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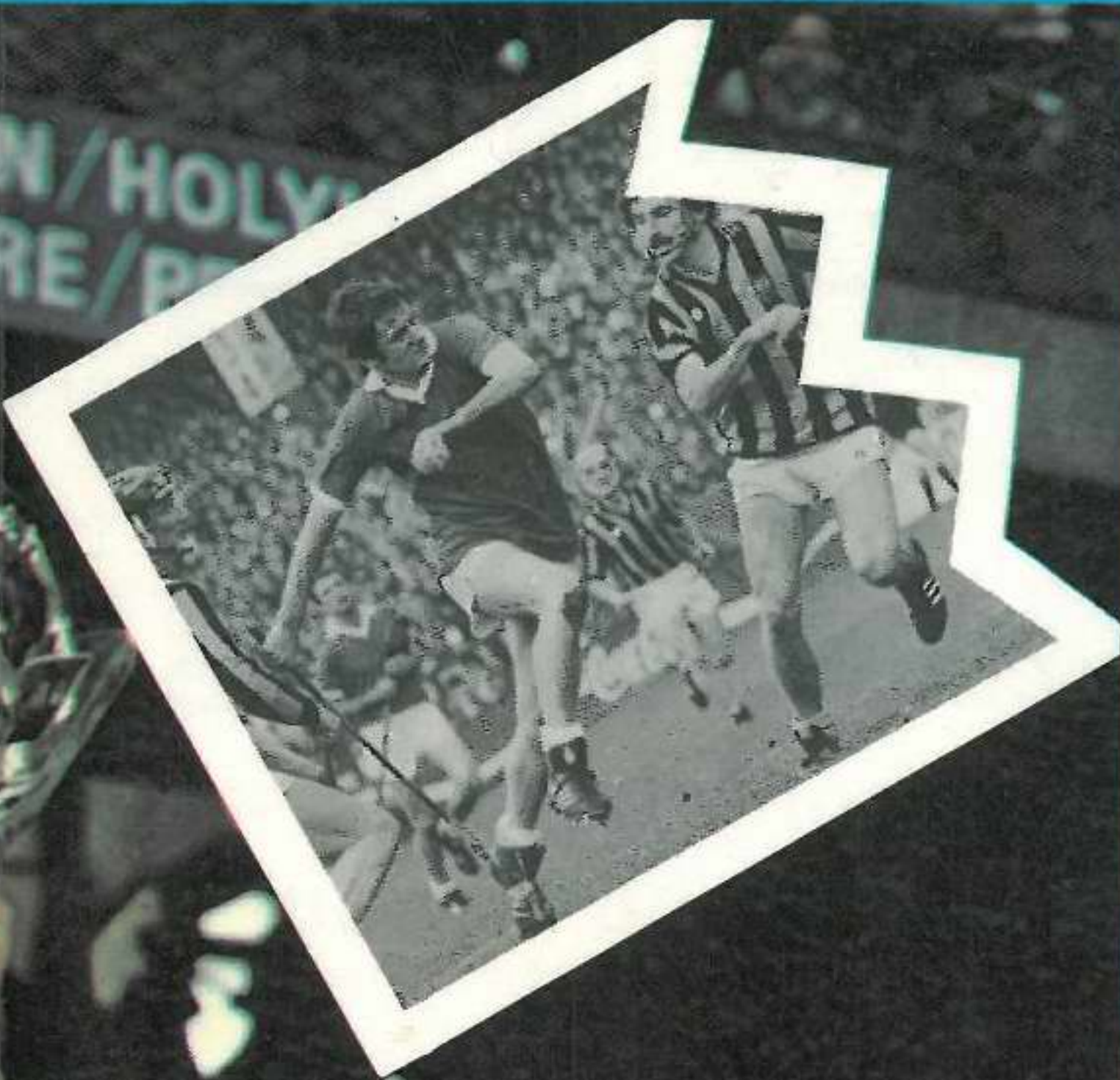
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“SHOCKING” YEAR

THIS has been a “shocking” year in Gaelic Games—shocking in the sense that Kilkenny hurlers and Offaly footballers defied the pundits and breathed new life into the Irish sporting scene by winning the All-Ireland senior championships.

Many loudly dismissed the hurling final in the run-up to the game as a mere benefit match for Cork. Others were even more vocal in parading Kerry’s cause of having to merely go through the motions on final day for a record-making fifth title in succession.

It would have been easy for Kilkenny and Offaly to have gloomily accepted those assessments. Especially after Cork’s spectacular Munster hurling final win, and the form that Kerry displayed on the way to the Sam Maguire Cup game.

But such an acceptance would not have been in character for such doughty championship battlers as the Noresiders and the men from the Faithful County. They just refused to accept what many preached as the inevitable, and with shrewd planning, backed up by intensive preparation, and wholehearted effort and skill, they turned the key in the door to two of the biggest upset wins in Gaelic sport in years.

Those upset wins have given an exciting injection to hurling and football in general. Cork and Kerry supporters, now that the first pangs of disappointment have passed away, will agree with this viewpoint.

Kilkenny may be one of the establishment in hurling, in that they now have 22 All-Ireland senior titles, but the sheer splendour of their hurling when shocking the Cork favourites won them many new supporters nation-wide, and put the final golden flourish as well to a championship campaign that looked like pettering out tamely. In short, hurling was given a timely boost just when it was needed most.

As for Offaly, their football triumph opened up a whole new era for the game. It would be unfair to Kerry to say that football has stagnated since they first put their iron fist on the Sam Maguire Cup in 1978 . . . the Southerners produced too many showings of all that is best in the game for that.

But the aura of invincibility that surrounded the Kerrymen for so long appeared to have engendered a feeling in many areas that there was little point in making an effort to get to the top as the Kingdom footballers were there to stay for a long time.

Offaly changed all that. Their dramatic win in the final smashed a barrier, and has given new hope to all the other counties. Football is more alive . . . the campaigns for the up-coming National League and next year’s All-Ireland championship have become much more open.

Here it is appropriate to pay tribute to Kerry for all that they achieved during their reign as All-Ireland champions. They were great champions, wonderful ambassadors, and did a splendid job for the game and the G.A.A.

They will be back to provide their own invaluable contribution to the exciting new chapter opened up by this “shocking” year for Gaelic Games, as Kilkenny and Offaly spearhead the march into the new era.



HAIL THE CONQUERING HEROES



HAIL the conquering heroes! Offaly's never-say-die footballers, who proved that nothing is impossible in sport, and Kilkenny's classy hurlers, who once more underlined their special talent for producing the match-winning formula at a time when filling an outsiders ranking in an All-Ireland final.

Hail the conquering heroes. . . among them Seamus Darby! Was there a better goal in 1982 than the one the Rhode Club man took so sensationally in the closing minutes of the Sam Maguire Cup tie to send Kerry spinning from their dizzy heights as All-Ireland five-in-a-row champions in waiting? I doubt if any other goal will deprive that one of ranking as the goal of the year.

Cast your mind back to that vital score. Darby got only one real chance after going into the final as a second half substitute. The ball came into his area from a long, probing kick by full back Liam Connor, who had raced down field. Darby gained possession, and in a twinkling he had the ball crashing into the roof of the Kerry net.

In such nerve-tingling moments of white-heat and tremendous pressure as the game balanced on a knife-edge with time virtually up many a forward in such circumstances would have muffed the chance that came

Darby's way. That the Offaly long-serving campaigner proved equal to the challenge with so much depending on his kick marks out the goal as a real gem... a score as good as any seen in an All-Ireland final, and one worthy of the history-making event shaped by the goal.

Yes, Seamus Darby's goal is not only the top one of the year, but a score that will be recalled with delight by Offaly men for years to come.

Hail the conquering heroes. . . among them the hurlers of Kilkenny! Probably the biggest surprise starting

By
Terry McGrath

the hurling final was the way so many dismissed the Kilkenny challenge against Cork.

After all, Kilkenny were no mere "lambs going to the slaughter" They have a great tradition behind them, hurlers with the know-how of winning All-Ireland titles, and a record in 1982 that sent them into the Liam McCarthy Cup tie as reigning National League champions.

Yet, for all that, few outside of the county gave them much of a chance against a Cork team that had dazzled in a big Munster final win over Waterford.

But, not for the first time, Kilkenny showed that they had the men for the occasion, and the flair to produce hurling of the highest order. There were many stars for the Noresiders, but their main weapon, in my view, was the way in which the team blended superbly to produce a brand of hurling such as they had not turned on earlier in the year.

NO ANSWER

Cork just had no answer, after Kilkenny contained the Munster champions threat early on, and then began to take the Leesiders apart as Christy Heffernan found the goal scoring touch, Paddy Prendergast did much to tie up the opposing attack, and Noel Skehan presented a "thou shall not pass" notice-board in his own goal-line.

Kilkenny's best ever All-Ireland final win? Hard to say, in view of their many great title winning performances of the past, but certainly one of their top performances. It was a display of true vintage, one fashioned with all round excellence, coolness, classical touches, and garnished by individual performances of the best possible standard.

The Leinster champions' left no doubts as to their right to wear the team of the year mantle. After some

In this action shot from the '82 All-Ireland Hurling Final, Kilkenny's Christy Heffernan soars above Cork's Martin Doherty and makes a superb catch.



17 minutes of evenly contested exchanges, Noel Skehan turned the game around by bringing off a great save from Sean O'Leary. In the charge that followed to get the ball from the great goal keeper's clearance, Paddy Prendergast won the race, and provided the final touch for Kilkenny by sending the sliothar up field.

After that, I just could not see the

Noresiders losing out. And they went about their work with such authority and determination, that Cork were fighting a losing battle long before the final whistle.

Skehan's many wonderful saves rightly earned him great praise, and Christy Heffernan was another to capture a lion's share of the spotlight with his valuable brace of goals and good full forward play in general.

But I thought one of the biggest factors in shaping the Kilkenny win was the great work by Paddy Prendergast in defence. He was a real giant, and rarely put a foot wrong.

Yet, as I have said, it was the overall team performance that enabled Kilkenny to hand Cork a real lesson, and strike another blow for Leinster's hurling standards.

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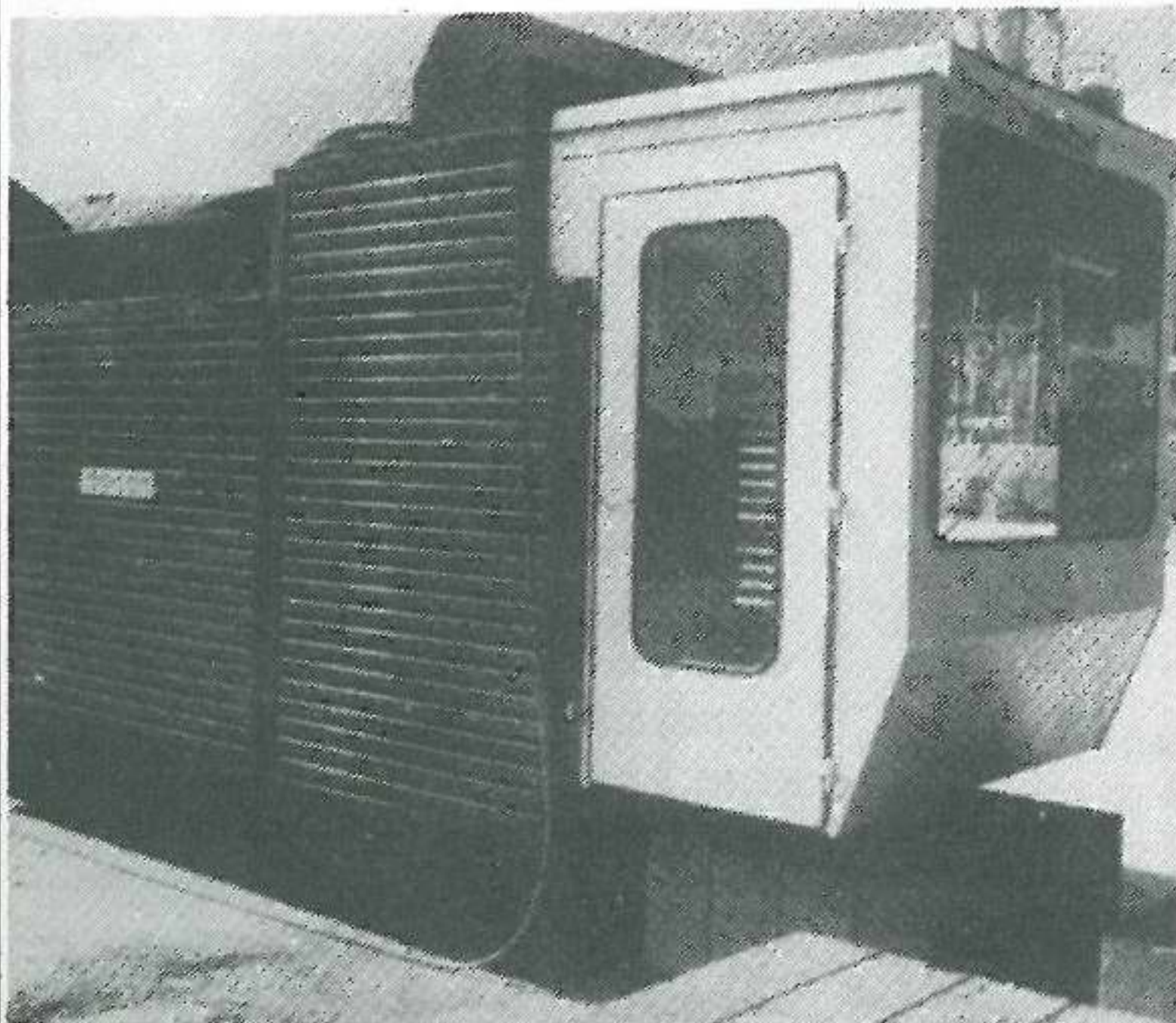
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With just ninety seconds to go in the '82 All-Ireland Football Final; our picture shows Seamus Darby (right) about to unleash the killer blow into the roof of the Kerry net . . . and at that precise moment the Kingdom's bid for the magical five-in-a-row was shattered beyond recall.

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And what of Offaly? Some maintain they were lucky to have caught Kerry at the end, but I cannot go along with that viewpoint.

The Midlander's I thought were the better team all round. They played grand football, rarely allowed the Kingdom a chance to settle down, and then proved that they had the heart of true champions by sticking so resolutely to their task until in the end they got the goal that proved decisive.

As in the hurling final, one could single out personalities on the Offaly team. . . Martin Furlong, who almost rivalled Skehan with his expertise in goal, including that wonderful penalty save from Michael Sheehy.

TEAM LEADER

Padraig Dunne, whose high-fielding and good play over-all at midfield was one of the most exhilarating features of the final. Richie Connor, who proved an inspiring captain, as he led his men by example and deed.

Brendan Lowry and Johnny Mooney, two efficient links in a live-wire attack, that presented the Kerry defence with many more testing problems than enthusiasts in general outside of the Kingdom had expected.

And, of course, match-winner Seamus Darby for that great goal.

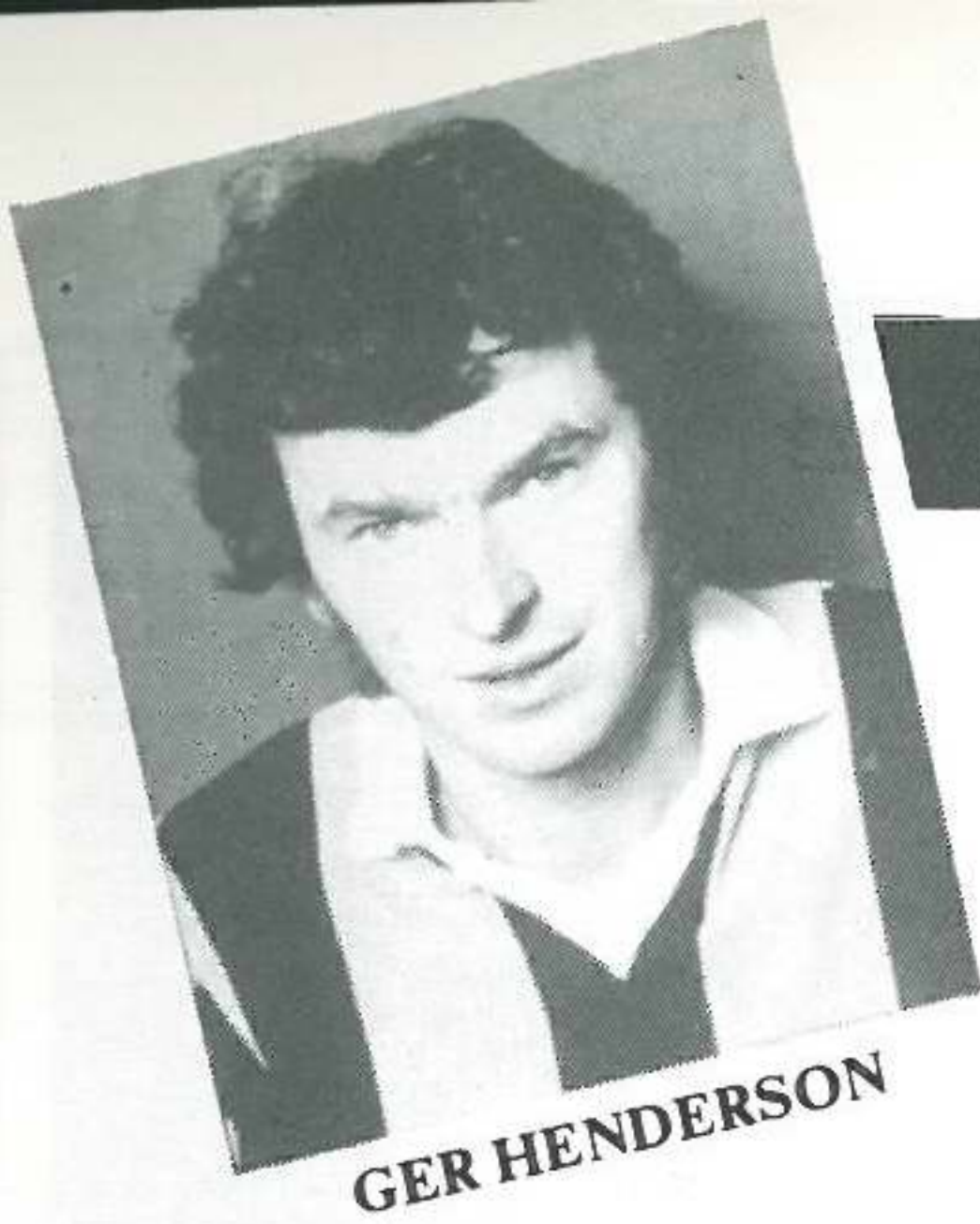
But, as in hurling, I maintain that the Offaly win that has brought new life and hope to football was gained through the efforts of every member

of the squad doing the right thing, the simple thing, well and consistently throughout the 70 minutes, and showing the coolness that ensured that none of the side panicked in vital situations, and that when the match-winning opportunities presented themselves, the men were on hand to take them in great style.

So, let's hail the conquering heroes from Offaly and Kilkenny.'

They defied the "knockers" the people who said that they had no chance of success. They showed that where skill, class, team-work and preparation are backed up by dedication and determination, the highest goals can be achieved.

And, there must be hope there, for every other county with designs on getting on the top.



GER HENDERSON

THE NORESIDERS CON

KILKENNY REVELLED IN

BY NOEL

HATS off to Kilkenny's hurlers. The Noresiders confounded the critics and showed yet again that they

are a law unto themselves when it comes to an All-Ireland final by scoring a decisive eleven point victory over a hotly fancied Cork squad in September to take their 22nd title and join Tipperary behind the Leesiders in the Roll of Honour.

Kilkenny clearly revelled in the role of underdogs and had done their home-work well, containing Cork's much vaunted attack in an absorbing opening quarter and proceeding to turn on the style in attack afterwards to knock the cocky Corkmen completely out of their stride.

It was a composed, economical and disciplined display, filled with that redoubtable Kilkenny craft which ensures that the 'cats' can never be under-estimated on the big occasion.

Naturally, Kilkenny-folk were quietly confident of an upset but not even their most optimistic fans could have predicted such a convincing victory, despite the fact that Kilkenny's record when unfancied in finals over the past 20 years is highly impressive.

In 1963, for instance, a highly-rated though ageing Waterford squad which included such formidable figures as Phil Grimes, Seamus Power, Frankie Walsh and Larry Guinan was expected to take the title but the goal-grabbing feats of corner-forwards Tom Walsh and Tom Murphy and an immaculate point-picking contribution by Eddie Keher inspired a Kilkenny win.

In '67 it was the turn of a multi-talented and vastly experienced Tipperary fifteen, which had John Doyle seeking a record ninth All-Ireland medal, to bow to the youth and exuberance of Kilkenny in a final that was memorable for a brilliant

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THE ROLE OF UNDERDOGS

HORGAN

goalkeeping exhibition by Ollie Walsh.

In 1969 and '72, Cork were the victims as Kilkenny again upset the formbook.

September's success surpassed any of Kilkenny's previous giant-killing feats, however. Firstly because it was so comprehensive and, secondly, because the Noresiders's challenge was never so unrated in earlier years.

BIG IMPROVEMENT

To be fair, Kilkenny's form on the road to the final was not convincing. They showed a distinct lack of forward power when, aided by a controversial goal, they limped to a one-point win over Offaly in the Leinster final and they looked limited enough when a disorganised Galway squad settled after a disastrous start in the All-Ireland semi-final. But their remarkable improvement in the decider suggests that this Kilkenny team was primed to 'peak' at precisely the right time.

On reflection, it was not a major surprise that Kilkenny's rearguard succeeded in subduing a Cork forward division which had devastated all defences in Munster this year. After all, every member of the Kilkenny defence had successfully seen service in the All-Ireland series previously whereas Pat Horgan, Tony O'Sullivan and Eamonn O'Donoghue were lining out with Cork in their first senior final.

And the manner in which Paddy Prendergast employed his tenacity and power to unsettle and eventually outplay the talented teenager O'Sullivan graphically illustrated how experience counts for a lot on the big day.

It is history now that big Christy Heffernan, after being outplayed in
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the opening quarter, provided the main inspiration in attack by roasting Cork's legendary full-back Martin Doherty and grabbing the two goals shortly before the break which put the winners firmly in the driver's seat as they retired with a ten-point lead.

The remaining Kilkenny forwards responded to Heffernan's promptings with a slick, economical performance afterwards, which eventually demoralised the bemused Cork men.

Add in the efforts of Kilkenny's well-balanced midfield pairing of Frank Cummins and Joe Hennessy and the brilliant goalkeeping display by Noel Skehan and it becomes obvious that this, indeed, was a complete team performance.

SUPERB SAVE

Cork's simmering forward threat seemed ready to materialise as the Leesiders pressed persistently during

the tense early exchanges but their morale was severely dented after Noel Skehan saved superbly from Sean O'Leary in the 18th minute and Eamonn O'Donoghue's effort from the rebound struck the crossbar.

Many people believe that the turning point came when Kilkenny countered immediately with a Kieran Brennan minor giving the winners a lead which they never forfeited subsequently.

Had Cork managed to breach Kilkenny's defensive screen then, the game might have developed differently but that is mere speculation at this stage and Kilkenny's superiority over the seventy minutes could not be disputed.

All the Kilkenny men played well while the Rebels had few who could feel satisfied with their displays. Goalkeeper Ger Cunningham and corner-back John Blake, after a shaky start on wily Billy Fitzpatrick,

impressed on their All-Ireland final debuts, Tom Cashman hurled stylishly when moved to wing-back, Ray Cummins created most of the openings in attack and John Crowley, Pat Horgan and substitute Bertie Og Murphy had some useful moments also but the contribution made by the remaining Corkmen was minimal.

The extent of Cork's collapse is reflected most vividly by the fact that Dermot McCurtain and Tony O'Sullivan, the players who chiefly ignited Cork's flame of hope by producing magnificent displays in the initial championship outing against Tipperary, were both substituted in this final.

It was definitely Kilkenny's day and I would rate Noel Skehan, Christy Heffernan, Paddy Prendergast, Nicky Brennan, Ger Fennelly and Frank Cummins, in that order, as those who shone brightest in a team of stars.

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THE death of Mick Mackey in September broke another link in the chain of men who made the G.A.A. great. In the currency of the present times, the Limerick man was a superstar. . . one of the greatest heroes in any era in the near 100 years history of the Association.

Mackey was the golden hero of Limerick hurling, in fact, a man who strode the scene like a colossus during the 'Thirties and early 'Forties, and whose exploits and exciting style of play won him admiration and respect right throughout the length and breadth of the country, and far outside of this island as well.

He had all the qualities of greatness. . . leadership, ability, drive, determination and accuracy from play and frees. More than that he exhibited his match-winning qualities at a time when Limerick hurling was at its peak, and when the county had many headline-makers.

That Mick Mackey stamped his personality to such a dazzling effect is the best possible tribute to his special qualities. Those qualities and his sportsmanship made him a shining example to the men of his time, and have kept his memory green ever since.

Mackey was strong, forceful, with a great variety of strokes. He, more than anyone else, epitomised Limerick hurling at a time when the county was one of the greatest powers in the game. Between 1934 and 1938 inclusive Limerick established a record of five National League title wins in succession, and Mackey played in every one of the competition winning sides. He was also Limerick's captain in their 1937 and 1938 wins.

With the G.A.A. rapidly approaching the Centenary Year, it is interesting that Mackey was on duty in attack when Limerick beat Dublin in a replay of the Silver Jubilee Year All-Ireland final of 1934. Two years later he captained Limerick when

they regained the Liam McCarthy, and the Ahane man was leader again when the Shannonsiders won the 1940 All-Ireland title.

No Limerick man, other than Mick Mackey, has captained Limerick to a brace of Liam McCarthy Cup wins.

A member of the famed Ahane club, Mick Mackey played senior county championship hurling for some 23 years.

In that period he won no fewer than 15 county senior medals between 1932 and 1955, and also was in five of Ahane's senior football title winning squads.

Over the years, too, he was a regular with Munster, and enjoyed remarkable success in the Railway Cup as well, winning in all eight medals.

Mackey played many great games. On one memorable day during a Munster senior hurling final against Tipperary at Thurles in 1936, he scored a majestic 5-3. Some say that he had his best game ever that day.

Others argue that he scaled his greatest heights a year or so earlier against Cork in a provincial senior championship semi-final, again at Thurles. In that game, Mackey is reported to have turned on one of the most brilliant and spectacular individual displays of hurling seen.

Was Mick Mackey the greatest hurler of all time? Some will answer "Yes", others that he shared that distinction with another of the game's legends, Christy Ring, of Cork.

It matters little who was the greater. What is important is that Mick Mackey, like Ring, has left a rich legacy . . . of sportsmanship, mastery at the art of hurling and dedication that has been an inspiration to many down the years, and will continue to prove so for generations of hurlers to come.

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CAMOGIE PLAYERS DEEM HANDBALL IDEAL GAME TO MAINTAIN FITNESS

THE resurgence of handball in recent years can be attributed, in the main, to those far-sighted legislators who decided that the life-blood of any game was youth. Thus we can trace the new emphasis on the young players, for the past two decades or more, and, in turn the emergence of increasing numbers of starlets on the handball horizon.

The youth movement was given further status last year when a number of players went out to play in the USHA Junior Championships in Tucson.

That was a memorable occasion for Ireland, in that Micky Walsh, the young Kilkenny player returned home with the under 15 title.

It was an achievement that will ever be cherished by us in the context of Internationalism.

Now the scene is set for another International joust, for the young players, and on this occasion, the games will be played in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Brother B.C. Ó Murchú, a former President of the Irish Handball Council, who, in recent years has seen service in Mullingar and Drogheda and is now back in Dublin will be in charge of the group.

STRONG

He will have a formidable team at his command led by Ger Coughlan in the under 19 grade, John Duggan in the under 17 section, and Eamonn O'Neill, the young Limerick player who has the unenviable task of retaining the under 15 title won by Walsh last year.

Coughlan and Duggan are from

Clare and were also on the team last year. They turned in a number of very impressive performances and with the added experience of a grinding year in the home championships, they should be a match for the best.

Coughlan, has established himself as the leading contender for Tony Ryan's senior title, while Duggan is quickly providing a threat for the top players including Coughlan.

Duggan's stock increased immeasurably in recent times, when it was announced that he was the recipient of a **Cospóir Sports Scholarship**. It was the first time for a Handballer to gain such recognition in Ireland and obviously is a testimony to the status of the game at the present time.

Duggan will be retaining his link with Coughlan in that he will now be joining him at academic level at U.C.G.

There are also rumblings that in the near future we will have a number of girls making the American trip to compete in the USAH Juvenile Championships.

This is, if Council President Brídí Uí Mhaolagáin has any say in the matter.

After a number of unsuccessful attempts by the adult lady players to make an impression in the U.S.A. Championships, Brídí is now of the opinion that it would be more beneficial for the ladies game to concentrate on the juvenile players, as the 1983 event may well see a couple of entries from Ireland.

IDEAL GAME

It is encouraging to note that the demand for ladies handball is on the

upsurge and through the efforts of the President a close liason has been established with the Camogie Council.

The camogie players deem that handball is the ideal game to maintain fitness for their own sport, while, in recent times, a number of girl handballers have thrown in their lot with Camogie Clubs.

Provincial Councils are also being formed to cater for the ladies game, and already they are operative in all the provinces.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the recent Coca Cola campaign was the success of senior player Jimmy Goggins in the doubles championship, where he was partnered by Richie Lyng. The Wexfordman, who won a junior doubles with Joe Howlin in 1973 had made many forays into the Coca Cola Championships, but, invariably, his best efforts ended in failure. Dedication eventually, had its reward.

And, as a finale, a word of congratulation to Kilkenny's Ollie Harold is in order. Against all the odds he landed the Coca Cola Senior Singles Title, the blue riband of Irish Handball. He thus retained the title, held by his fellow countyman Paddy Reilly in 1981.

It is interesting to note that the careers of Harold and Reilly are similar in many ways.

They both won Junior singles and doubles titles while they also figured successfully in the Coca Cola senior doubles championship.

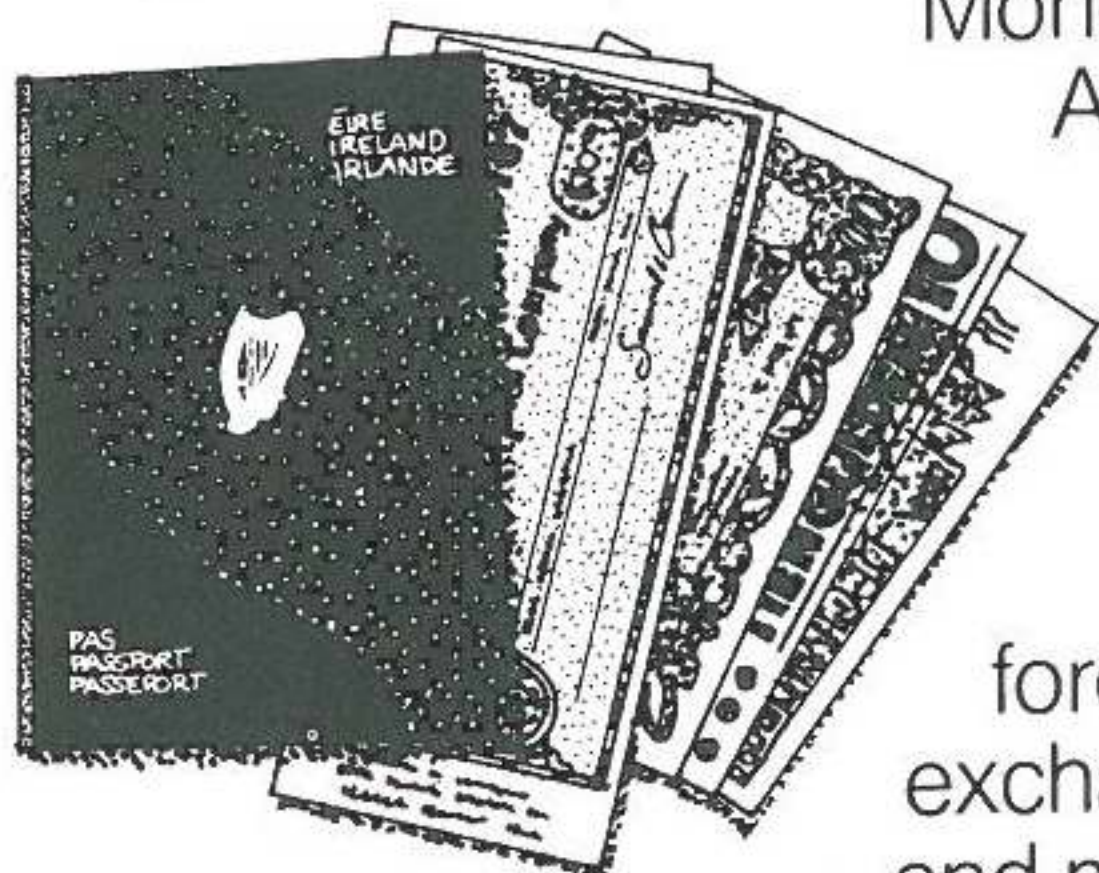
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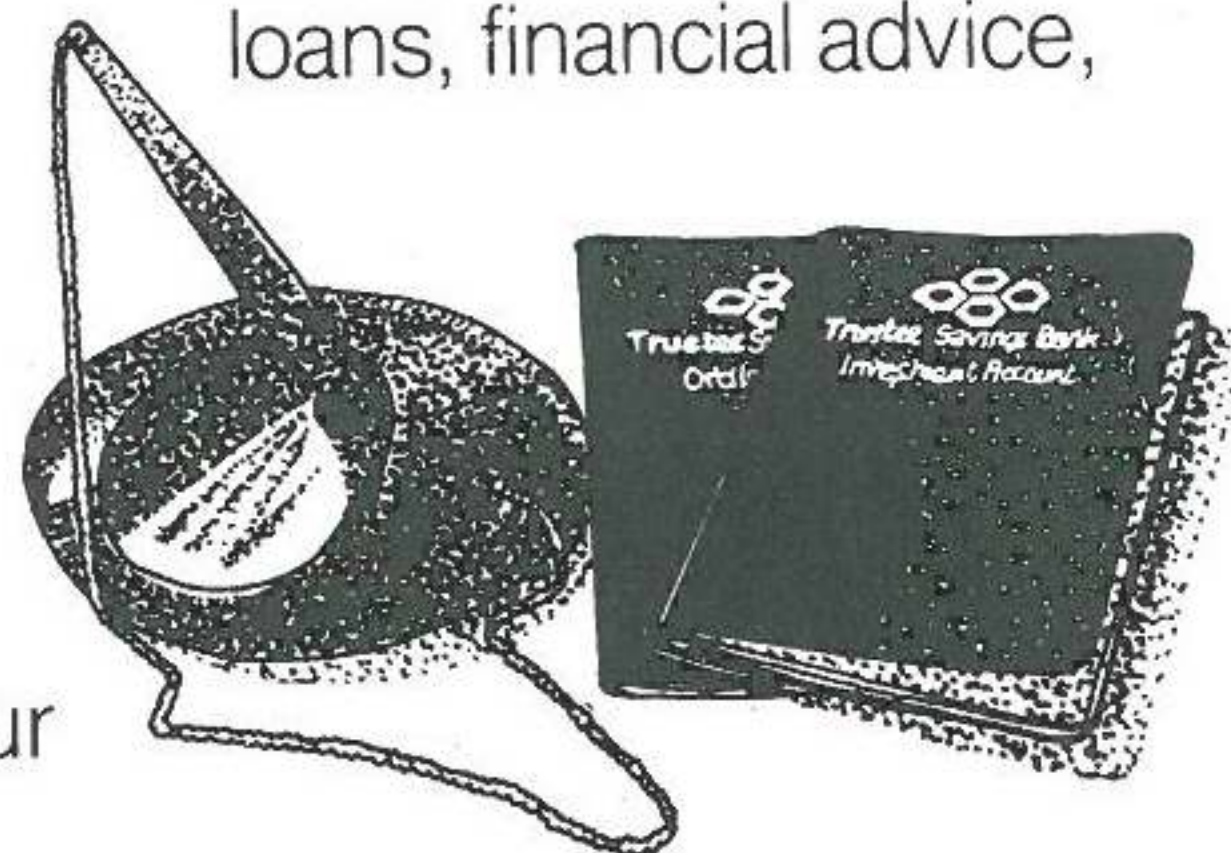
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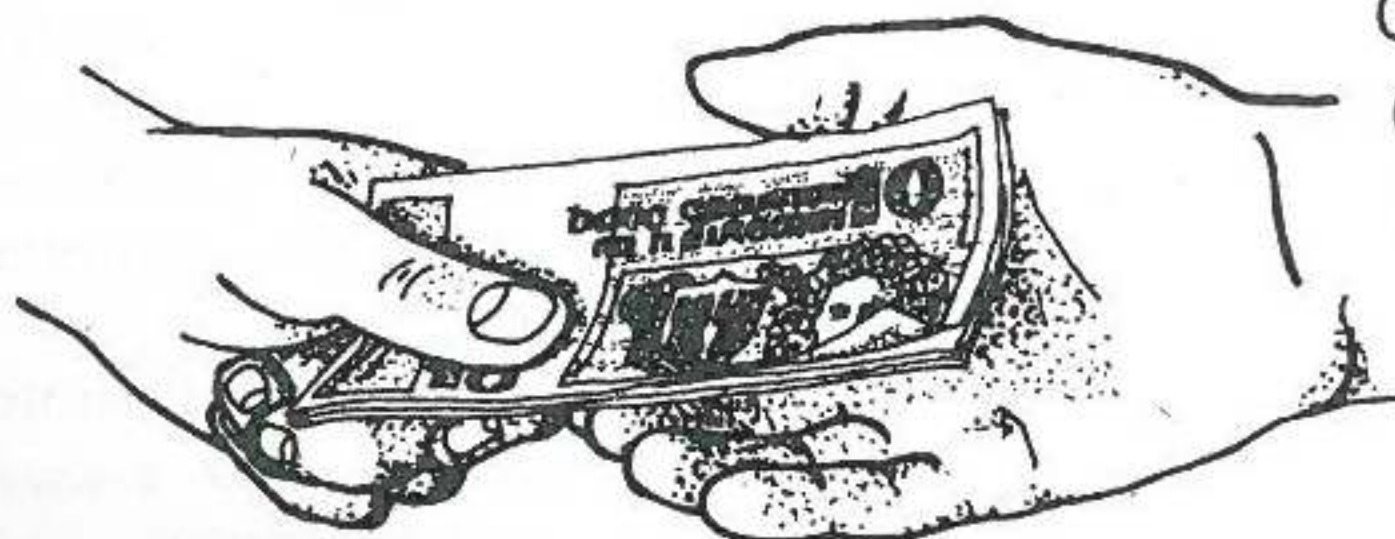
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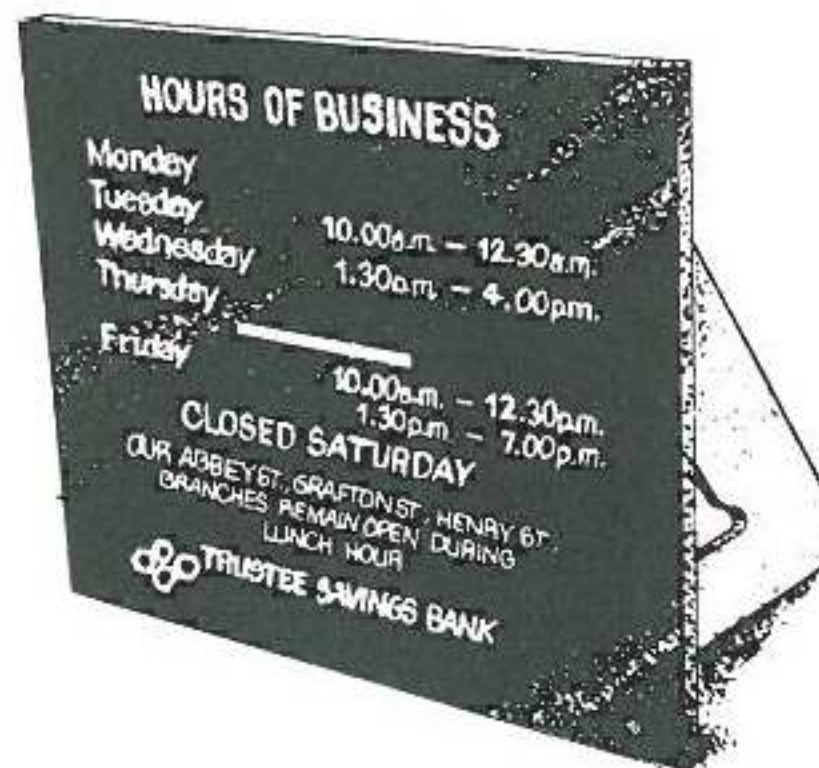
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Tyler Top Ten

NORESIDERS DOMINATE HURLING RATINGS

KILKENNY'S golden year of that rare double of the National League and All-Ireland senior championship titles in hurling is prominently reflected in the charts as the *Gaelic Sport Tyler Top Ten* awards for 1982 near a climax. Four of the leading five places in the hurling table for the year over-all are now held by Noreside stars.

Dick O'Hara is the new leader on 133 points. This gives him an advantage of 17 points over his closest rival and county-mate, Brian Cody, who led Kilkenny so superbly to their League and All-Ireland titles.

The only "outsider" in the top five is P.J. Molloy, who had been showing the way out front starting the All-Ireland final, but is now down to third place. However, the opening rounds of the new season's National League provided the Galway sharpshooter with the opportunities to earn the points that might prove sufficient to regain his old position on top at just the right time. We shall just have to wait and see!

O'Hara is appearing in the charts for the fourth time this year. He has collected his heaviest bag of points at 40 in the campaign so far, but strangely enough this is still only good enough to put him in fourth place in the current chart.

Setting the pace is Noel Skehan, whose brilliance in goal made him such a glittering star of the All-Ireland final win. The long-serving

Kilkenny man collects 48 points to add to his 40 on his only other appearance this year in the charts in May-June. He is now fifth over-all.

Christy Heffernan, who made his debut on the table this year in our first charts in February-March, is back again on 46 points, after his goal-getting performance that did so much to sink Cork. He boosts his return to 79 points over-all.

Brian Cody, who is in fifth place in the current review, appears for the third time this season. He was third over-all starting the All-Ireland final, and his defensive qualities in that win have sent him up to the runners-up spot following his collection of 38 points.

Frank Cummins and Christy Heffernan complete the Kilkenny connection in the top five, so that Kilkenny are very strongly placed to provide a *Gaelic Sport Tyler Top Ten* award winner for the first time. But, as we have said before, there is many a slip between the Cup and the lip.

Unlike in hurling, the All-Ireland champions are not to the fore in the chart for the year as a whole. Pdraig Dunne, who gave such a faultless display of high-fielding, and generally got through such a vast amount of invaluable work as Offaly shocked Kerry in the final, wins the top of the chart rating in this issue, with 48 points and with it ranking as the Midlanders' leader in the annual table.

Dunne takes fourth place on 79 points, but he is well behind the third placed Tommy Doyle, who adds 36 points from his All-Ireland final performance to boost his record to 108.

Still holding on resolutely to the leading position is the man who has set the pace for the most of the year — Jim McKerr. The solid Armagh full back does not appear in the present table, but for all that his work in the previous months of the year was of such a high quality that he has a cushion of 14 points over his nearest challenger, Jack O'Shea.

McKerr has 120 points, and the Kerry midfield general is on 109 points.

Back to the latest table in football. After Offaly's dramatic and so memorable win over Kerry, the county just had to take the lion's share of the top five placings. Martin Furlong, who went close to Dunne for the "Man of the Match" award is runner-up this time with 46 points. Surprisingly enough, this is his first appearance in the current review.

Third place goes to an Offaly man appearing for the first time in 1982 — Pat Fitzgerald on 44 points.

Matt Connor, who was *Gaelic Sport Tyler Top Ten* award winner in football in 1980, is well down the field at present with his bag of 56 points.

The top five in each code starting this issue are:

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Hurling: 133 points: D. O'Hara (Kilkenny). 116: B. Cody (Kilkenny). 107: P.J. Molloy (Galway). 99: F. Cummins (Kilkenny). 88: N. Skehan (Kilkenny).

Football: 120 points: J. McKerr (Armagh). 109: J. O'Shea (Kerry). 108: T. Doyle (Kerry). 79: P. Dunne (Offaly). 69: J. O'Keefe (Kerry).

The latest charts are:

HURLING

48	N. Skehan (Kilkenny)	68
46	C. Heffernan (Kilkenny)	79
42	P. Prendergast (Kilkenny)	78
40	D. O'Hara (Kilkenny)	133
38	B. Cody (Kilkenny)	116
36	T. Cashman (Cork)	36
34	J. Blake (Cork)	34
33	T. Crowley (Cork)	33
30	John Henderson (Kilkenny)	64
30	F. Cummins (Kilkenny)	99

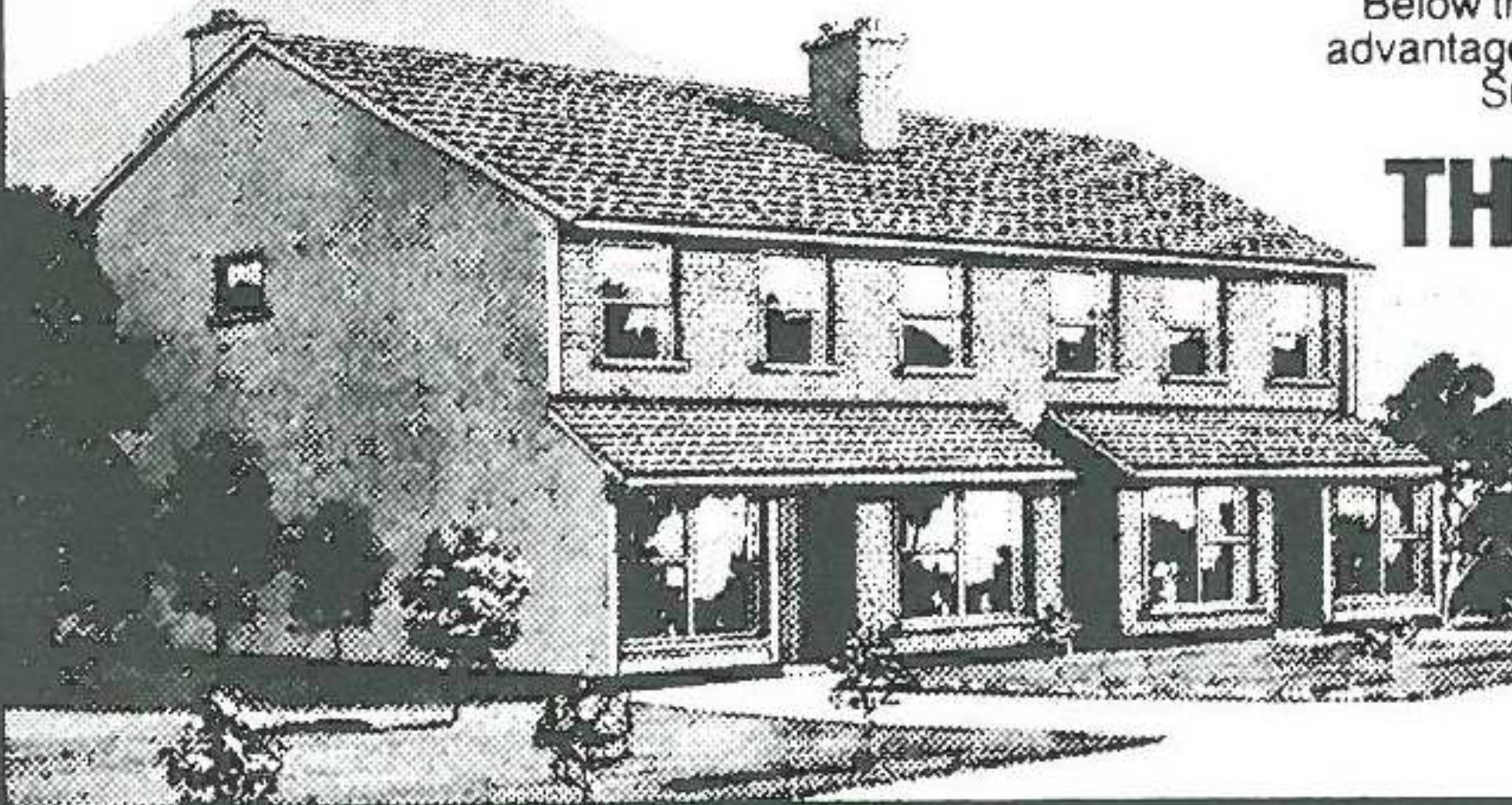
FOOTBALL

48	P. Dunne (Offaly)	79
46	M. Furlong (Offaly)	46
44	P. Fitzgerald (Offaly)	44
43	J. O'Shea (Kerry)	109
38	J. O'Keefe (Kerry)	68
36	T. Doyle (Kerry)	108
34	L. Currans (Offaly)	34
30	Matt Connor (Offaly)	56
28	Liam Connor (Offaly)	54
27	J. Egan (Kerry)	27

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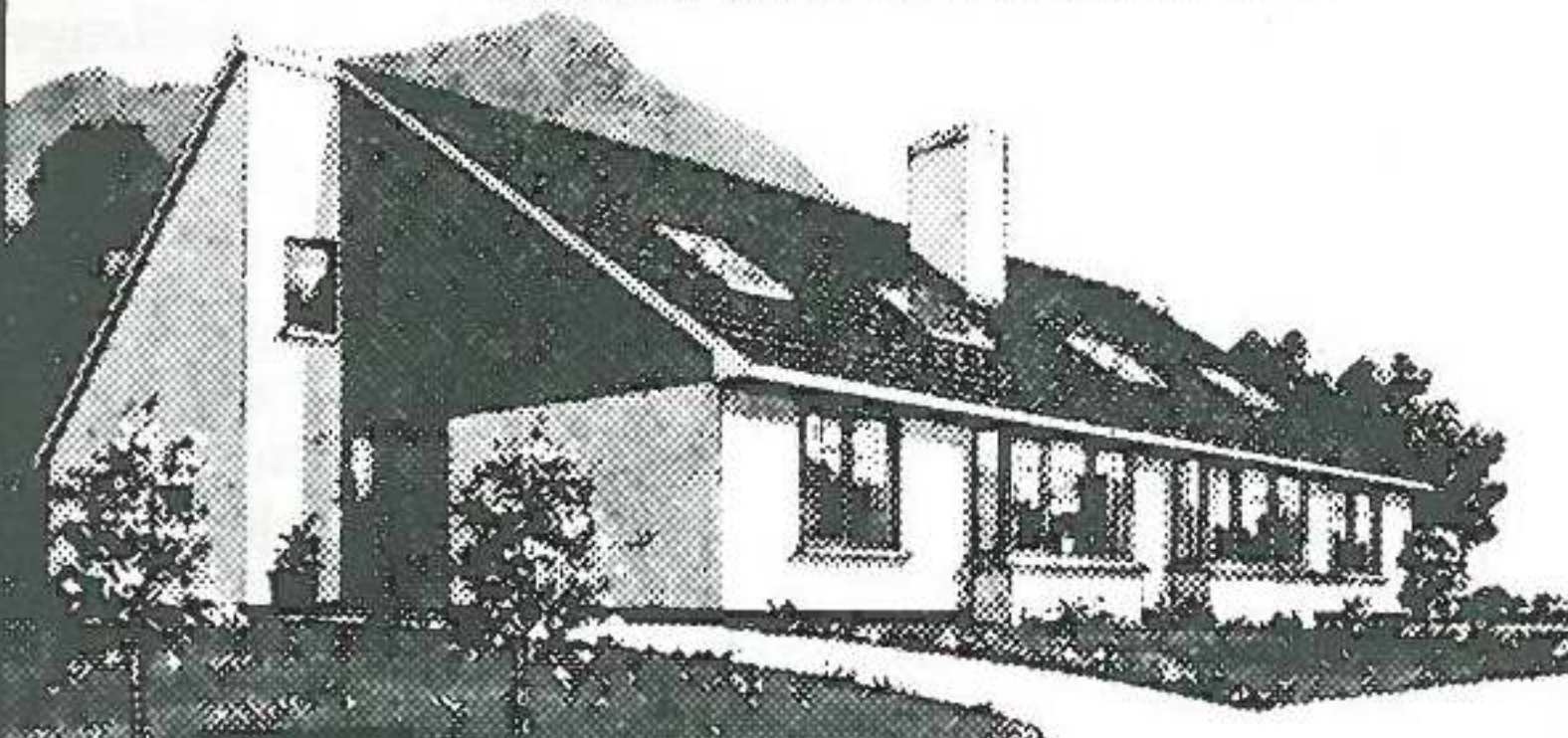


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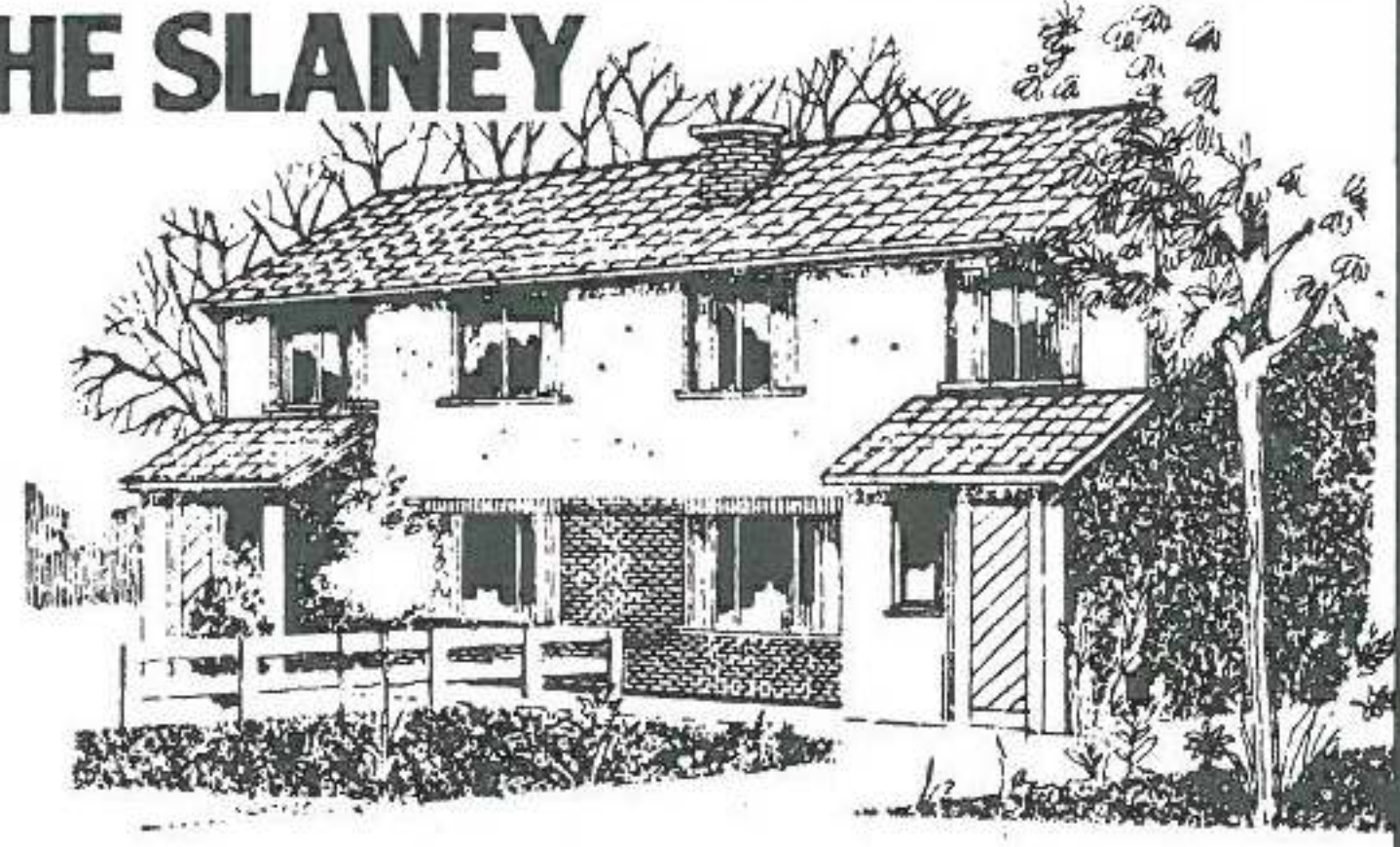
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ON THE SPOT . . .

ANOTHER season has almost run its course . . . a campaign that saw the splendid All-Ireland senior hurling and football finals provide some much needed compensation for disappointing fare earlier on.

It is a year that will be remembered with delight in Offaly after that dramatic late win over Kerry in football to end the Southerners' hopes of a record five All-Ireland titles in succession. A year, too, that Kilkenny supporters will recall with pride for possibly the best display of hurling by a team from the Noreside in an All-Ireland final in years.

These are the features that spring immediately to mind. But what of events earlier in the year? How clear are League happenings, for example, in the minds of readers.

Here is a chance to find out. **ON THE SPOT . . .**, our now popular quiz, rings down the curtain for this year with a look back at events in 1982. We have omitted more or less events in the senior championships, and concentrated instead on the Leagues, other competitions in championship play, and a general review of events over a wide area of Gaelic Games.

It is a quiz that will help to separate the "men from the boys" . . . although, of course, we want the ladies to compete, and they may well score some valuable points with out questions on camogie.

We follow our now customary and well-supported plan of listing the questions under separate sections, with points on offer for each to provide that welcome competitive edge.

So, let's get the quiz under way by recalling some events in the early part of the year in a short, snappy section of five questions on:

THE LEAGUES

1. You will, no doubt, recall that Kilkenny won an All-Leinster final in hurling in the National League. But who was at full forward for the winners — Christy Heffernan, Liam Fennelly or Billy Fitzpatrick? . . .

2. Kerry and Cork played a draw in the Football League final at Killarney. How many goals were scored in that game? . . .

3. Tony Doran, one of the greatest goal-getters in hurling history, was in his familiar No. 14 jersey for Wexford in the League final. Did he put his name on the scoring sheet in that game? . . .

4. Who captained Kerry to the Football League title? . . .

5. A ten points bonus for an all-correct answer to our final question in this section: What counties list the semi-finals in the Hurling and Football League, and who captained Kilkenny to the title? . . .

Five points for each question here, except No. 5. Each part of that question is worth a single point, and an all-correct return will boost your ratings by 35 points. **YOUR RECORD . . .**

One does not have to be a very keen follower to know that Kilkenny and Offaly won the All-Ireland senior titles last September. But what of the winners in the other grades? Can you, for instance, name the champions at under-21 football in Munster?

Here is your chance to test your knowledge of events in the non-senior grades in a section I call:

THE WINNERS

Below is a list of five competitions. What you have to do is to put the 1982 winners immediately after the

competition listed. For example: Munster Under-21 Hurling . . . **CORK.**

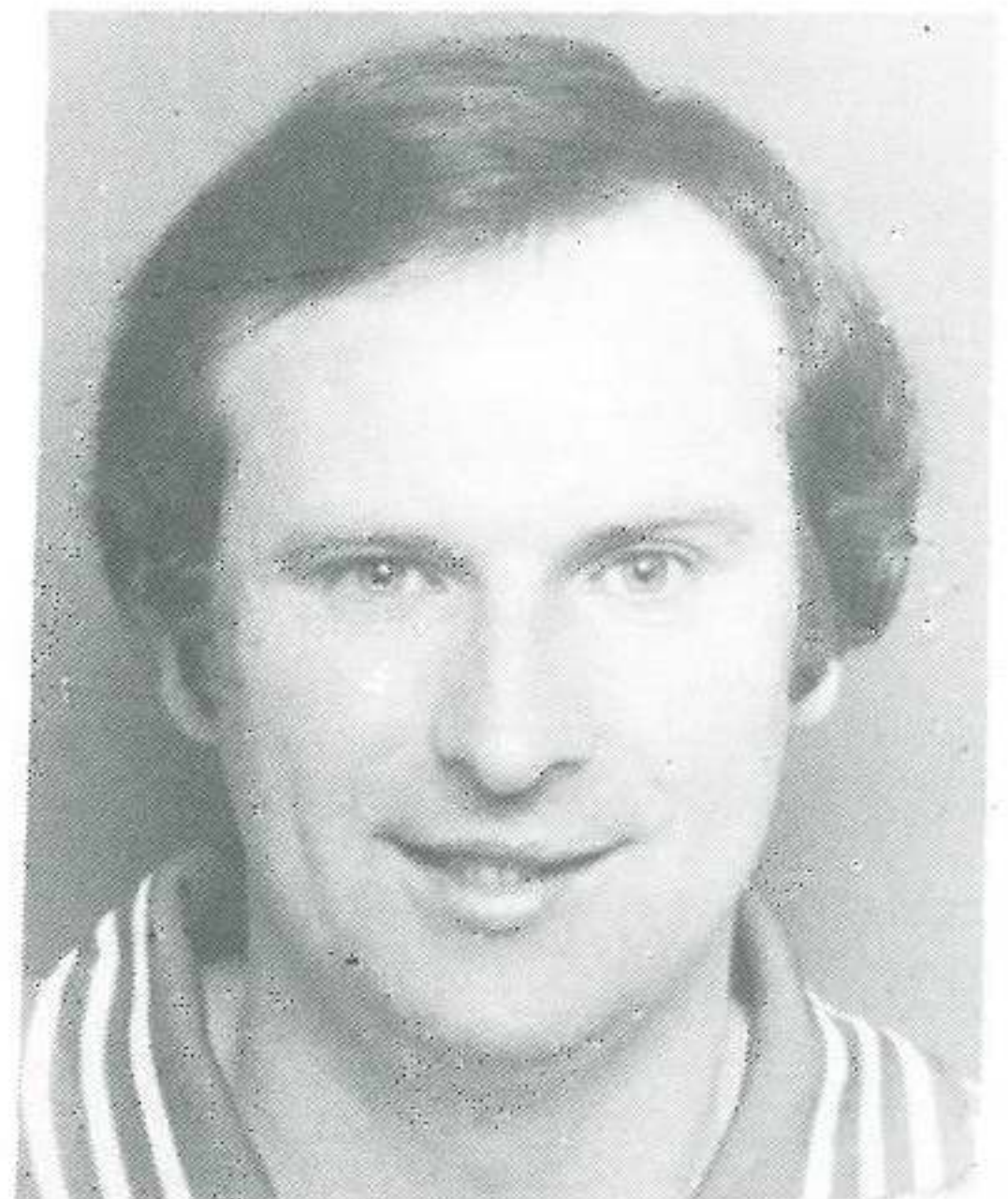
- Ulster Under-21 Hurling.....
- All-Ireland Colleges' Senior Football
- All-Ireland Colleges' Senior Hurling
- Connacht Minor Football
- 5. Ulster Colleges' senior football

Once more each question is worth five points. The section thus carries a possible 25 points over-all. **YOUR RECORD . . .**

An All Star winner in hurling this year is the central figure in our:

PERSONALITY PARADE

1. The hurler pictured here won his second All Star award in hurling in October. Who is he?.....



2. His first All Star award was gained in 1974. What position was he honoured in that year?.....

3. What club does our personality assist in local competitions?.....

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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 of one of our main trading partners are being felt. It's no surprise that some big Irish exporters are being caught by the collapse. It's no surprise that some big Irish exporters are being caught by the collapse.

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ON THE SPOT

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He won a B+I Line G.A.A. Personality of the Month award in June, but not in the position in which he was chosen by the All Stars selectors. What position was he honoured in by the B+I Line selectors?.....

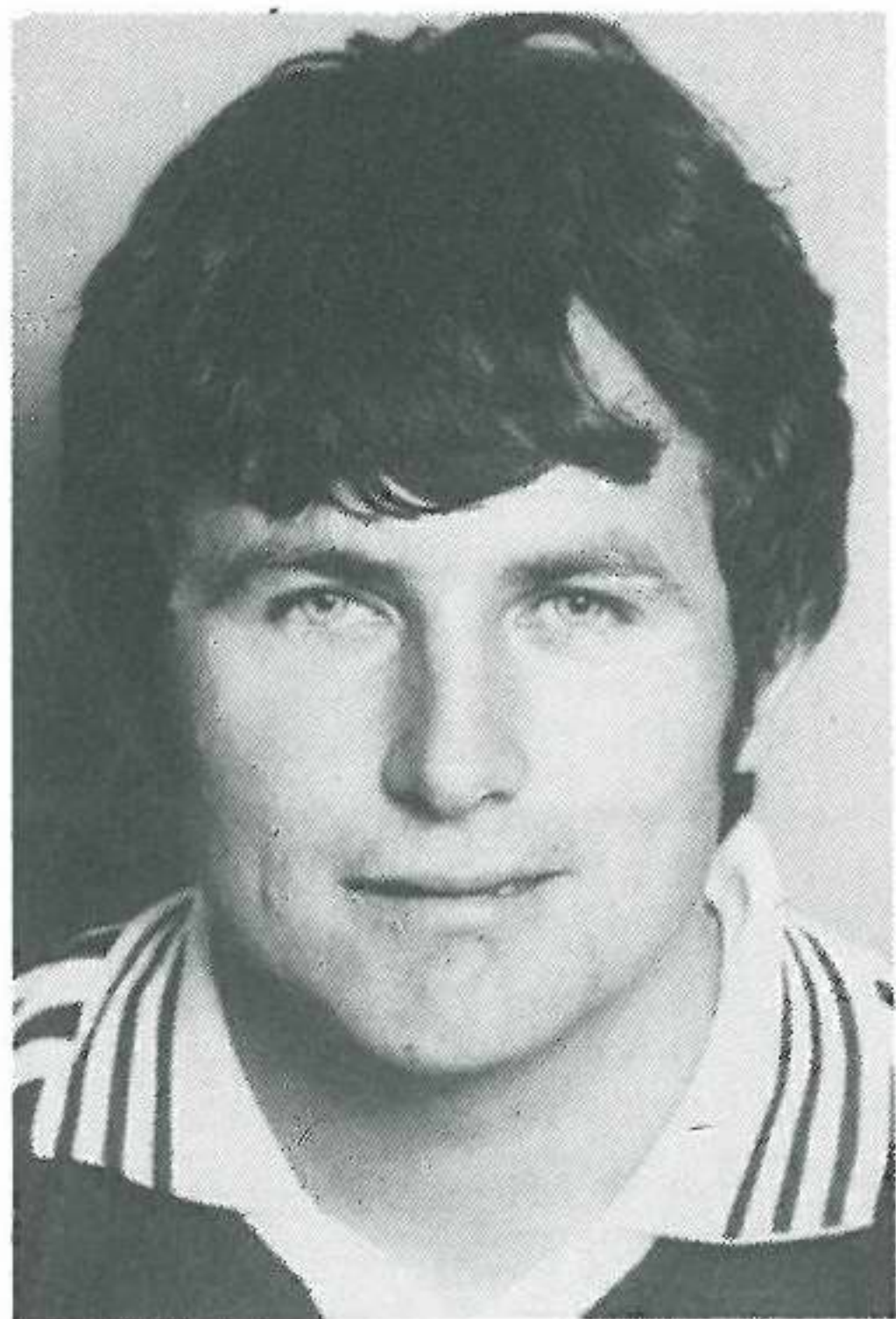
5. The subject of this section has still to win a Railway Cup medal. True or false?.....

Another section carrying 25 points over-all. But we will give a five points bonus for going "through the card" correctly, so it is possible to add 30 points here to the scoreline. YOUR MARKS

Let's end the quiz on the note of variety, covering all sports, and a ten questions section that will help to show just how much you know of events in 1982 in general covering the broad spectrum of Gaelic Games. We call this final collection of questions:

THE LAST TEN

1. History was made in the All-Ireland junior camogie final, with the title going to a certain county for the first time ever. Name the county concerned.....



2. Kilkenny won the National Senior Camogie League final last May. True or false?.....

3. Who captained James Stephens to the All-Ireland club senior hurling title in May?.....

4. The hurler pictured on this page scored a last gasp winning goal for Connacht in the Railway Cup final to earn them a dramatic win over Leinster. Who is he?

5. Name the winners of the All-Ireland club senior football championship last May.....

6. Ollie Harold, of Kilkenny, won what national senior title in handball in 1982?.....

7. Three young handballers won out in international trials in October for places in the Irish team to compete in the American Junior champion-

ships in December in Florida. Name just one of that trio of youthful stars

8. Who refereed the All-Ireland minor football final?.....

9. A bonus of five points here: What counties won the Dr. McKenna Cup in Ulster, and the O'Byrne Cup in Leinster in senior football?.....

10. We end with a comparatively recent game the All-Ireland under-21 football final. What was unique about that decider at Carrick-on-Shannon in mid-October?.....

This final series of questions will enrich your points total by 55 points if you are expert enough to get every one right. Each carries five points, with No. 9 being worth ten points. YOUR CONCLUDING RETURN

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

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1. Louth won their first title in any grade. 2. True. They beat Cork in the final. 3. Brian Cody. 4. P. J. Molloy (Galway). 5. Nemo Rangers, of Cork, who beat Garrymore, of Mayo. 6. Ollie Harold won the All-Ireland Coco-Cola open senior singles title for the first time. 7. The three handballers in the Irish team for the American Junior Championships in December are Ger Coughlan, John Duggan, both of Clare, and Eamonn O'Neill, of Limerick. 8. John Heaney (Tyronne). 9. Tyrone won the Dr. McKenna Cup, and Kildare took the O'Byrne Cup. 10. The game marked the first-ever appearance by Donegal in an All-Ireland championship final in any grade of football.

THE LAST TEN

1. John Galvin (Waterford). 2. Middlefield. 3. Portlaoigh. 4. Fullback. 5. True.

PERSONALITY PARADE

Flannan's, Ennis. 4. Galway. 5. St. Patrick's High School, Maghera.

1. Liam Fennelly. 2. No goals were scored in that game: Kerry 0.11; Cork 0.11. 3. Tony Doran did not score at all. 4. Jimmy Deenihan. 5. Cork lost to Wexford, and Waterford were beaten by Kilkenny in a replay in hurling. Armagh lost to Kerry, and Offaly went under to Cork in football — Brian Cody led Kilkenny to the title.

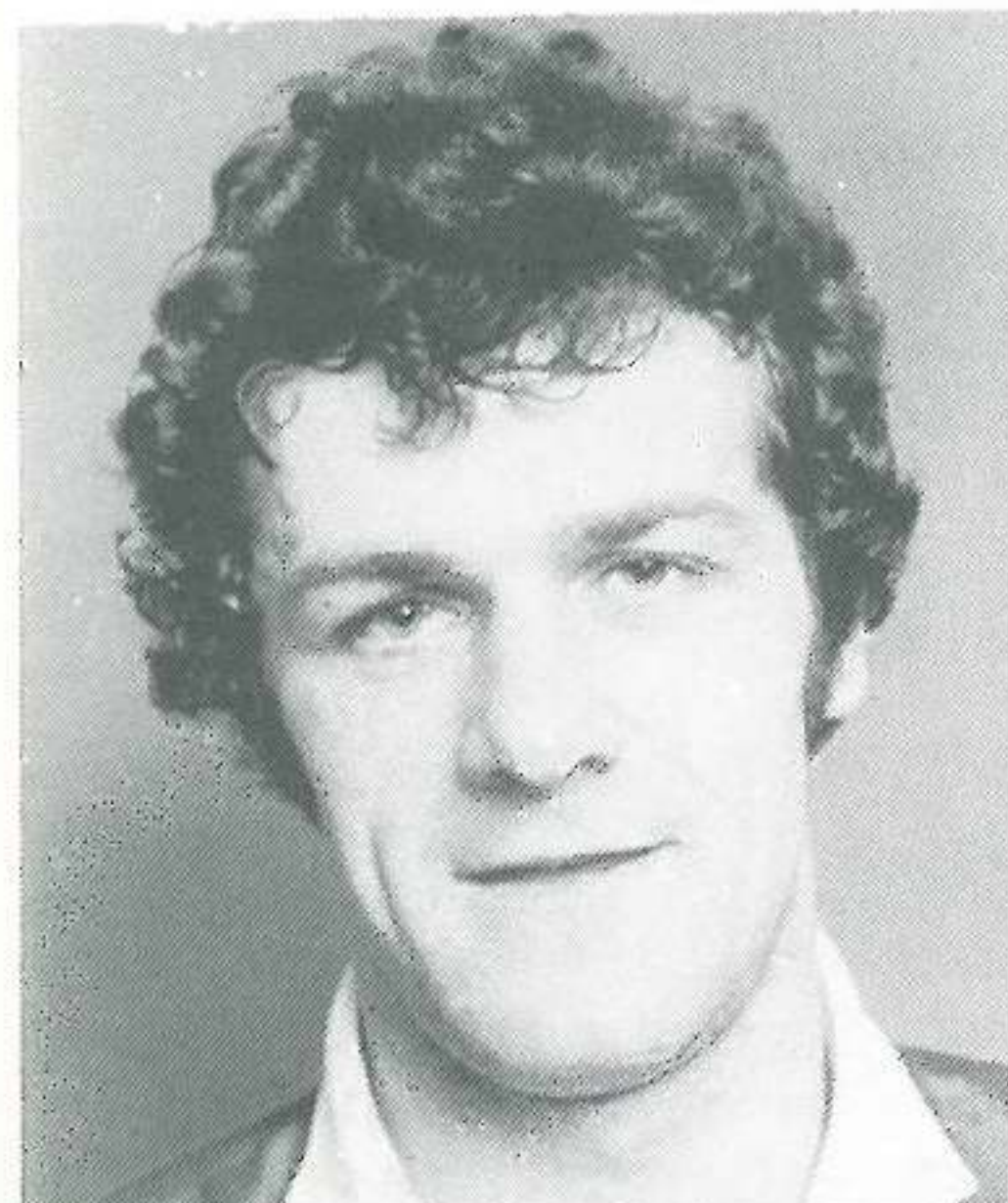
THE LEAGUES ANSWERS

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MARTIN FURLONG (Offaly)



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As a result, the guide provides a valuable reference to the entire championship campaign, showing just how the games were won and lost and who scored what along the way.

This is a new GAELIC SPORT service, and one that will be of much interest to readers. The review will also help to solve many arguments just at a time when enthusiasts look back on past happenings to brighten the dull days of winter.

The review starts with the provincial championships and follows on right through to the All-Ireland finals.

FOOTBALL

LEINSTER

May 9: Kildare 4-10; Kilkenny 1-2 — at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. Kildare: G. Power 2-4; T. Shaw 1-2; N. Byrne 1-1; P. Kelly, S. Fahy, C. Moran 0-1 each. Kilkenny: M. Fitzgerald 1-0; D. Hoyne 0-2.

May 16: Longford 0-12; Meath 0-11 — at Tullamore. Longford: J. McCormack 0-6; G. Crowe 0-3; L. Tierney 0-2; P. Masterson 0-1. Meath: M. Downes 0-5; C. O'Rourke 0-2; K. Rennicks, F. O'Sullivan, E. Barry, L. Hayes 0-1 each.

Louth 2-13; Carlow 0-8 — at Croke Park. Louth: K. Dawe 1-2; P. O'Hare 0-5; D. Kelleher 1-1; Jimmy McDonnell 0-2; John McDonnell, M. McDermott, M. Carr 0-1 each. Carlow: W. Cullen 0-4; J. Walsh 0-2; J. Owens, T. O'Dwyer 0-1 each.

May 23: Westmeath 1-8; Wicklow 0-11. Draw — at Newbridge. Westmeath: F. Tone 0-5; C. Flanagan 1-0; M. Behan 0-2; S. Conroy 0-1. Wicklow: C. Murphy, P. Baker, P. Byrne, T. Murphy 0-2 each; P. O'Byrne, O. Doyle, and M. Coffey 0-1 each.

June 6: Westmeath 3-7; Wicklow 2-5. Replay — at Croke Park. Westmeath: S. Conroy 1-2; M. Clarke 1-1; E. Coughlan 1-0; W. Lowry 0-2; M. Behan, F. Tone 0-1 each. Wicklow: P. Baker 1-3; P. Byrne 1-1; T. Murphy 0-1.

Kildare 1-17; Wexford 1-9 — at Croke Park. Kildare: L. Tompkins 0-8; T. Shaw 1-2; N. Byrne 0-2; S. Fahy 0-2; J. Giblin, G. Power, P. Farrell 0-1 each. Wexford: G. Howlin 1-1; E. Mahon 0-2; M. Carty 0-2; S. Fitzhenry 0-2; G. O'Connor, M. Henderick 0-1 each.

Dublin 1-15; Longford 2-6 — at Tullamore. Dublin: B. Rock 1-10; N. Gaffney 0-2; J. Kearns 0-1; C. Duff 0-1; P. Canavan 0-1. Longford: J. McCormack 1-4; G. Crowe 1-0; P. Molloy, P. Kiernan 0-1 each.

June 13: Offaly 0-17; Louth 0-8 — at Croke Park. Offaly: M. Connor 0-8; B. Lowry 0-3; G. Carroll 0-2; O. Minnock 0-2; P. Dunne, P. Healy 0-1 each. Louth: J. P. O'Kane 0-3; P. O'Hare 0-2; E. Judge, J. McDonnell, B. Gaughran 0-1 each.

Laois 2-9; Westmeath 1-7 — at Croke Park. Laois: B. Millar, J. Ramsbottom 1-2 each; M. Moore 0-3; E. Whelan, G. Browne 0-1 each. Westmeath: W. Lowry 1-1; E. Coughlan 0-2; M. Fagan 0-2; C. Flanagan, F. Tone 0-1 each.

SEMI-FINALS

June 27: Offaly 3-13; Laois 1-15 — at Tullamore. Offaly: M. Connor 0-9; B. Lowry 1-2; J. Guinan 1-1; B. Carroll 1-0; S. Lowry 0-1. Laois: J. Ramsbottom 0-6; E. Whelan 1-2; B. Millar 0-3; T. Prendergast 0-2; C. Browne, M. Moore 0-1 each.

July 4: Dublin 1-13; Kildare 0-12 — at Navan. Dublin: B. Rock 0-7; C. Duff 1-0; N. Gaffney, A. McCaul, A. Walsh 0-2 each. Kildare: L. Tompkins 0-6; G. Power 0-2; D. Kavanagh, S. Fahy, N. Byrne, C. Moran 0-1 each.

FINAL

August 1: Offaly 1-16; Dublin 1-7 — at Croke Park. Offaly: Seamus Darby 1-3; M. Connor 0-3; J. Guinan 0-3; G. Carroll 0-3; L. O'Mahony 0-2; B. Lowry 0-1. Dublin: N. Gaffney 1-1; B. Rock 0-2; J. Kearins 0-2; C. Duff, A. McCaul 0-1 each.

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May 9: Tipperary 0-11; Waterford 0-9 — at Clonmel. Tipperary: G. McGrath 0-4; T. McGrath 0-3; F. Kelly 0-2; B. Conway 0-1; S. McCarthy 0-1. Waterford: O. O'Brien 0-5; J. Butler 0-2; T. Hayes, T. O'Keefe 0-1 each.

May 16: Clare 4-12; Limerick 0-8 — at Ennis. Clare: Sean Moloney 1-5; Anthony Moloney 2-0; G. Fitzpatrick, P. McNamara 0-3 each; M. Brew 1-0; D. O'Donoghue 0-1. Limerick: T. Cummins, A. McCallan 0-2 each; P. Barrett, G. Collins, K. Hanley, F. Ryan 0-1 each.

SEMI-FINALS

June 6: Kerry 1-15; Clare 0-7 — at Ennis. Kerry: M. Sheehy 0-6; E. Liston 1-1; Pat Spillane 0-3; G. Power 0-2; D. Moran, T. Doyle, V. O'Connor 0-1 each. Clare: P. McNamara 0-2; Sean Moloney, Anthony Moloney, T. Bonfil, C. Fitzpatrick, N. Roche 0-1 each.

Cork 1-19; Tipperary 1-5 — at Fermoy. Cork: T. O'Reilly 0-5; D. Allen, D. Barry, E. Fitzgerald 0-4 each; D. McCarthy 1-0; T. Murphy 0-2. Tipperary: O. Meagher 1-2; S. McCarthy 0-2; L. Conroy 0-1.

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July 4: Cork 0-9; Kerry 0-9 — at Pairc Ui Chaoimh, Draw. Cork: M. Burns, D. Allen, D. Barron, D. McCarthy 0-2 each; T. O'Reilly 0-1. Kerry: M. Sheehy 0-5; S. Walsh 0-3; E. Liston 0-1.

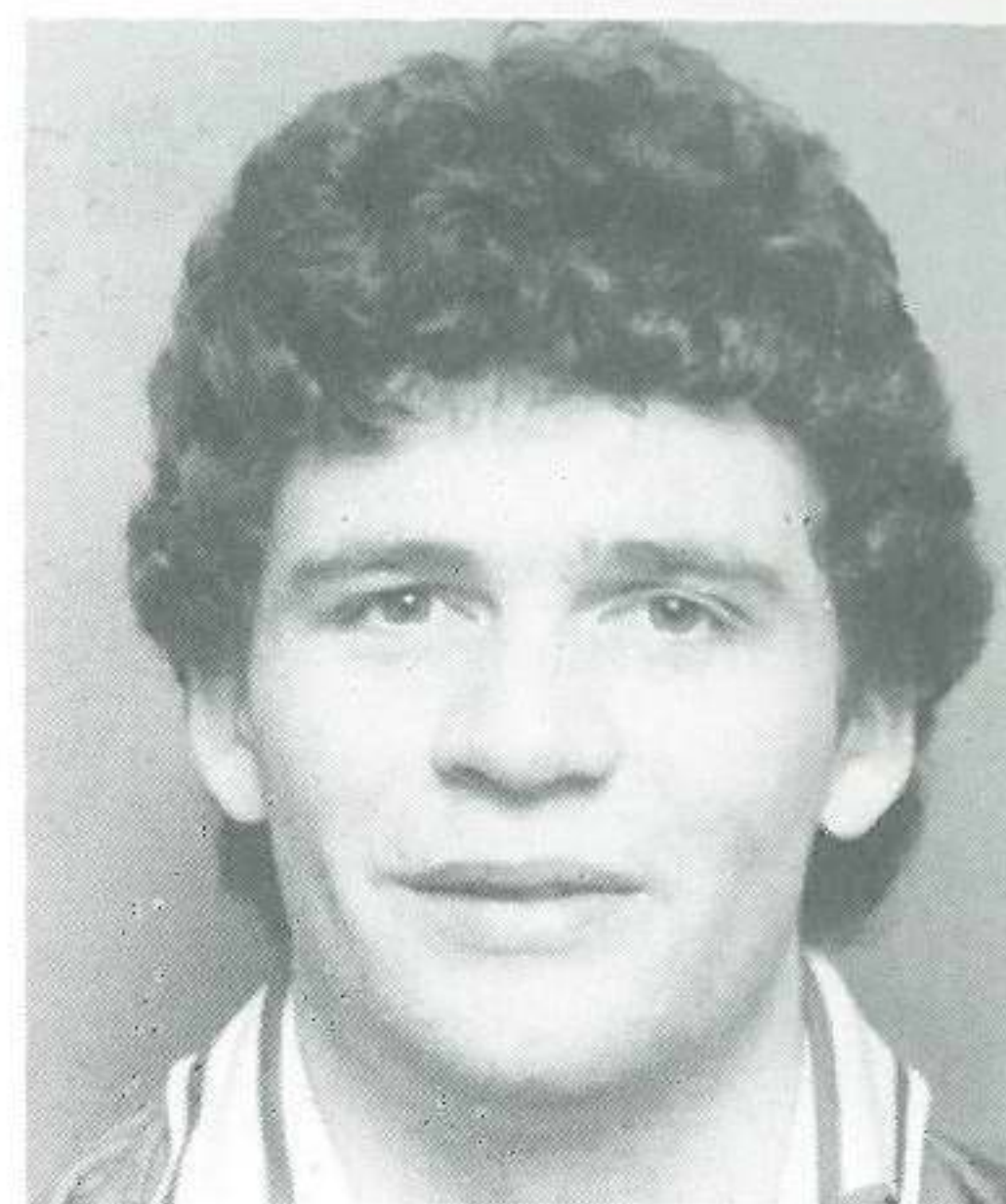
August 1: Kerry 2-18; Cork 0-12 — at Killarney. Replay. Kerry: M. Sheehy 2-4; D. Moran, E. Liston, Tom Spillane 0-4 each; J. Egan, J. O'Shea 0-1 each. Cork: D. Allen 0-4; E. Fitzgerald 0-3; D. McCarthy 0-2; M. Burns, T. Murphy, T. O'Reilly 0-1 each.

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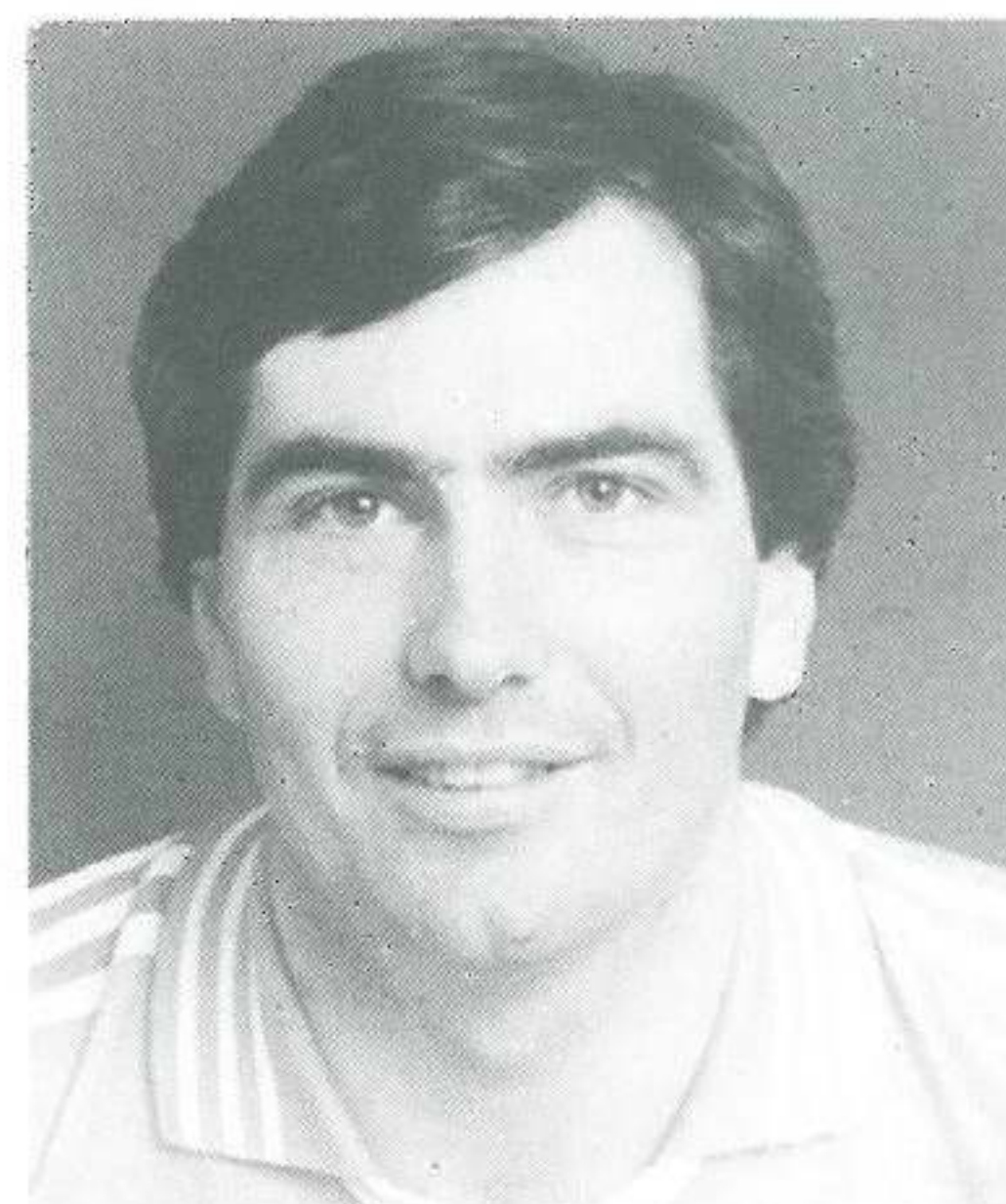
May 16: Tyrone 1-9; Monaghan 0-9 — at Dungannon. Tyrone: E. Bradley 1-2; G. Taggart, B. Donnelly 0-3 each; S. Daly 0-1. Monaghan: C. Finlay 0-5; N. McKenna 0-2; S. McAleer, D. McElligott 0-1 each.

May 23: Antrim 1-7; Cavan 0-8 — at Cavan. Antrim: E. McToal 1-1; A. McQuillan 0-4; S. McAuley, L. Perry 0-1 each. Cavan: D. Donoghue 0-3; P. McNamee 0-2; B. Tierney, F. McDonagh, M. Faulkner 0-1 each.

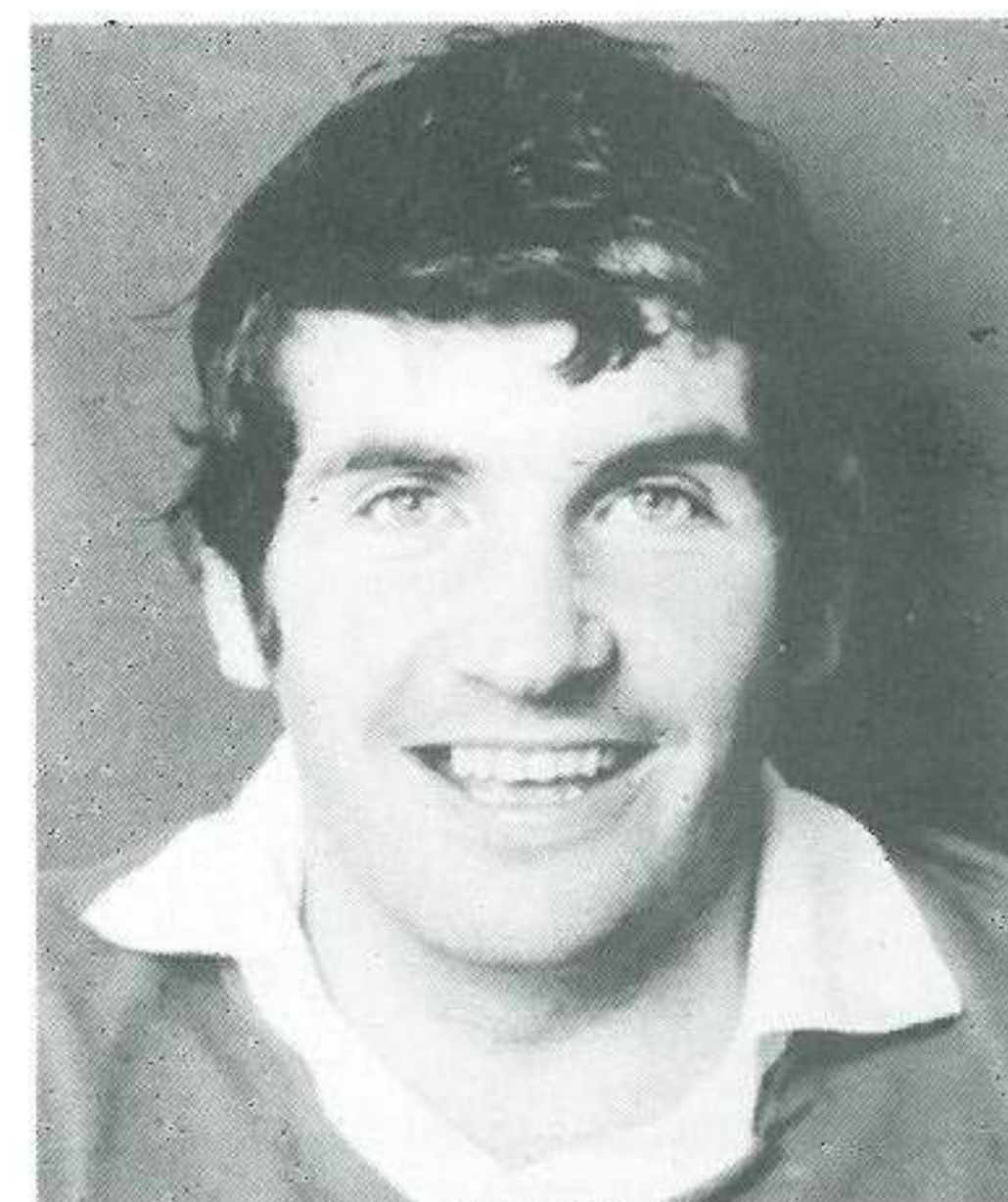
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May 30: Armagh 1-11; Donegal 0-13 — at Ballybofey. Armagh: M. McDonald 1-1; J. Corvan 0-4; F. McMahon 0-2; J. Kernan, D. Dowling, B. Hughes, P. Moriarty 0-1 each. Donegal: M. McHugh 0-8; C. Mulgrew, K. Keaney 0-2 each; M. Griffin 0-1.

June 6: Fermanagh 1-9; Derry 1-8 — at Irvinestown. Fermanagh: A. Mulligan 1-2; P. McGinnity 0-2; A. Jones, B. Reilly, P. McKenna, G. McElroy, D. Corrigan 0-1 each. Derry: E. Brolly 0-3; P. Murphy 1-0; P. Duggan, J. Irwin 0-2 each; D. Barton 0-1.

June 13: Tyrone 1-12; Down 0-11 — at Newry. Tyrone: T. Feddis 0-6; F. McGuigan 1-0; B. Donnelly 0-2; F. Rafferty, E. McKenna, S. Daly, G. Taggart 0-1 each. Down: G. Blaney 0-5; B. McGovern 0-4; P. Brown, N. King 0-1 each.

SEMI-FINALS

June 20: Armagh 1-20; Antrim 1-6 — at Clones. Armagh: F. McMahon 0-6; J. Corvan 1-3; S. Devlin, M. McDonald 0-3 each; D. Dowling 0-2; C. McKinstry, P. Rafferty, P. Moriarty 0-1 each. Antrim: P. O'Hare 1-1; A. McQuillan 0-3; D. Armstrong, L. Perry 0-1 each.

June 27: Fermanagh 1-8; Tyrone 0-10 — at Cavan. Fermanagh: D. Corrigan 1-3; P. McGinnity 0-5. Tyrone: T. Feddis 0-5; F. McGuigan 0-2; M. Bradley, K. McCabe, G. Taggart 0-1 each.

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July 18: Armagh 0-10; Fermanagh 1-4 — at Clones. Armagh: F. McMahon, D. Dowling 0-3 each; J. Corvan 0-2; A. Short, J. Kernan 0-1 each. Fermanagh: P. McGinnity 1-2; P. McKenna 0-2.

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May 23: Leitrim 1-13; London 0-5 — at London. Leitrim: F. Smyth 0-4; M. Martin 0-3; S. Mulhern 1-0; O. Honeyman 0-2; E. Duignan, J. Ward, M. Quinn, P. Flanagan 0-1 each. London: B. Grealish 0-3; P. Canavan, J. McPartland 0-1 each.

June 6: Roscommon 3-8; Sligo 0-13 — at Roscommon. Roscommon: M. Finneran 2-0; Dermot Earley 0-3; P. McNeill 1-0; Tony McManus 0-2; Paul Early 0-1. Sligo: M. Hoey 0-4; J. Kearins 0-3; R. Henerby; J. Kent 0-2 each; E. McHale, M. McGarrick 0-1 each.

SEMI-FINALS

June 13: Mayo 2-7; Leitrim 1-7 — at Carrick-on-Shannon. Mayo: J. Lyons, T. Reilly 1-0 each; T. O'Malley 0-3; H. Gavin, W. J. Padden, D. McGrath, J. McGrath 0-1 each. Leitrim: M. Quinn 1-3; E. Duignan 0-2; F. Houlihan, M. Martin 0-1 each.

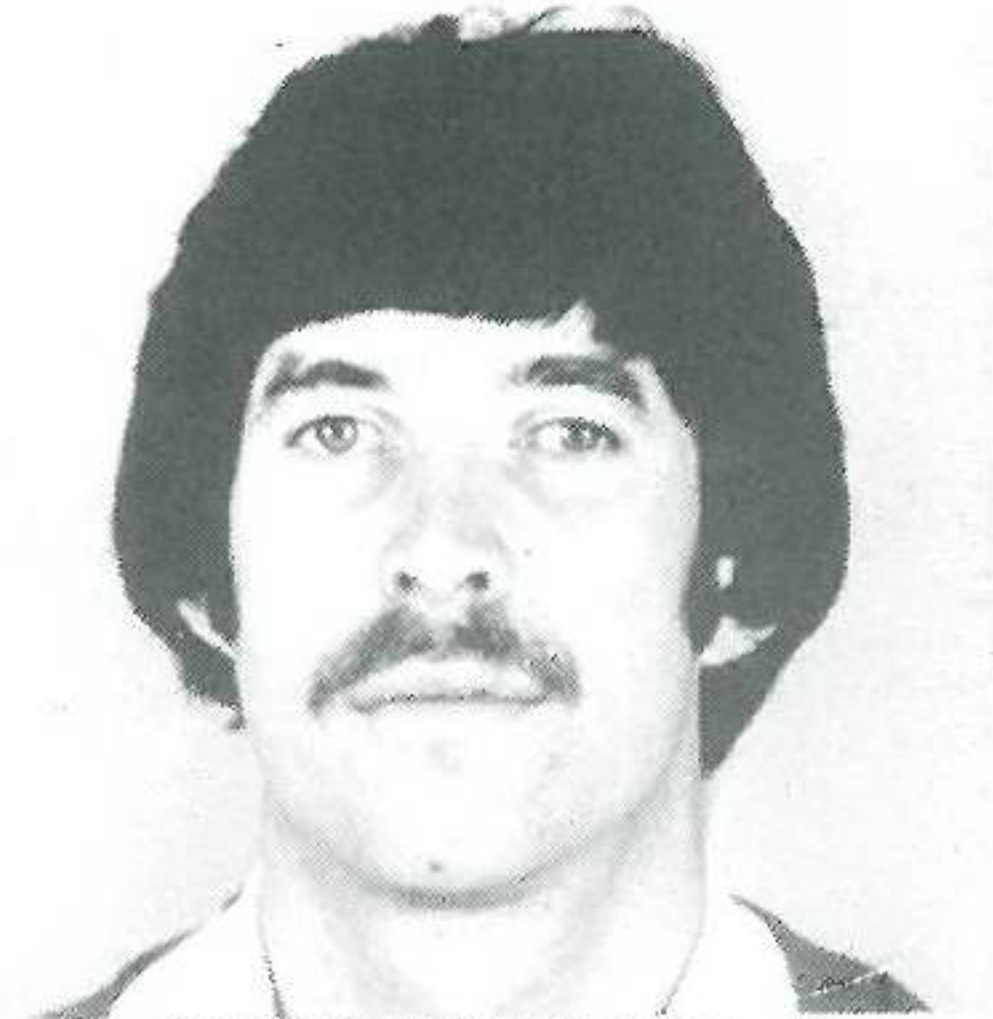
June 20: Galway 1-9; Roscommon 0-9 — at Roscommon. Galway: G. McManus 0-6; S. Joyce 1-0; V. Daly, P. O'Neill, R. Lee 0-1 each. Roscommon: D. Earley 0-5; M. Finneran 0-3; J. O'Connor 0-1.

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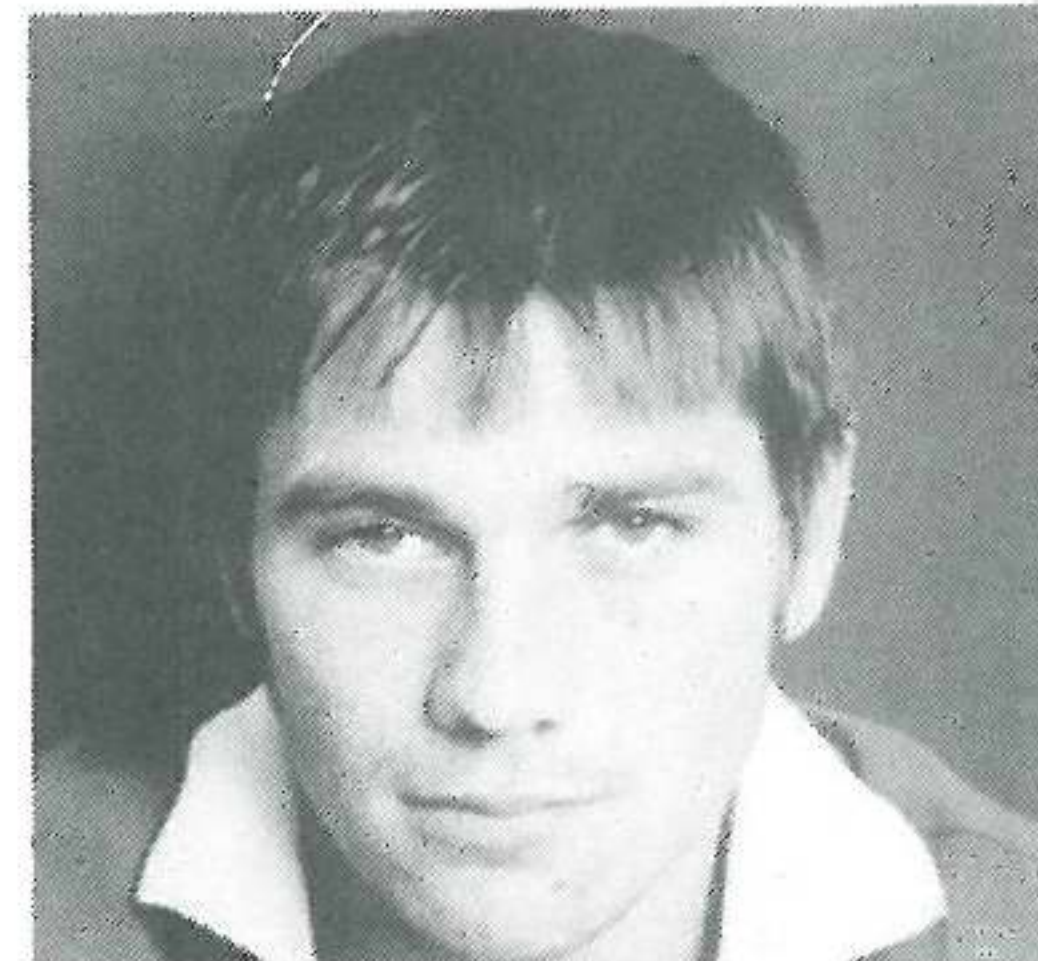
July 11: Galway 3-17; Mayo 0-10 — at Tuam. Galway: R. Lee 2-0; B. Brennan 0-6; G. McManus 0-5; S. Joyce 1-1; V. Daly 0-3; B. Talty, P. Conroy 0-1 each. Mayo: M. Carney 0-6; J. Bourke 0-2; W. J. Padden, T. J. Kilgallon 0-1 each.



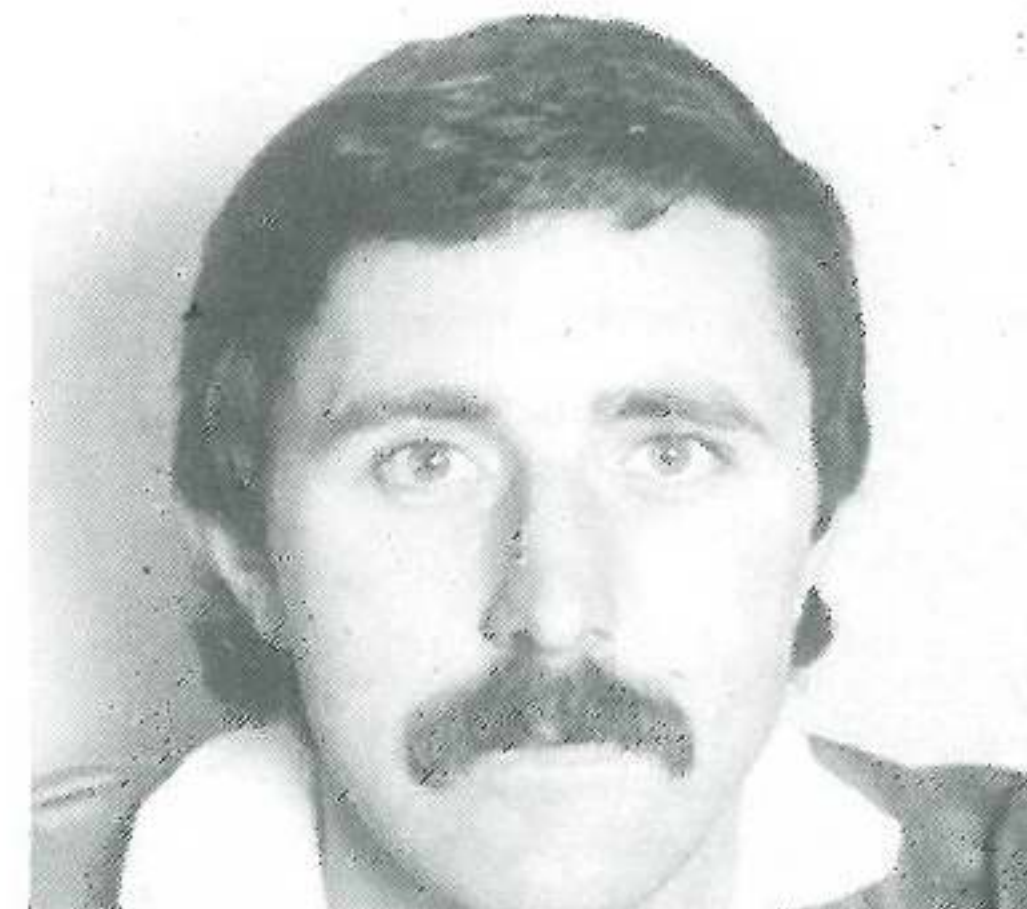
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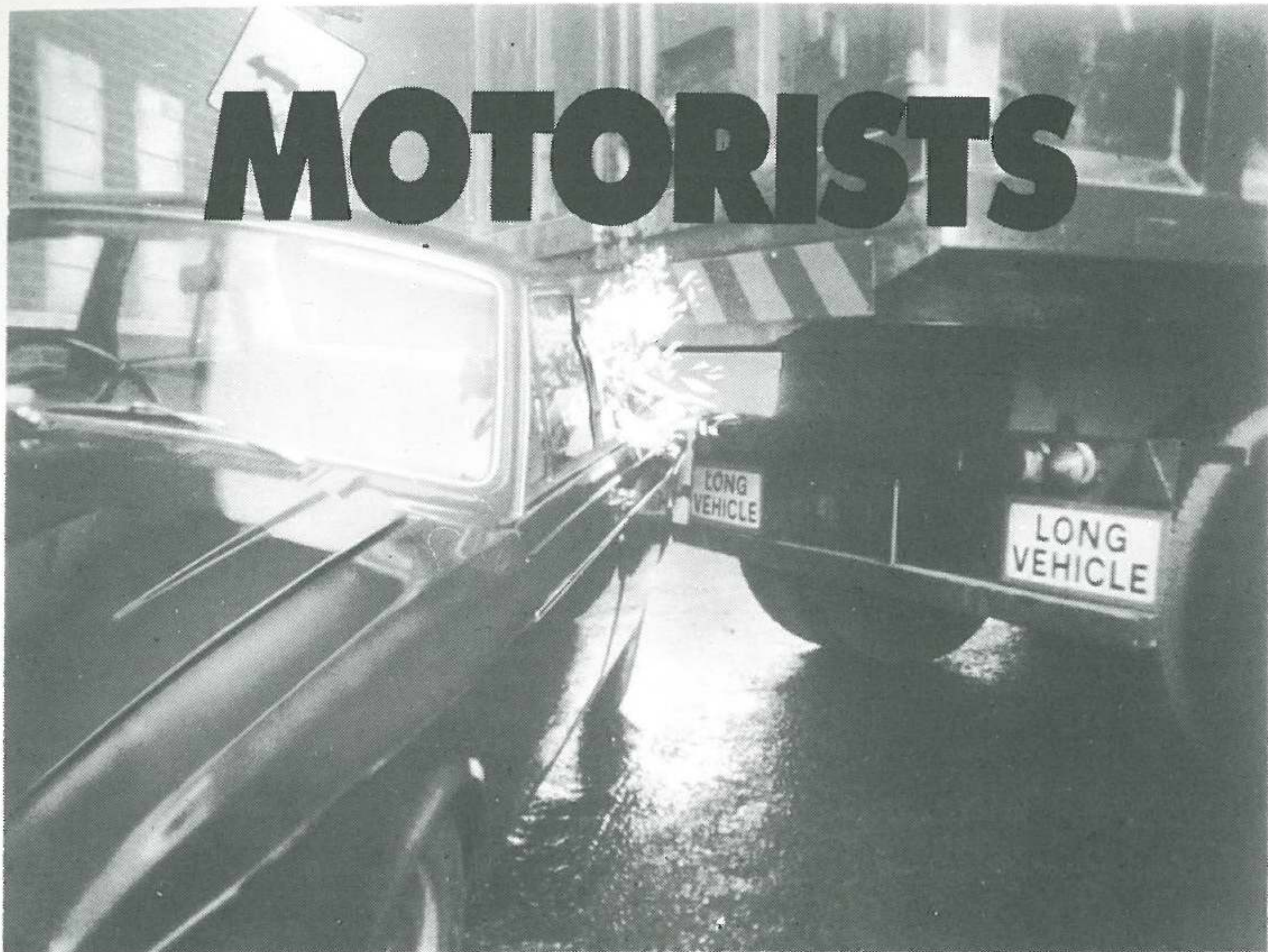
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August 15: Kerry 3-15; Armagh 1-11 — at Croke Park. Kerry: M. Sheehy 1-4; E. Liston 1-3; J. Egan 1-1; G. Power 0-2; Tom Spillane 0-2; D. Moran 0-2; S. Walsh 0-1. Armagh: J. Kernan 1-3; J. Corvan 0-3; F. McMahon 0-2; B. Hughes, N. Marley, B. McKeown 0-1 each.

August 22: Offaly 1-12; Galway 1-11 — at Croke Park. Offaly: M. Connor 0-7; B. Lowry 1-1; J. Mooney 0-2; G. Carroll, R. Connor 0-1 each. Galway: B. Brennan 0-5; T. Naughton 1-0; S. Joyce 0-2; R. Lee, V. Daly, B. Talty, P. O'Neill 0-1 each.

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September 19: Offaly 1-15; Kerry 0-17 — at Croke Park. Offaly: M. Connor 0-7; Seamus Darby 1-0; Brendan Lowry 0-3; J. Mooney 0-2; P. Fitzgerald, Sean Lowry, L. Currams 0-1 each. Kerry: M. Sheehy, J. Egan, Tom Spillane 0-3 each; Paud O'Shea 0-2; Jack O'Shea, Pat Spillane 0-1 each.

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May 30: Westmeath 2-12; Dublin 2-11 — at Croke Park. Westmeath: M. Ryan 2-6; M. Cosgrave 0-2; J. J. Lynch 0-2; P. Dalton, E. Gallagher 0-1 each. Dublin: G. Hayes 0-7; J. Cunningham 1-2; M. Morris 1-1; P. McLoughlin 0-1.

Offaly 2-16; Wexford 3-12 — at Croke Park. Offaly: P. Horan 1-7; P. Carroll 0-2; B. Bermingham 1-0; M. Corrigan, P. Kirwan 0-2 each; P. Delaney, J. Kelly, J. Flaherty 0-1 each. Wexford: S. Kinsella 1-3; T. Doran, M. Quigley 1-1 each; M. Jacob, G. O'Connor, J. Murphy 0-2 each; N. Buggy 0-1.

SEMI-FINALS

June 20: Kilkenny 7-31; Westmeath 0-13 — at Croke Park. Kilkenny: B. Fitzpatrick 2-6; C. Heffernan 1-4; Liam Fennelly 1-4; Ger Fennelly 1-3; B. Purcell 0-6; R. Power, J. Hennessy 1-2 each; F. Cummins, M. Ruth, T. McCormack, P. Lennon 0-1 each. Westmeath: M. Cosgrove 0-6; J. J. Lynch, J. Fitzsimons 0-2 each; P. Dalton, D. Kilcoyne, M. Ryan 0-1 each.

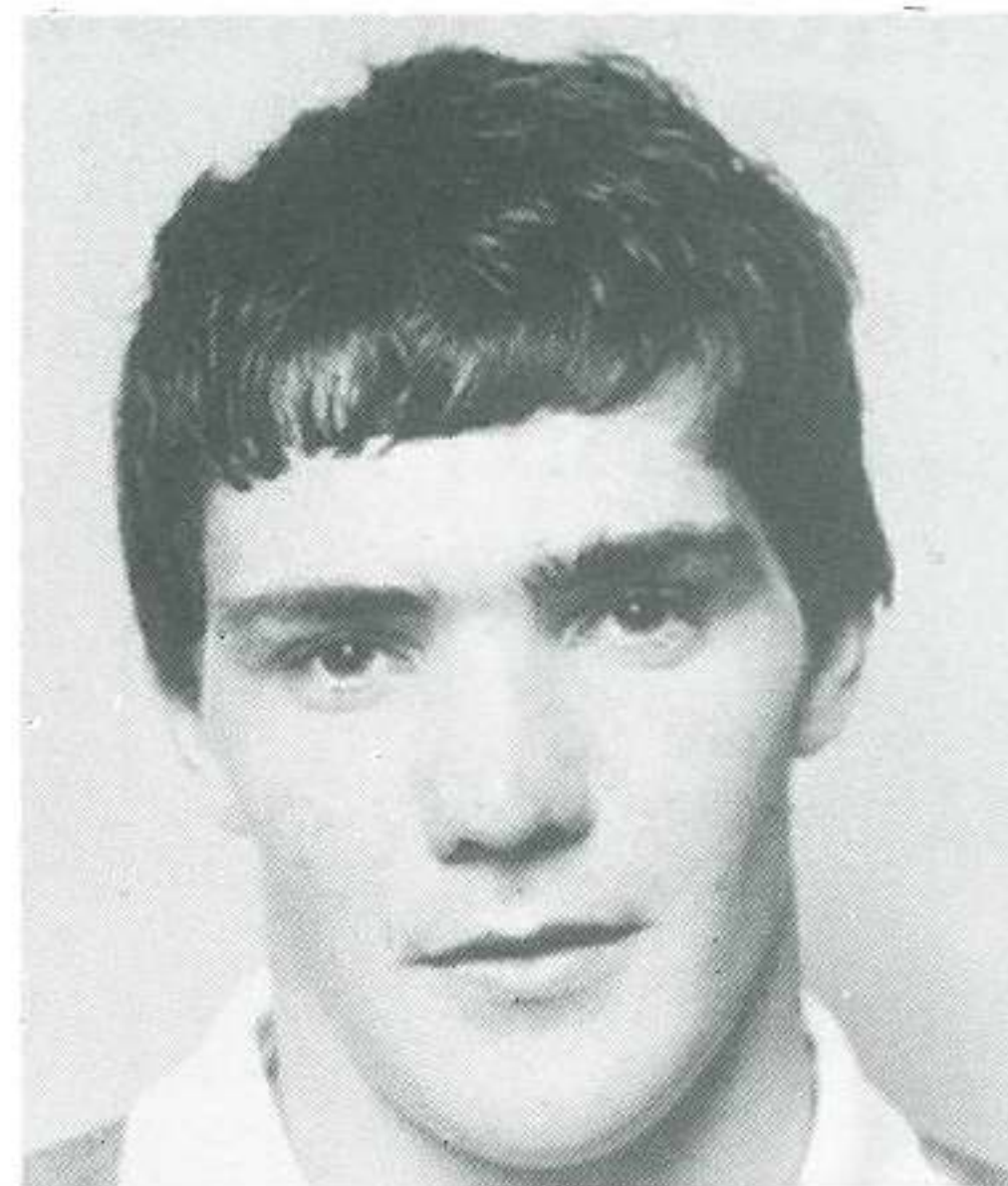
Offaly 3-14; Laois 3-14 — at Croke Park. Draw. Offaly: P. Horan 2-2; J. Flaherty 1-3; P. Carroll 0-3; P. Delaney, A. Fogarty, J. Kelly, L. Currams, B. Bermingham, M. Corrigan 0-1 each. Laois: B. Bohane 0-4; P. Critchley 1-1; C. Jones, M. Brophy 0-3; P. J. Cuddy, M. Cuddy 1-0 each; M. Walsh 0-2; E. Fennelly 0-1.

July 11: Offaly 2-17; Laois 0-14 — at Croke Park. Replay. Offaly: P. Horan 1-5; J. Flaherty 1-3; M. Corrigan 0-3; B. Bermingham, L. Currams 0-2 each; A. Fogarty, P. Carroll 0-1 each. Laois: M. Walsh 0-6; M. Brophy 0-3; C. Jones 0-2; E. Fennelly, P. Critchley, M. Cuddy 0-1 each.

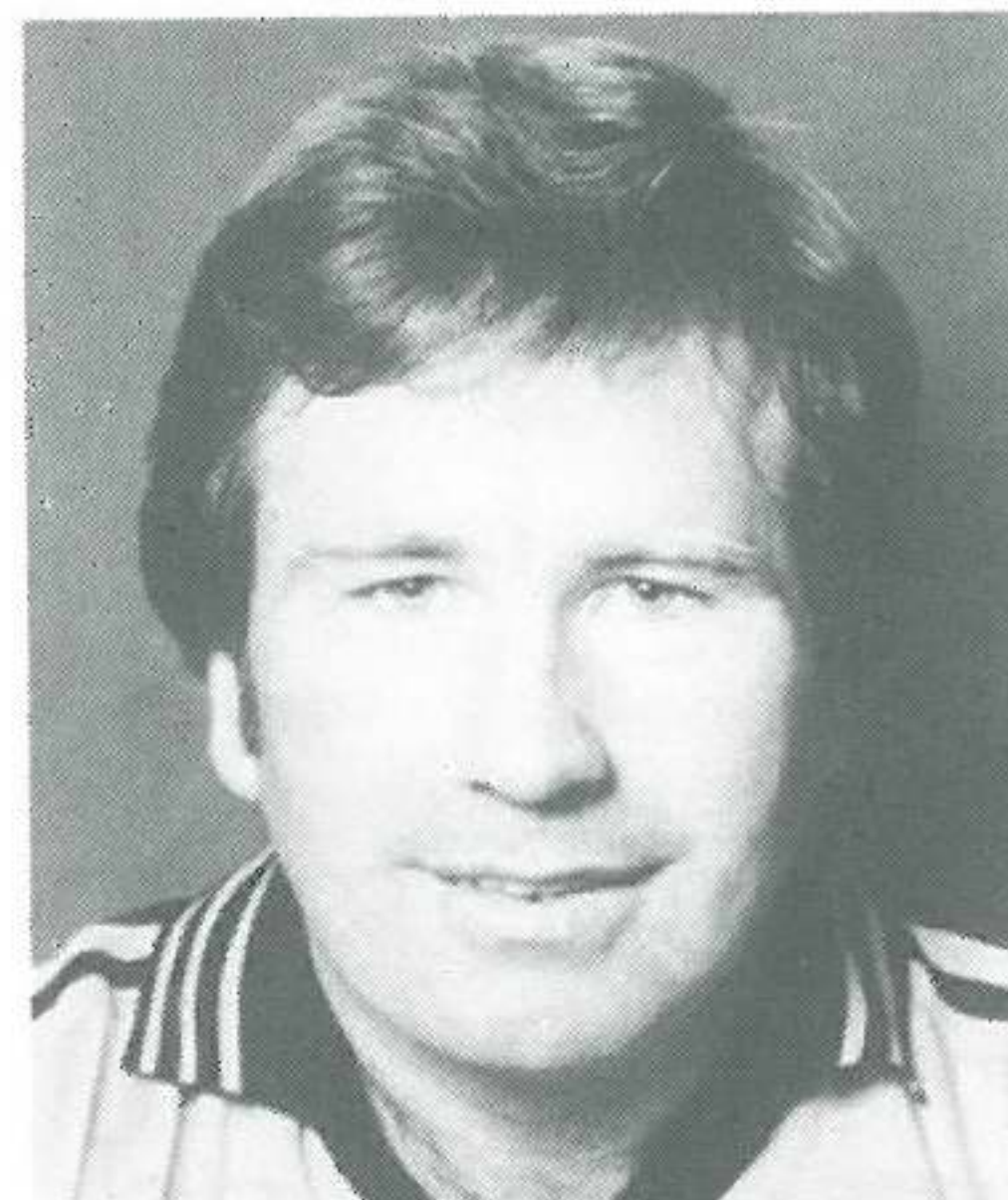
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July 25: Kilkenny 1-11; Offaly 0-12 — at Croke Park. Kilkenny: B. Fitzpatrick 0-5; M. Ruth 1-0; K. Brennan 0-2; G. Fennelly, R. Power, J. Hennessy, F. Cummins 0-1 each. Offaly: P. Horan, J. Flaherty 0-3 each; L. Currams 0-2; P. Delaney, J. Kelly, M. Corrigan, P. Kirwan 0-1 each.

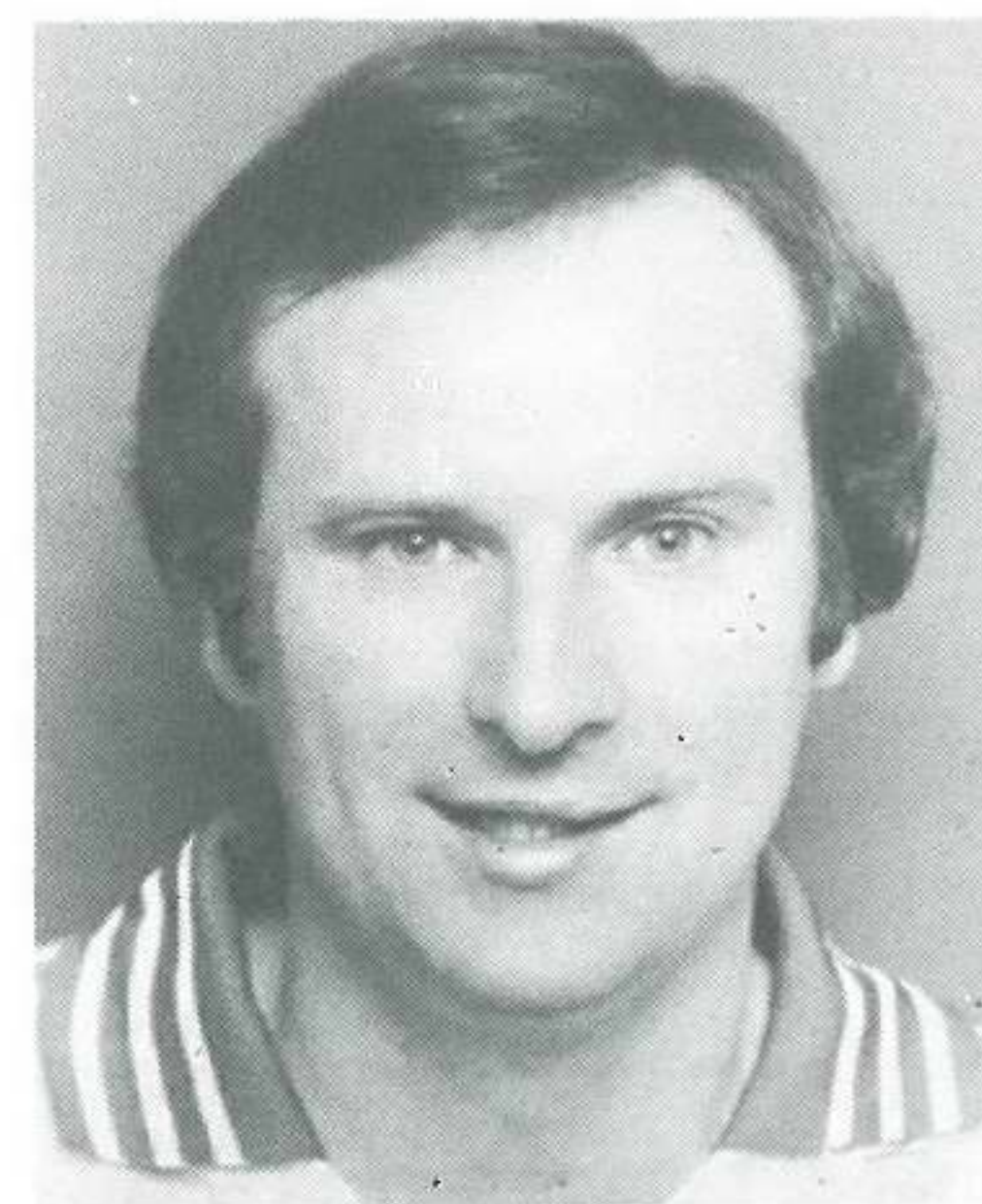
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May 30: Cork 1-19; Tipperary 2-8 — at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. Cork: T. O'Sullivan 0-7; J. Barry-Murphy 1-3; P. Hogan 0-3; T. Cashman, T. Crowley 0-2 each; S. O'Leary; B. Og Murphy 0-1 each. Tipperary: N. O'Dwyer 1-1; M. McGrath 1-0; P. McGrath 0-3; B. Carroll, R. Ryan, P. Fox, N. English 0-1 each.

SEMI-FINALS

June 13: Waterford 2-14; Limerick 2-13 — at Thurles. Waterford: P. Curram 1-2; J. Greene 0-5; S. Breen 1-1; E. Nolan 0-2; T. Casey, P. McGrath, P. Bennett 0-1 each. Limerick: E. Cregan 1-4; J. McKenna 1-1; J. Flanagan 0-4; O. O'Connor 0-2; M. Grimes, D. Murray 0-1 each.

June 20: Cork 3-19; Clare 2-6 — at Thurles. Cork: K. Hennessy 2-1; T. O'Sullivan 0-7; S. O'Leary 1-1; T. Cashman, J. Fenton, T. Crowley, B. Og Murphy 0-2 each; P. Horgan, J. Barry-Murphy 0-1 each. Clare: V. Donnellan 1-1; G. McInerney 1-0; J. Callanan, P. Russell 0-2 each; S. Fitzpatrick 0-1.

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July 18: Cork 5-31; Waterford 3-6 — at Thurles. Cork: S. O'Leary 4-0; T. O'Sullivan 0-12; P. Horgan 0-9; R. Cummins 1-2; J. Barry-Murphy 0-3; E. O'Donoghue 0-3; J. Fenton 0-2. Waterford: T. Casey 1-2; J. Greene, M. Whelan 1-0 each; P. Bennett 0-3; M. Walsh 0-1.

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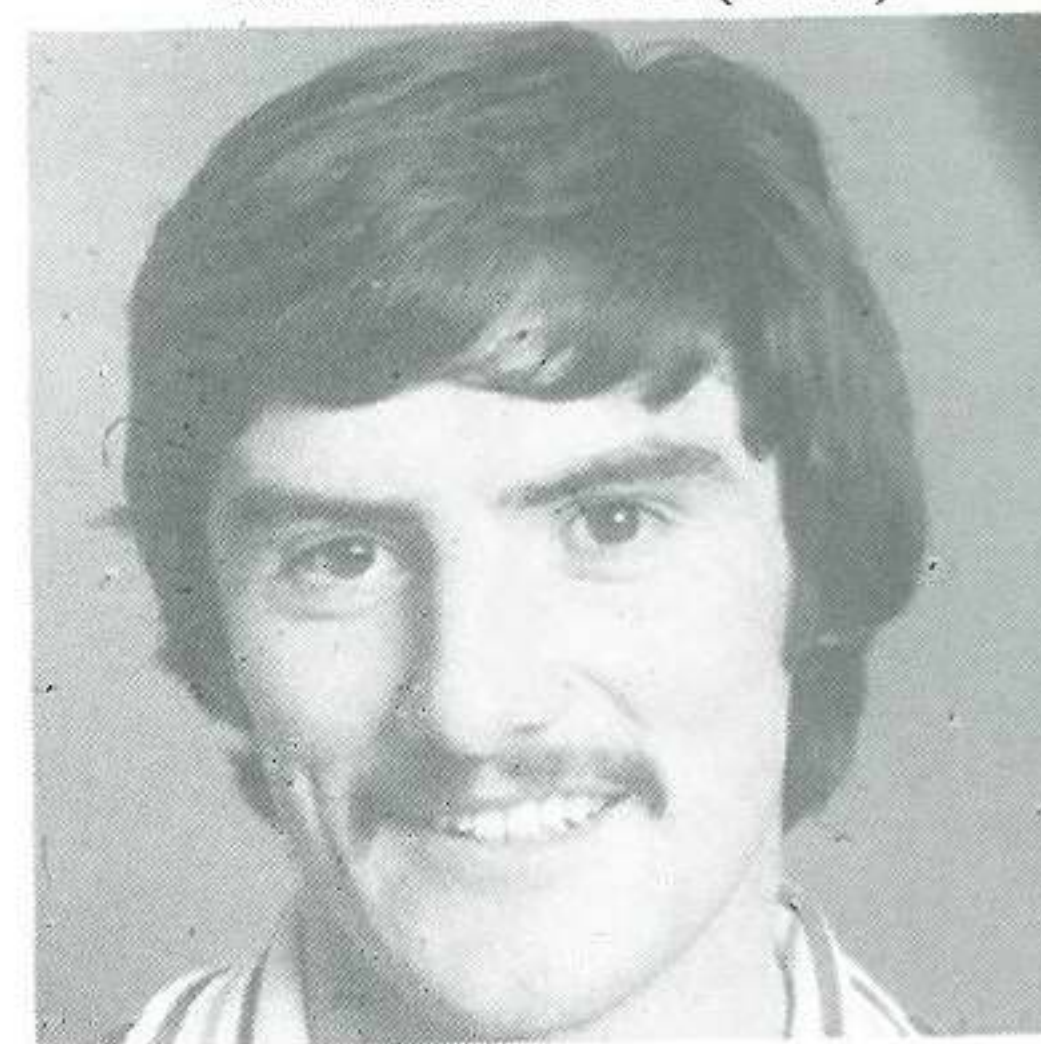
August 8: Kilkenny 2-20; Galway 2-10 — at Croke Park. Kilkenny: R. Power 1-3; W. Fitzpatrick 0-6; K. Brennan 0-4; G. Fennelly, C. Heffernan 0-3 each; Liam Fennelly 1-0; N. Skehan 0-1. Galway: P. J. Molloy 1-2; N. Lane, S. Mahon 0-3 each; M. Connolly 1-0; Joe Connolly, S. Linnane 0-1 each.

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September 5: Kilkenny 3-18; Cork 1-13 — at Croke Park. Kilkenny: C. Heffernan 2-3; B. Fitzpatrick 0-6; R. Power 0-4; Ger Fennelly 1-1; Liam Fennelly 0-2; K. Brennan, J. Hennessy 0-1 each. Cork: P. Horgan 0-5; R. Cummins 0-3; E. O'Donoghue 1-0; T. O'Sullivan 0-2; T. Crowley 0-2; T. Cashman 0-1.



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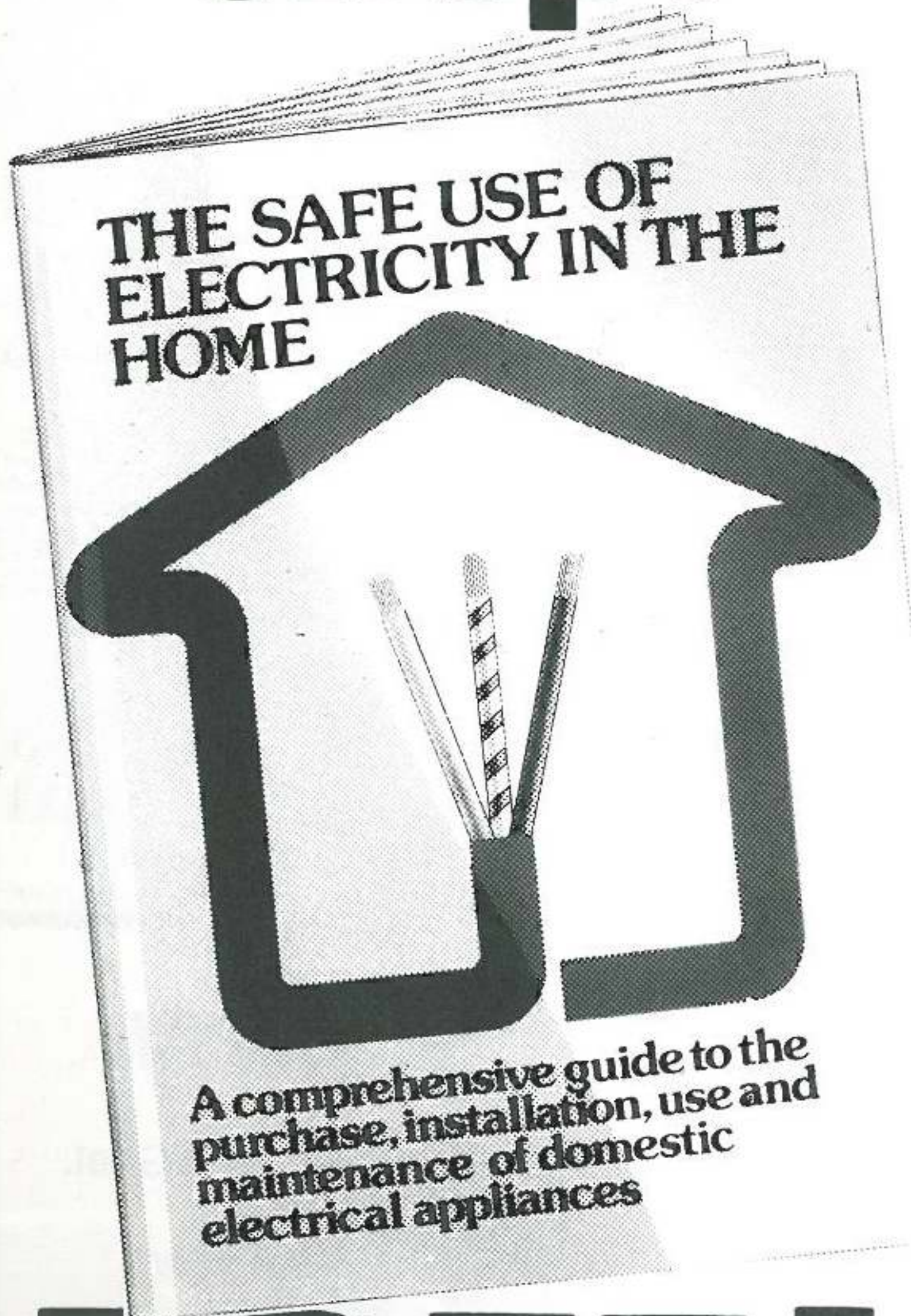
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The Junior Final which was also won by one point was a historical win for Louth, who took the first ever National Camogie title to the "Wee County," after fifty years of trying.

Their Captain Vivienne Kelly who had played brilliantly right through the year, was again the outstanding player for Louth.

Hard luck to the losers Dublin and Cork. The Metropolitans must be wondering if that Cup, which once seemed to have a permanent home by the Liffey, is ever again going to return.

That was Dublins' fourth appearance in a final since they last won the Seán O Duffy Cup in 1966.

Cork juniors have not been blessed with much luck either. This was their eighth appearance since the inauguration of the Junior Championship and their only victories were in 1973 and 1980, in which years Cork gained records by becoming the only county to win the Senior and Junior (1973) and Minor (1980) in the same year.

National Camogie Day, sponsor-

ed by Cuspoir, had a special significance in this the International Year of Women in Sport. October 10 turned out to be exactly as the Organisers hoped it would. Every county put on a programme which involved all members, past as well as present, members of their families and the whole community. The whole exercise is bound to promote the game and the gain to the Association on the whole should be enormous.

The scene now moves from intercounty competition to the Schools and Colleges. The Post Primary Schools have already started and C.C.I.A. will be holding its fixture meeting to arrange the date for their competitions shortly.

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Total	Player and County	Score	Games	Average
29	B. Fitzpatrick (Kilkenny)	2-23	4	7.25
29	P. Horan (Offaly)	4-17	4	7.25
28	T. O'Sullivan (Cork)	0-28	4	7.00
20	P. J. Molloy (Galway)	3-11	2	10.00
19	C. Heffernan (Kilkenny)	3-10	3	6.33
18	P. Horgan (Cork)	0-18	4	4.50
17	S. O'Leary (Cork)	5-2	4	4.25
16	J. Flaherty (Offaly)	2-10	4	4.00
16	R. Power (Kilkenny)	2-10	4	4.00
14	Ger Fennelly (Kilkenny)	2-8	4	3.50

FOOTBALL

The top ten scorers for the 1982 senior championship campaign were:

Total	Players and County	Score	Games	Average
34	M. Connor (Offaly)	0-34	5	6.80
31	M. Sheehy (Kerry)	3-22	5	6.20
21	B. Rock (Dublin)	1-18	3	7.00
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THE G.A.A. IN ITS TIME

IT was the good fortune of GAELIC SPORT to have had Padraig Puirseal as a regular contributor from the launching of the magazine in 1958 up to his untimely death after a brief illness in 1979. He was more than a valued contributor — he was a staunch friend and ally, a conscientious journalist, who could be depended on to meet a deadline and provide features of the highest possible standard.

Accordingly, I have a particularly keen interest, and also a warm welcome for *The GAA In Its Time* by Padraig Puirseal, a 365 page illustrated hard back bound book with dust cover, which has just been published by the Purcell Family.

The publication traces the development of the national games before and since 1884, and is set by the author against the background of the time, thus making the book a social as well as a sports history.

The original manuscript was being revised by the late Padraig Puirseal when his death left the project unachieved. The unfinished book was completed and edited by his sister, Mary, well-known as a biographer.

Padraig Puirseal will be remembered by many as Paddy Purcell, the novelist. His first novel, *Hanrahan's Daughter*, was published in 1942 and established his popularity at home and abroad. Three other novels followed — *Hanrahan's Daughter - A Keeper of Swans* (1944), *The Quiet Man* (1946) and *Fiddler's Green* (1949).

As far as Gaelic Games are concerned, Padraig Puirseal was a commentator on the sports and the scene in general for over thirty years. In this latest publication, his encyclopaedic knowledge of the personalities and players who contributed to the making of the Gaelic Athletic Association is evident.

Puirseal starts his mammoth

publication at the beginning — the birth of the G.A.A. in 1884. But he is not content to merely note the foundation, the venue, and the date. He delves into the background to the meeting.

“Unless we study the background to that Thurles meeting (the foundation of the G.A.A.) the subsequent history of the Association loses much of its significance,” he wrote.

He goes on from there to ink in the background in interesting and readable terms. This excellent start sets the tone for a well-researched and documented review that covers the entire history of the G.A.A. up until the time of the author's death.



There are twelve separate chapters dealing with the G.A.A., and the final one covers the period from 1949 to 1959. This includes reference to the 1956 All-Ireland senior hurling final between Wexford and Cork, one of the greatest finals of all time, and a game in which Art Foley brought off a great save three minutes from time from Christy Ring, who was bidding to add to his then exclusive record of eight senior medals.

I quote from the book:

“Christy Ring was rushing goalwards, while the crowd held its breath. John Keane, Waterford star of the previous decade, was an umpire,

and like everyone else:

‘I saw the ball break out of the right wing and Ring racing after it. The next moment he had it on his hurley and was racing through. From twenty-five yards he let fly, and it was going so fast that the thought flashed through my mind that it must be a goal. Art Foley's hand went up automatically — and I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw he had saved it.’

That save has become part of the folklore of history, and with it Wexford were assured of a memorable All-Ireland final win.

The book concludes with a series of profiles under the general title of Artists of Ash and Leather. Lory Meagher, Mick Mackey, Eddie Keher, Iggy Jones, the “Pint Sized Giant” from Tyrone, Sean Purcell, described by the author as the complete Gaelic Footballer, from Galway, and Mick O'Connell, of Kerry, are just some of the giants brought into focus by Puirseal. His selections of the top hurling and football teams of his own time will arouse much interest and comment.

The book includes the results of the All-Ireland senior finals in both codes, and ends with the deletion of Rule 27, the Foreign Games ban, at the Congress in Belfast in 1971. . .

The G.A.A. In Its Time is an outstanding contribution to the history and development of the G.A.A., and is all the more relevant and timely now that the organisation is fast approaching the Centenary Year of 1984. There is a foreword by Sean O Siochain, General Secretary/Director-General of the G.A.A. from 1964 to 1979.

At £9.50 the publication will prove an outstanding addition to the bookshelves of those interested in the advancement of the G.A.A. over the years.

The GAA In Its Time by Padraig Puirseal. Published by the Purcell Family, Carrigeen, 12 Highfield Road, Dublin 6. Price IR£9.50

WHITHER DUBLIN?

ASKS
MICK
FITZGERALD

THE Dublin dream of football glory has turned into a nightmare. Followers, sated with the successes of the glittering 'Seventies, and buoyed up again with visions of better days to come, following a champagne League win over Roscommon that ushered in 1982, are now at the year's end openly disillusioned, disappointed and dejected.

The knives are out. The enthusiasts

who, at the time that Dublin faded from the scene, had grown fat on the fantastic successes of the Dubs, rightly or wrongly expected Kevin Heffernan and his co-selectors, to wave their magic wand and produce a new Dublin team to equal the feats of the legendary men of the late '70's. Life is not that simple and there is no way that a new Dublin team could be fashioned overnight to emulate Heffo's legendary team that reached

such heights in '75, '76 and '77. But that does not stop the fans calling for heads to fall.

The reasons are not so much Dublin's lack of success in the last few years but the frustration that has grown up over the period.

This frustration stems primarily from what the fans see as something akin to a game of musical chairs. Basically the Dublin panel in the last two years, certainly in the last twelve months, has not changed greatly and the pattern seems to be in juggling around the same players — putting them on, taking them off and playing them in different positions. The end result of this giggery pockery is that the Dublin performance against Offaly in this year's Leinster Final was, to put it mildly, a shattering blow to the members of that elite club that congregates on Hill 16.

Comments like "Never again", "Disgusting", "Disgraceful" etc. were commonplace as the Dublin fans emerged from Croke Park.

It was not so much the defeat of their heroes that brought on these caustic comments, rather was it the lifeless and novice-like performance served up by the Light Blues.

At this point one must comment on that giant among giants of Dublin's football heroes, Brian Mullins. The writer has no way of knowing whose decision it was that Brian should be thrown in at the deep end of championship football on his return to the game after the very severe injuries that beset him.

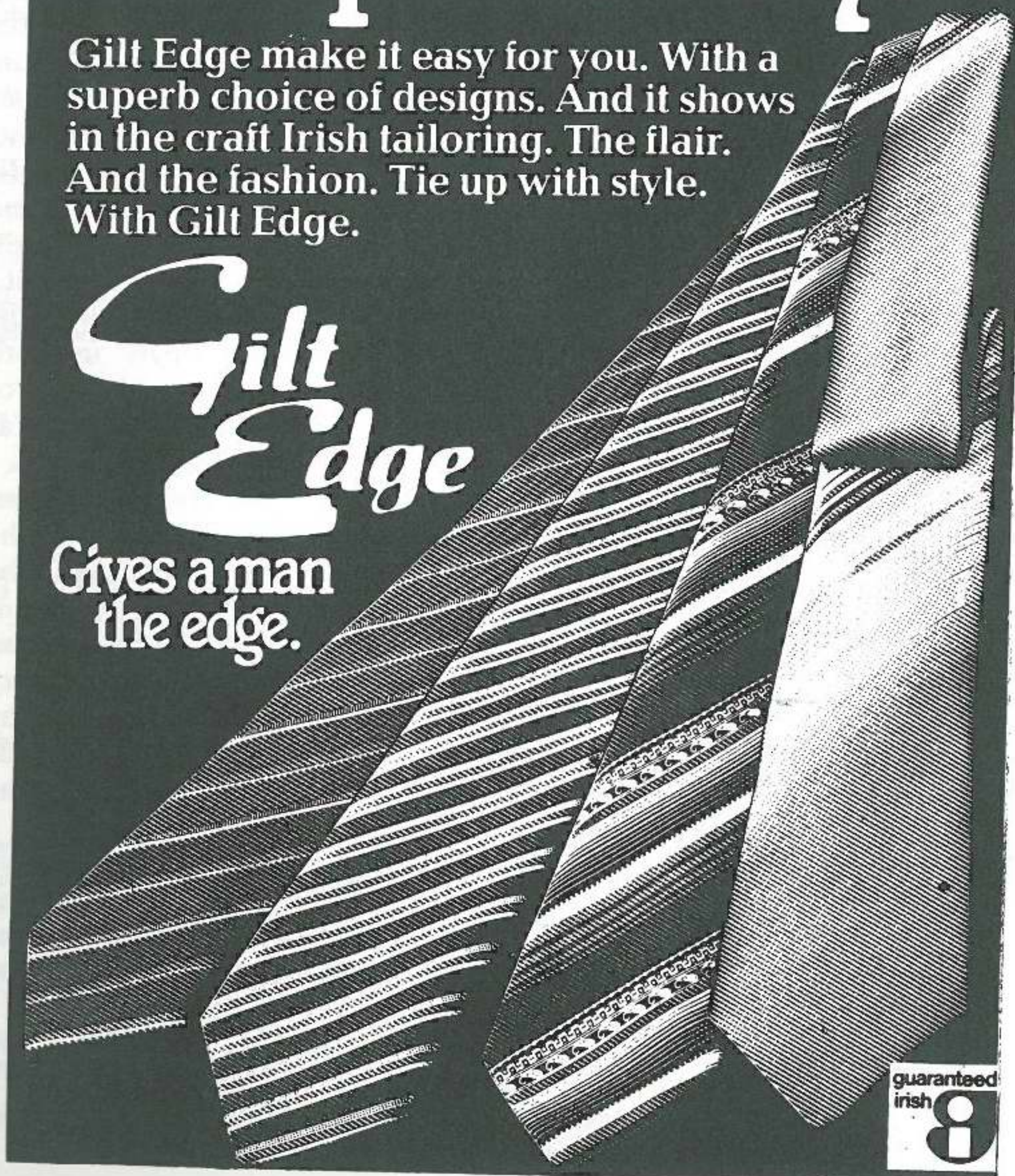
It may be that the decision to play was made by Brian himself, which would be typical of the lionhearted mid-fielder. Or was the decision to play Brian in the Leinster final made by the Selectors?

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“GOD BE WITH THE DAYS”

Suffice to say that his inclusion was both ill-timed and very premature. Everybody, who loves Gaelic football, prays for the day that they can sit back and enjoy the skills of a fully-fit Mullins. But at this point in time, including the great man on the team is to do him an injustice

Let us make one point clear. We are not suggesting for one moment that a non-fit Brian Mullins is the cause of the malaise that now grips the Dublin team. Because even a half-fit Mullins still displays the same hunger for the game as he did in his ‘Glory Years’. This is something that cannot be said for many of the present Dublin team. Call it lack of motivation or good old fashioned guts, but certainly Dublin’s display against Offaly in the Leinster final gave the impression that the team needed weeding out. If a player’s heart is not in his job he should be discarded — it is as simple as that.

Great credit is due to Kevin Heffernan for remaining at the helm when the sun set on his legendary heroes of the late ‘70’s. Kevin could have taken the easy way out and retired from the scene on the crest of the wave, going down in sporting history as one of the great managers of all time. That the great man chose to remain in the hot seat called for tremendous courage and character, because he, more than anyone, knew that the road back was going to be one of Everest proportions, but nevertheless he stood his ground.

Now that the Dublin team are performing so poorly, you get the typical idiots who vent their criticism on Heffo. This is a grave injustice to a great man. Kevin can only work on the material that he has at his disposal and to achieve any measure of success he must have the wholehearted co-operation and commitment from his panel of players. Is he getting that co-operation and commitment?

Many sound judges voice the opinion that logically Dublin should be in a position to contest every All-Ireland final, basing their arguments on the fact that numerically the potential is there, because of the vastly greater number of players



A memorable scene at Croke Park in September, 1974 when the Dubs beat Galway in the All-Ireland Football Final. The late Charlie Rice “takes over” Hill 16 and even the Garda “surrendered”.

playing the game in the County. No doubt there is some truth in this argument. But of course, greater numbers do not automatically mean greater teams. Take for example Offaly’s hurlers and footballers. The latter contains three or four sets of brothers or cousins, while their hurlers are chosen from a minute section of the County only.

Where does Dublin go from here? That must be the key question as 1982 draws to a close. They have already gone down to Offaly and Down in the current League campaign and if their dismal displays continue into the spring of 1983, they could find themselves in danger of being relegated,

which immediately conjures up the dreaded descent to the level of the late ‘60’s — when the Dubs were treated as a joke, football-wise. This thought is too tragic to even contemplate. It would be an insult to the great men of the late ‘70’s who elevated the game of Gaelic football to new plateaus.

It does not behove us to come up with the solutions. We are not privy to the inner workings of the County Board or the Selectors. But this we would say to all officials who have the good of the County team at heart — “Please stop juggling about with players who have been tried and found wanting — or worse still, have not the right motivation.”



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KERRY LOST NO HONOUR IN DEFEAT

As well as foiling Kerry's bid for a record five All-Ireland titles on the trot Seamus Darby's late goal in September's final almost certainly signalled the beginning of the break-up of one of the finest combinations in the history of Gaelic football.

"We'll be back" was the predictable comment that tripped repeatedly from the tongues of Kerry's players, mentors and fans after their defeat and while these words were uttered with the utmost sincerity at the time, one suspects that when the full significance of the result

By

Noel Horgan

sinks in, many of the seasoned Kerry performers may decide to call it a day.

The sequence has been broken now, the chance of creating history gone and it is not inconceivable that, for many, there may not be sufficient motivation to endure again the arduous preparations which a title-bid demands. And even the great Mick O'Dwyer may be unable to engender sufficient enthusiasm in his charges this time.

I am not suggesting that Kerry should be dismissed as likely All-Ireland winners next year. Quality players like Charlie Nelligan, Tom Doyle, Jack O'Shea, Sean Walsh, Tom Spillane and Ogie Moran have years of good football left in them but I feel that the Kingdom's future

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**THE
ECSTASY
AND
THE
AGONY**

In the aftermath of the 1982 All-Ireland Football Final, our two pictures sum up eloquently the contrast between victory and defeat. Our top picture features Offaly players basking in the sunshine of victory while disconsolate Kerry supremo, Mick O'Dwyer is comforted by county colleague, Jimmy Deenihan.

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depends to a large degree on the infusion of some new blood and that the Kerry team — as we have come to know it — has reached the end of the road.

It was indeed hard luck on the great

Kerry team to be so tantalisingly thwarted in the final but it would have been equally cruel if Offaly had succumbed on September 19. In fact, a draw would have been the fairest result with both teams contributing so much to a magnificent match.

Offaly looked the better team in the first half and deserved to be more than a point ahead at the break but Kerry inevitably improved afterwards and seemed to be heading for victory until Offaly's refusal to wilt was rewarded with substitute Darby's late winner.

VITAL MOMENT

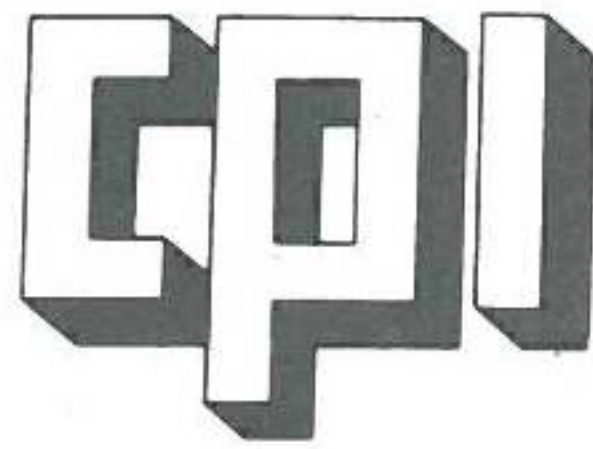
Many contend that the most vital moment in the game occurred when Martin Furlong saved Mike Sheehy's penalty midway through the second half although its impact was not immediately apparent and Kerry continued to press persistently afterwards. The incident, however, must surely have encouraged the Offaly men to battle against the tide and Kerry's composure was not unaffected.

In retrospect, therefore, Sheehy might have been wiser to have taken a point from the penalty. Without wishing to detract from Furlong's fine save, it has become increasingly apparent in recent times that it is extremely difficult to goal from the spot in Gaelic football and the statistics show that the majority of penalties awarded at inter-county level over the past decade have failed to yield a major score.

When a team is trailing and struggling to get on terms, it would be foolhardy not to try for a goal if awarded a penalty but when a side is gradually beginning to assert its authority as Kerry were at the time it might prove more prudent to take the minor score in order to maintain the momentum.

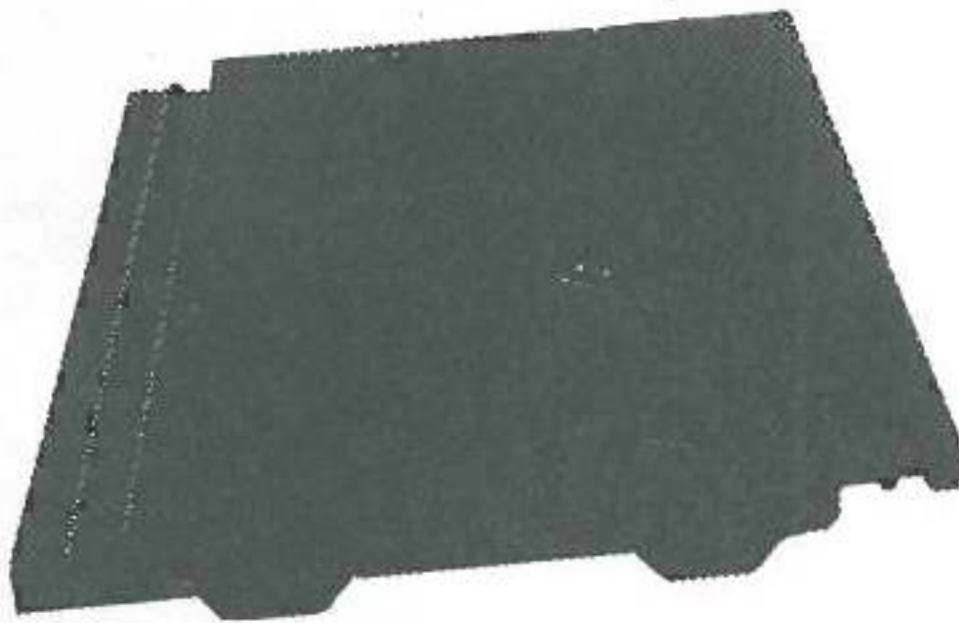
Full credit to Offaly, however, for availing of their let-off and while one could not but feel a tinge of sympathy for the Kerry men in the end, it is fair to say that the Midlanders' win has completely altered the complexion of the football world.

It was a marvellous final, filled with open, attacking football and some splendid scores and while Offaly — for their persistence — were worthy winners, it was entirely fitting that this great Kerry team which delighted purists for almost a decade should lose no honour in defeat.



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JUNIOR DESK



By
**JACK
MAHON**

THE All-Irelands are over for another year. It may be a wee bit stale at this stage but I want to make a few observations. The first twenty minutes of the S.H. Final were simply marvellous. It was nip and tuck but then Kilkenny began to forge ahead. The hurling continued to be magnificent but once the destiny of the laurels became too evident, the real enjoyment started to fade.

I will never forget one clash between Frank Cummins and Tim Crowley. It was real he-man stuff. The sporting nature of the game must also be commended.

FOOTBALL FINAL

The Football Final was the best I have ever seen. It had everything and the game of Gaelic football got a marvellous boost, which it badly needed.

Offaly won in fairytale fashion. My man of the match was Liam Currams. Kerry went down like kings.

The game was really stolen from them but they had become a wee bit ragged for the final 5 minutes. Still after losing their 5-in-a-row dream they did very little moaning about it. Two great teams.

The ALL STARS for 1982 have been announced and there is furore here in Galway with no Connachtman honoured in either selection. We genuinely feel there is an anti-Connacht bias in both selections. Let us hope this never happens again and that a new system is devised which gives fairer representation all round. There is no Connachtman among the many selectors which is wrong.

SÉAMUS McHUGH

Séamus McHugh of Galway is our Cut-Out. And a good subject he is too!

I know no one who keeps fitter throughout the whole year. One of his pastimes is hunting and he is often up early on a Sunday morning enjoying himself walking the fields of his native Headford long before he sets off to play a game of football. He is a non-drinker and non-smoker, altogether a superb sportsman and a great left-half back in the great tradition of Galway left-half backs, like Charlie Connolly, Tom Sullivan, Mick Greally, Martin Newell, Colm McDonagh and Johnny Hughes.

After both Finals I did a radiostint with Mike Murphy on R.T.E. Radio 1 on the Monday and enjoyed it. I thought Jim Carney's "Sunday Game" on both final nights excellent. Both winning teams were really modest fellows. I loved the humour of Noel Skehan and the apple incident was great television and a tribute to the cameramen involved.

The G.A.A. can be very proud of its All-Ireland winning teams and also of "The Sunday Game", although I don't like the business of a resident panel. I'd much prefer the variety of people the show tended to produce near the end. People like Dermot Earley, Tom Heneghan, Brian Mullins, Eamonn Cregan, Eddie Keher, Mattie McDonagh, Mick O'Dwyer, Jimmy Barry-Murphy, Eugene McGee (but I wish he could smile even when he wins!) and the coaching people like Joe

McGrath, Mickey Whelan and David Weldrick *now and again*.

The odd referee too like Frank Murphy, Mickey Loftus or John Moloney. And a return to the screen now and again of Enda Colleran, Liz Howard and Kevin Heffernan. And the odd appearance of people like Mick O'Connell, John Doyle, Sean Purcell, Tony Hanahoe — the list is endless.

I long for "The Sunday Game" to be back again. Or perhaps its the time of year I look forward to!

THE MAILBAG

This month I have to make the letters as brief as possible.

ALL STARS

Lulu Garcia, "Graystones", 6 Little Forest Road, Talbot Woods, Bournemouth, England in a long letter hopes to see "more counties as real forces in football after Offaly's success". She also commented on "the G.A.A.'s improved. All-Ireland presentation which will be retained hopefully". She was very critical of "the bottlemen".

Is it too much to ask a team of top inter-county players supposedly at peak of fitness to go without a drink for 35 minutes? One player in the S.H. final had a drink just before the game started! Why could he not have quenched his thirst in the dressing-room?"

Lulu attended the Munster S.H. Final. She has high praise for Offaly's attitude after the Leinster S.H. final. Especially the sporting attitude of Damien Martin.

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● Thanks for the photo of your flower combination. All the points you make in your letter are very good. Regarding a subscription write to the Editor, Gaelic Sport, 80 Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9. (J.M.)

Peter Doyle, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare "I like Junior Desk. Though I am from Kildare I am a great Kerry fan. My favourites are Jack O'Shea and Mikey Sheehy. I love playing football. Last year we won the Kildare U-13 title. Our captain is Sean Cummins and our trainer is Joseph Lynch brother of Kerry footballer Ger. Sean Cummins is my best friend. He is brilliant. I play in the backs.

● Peter that's the best letter I have got for some time. Don't forget to follow Kildare and keep loving football. You win a G.A.A. Kit-Bag. (J.M.)

Kieran Rosney, 181 Grotto View, The Batteries, Athlone is thrilled with

Offaly's success and has great praise for Liam Currams in particular. He thinks Jim Carney is doing a great job as presenter of "The Sunday Game". He has no time for David Weldrick who he says "should be down in Limerick reading to his pupils and not spending half the programme reading from a coaching book."

● Kieran you're a wee bit hard on David. I'll admit he was much too caustic in his comments of the Offaly v. Galway game when wind conditions were very difficult. A player analyst should be much more charitable and less condemnatory. (J.M.)

Denis Sweeney, Meenaguish, Letterbarrow P.O., Co. Donegal tells me he wrote to Jim Carney, Editor of Milltown G.A.A. Club History enclosing £2.25 and has got no reply.

● Come on Jim! (J.M.)

Philip Cashin, Brittas, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny who wrote to me for an uncovered copy of "Twelve Glorious Years" feels Galway footballers may be the team to win out in 1983.

● I wish you were an All Star selector! (J.M.)

Norman Rochford, The Square, Gort, Co. Galway was shocked to see All Ireland tickets being sold on the black market outside Croke Park and looks forward to the Silver Jubilee of this magazine and suggests the G.A.A. should do something to honour the occasion.

● I can see Editor Tommy McQuaid smiling! (J.M.)

Patrick Lee, 24 Crossclered Row, Keady, Co. Armagh "I was up in Co. Donegal recently and got in touch with Denis Sweeney who gave me 94 programmes which I had not got. I now have 760 programmes, books, Park opening souvenirs and Yearbooks and I started collecting in 1977 only".

● That's a great collection.

One of my next-door neighbours Charlie O'Driscoll, a great G.A.A. enthusiast, who came from Drimoleague, Co. Cork originally, died during the Summer. His



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THE SAVE OF THE YEAR



● It is probably true to say that the most traumatic moment in the '82 Championship football campaign was when Mikey Sheehy stepped up to take Kerry's penalty kick in the All-Ireland final. If Mikey scored its doubtful if Offaly would have caught them. But Mikey didn't score — or to put it a better way — Martin Furlong brought off a most spectacular save, as our picture shows, and the whole Offaly team responded to Martin's heroic effort by fighting back and snatching a last minute victory.

wonderful collection of programmes going back to 1950 have all been given to me. They are precious. If any reader knows of a collection going back further please get in touch with me. (J.M.)

Eamonn Keely, Isserkelly, Kilchreest, Loughrea, Co. Galway feels Galway will beat Kerry in 1983. "The best game of hurling in this year's championship was Offaly v. Wexford. The best hurling team I

have seen since 1977 is

Noel Skehan
 Brian Murphy Leonard Enright John Horgan
 Dermot McCurtain Sean Stack Iggy Clarke
 John Connolly Tom Cashman
 Johnny Callinan Ned Buggy Jimmy Barry-
 Murphy
 Noel Lane Tony Doran Johnny Flaherty
 ● *A good team. (J.M.)*

Eileen Murphy, Railway View, Rathmore, Co. Kerry is interested in Sports Journalism as a career or a part-time interest. "Being from

Kerry I am especially interested in football". Eileen is only 16 and does her Leaving Cert. in '83.

● *Call to The Kerryman or write to the School of Journalism in Rathmines and good luck Eileen. (J.M.)*

Sean O'Driscoll, 40 Highfield Grove, Clonmel is delighted to have got a copy of "Twelve Glorious Years". Sean is a keen programme collector.

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JUNIOR DESK

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Eamonn Ó Meachair, Skeheena-rinky, Burncourt, Cahir writes to say he really enjoys Junior Desk which is he says "the best column in GAELIC SPORT".

● Thanks Eamonn. (J.M.)

Mary Walsh, Castlemorris, Ballymullen, Tralee, Co. Kerry tells me I started her off collecting programmes. She finds it very hard to get the older programmes which she will buy.

● All you programme collectors please note the address. (J.M.)

Dermot McCarthy, Carbery, 20 Fairfield Road, Bath, England is one of our most loyal readers and writes concerning this year's Provincial Final programmes. "I'm delighted with the general standard this year. Ulster and Connacht have both included new features which makes for more interesting reading.

Leinster is remaining very much the same. I was disappointed with both Munster F. Final programmes, but the Munster H. one is a real gem and Liam Ó Donnchú deserves great credit. The style and presentation was first class. Accompanying passport photos of the contributors added a nice touch."

Dermot sent me on a copy of the history of the Clonakilty G.A.A. Club by Tommy Lyons. Copies of this for £4 can be had from Tom Lyons, Willow Park Western Road, Clonakilty. Dermot sent me a list of swaps and wants he has:

SWAPS

All-Ireland S.F.C. finals 1964, '65 and '66, 1981 Connacht S.F.C. London v Mayo; 1982 Connacht S.F.C. London v Leitrim. 1982 All-Ireland Senior Hurling 'B' final, London v. Antrim.

WANTS

Munster S.F.C.
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1981 Kerry v. Clare
1982 Clare v. Kerry
1979/'80 N.F.L. Group matches
Cork v. Offaly, v. Galway, v. Kerry, v. Kildare.

1979/'80 N.H.L. Group matches,
Cork v. Tipperary, v. Kilkenny, v. Galway, v. Offaly.

Write first, please.

● Thanks for the Clon. book Dermot. (J.M.)

Padraig J. Duke, Caldra, Elphin, Co. Roscommon wants the following programmes 1971 (replay) Galway v. Sligo Connacht Final; 1973 Galway v. Mayo Connacht Final; 1975 Mayo v. Sligo (drawn Conn. Final) and will exchange the following on a 1 for 1 basis 1967 Oireachtas S.H. Final Kilkenny v. Tipperary; 1969 N.F.L. Semi Finals Donegal v. Offaly, Kerry v. Westmeath(?); 1972 Munster S.F. Final Kerry v. Cork; 1973 All Ireland S.F. Final Galway v. Cork.

OTHER LETTERS

Kieran O'Connell, 129 Stiles Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3 pays tribute to R.T.E. for "The Sunday Game" and to Jim Carney in particular; also to Mick Dunne for his fine preview of the Finals. Kiernan wants the '71 and

'72 S.F. Final programmes.

Kieran Rosney Junior of Athlone wants to see a different panel on the Sunday Game giving many nominations and wanting Liz Howard back for both games. He pays tribute to the late Mick Mackey "My grandfather said he was the greatest hurler ever to grace the playing fields." Kieran wants to thank the Offaly hurlers and footballers for being so nice to him whenever he visited their dressing room or called to see them training.

● Yes Mick Mackey R.I.P. was one of the greatest of all. (J.M.)

Eamonn McEvoy, 8 Clinton Park, Downpatrick, Co. Down is a great fan of Liam Currams.

Eamonn would like to contact other primary school teams in Ireland with a view to exchange visits.

● All primary schools please note. (J.M.)

Our final letter comes from Kevin Toner, 55 Ballynease Road, Bellaghy, Magherfelt, Co. Derry who pays a great tribute to the Kerry team for the marvellous discipline after all their success. He would like to see all 32 counties play in the N.F.L. on the same day at all times. He also agrees with my condemnation of Noel Skehan's point this year. "I find incidents like this only make the opposition more hot-tempered in ensuring clashes."

That's it for this month. Keep writing on any topic to

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SEAMUS McHUGH, whom many rated unlucky not to have retained the left half back position in the 1982 Bank of Ireland All Stars football team, is 26, stands 5ft. 11ins., and weighs 12st. He plays club fare with Headford.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Seamus has had success in the colours of Colleges' teams, winning a brace of

Dublin under-21 medals with Erin's Hope, the student-teacher side, and a Sigerson Cup (Universities' Championship) souvenir with U.C. Galway in 1981.

He had much to do with his work at left half back in Galway's National League title win in 1981, and later in the year he collected his only All Star trophy when honoured at No. 7.

Seamus is stylish, skillful and a hard worker, and he has appeared with Galway in both defence and attack. It was in his now customary left half back spot, however, that he won his only Connacht senior medal last July, and shone there again as Galway went down gallantly to Offaly by a point in the All-Ireland semi-final.

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