: Clan na nGael. Meath: Cumann Naomh Peadar. Offaly: St. Rynagh's. Westmeath: Mullingar Shamrocks. Wexford: Buffer's Alley. Wicklow: Blessington.

ULSTER

Antrim: O'Donovan Rossa. Armagh: Clann Eireann. Cavan: Kingscourt Stars. Derry: Wolfe Tones, Bellaghy. Donegal: Naomh Adhamhnain. Down: St. Malachy's, Castlewellan. Fermanagh: Erne Gaels. Monaghan: Clontibret O'Neills. Tyrone: St. Colmcille, Carrickmore.

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Adrian Daly, age 14, Ballydaly, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, thinks *Gaelic Sport* should be published monthly. "Look at all the soccer magazines from across the water". Adrian plays hurling and Gaelic football for the local C.B.S. school. He hopes for an Offaly double in 1982.

● *Adrian you win an Offaly Bob-Cap. (J.M.)*

IN BRIEF

Billy Smiddy, Ballycrenane, Ballymadada, Co. Cork pays tribute to Pat Delaney, Joe Connolly, Mike Sheehy, Colm O'Neill, Kevin Kehilly and Liam Currams.

Tony Maher, 20, Páirc Mhuire, Tullow, Co. Carlow, wants to get in touch with Michael A. Walsh, 24, Water St., Waterford regarding swaps of programmes.

● *Please get in touch Michael. (J.M.)*

Martin Carley, 1 Glenview, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath pays tribute to Jimmy Carroll, Michael Connolly and Joe McKenna. He likes the T.V. programme, "The Sunday Game".

● *We won't feel it till it is back again. (J.M.)*

Garrett O'Keefe, 72, The Rise, Bishopstown, Co. Cork is glad the handpass is abolished. He hopes for a return of the kickpass and wants a tape of the 1973 S.F. Final.

Over to you Paddy Flanagan. (J.M.)

Diarmuid Moynihan, Age 10, 65, The Rise, Bishopstown, Cork loves Junior Desk and thinks the solo-run is overdone.

That's all from "The Mailbag" this month. Please keep writing to:

Junior Desk,
Gaelic Sport,
80, Upper Drumcondra Road,
Dublin 9.



John O'Keefe (Kerry)

Age: 30
Height: 6ft.
Weight: 13st. 3lb.
Club: Austin Stacks,
Tralee
Position: Full Back
Senior Inter-County
Debut: 1969.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

John, whose full back play has been such an exciting feature of football for so long, has shared in all of the Kerry triumphs since 1970, and also earned some unique distinctions.

In 1979 he became the first footballer to win five All Star awards, and last March he gained a seventh Railway Cup medal to set a new record for a Munster footballer. This is just one short of the national standard.

John has also made his mark as a midfielder and a half back, and he will be hoping to make his seventh appearance in a winning All-Ireland senior final team in September. He won his first All-Ireland senior medal as a substitute in 1969, without playing in the decider.



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