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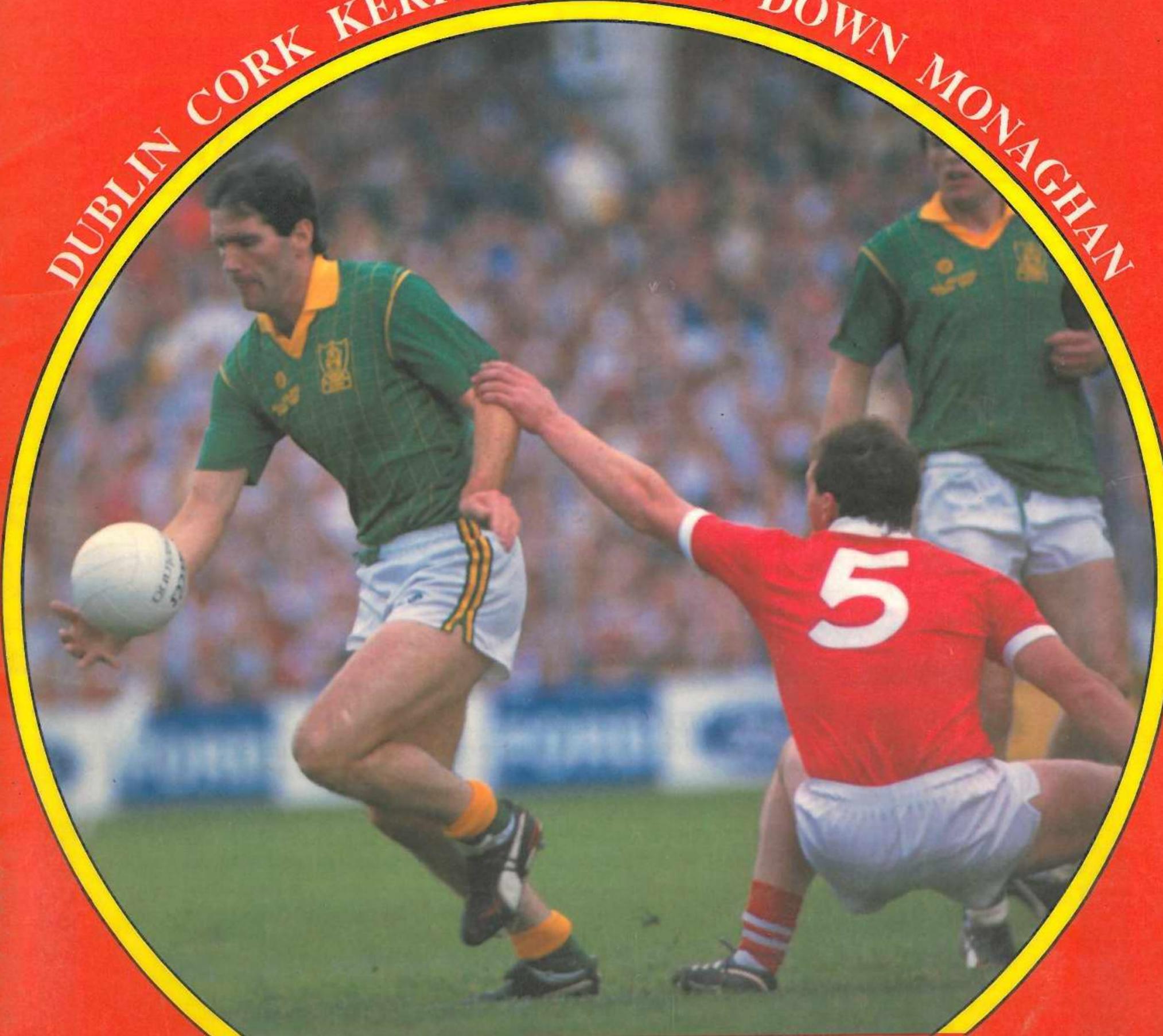
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*On our front cover this issue we pose the question – who can take "Sam Maguire" from Meath? – the greatest threats to the Royal County men would appear to be one of the big three, Cork, Kerry and perennial opponents, Dublin. On page 4 Eamonn Young analyses this year's football championship jigsaw and comes up with his predictions. In our cover action shot from last year's final we show Meath's gentle giant, Joe Cassells evading Cork's Niall Cahalane with Meath's Brian Stafford in background.*

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# TIME FOR CHANGE?

A radical move for the re-structuring of the All-Ireland senior championships has been made by Director-General Liam Mulvihill. He proposed in the course of his report to the Annual Congress that the provincial winners meet each other in a play-off series, with the top two teams in each group qualifying for the All-Ireland finals.

The Croke Park official, in advocating this move, made a valid point when he said that the focus on the Open Draw in recent times has tended to obscure other possibilities for changing the structures of competitions.

The Open Draw for the championships has been something of a hardy annual. Many see such a move as the ideal one to bring new glamour to the knock-out tests, but the traditionalists have held firm over the years, and have consistently had their way. There are no indications that there will be any change in favour of the Open Draw for years to come and possibly this is not a bad thing.

In advocating change, it can be argued that under the present system, no Ulster county has won an All-Ireland senior title in football since 1968, while Connacht's last great "Hurrah" was in 1966, the end of a golden era for Galway football.

Even more depressing is that some counties that regularly challenged realistically for All-Ireland glory in the 'Thirties and 'Forties are now not real powers in football.

These depressing developments, however, can hardly be due solely to the championship structure. More basic reasons lie behind the decline in standards in some one-time strongholds. After all, if a number of counties have slipped back badly over the years, others have greatly improved their ratings.

Nevertheless, there is still much to be said for considering new championship structures. Progress in any walk of life is only maintained and accelerated by critical analysis from time to time of existing situations or structures, and how they are working out.

The championships might benefit from an over-haul. With the Open Draw an apparent non-starter in this regard, Director-General Mulvihill is displaying sound sense in airing alternatives.

The play-off series he suggests might have difficulties. It would mean the All-Ireland championships proper would be made up of six games, instead of three at present, and there could be extra matches in the event of play-offs within the system to decide the finalists.

Even with two games each day, it would take three Sundays to clear the way for the All-Ireland final, again assuming that there were no complications as regards teams finishing all square on top after the series of matches. That, in itself might not prove too big a problem over-all to solve.

An obvious plus-mark for the proposal is that teams would not automatically go out of the All-Ireland chase after one defeat. There are those who will argue that a knock-out competition should be just that, and that this is the special appeal of the championships.

A fair point. But, how often have we heard it said that the Munster champions play just two testing games each year to qualify for the All-Ireland football final, whereas it can happen that a county in Ulster or Leinster must win four matches to capture a provincial crown.

The play-off plan would help to improve this obvious imbalance. The set-up might also help to improve general standards, as the provincial winners would gain extra competitive games. Competitive match play is the best form of training.

Much food for thought, then, in the Liam Mulvihill proposal. It is one that merits serious consideration, and indeed, possibly a trial over a few seasons in the near future. Nothing would really be lost by such a move, and a lot might be gained.

More food for thought is provided by the decline of hurling. The subject received an airing at the Annual Congress, and one delegate went so far as to call for a crusade to try and improve standards nationally.

It is to state the obvious to say that the position of hurling is worrying. This is the one area in the life of the G.A.A. that progress has fallen far short of achievements in other fields.

The fact that hurling is such a skilful sport has not helped its progress. It needs to be learned early in life. On the other hand, it is easier to get to the top in football, and we are all inclined to take the easy way out.

The lack of tradition in so many areas is a further drawback. A successful county team is still the best vehicle for promoting hurling or football among the youth.

The G.A.A. legislators face plenty of problems in trying to make hurling more widespread than is the case at present. There are no easy remedies either.

But a crusade over the next ten years, thought out realistically and with imagination, and pushed ahead with determination, now seems an absolute necessity if the game is to survive as a major sport.

Hurling will always be with us. It is still too deep-rooted in many counties to fade away, but we don't want to see the day when it becomes a minority sport here in Ireland.

*Jimmy McQuaid*

EDITOR

# WHO CAN TAKE SAM MAGUIRE FROM MEATH?

## We put the question to Eamon Young

**P**ICKING winners is a lovely pastime, it's best done with a pin. And yet for nearly forty years I have been at it with the solemnity of Socrates. Today I'm going to tell you who's going to win the All-Ireland senior football championship and I know every bookie in the country is studying this. One more nonchalant rub on the crystal ball and off we go.

Last year Cork beat Kerry and came out of Munster to draw with Galway in the semi-final and destroy them in the replay. Meath carved their way through Leinster and ran away with Derry (who played with fourteen men for much of the hour because that fine player McNicholl was lame). Meath were too steady and efficient for a fair Cork side in the final.

Now the questions: are Kerry over the hill? Will Down come out of Ballinascreen at the end of May? Will the final in the west show Galway and Mayo with whatever advantage Tuam will confer? How good are Dublin, who at this moment seem very formidable? Monaghan play Cavan in Clones and while the Slashers have not set the world on fire in recent years I hear they are quite lively just now and will be useful. Still Sean McCague's Monaghan, in spite of their recent hiding by Dublin, must be taken as a fair side and indeed may be better because of the Dublin game. Wise men learn more from defeat than victory. They do seem short of pace in defence and a team may get away with that until a provincial final or an All-Ireland semi-final but when the smart sides create the loose man

in the forward line it's all over. Donegal, trained by Tom Conaghan, play good football just now and could make it to the Ulster final. Antrim handled by Eamonn Greaves are reputed to have "a nice team" at the moment and the side many talk about in Ulster, Down, will have a rather tense afternoon in Ballinascreen where Derrymen must be allowed reasonable confidence. Armagh just like most of the nine Ulster counties can surprise us all but it would be a surprise.



**SEAN WALSH**

*One of the all time greats, his absence will be a severe loss to the Kingdom.*

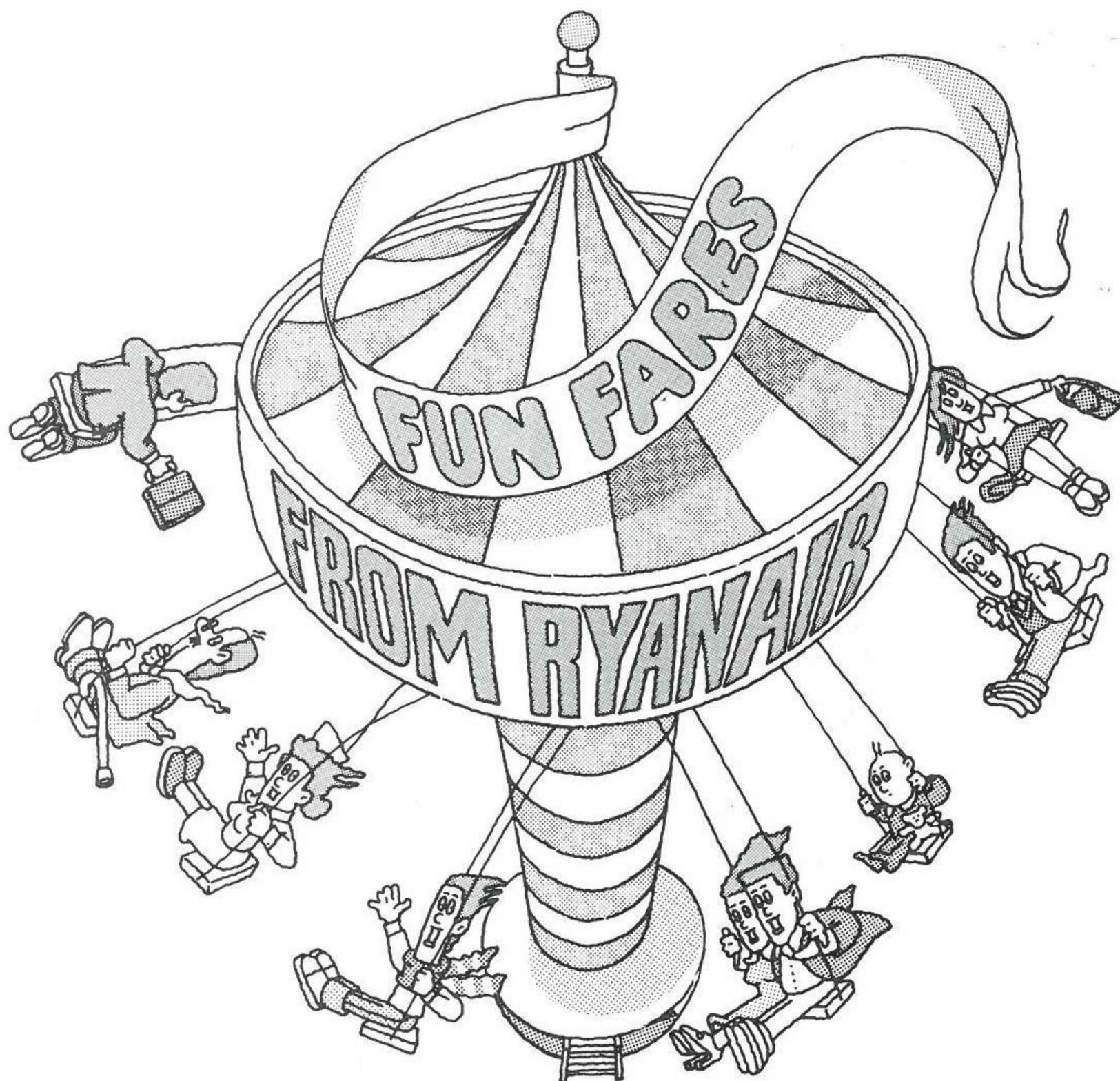
I asked Brian MacEniff for an opinion and the man who trained Donegal and played so well for them said "*Donegal could beat Armagh and then anything could happen for I see this side of ours improving greatly as a result of a win. They could go to the Ulster final. Monaghan disappointed me a lot against Dublin, but that may do them a lot of good. Down are playing pretty well but they'll have it tough against Derry. However if they come out of Ballinascreen they'll be hard to stop.*"

In Munster having suffered during an impetuous youth at the hands of hard men from Clare, Limerick, Waterford and Tipperary I wouldn't dream of ever writing them off and while I usually allow about twenty years for the fruits of my own football coaching to be reaped, the lads in those four counties are so eager and able, driven on by men like Tommy Downes, Raymond O Hagan. P.J. Bourke, James Tobin, Joe Conway, Hugh Kennedy, John Mulvihill and Paddy Moroney that you never know. They might sneak up on us.

I asked Billy Morgan for an opinion and he agreed with that last statement. "*We haven't much training done with the side*" he said "*and until after the first round of the club championship we'll have to depend on the clubs themselves to get the lads into shape. There are very genuine men in charge and I know they'll do just that. After that date we'll have five weeks to prepare for Clare or Limerick away, and I'm not taking a win for granted. Still we simply must win and go on to meet Kerry after another five weeks preparation for the game in Cork on July 3rd. We have all last year's panel except Christy Ryan who is retired. We're good enough to win this Munster championship.*"

Doney O'Sullivan of Killarney, (remember the dead ball used moan and shiver as he ran to kick it?) tells me that he expects 12 of last year's Kerry side to be playing in this championship. Ger Power is probably 35, Paud O'Shea 33, Pat Spillane 32, and Tom Doyle 31. Great men, fair play for them, but when that chap Anno Domini is helping the other side, matches can be hard to win. Still careful training, wisdom in life-style, and playing guile chalk up a lot of scores. If Billy Morgan has his

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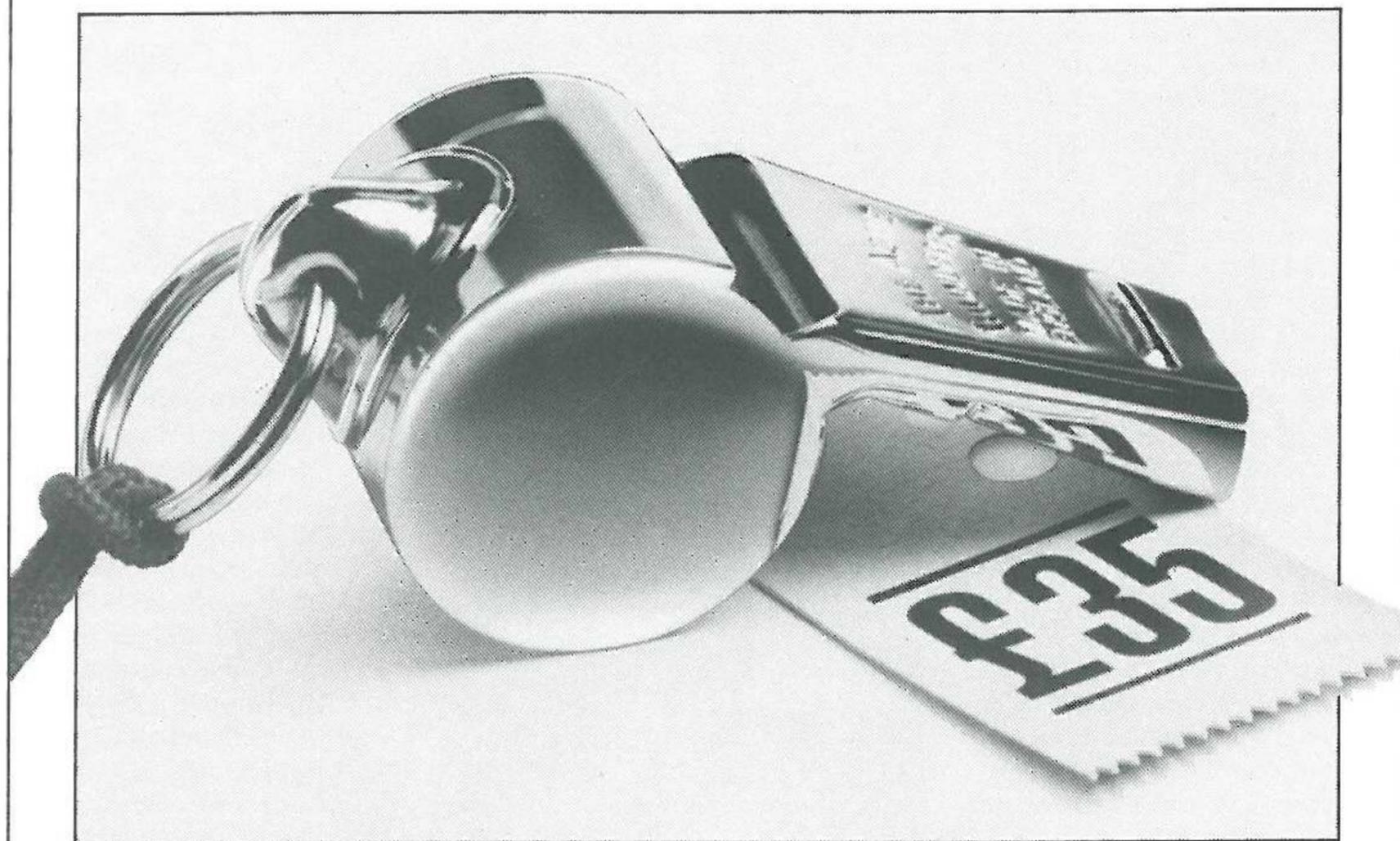
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**EAMON YOUNG**  
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men together often we'll probably beat them. Doney O'Sullivan said "The players are keen and anybody who thinks they are gone may have to eat his words. Some of them are not young but they're good footballers. Cork may be good, as we all know, but if Larry Tompkins is held, the scores may be few. Much depends on how well Cork train. If Kerry get out of Munster they'll be as good as anybody."

Peter MacDermott, who figured in All-Irelands both as winning captain and referee, told me that his top three in Leinster are his native Meath, Dublin and Kildare. "Dublin will always be a problem for us" he said "but we're just as big a problem for them. Louth are reasonably good and they play well in Drogheda. Kildare gave Meath a very hard game last year and will be just as good now. Gerry MacEntee living in Limerick hasn't the advantage of local training and to be right for July he'll have to work at it. Liam Harnan of course would be a sore loss if his recent injury recurs, centre back Liam, a fine horsey player is very valuable against a fluid forward line.

He didn't go to the Canaries with the team, mainly, I think, because he's a busy farmer. We will need him in that half back line. Colm O'Rourke and Bernard Flynn are getting the scores but if Brian Stafford was tied up we would be in trouble. He raises a lot of flags. By the way he's a nephew of that scoring Cavanman, Joe Stafford. Sean Boylan will have the lads in good shape. We stand a real chance of coming out of Leinster and then it

might be Galway, who always cause us a lot of trouble."

A senior spectator at Croke Park, living in Dublin, says that though Kildare are reasonably good the pair to watch once again are Meath and Dublin and he gives the nod to the men from the city.

So I inquired if the West was awake and Jack Mahon said that, while it dozed here and there, it never really went asleep. Galway will play Roscommon in the first round and they have no intention of letting it slip on that day. They beat Mayo in Castlebar last year and while Sligo and Leitrim could come at any time the chances are that Mayo will face Galway at Tuam on the big day. Val Daly, Alan Mulholland and the competent western side we saw last year have been training under diligent Billy Joyce, now serving his county with the same sincerity as when a player. Jack Mahon says: "I have confidence in Billy Joyce and we are capable of coming out of the west. In case your crystal ball gets cloudy this will help: I take Meath to beat Dublin, Cork to stop Kerry, Down to come out of his North and we'll all take it from there."

So the boys generally agree that Cork or Kerry will meet Down, Donegal or Derry next August with Meath or Dublin facing Galway or Mayo. I take Cork to move on (by a Billy Morgan whisker) to beat Down and face Meath in another final. Last year I sent Sean Boylan a card of congrats; this year it will be one of sympathy.

By the way this little Joe Keohane

story will round off my prophetic flight. A talkative army chap, many years ago, told Joe and myself how his county, which hadn't won a senior All-Ireland (before or since) was going to win it that year. Moreover the captain, was your man's first cousin and he had a great chance of getting the Sam Maguire up on the Hogan Stand, according to our friend. Keohane told him that this could happen all right and so they cast a quick glance on the championships of the four provinces, with Joe agreeing with our man all the way to the final, when Keohane said they would probably meet Kerry "but sure we have nothing, at the moment." "Ye'll probably win it all right" says Joe "and it will be a great day for your cousin the captain. Tell him to remember that all eyes will be on him when he gets the cup. He must take the cup on his left arm, smile a big happy one and grasp firmly the hand of the President, who will give him Big-Sam." "Right" says our man "I'll tell him that."

"And then" says Joe "He mustn't forget to shake hands with the Queen"

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 "The Queen ..... the Queen" ?????  
 says the poor boy with eyes open wide.

.....  
 "Sure she won't be there on the Hogan."

"Well" says Joe very solemnly "She usually isn't but she will be, by the time that county of yours gets the cup."

God knows it could happen. If it does there will be a roll of thunder as Big Joe looks down on us, and says:

"Didn't I warn ye?"

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## A SEXTET OF SHARPSHOOTERS



Larry Tompkins,  
Cork.



Dermot McNicholl,  
Derry.



Kevin McStay,  
Mayo.



Brian Stafford,  
Meath.



Val Daly,  
Galway.

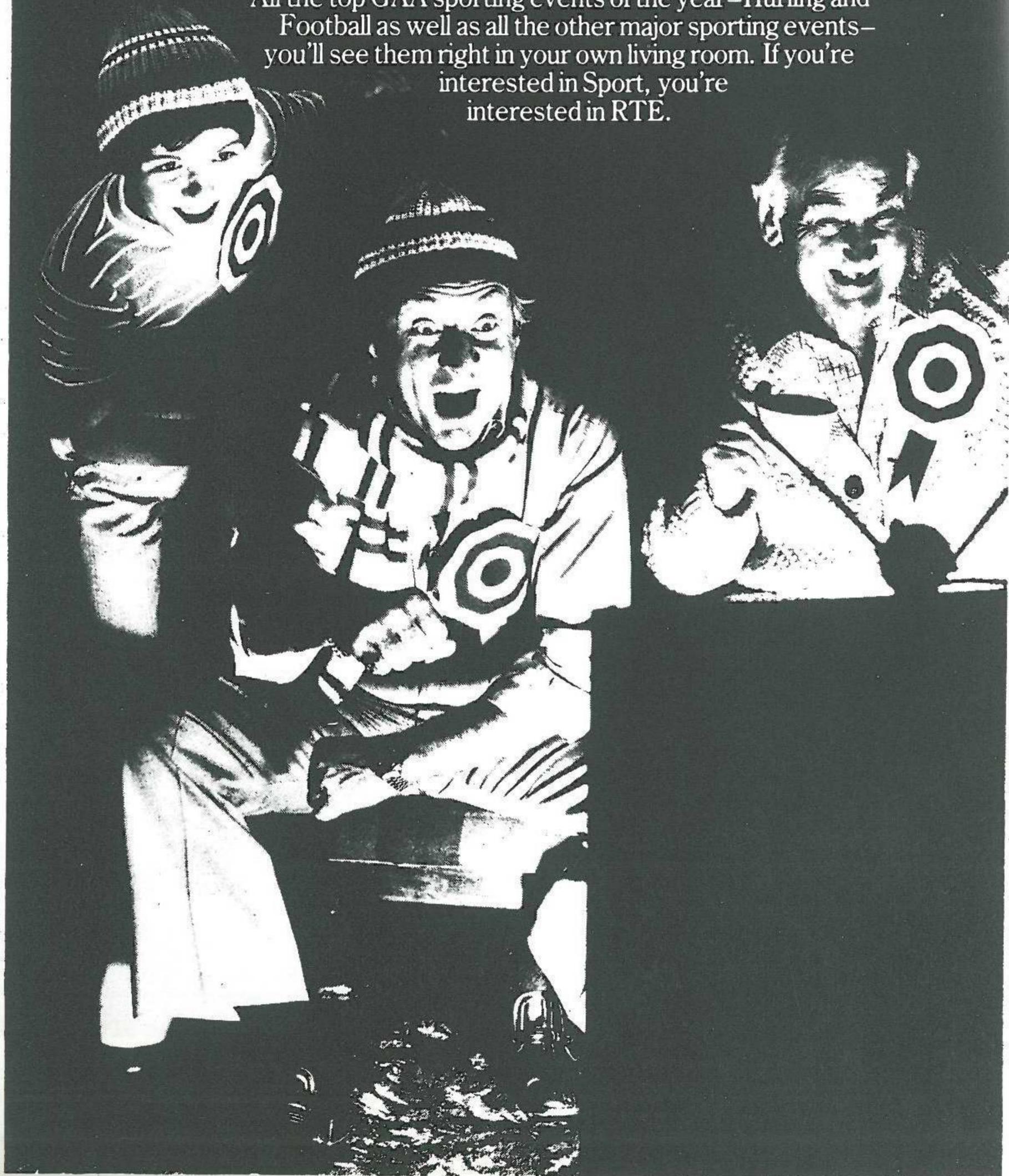


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# ALL-IRELAND HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

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## ITS TIPP. VERSUS KILKENNY FOR ME

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SAYS NOEL HORGAN

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IT IS likely that hurling enthusiasts will experience a certain amount of *deja vu* when the inter-county championship reaches its penultimate phase this season.

In 1987, Galway, Kilkenny, Tipperary and Antrim comprised the last four in the race for Liam McCarthy Cup honours and I'm predicting that the same quartet will be involved in the shake-up next August.

No extraordinary prophetic powers are required to forecast the qualification of Galway and Antrim for the semi-finals.

Such is the unbalanced nature of the provincial system that their inclusion in the All-Ireland series is virtually automatic.

**Kilkenny and Tipperary, however, must embark on a much more perilous course but both look well equipped to advance and their tough programme could eventually stand them in good stead especially since Galway and Antrim — both eliminated in the league quarter-finals — will have gone almost five months without a true competitive test when they attempt to halt the progress of the Leinster and Munster champions respectively.**

In the previous edition of *Gaelic Sport*, I looked at the campaign in Munster and concluded that Tipp would emerge victorious, and that Cork were likely to provide the strongest challenge.

Developments in the meantime have served only to strengthen my belief that Tipp will retain the provincial crown this year.

Cork's stock has plunged considerably since Johnny Clifford was forced for health reasons, to step down as coach while an even more

staggering blow was delivered when John Fenton announced his retirement from inter-county competition.

Fortunately, Cork have, in Charlie McCarthy, a worthy replacement for Clifford but Fenton's loss is incalculable and it was the elegant mid-field play and outstanding marksmanship of the Midleton maestro which proved the leasiders main asset during both their titanic tussels with Tipp last year.

Fenton's departure came less than a year after Jimmy Barry-Murphy decided to hang up his boots and it is doubtful if even a county of Cork's renowned resilience can avoid being adversely affected by the loss of two great hurlers in such a short period of time.

There is speculation, at the time of writing, that Tom Cashman is also ready to call it a day and that would surely be the last straw as far as Cork's prospects are concerned.

There was little evidence during the recent league campaign, in which Cork suffered the ignominy of relegation from Division 1, that the Rebels have found a solution to the attacking problems which principally, led to their demise last season although newcomer Leonard Forde showed definite potential in the full forward post.

**That morale is low within the Cork camp at the moment is beyond dispute and while it would be foolish to underestimate a team which contains players of proven ability in Pat Hartnett, Jim Cashman, Ger Cunningham, Teddy McCarthy, Denis Walsh and Tony O'Sullivan, one is tempted to agree with those who suggested that Cork's defeat by Tipp in**

**'87 signalled the end of an era.**

Without Barry-Murphy, Fenton and perhaps Tom Cashman, the Cork team will look a pale shadow of that which went all the way in '86 and it will be little short of a minor miracle on Charlie McCarthy's part if he can guide his charges to championship glory this year.

In view of the deterioration in Cork's fortunes, is there any county capable of dethroning Tipp in Munster?

I don't think so.

Although always capable of raising their game at the mere sight of the Blue and Gold, Limerick appear much too unbalanced to prevent Tippi's progress to the provincial decider.

Despite a good run in the league Waterford are not, as yet, rated among the principal championship contenders but, perhaps, Clare can emerge as the 'dark horse' as the campaign progresses.

The Banner men showed improved form towards the end of the league and achieved a victory over Cork in Cork which was notable because of the manner in which Clare rallied to take the laurels, having fallen behind against the strong wind mid-way through the second half.

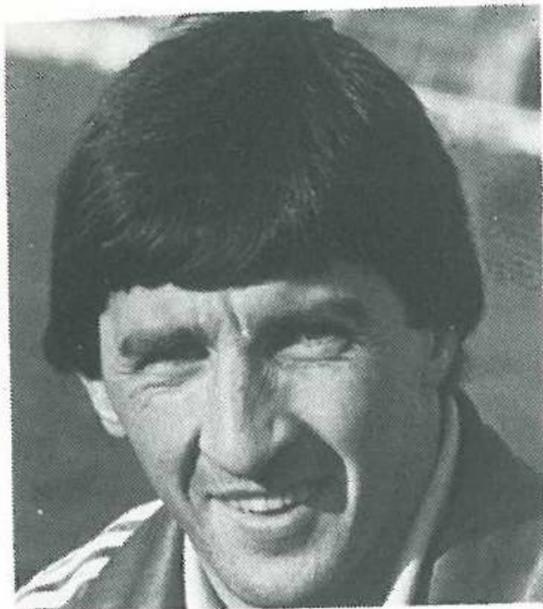
In the process, Clare produced the type of spirit which had been absent from their play since they were trounced by Tipp in the championship replay last year.

Their gutsy effort against Cork might prove the turning point for a team which showed considerable potential in the '86 Munster final at Killarney, and which in John Moroney,

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**Have a break.**  
**Have a Kit Kat.**





**John Fenton....his departure will be a severe blow to Cork.**

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**Tommy Guilfoyle, Victor O'Loughlin, James Shannahan, Cyril Jones, Val Donnellan and Ger McInerney contains players capable of holding their own in the highest company.**

Even if Clare account for Waterford and Cork, however, it is extremely doubtful that they can thwart a Tipp team which is sure to be even more formidable as a result of their National League final victory in April. And Antrim are hardly likely to lower Tipps colours either. Offaly staged a fine performance against Tipperary in the recent League Final, with sturdy displays from Joachim Kelly, Brendan Keeshan and Mark Corrigan but may have to bow to Kilkenny again in Leinster.

The Noresiders finished well in the



**Nicky English....his 2-11 against Waterford was one of the highest scores in the League for many years.**

league, achieving convincing wins over Cork and Tipperary which made everybody sit up and take notice.

That their good form came too late to earn them a place in the knock-out stages may yet prove to be a blessing in disguise as Kilkenny are bound to be fresh and eager for action when the championship gets under way.

Particularly encouraging during the league campaign was the promising efforts of trialists like Stephen Whearty, Michael Phelan and Michael Cleere and with old reliables such as Joe Hennessy, Ger and John Henderson, Richie Power and Liam Fennelly still showing that they are capable of inspirational feats, Kilkenny appear to have a nicely-blended side of youth and experience.

**Kilkenny have not taken All-Ireland honours since 1983 and that is their longest spell in the wilderness since they went five seasons without a title between '58 and '62.**

Their hunger for glory must be enormous and that allied to the fact that Galway have proved their masters for the past two years is bound to provide Kilkenny with plenty of incentive should the counties clash in the All-Ireland semi-final.

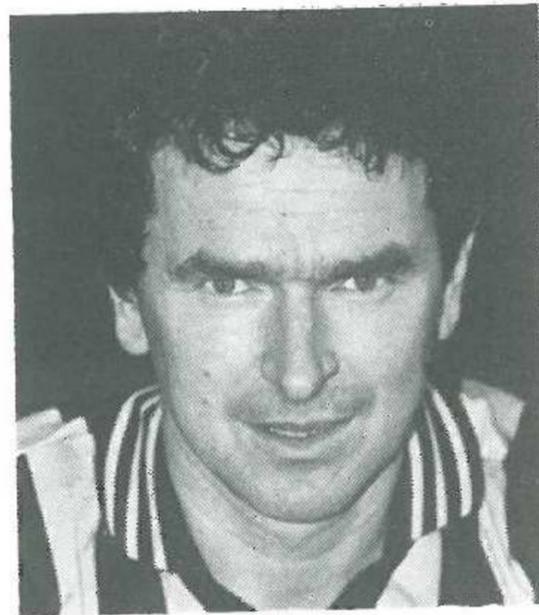
Galway shaded the issue in a disappointing decider last season but many contend that had Kilkenny not adopted an over aggressive approach and Ger Fennelly not struck a rare off-day in his role as free-taker, the outcome might have been different.

Kilkenny's thirst for vengeance could prove the decisive factor this season and even the efforts of Galway stalwarts Joe Cooney, Tony Keady, Peter Finnerty, Ger McInerney, Sylvie Linnane and Conor Hayes, may be unable to prevent the Noresiders from turning the tables on the Tribesmen.

**Tipp and Kilkenny for the final, therefore, a pairing guaranteed to delight traditionalists.**

Tipp, seeking their first title since '71 will needless to say, be every bit as hungry as Kilkenny and are sure to make a bold bid for the laurels.

The return of Donie Kealy — one of Tipps stars in the '85 Munster final

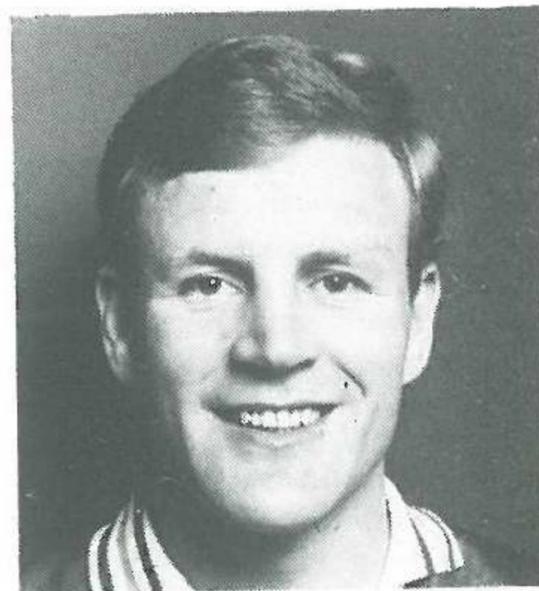


**Ger Henderson....still capable of inspirational feats.**

against Cork — from England and the promising play of newcomer Noel Sheehy provides Tipp with extra options in defence where they were especially well-served last year by players like Richard Stakelum, Conor O'Donovan, Paul Delaney and John Kennedy.

Colm Bonnar and Pat Fitzelle or Joe Hayes can form a useful mid-field partnership but one feels that the absence of a couple of quality forwards to supplement the talents of Nicky English, Pat Fox, Donie O'Connell and Aidan Ryan, may just be enough to ensure that Tipp will have to wait a little bit longer for their overdue return to the top.

In my view, therefore, its the men in the Black and Amber who will emerge as All-Ireland champions for the 24th time at the end of the '88 campaign.



**Joachim Kelly....sturdy display in the National League Final.**

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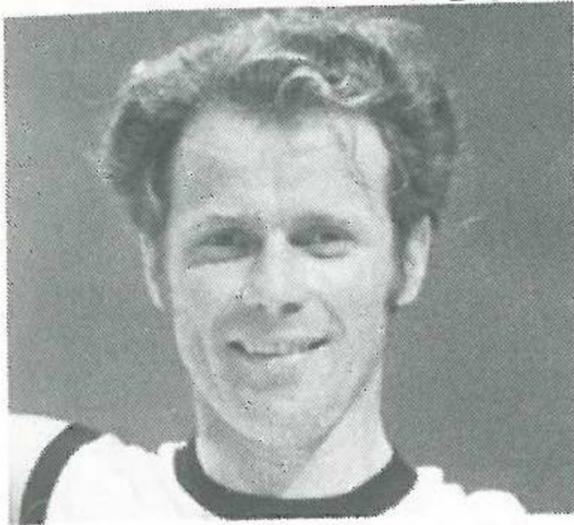
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•Pat Kirby (now U.S.A.), who defeated his brother John in the Masters Singles final at Melbourne in March.

A unique feature of the World Handball Championships which were held in Melbourne in March was the appearance of the Kirby Brothers, Pat and John in the Masters Singles final.

It was a superb encounter which went to a tie-breaker, in which Pat, carrying the U.S.A. singlet, literally emerged like the phoenix to wipe out a seven ace deficit and take the title. However, we were all equally proud of John, who had such a successful season at home, and, then continued the good work in Australia. Through the years, the Kirbys from the famous handballing village of Luamgraney in County Clare, have been fantastic ambassadors of the sport, with Pat, consistently proving himself as a player of world class. **Indeed I have often made the argument that it would be in the best interests of the sport, if the Irish Handball Council invited Pat home every year for a series of coaching courses. I have every confidence that he would play a major role in bettering our standards.** And judging by our performances in the world championships that is an important consideration. The only outright victory for Ireland was achieved by Fergal Coughlan from Clare in the Under 19 grade.

I had suggested, some months

**BY SEAN CLERKIN**

back, that he is a player of considerable potential, and he certainly realised it in Australia. That is no reflection on the other players who donned the green singlets, though, in point of fact they had to yield to fitter and more accomplished opponents. Meantime, the local attention is being directed to the National Championships in the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 grades and the players who are likely to land the honours. It is inevitable that the name of Michael "Duxie" Walsh, the doyen of Kilkenny handball, should come to the forefront. He is in there again, with renewed determination to hold his place as the top player in the country.

In recent years, he has, on a number of occasions, fallen foul of discipline and suffered the consequences, not the least of which, was his omission from the international trials. There can be no debate, however, regarding his status as a superb player and we look forward to his many sterling performances during the Summer months. His namesake Mickey, from Roscommon will also be searching for gold again. It will be recollected, that, after a couple of decades of honest endeavour, he eventually broke through the mythical barrier last year and won a couple of All-Ireland titles. His early season form indicates that he will be to the fore again.

The Quish brothers from Limerick, who hold the Senior Handball doubles title, will be intent on regaining the Coca Cola doubles award, a situation that will lead to a series of great games.

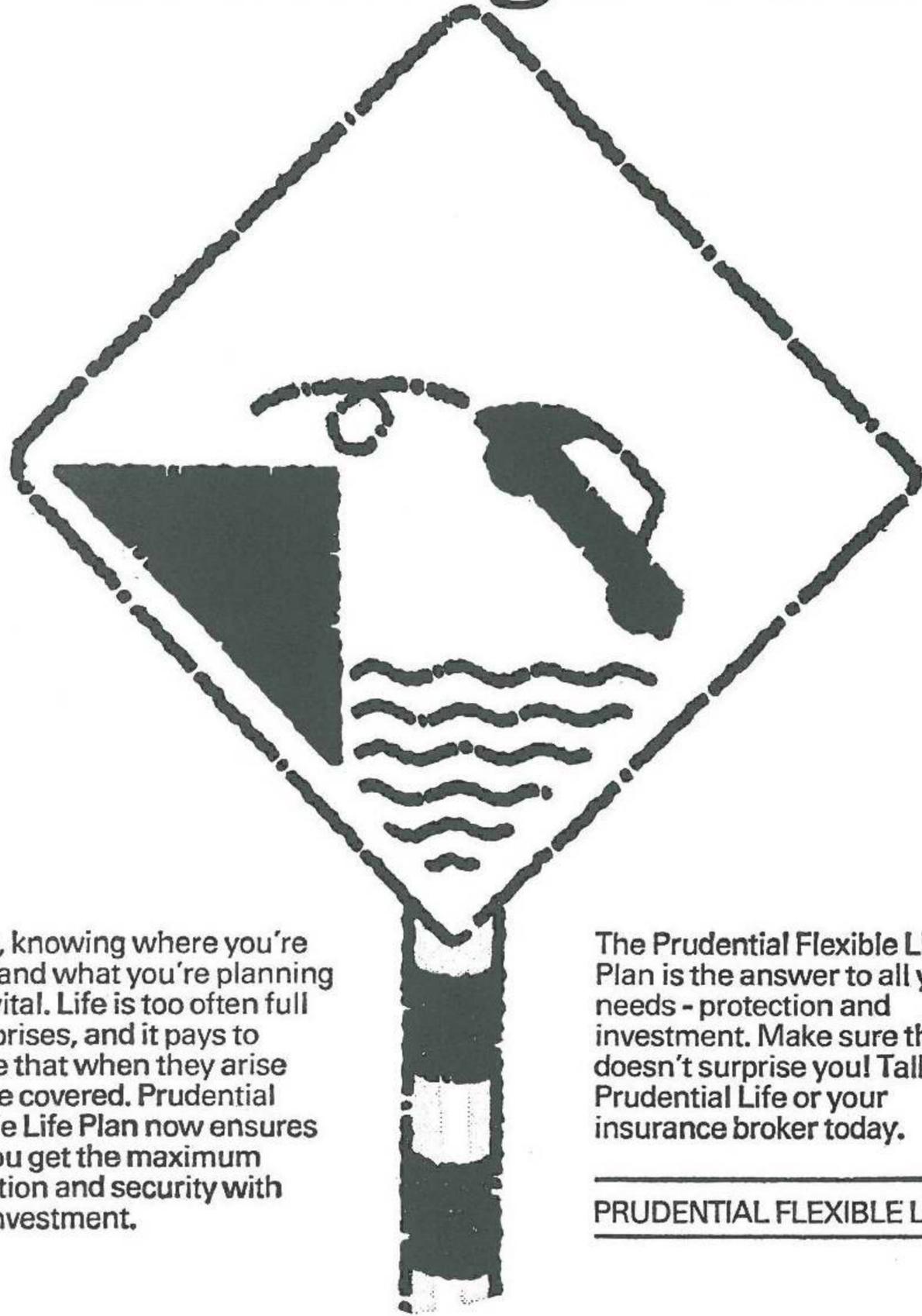
Tom Sheridan and James McGovern from Meath are already perched on a lofty handball tree and they hope to remain there. That will give the young pretenders a target at which to shoot.

And foremost in that group, surely, is Peter McAuley, the young Louth player, who won minor and junior honours last year and is brimful of confidence that he will wear the senior crown this year. Such aspirations must be the generators of thrilling encounters.

My final thought is nostalgic with the proposal that the old court at the back of Hill 16 is due for demolition. I reflect on the many thrilling games played there, when the spectator space on the gallery was stretched to the very limits. The Dublin Board has been playing its games there for the past quarter of a century and it has ever been a focal point for the metropolitan handballer. The disruption caused by the demolition has been softened somewhat by the commitment of the G.A.A. to provide a new court, but to suggest that it might be located in Parnell Park is just not acceptable. Dublin handball has had its focal point in Croke park for so long that the game is certain to go into decline if there is any move to shift it from there.

In addition, the Dublin players provide very valuable revenue for the headquarters complex. There seems no reason why an additional court could not be built on to the aforementioned complex. It might involve the loss of a few feet in width to the G.A.A. ground, but it would be a worthwhile investment by the parent body in Dublin handball.

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# QUIZTIME

BY VINNY MOORE

HERE we are with only a little more than four months of 1988 gone by, yet already some of the major titles of the year have been won and lost. In the process, we have had some fine games at club and inter-county level, and a number of top-class individual displays as well.

Indeed, the opening quarter of the year has generally been a good one, and augurs well for the fare in the upcoming championships. We undoubtedly look in for some memorable days, and I would not be prepared at this juncture to nominate the probable winners in even one of the provincial senior championships, let alone in the All-Ireland hurling and football tests.

We can appreciate events, of course, but right now, instead of looking forward to the future, I am taking a brief enough look back at some of the happenings in 1988 already in the latest QUIZTIME, and also at some of the personalities who helped to make the news.

I'm going to start with the Royal Liver Leagues, but you will find no question here relating to the finals, or the winners of the titles. Questions on those lines would be just too easy at this stage.

Instead, let's see what you know about happenings during the run-in to the titles. I have also a section featuring the club senior championships, the ever popular PICTURE QUIZ, and a section that will, I hope whet the interest in the championship ahead.

Let's get under way with the:

## ROYAL LIVER LEAGUES

1. Name the counties promoted to

Division I in football for next season following their exploits in the 1987-'88 National Football League contest

2. What county won the Division II title in hurling?

3. How many games did Offaly play on the way to the Division II title in hurling — five, six or seven?

4. Nicholas English had a celebrated day in the goals and points stakes as Tipperary crushed Waterford in the hurling semi-final at Croke Park in early April. Can you recall what he scored in that game?

5. Louth will compete in Division II of next season's Football League — true or false?

6. Meath lost once in their Division I programme in football. That was in February. What county beat the All-Ireland champions?

7. Who captained Monaghan in their crushing failure to Dublin in the football semi-final?

8. Galway lost the league title during the Royal Liver campaign. What county ended their hopes of a successful defence of the title?

9. This hurling goalkeeper is well-known for scoring goals. He got another one earlier this year at Dungarvan in the League against Waterford, but that was not enough to save his team from defeat. Who is he?

10. John Hennessy was consistently among the goals and points during the hurling League, and finished high up in the chart. Can you name his county team?

Five points for each correct answer making a total of 50 points to get QUIZTIME off on a high note.

## HOW DID YOU START?.....

Now, let's see how expert you are on events in the recent past:

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. John Fenton won the one national medal missing from his side-board when he helped Midleton to lift the All-Ireland club hurling title on St. Patrick's Day. He also captained the Cork side — true or false?

2. John Treanor or Vincent McGovern led Burren, of Down, to their second All-Ireland club senior football title in March. Your choice?

3. Clan na Gael, Roscommon, runners-up for the national football title, made history on the way to the final by becoming the first to collect a certain number of Connacht titles in succession. Did they take the provincial crown three, four or five years on the trot?

4. Name the beaten All-Ireland semi-finalists in the club football championship this season.

5. Athenry had one of the greatest score-getters of all time in the No. 12 jersey in their final against Midleton. The club national medal is the only major souvenir now missing from the collection of this long-serving and popular hurler. Who is he?

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am awarding a five points bonus here if both semi-finalists are named correctly — just five points for one of the teams named correctly. So, it is possible to advance by 30 points here.

HOW FAR DID YOU GET? .....

Let's move on here to our popular PICTURE QUIZ, and I don't think this exercise should prove all that difficult as I feature a side that has been very much in the limelight in recent times.

1. What county selection is the one photographed here?  
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2. This picture was taken prior to a major title win. Can you say what title the team in question won on the day of this photograph?  
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3. Who is the hurler third from left in the front row?  
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4. Who is the goalkeeper?  
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5. What team lost to our PICTURE QUIZ personalities?  
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6. Where was this photograph taken? In other words name the venue for the game.  
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7. A five points bonus to end on. Can you name the winning margin our PICTURE QUIZ team had in the game in question?  
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That five points bonus means that this exercise of seven questions is worth 40 points — five for each, other than No. 7.

YOUR SCORE.....

Let's end with that promise on the 1988 championships. I call this simply:

**LOOKING AHEAD**

1. Cork will be defending the Munster senior football title this summer. In what year did they last make a successful defence of the crown?  
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2. Meath, who beat Dublin in the 1986 and 1987 finals, have yet to win three Leinster senior football titles in a row. True or false?  
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3. Mayo will be striving this season to capture their first Connacht senior football crown since what year?  
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4. Offaly won their first Leinster senior hurling title as recently as 1980. They will be striving this summer to boost their Easter titles take to three, four or five?  
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5. Derry are defending Ulster senior football champions. No Northern team had retained this title since 1976. What county came out on top that year?  
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6. Antrim gave Kilkenny a rare fright in last year's All-Ireland senior

hurling semi-final at Dundalk. Will the Northerners meet the Munster champions, or Galway or the All-Ireland "B" king-pins in this season's semi-final?  
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7. Dublin are likely to again be a power in the East this year. How many times have they won the provincial title since 1980?  
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8. Galway will be striving for a hat-trick of Connacht senior football crowns. In what year did they last complete such a treble?  
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9. Let's end by giving the ladies a brief look in. What county will defend the All-Ireland senior camogie title in the months ahead?  
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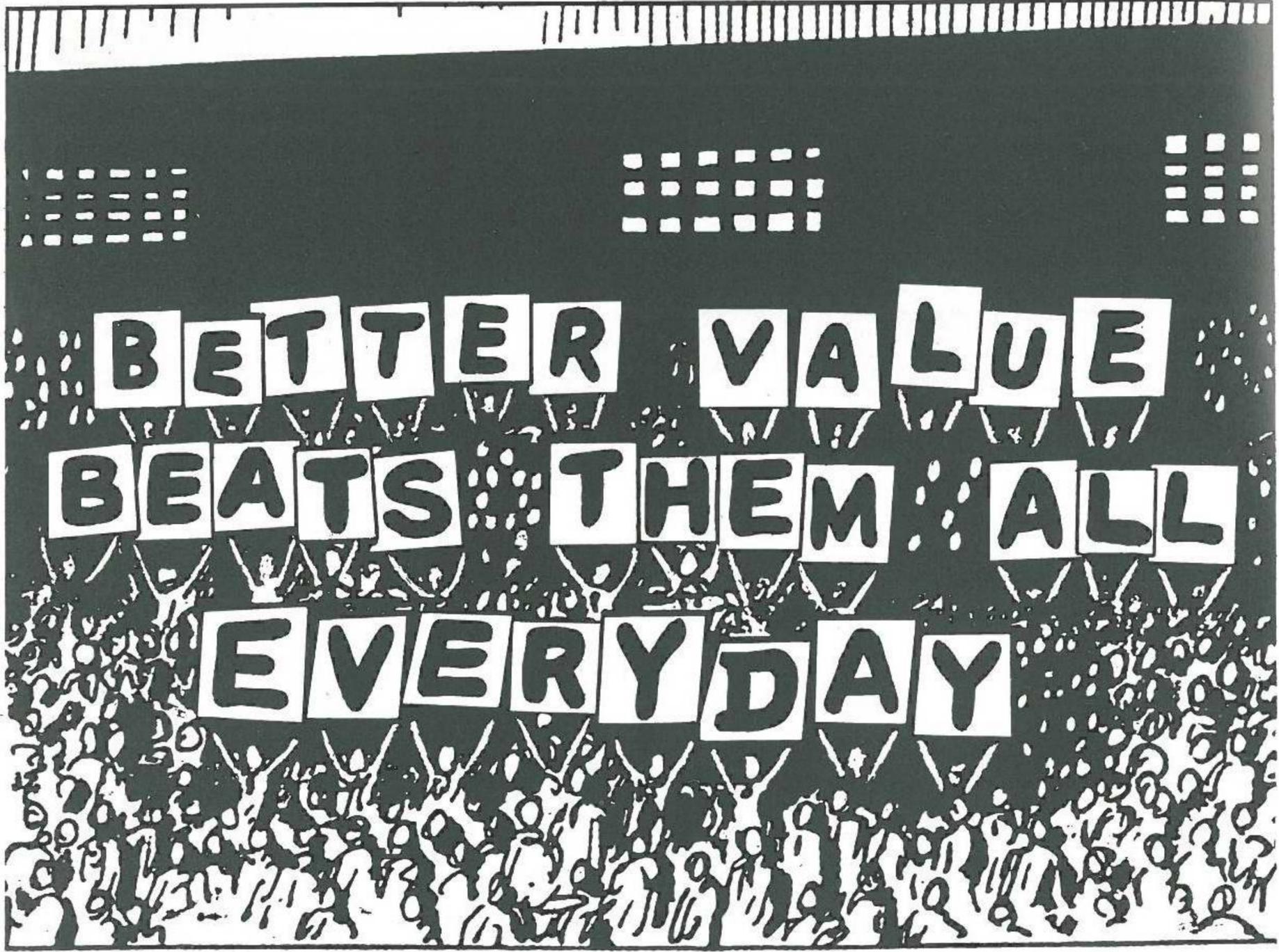
10. Cork were runners-up for the O'Duffy Cup last September. When did they last collect the All-Ireland senior championship?  
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Another section of five pointers, with a whopping bonus this time of ten points for a full house — every question answered correctly that is. The exercise could end as it began, then, on a bright note, with the best points tally of all at 60 points. YOUR FINAL RETURN? .....

**HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?**

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## Mary Moran reports on the major motions discussed at Annual Congress in Monaghan

**T**HE return of London to the All-Ireland championship, the election of a new President and proposed changes to the size of the playing pitch were the main talking points at the Annual Congress held in Monaghan.

Kildare born Mary Noonan travelled from London to put her case for the inclusion of a London team in the All-Ireland Junior Championship. She was delighted with the warm response to her request. Connacht offered London a place in their championship but the meeting felt it more appropriate to arrange a special quarter final to facilitate the newcomers.

London were drawn to meet the Munster winners and will wear a uniform based on the colours of the four provinces. Wearing green skirts, white jerseys with blue and gold hoops, they will be very distinctive.

London, of course, fielded a team in the All-Ireland Senior Championship in the fifties. It is sad to note that the growth of the game in the London area coincides with peaks of emigration from this country. **Within the past two years, seven clubs have been formed.**

The clubs are naturally based in areas where there is a large Irish population. London-Irish the first club to affiliate, is based in the Finsbury Park area. It was followed quickly by Croydon and Tara clubs. Newham Gaels, St. Michaels and Green Isles brought the number to six. The latest addition is Islington Irish in North London.

Majella O'Neill, who won an All-Ireland senior medal with Kilkenny in 1977, is the leader of the London County Board. Ettie Kelly (Meath), Mary Noonan (Kildare), Rita O'Hanlon-Wright (Galway) and

Teresa Finneran (Roscommon) are the other officers.

**Members of the National Coaching Committee held a coaching course in London in late February. From the standard of play on view, there is no doubt but that London will be in a position to field a strong side.**



• MARY MORAN

Maire Ní Cheallachain from Dripsey in Mid-Cork was elected as Uachtarán to succeed Mary Lynch. She fielded with Lee Valley in her playing days. For many years she devoted her time to her other interests, the Irish language and Irish music.

**Maire Ní Cheallacháin,  
elected as Uachtarán,  
to succeed Mary Lynch**

When camogie was revived in the Aghabullogue area in the late sixties, she became involved once again. She joined the Inniscarra Club when the game was organised in her parish.

Firstly, as a selector, Mary became involved in the affairs of the Cork County Board. She served as cathaoirleach of the County Board and Munster Council. Mary is already well-known around the country and will not spare herself covering events.

Kilkenny presented a very detailed report on their Pilot Scheme for the full sized G.A.A. pitch measurements. They arrived at the conclusion that the playing strength would require to be increased to fifteen to cover the larger playing area.

However, due to an oversight, a motion to increase the playing strength to fifteen was overlooked. As the other relevant motions which appeared on the Congress papers referred to a twelve aside game, Kilkenny were left with little option but to withdraw them.

**Players and spectators alike have often remarked that camogie matches are too short. In future, inter-county senior and junior championship games will be over sixty minutes. The alteration will be effective for the 1988 championships.**

The banding of sticks lead to a lively debate. Increased cost of hurleys and poor quality of same prompted support for the lifting of the ban on the use of metallic banding. However, the prospect of injury caused others to withhold support. The motion failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority.

The well organised Congress in Monaghan catered for the largest attendance in recent years. As originally feared, the meeting failed to finish the extremely heavy agenda. In excess of twenty motions, bye-laws and the Commission Report will be tackled when Congress reconvenes at Croke Park on 14th May.

# CROSSWORD

DEvised BY  
MARTIN O'SHEA

## ACROSS

1—An inspiring team leader for Ireland at Croke Park last year. (1,6).

4—The Railway Cup football trophy remained in the ..... in 1987. (4).

6—Initials of Galway's left full back in last September's All-Ireland senior hurling final win over Kilkenny. (1,1).

7—This county was the only one doubly represented in the Leinster club senior hurling and football finals before Christmas. (5).

8—Goal scoring chances are not always as ..... as they may appear to spectators on the terraces. (6)

10—Gay is a clever and accurate forward with Galway's senior footballers. (7).

13—This county lost their final Royal Liver Football League game of 1987 to Dublin by three points. (6).

14—After noon. (1,1).

15—Fermented malt liquor or beer. (3).

16—Popular form of a Christian name and link with a centre-field giant for Galway hurlers in their great run in 1987. (5).

20—Many argue that Kerry were toppled from their Munster and All-Ireland senior football thrones last year because they were too ..... a team. (3).

22—David did much at right half-back to bring the National Football League title to Dublin last April. (6).

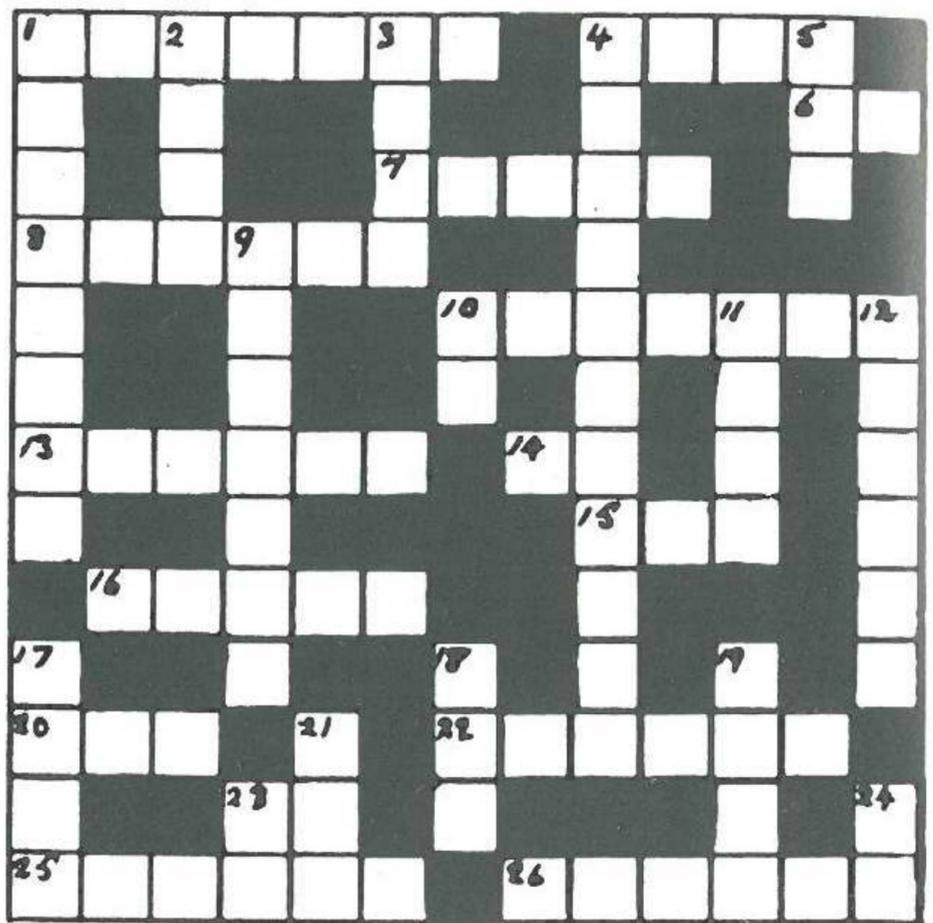
23—This will suffice for Master of Arts. (1,1).

25—An outstanding figure in goals in hurling in 1987, and winner of a provincial senior medal as well. (1,5).

26—Right full-forward in the Kerry team beaten by Dublin in the 1987 National League Football final. (1,5).

## DOWN

1—Right half back in the Cork team beaten in the Munster senior hurling final replay, and a member of a great hurling family. (1,7).



2—Christian name of Meath's solid centre half-back in their All-Ireland senior football championship winning side last year. (4).

3—Many a county selector likes to run this over a player in a club game before choosing him for the premier side. (4)

4—Clare's goalkeeper in their unsuccessful National Hurling League final against Galway last May. (4,7).

5—A digit of the foot. (3).

9—This bright young footballer from Dungiven was Derry's left full forward in the All-Ireland senior semi-final against Meath last August. (1,6).

10—As 23 across. (1,1).

11—Kilkenny's points tally — indeed their entire score — in the All-Ireland senior hurling final last September. (4).

12—Meath have won just a ..... All-Ireland senior football title since 1967. (6).

17—All-Ireland Junior Football Champions of 1987. (4).

18—This is frequently used to describe in brief Senior Softball Singles in handball. (1,1,1).

19—To make an engraving by eating away the surface of a metal plate with acids. (4).

21—This is the popular form or description for the Gaelic Athletic Association. (1,1,1).

23—Try Mark Gibbs, Galway's centre half-forward in their All-Ireland minor football semi-final with Cork last year as the clue to solve this section of the Crossword. Initials (1,1).

24—Another initials clue. This hurler wore the No. 13 jersey for Galway in the All-Ireland senior final. (1,1).

●SOLUTION PAGE 25

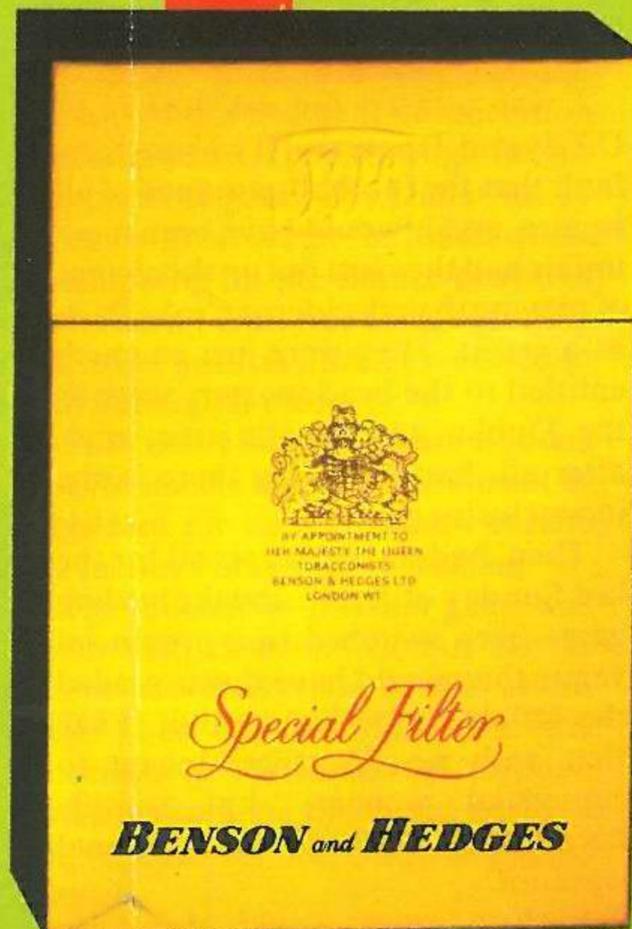
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Team captains will be chosen from the All-Ireland winning counties and the Games Administration Committee will select referees for the hurling and football games.

The three matches will be preceded by a massive parade through O'Connell Street involving all Dublin GAA, camogie and handball clubs in their club colours. The Dublin Primary, Secondary and Vocational schools will also take part. The parade will pass a reviewing platform in O'Connell Street at 12 noon which will include the Lord Mayor, Carmencita Hederman, An Taoiseach, Charles Haughey, cabinet ministers, John Dowling, President, and Liam O'Maolmhichil, Ard Stiúrthóir, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Phil Markey, Chairman and Jim King, Secretary, Dublin County Board, as well as civic and church dignitaries. The Dublin Millennium GAA Games are being co-ordinated by the Dublin GAA Millennium committee including John Kirwan, Chairman and Jimmy Boggan, Secretary.



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# DUBLIN



## TWO GREAT TEAMS AND NOT

**L**ET me say at the outset that I had mixed feelings on learning that the original decision to replay the Dublin-Meath tie a week after the drawn match had been altered the following evening, and that the match would go back until late in May.

I was pleased for the hurlers of Offaly and Tipperary. It was not their fault that the football game ended all square, and it would have been most unfair had they lost out on the chance of playing their decider at Croke Park as a result. They were just as much entitled to the headquarters stage as the Dublin and Meath men, who, after all, had their day there in the inconclusive game.

Then, had the replay stood for the last Sunday of April, and the hurling game been switched to a provincial venue that would have down-graded the Offaly-Tipperary summit. I say that with no disrespect meant to provincial venues, but simply because Croke Park is the national stadium.

Such a move would also have

meant preferential treatment for the footballers at the expense of the hurlers. Not only that, the Offaly-Tipperary encounter would have been very much overshadowed by the discussions on the football game, for there is nothing like a replay for arousing arguments in a big way.

I argue, then, that the immediate thoughts after the drawn final should have been on the possibilities of playing that match at a provincial centre, rather than of finding a new venue for the hurling game.

**Having said all that, I still must admit that I had a pang of genuine regret for Meath when the news broke that the replay had been put back. They left on May day on their visit to the U.S. for the Bank of Ireland All Star tour, and will hardly be back home when they must face up to a demanding national final replay. That is surely not the best type of preparation for such an important match.**

It can be argued that the tour will further build up Meath's teamwork and assurance, but the players are bound to be tired after so much

travelling. Let's not overlook the fact either, that only a few weeks after the replay, Meath must start their defence of the Leinster and All-Ireland titles with a tough game against Louth at Drogheda.

**If there is one immediate lesson to be learned here it surely is that the League finals should not be arranged so close to the U.S. tour in future. Are you listening, Games Administration Committee!**

Let's get back to the drawn game. I said at the outset that a draw was a fair result, and I stand by that as both teams missed good opportunities.

At the same time I feel Meath deserve a special quota of praise for their great fight back after being rocked by Mick Galvin's goal nine minutes before full time. That gave Dublin a 1-7 to 0-7 lead, and they looked firmly on the road for a second title in succession.

Many a lesser team than Meath would have surrendered the cause at that stage. But we were to learn that the Royal County men are not All-Ireland champions for nothing as they

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## NOT A WHISKER BETWEEN THEM.

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rallied and eventually equalised. Then, when Brian Stafford from a free put Meath in front for the first time with a game all but over, that seemed that as far as the Dubs were concerned.

However, the League champions took a leaf out of the Meath book, and a Noel McCaffrey free gave Joe McNally his chance to level the scores. The full forward, who had earlier missed a couple of good chances, proved equal to the occasion, as he slotted over a fine point.

I thought Jim Bissett had his best game in the Dublin colours. He worked tirelessly, got through an amount of useful work, and generally was one of the day's heroes. Declan Bolger also did some good things, despite shipping an injury as early as eight minutes into the game.

In contrast, Liam Hayes and Gerry McEntee flittered in and out and never really came to grips with the position.

Dublin, then, should have made better use of this advantage. They missed a good number of scoring

chances in the first half, enough to have had them ahead at the interval after playing with the breeze instead of turning over on level terms.

The outlook did not seem too bright for Dubin at the restart, but credit them for sticking doggedly to the job on hand. Meath just could not effect a worth-while break-through up front.

This was due in no small measure to the sheer brilliance of Gerry Hargan, who played a captain's part for Dublin at full back with one of the best individual displays so far this year, and the reliability of Noel McCaffrey.

Hargan did not give Stafford much room to scheme scores, and McCaffrey time and again nipped Meath attacks in the bud, and went sweeping over into the offensive repeatedly himself.

Meath's forward division did not cut much ice against the Dubs defence. Bernard Flynn, a fast, nippy and elusive attacker, was their best raider. He constantly threatened, collected three points,

and had a hand in making the others. Without the left full forward's persistence, vision and accuracy, I doubt if Meath would have survived.

### ONE LAPSE

Meath's backs did well over-all, except for one moment of indecision that allowed Galvin through for his opportunist goal. The Dubs No. 15 deserves great credit for his alertness in snapping up the chance provided by a Kieran Duff free kick, but really it should not have been presented to him in the first place.

**Still, that's how games are won and lost. Moments like that just cannot be legislated for no matter how careful the tactics worked out in training.**

The football in the first game was hard, fast, determined, but not as fluent or as classy as most of us would have liked. At the same time the closeness of the match all through and the dramatic finish did much to compensate for the below standard play.

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# LEINSTER LIMELIGHTS

• FROM PAGE 23

## GOOD WORK

Still on football, and let's spare a thought for the footballers of Kilkenny, who for years have kept plodding away in the face of defeat after defeat. They must be feeling that all their Christmases and birthdays have been rolled into one this springtime.

Starting the year Kilkenny had not won a football competitive game since November 1981. Then, they went to Dungarvan in February, and ended the losing sequence at the expense of Waterford in Division III south of the Royal Liver League.

Even better was to come in the O'Byrne Cup. Carlow were beaten in the opening round, and then came a splendid win over Kildare.

It is great to see this change of fortune for Kilkenny. Few will begrudge them their moments of joy.

**Brendan Smyth, who has been showing a nice line in the scoring stakes, Mark Kennedy, Tony Maher and Michael Morrissey are among the men who have been prompting the change of the road for Kilkenny.**

Good luck to them, and here's to many more wins!

## KEEN HURLING

It looks like we are in for a keen Leinster hurling championship. The exploits of Offaly and Wexford in the Royal Liver League must help their causes for their efforts to dethrone Kilkenny.

And, Kilkenny have not been exactly letting the grass grow under their feet since they concluded their League programme in March with a stunning home win over Tipperary.

Yes, it promises to be quite a championship.

**Still on the hurling theme, and spare a thought for Enniscorthy C.B.S. They did really well to advance to their first-ever Leinster Colleges' senior final, but came up against title specialists St. Kieran's, Kilkenny, at their brilliant best.**

Kieran's the defending champions

ran out most convincing of winners to lift their 36th title. However, the Enniscorthy boys should not be downhearted. They achieved a break-through for the school, and have laid a path that in time could lead to something worth-while on the titles front.

## SCORING DEFENDER

Brendan Keeshan could show the forwards a thing or two on the Bank of Ireland All Stars tour. The Offaly defender is one of three Leinster hurlers included in the panel of replacements for the hurling side, and he was consistently on the scoring target for Offaly in the League.

Keeshan is an exciting wing back, and his brand of attacking play, and above all his flair for slotting over the points from frees could make him one of the real stars of the tour.

**While on the Offaly hurler, it is worth recording here that his county-team-mate, Mark Corrigan, captured the B&I Line G.A.A. Personality of the Month award. Indeed, it was a double celebration for the top scoring forward as the day he stepped up to collect the trophy he celebrated his 28th birthday.**

There could hardly be a better way than that to mark a birthday.

Mark won All-Ireland senior medals in 1981 and 1985, and surprisingly enough is the tenth award winner from the Faithful County stretching back to March 1977.

## JUST ONE LINK

Let's end our round-up from Leinster where we began with the Football League final. When Dublin and Meath lined-out in the drawn game, Joe Cassells was the only playing link with the last meeting of the counties for the title. That was in 1975, and Cassells had a fine game at midfield as Meath shocked Dublin, who were then All-Ireland champions, to take their fourth and last title.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

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### ROYAL LIVER LEAGUES

1. Down and Donegal, who finished joint leaders of Division II. 2. Wexford, with eleven points from seven games. 3. Seven, and they won them all. 4. 2-11. 5. True, they won Division III North. 6. Monaghan. 7. Ciaran Murray. 8. Offaly, who beat Galway by 2-11 to 1-13 in a preliminary semi-final at Croke Park in March. 9. Johnny Commins (Galway). 10. Kerry.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. False. Goalkeeper Ger Power captained Midleton. 2. Vincent McGovern, the full forward. 3. Clan na Gael won the Connacht title for the fourth successive year, 4. Nemo Rangers, beaten by Burren, and Portlaoise, who lost to Clan na Gael. 5. P.J. Molloy, the Galway county sharpshooter.

### PICTURE QUIZ

1. The Galway Hurling team. 2. The team went on to win last season's National League Title. 3. Sylvie Linnane. 4. Peter Murphy. 5. Clare. 6. Thurles. 7. Two points: 3-12 to 3-10.

### LOOKING AHEAD

1. 1974, when as All-Ireland champions, they beat Kerry at Killarney. 2. True. 3. Mayo were last champions in 1985. 4. Five. They were champions in 1980, 1981, 1984, and 1985. 5. Derry. 6. The Munster champions. 7. Three. 8. 1984. 9. Kilkenny, who won the title for the third successive year last September. 10. 1983.

## Crossword Solution

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## NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE FINAL

# TIPP TAKE TITLE IN SUPERB FASHION

by Paul Ryan



*Proud Tipp. captain, Pat O'Neill holds aloft the Croke Cup following his team's great victory over Offaly.*

**T**O Tipperary the spoils . . . to Offaly a lot of glory in defeat . . . and for hurling an excellent advertisement and wonderful boost. That's my summing up of the first Royal Liver National Hurling League final.

Tipperary have come a long way in fulfilling the potential that we saw in last year's Munster championship, and again in that great effort against Galway in a sparkling All-Ireland semi-final in August. They played with tremendous gusto in the League final, showed the skills that we have now come to expect from the side, and also had a belief in themselves that suggested they had come to town fully convinced that this would be their day.

In the end, it was more than a title win for Tipperary. It was a day in hurling during which the county reached a vital crossroads . . . and the class of '88 took the right turn.

Had Tipperary lost it would have

been a major setback, particularly with hopes so high, and with the Munster campaign just around the corner. Confidence would have been eroded, and that would have been a poor platform from which to mount a title defence. As it is, Tipperary will now approach the Munster series with the mood of national champions after their first League title win in nine years. Their hopes of a good championship run must be enhanced as a result.

On the other hand, I don't think Offaly's championship prospects will suffer one bit as a result of the defeat. Indeed, the opposite may be the case.

Granted, a win would have been a tremendous morale booster, but at the same time, the Leinster men can take tremendous encouragement from their achievements in the Royal Liver League. They won Division II without losing a point, and as a result gained promotion. And, they

knocked out Galway and Wexford before making what was without doubt a very spirited and determined bid against the in-form Tipperary men.

Cliche it may be to say that Offaly won more glory in that defeat than many a team gains in victory, but for all that, the assessment is still nonetheless true. Overall, then, the outlook for the Midlanders must be very bright.

As for hurling, this first major final at headquarters of the year was a winner. A fast, skillful game, free-flowing with few stoppages, some top-class individual performances, good scores and sportsmanship of the highest order all contributed to a match that brought home to all just what a spectacular spectator sport our ancient game truly is.

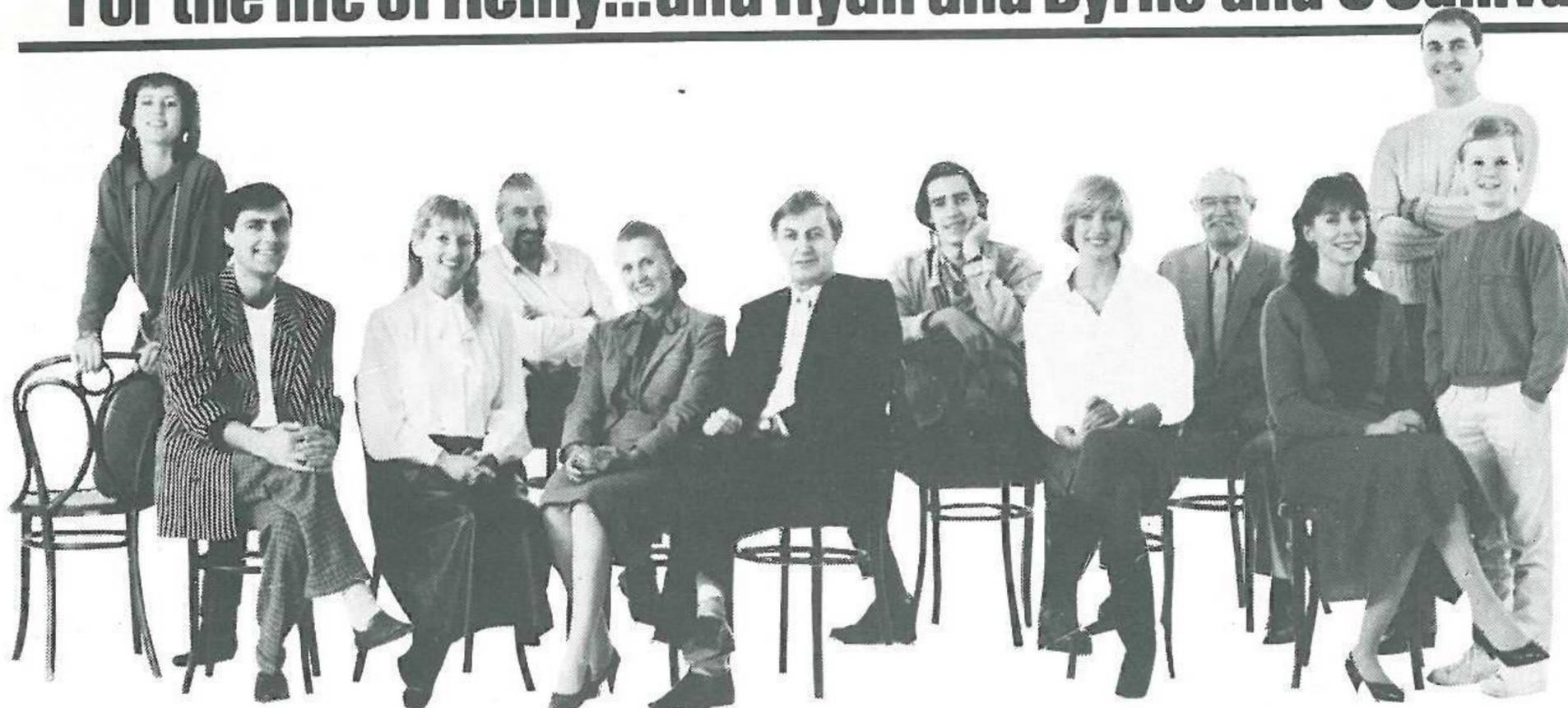
There was not one ugly moment, or one unsporting act throughout the

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*Pictured above are the 1988 Royal Liver National Hurling League Champions, Tipperary. Hopes of a good championship must be enhanced as a result of this tremendous victory.*

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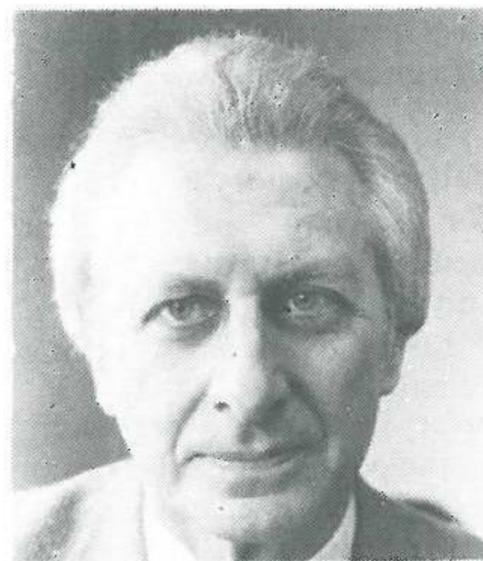


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hour, and that says much for the men who battled with such enthusiasm and such drive but without rancour for the top prize. Well done, you giants from Tipperary and Offaly!

Offaly's hopes of a first League title might have been realised had their finishing from frees and play been a little more positive. As against that it must be said that their cause was not helped by the fact that they came up against Ken Hogan at his brilliant best in the Tipperary goal.

The Lorrha man has emerged in recent times as one of the most dependable figures in goal in the game, and he further underscored that point with his expertise in the final. This was a five-star show from Hogan.

At the other end of the field, let it be said that Jim Troy was not found wanting either. He, too, emerged from the final with a well-established reputation further richly enhanced.

Nevertheless, it is still true to say that the Leinster men lacked Tipperary's sharpness around goal. Nicholas English may not have stamped his personality on the match to the same degree as earlier Croke Park games this year, and Pat Fox, another scoring expert, contributed just three points.

But English did finish with 1-3, and Tipperary also had others ready and able to step into the scoring breach. What about team skipper Pat O'Neill, who celebrated his League final debut by grabbing 2-1? Here was another top-class captain's performance on a big day at Croke Park this year, and we have had a number already.

**I thought, too, that their half back line of John Kennedy, Bobby Ryan and Paul Delaney (that's not the way they lined out, but how they rank in my chart of top performers) was superb. All three played with skill and composure from first to final whistle, but centre half Kennedy really excelled. He was the master completely in control of his art and well merited his selection for the Man of the Match award.**

On reflection, too, it must be said that a factor in the disappointing



*Pictured above are the Royal Liver National Hurling League Final runners-up, Offaly. Offaly had a magnificent season, winning Division II without losing a single point and subsequently defeating Galway and Wexford before losing gallantly to Tipp. in the final.*

Offaly finishing, particularly in the first half, was the effective closing down of their attack by the speedy and into the tackle approach of the Munster defenders.

Offaly's backs were caught out badly at times; marking was slack on occasions. Overall, however, the defenders did a reasonably good job, and one that might have carried the day had the forwards proved more adept in score-taking.

Martin Hanamy did not allow Fox much freedom, and it is a tribute to Aidan Fogarty that full forward English did not take charge of the scene to anything like the same extent in the games against Antrim and Waterford.

The Leinster men also showed real character in refusing to concede defeat when the odds looked all against them as they trailed by seven points early in the second half. That was hardly unexpected, though, in view of their performances against Galway and Wexford earlier. The Midlanders looked booked for defeat in each match, but stuck resolutely to their guns and eventually came out on top in both games.

Their efforts at a comeback were not rewarded with success in the final, but they still deserve full marks for their refusal to bow out without a tenacious fight.

Offaly also took a little time to find their best form, maybe understandably because of the nature of the

occasion. In the second half we saw something of the strong running and clever passing from the forwards that the team possesses . . . a hint of qualities that if revealed and exploited to the fullest possible extent in each game in the hurdles ahead could see Offaly on course for a successful time in the knock-out test.

As for looking ahead, it might be unwise to attach too much "store" to the League. After all, experience has shown time and again that League form can be made bankrupt in the championship.

Kilkenny, who failed to make it to the knock-out stages of the League, also looked like a "slumbering giant" poised for a great awakening when they trounced Tipperary in the final round of Division I games in March.

Cork are relegated to Division II for next season, but he would be a foolish man to use that fact as a barometer to the Leesiders' hopes for the championship. Cork are invariably at their most dangerous, as far as the opposition is concerned.

Let's not overlook Galway. They were such a superb power last year that I can see them slipping back as a result of their League setback.

But, on performances in the League, nonetheless — a competition that was very hard to win — Tipperary and Offaly must be among the front-runners — for a showdown in September for the McCarthy Cup.

## MUNSTER MEDLEY

*"Thanks for the memories"*

says Sean Purcell

### AS MIKEY SHEEHY BOWS

### OUT OF THE GAME

**G**AELIC Games followers not only in Kerry, but much further afield, will join me in saying a sincere "Thanks for so much enjoyment" to Mikey Sheehy now that he has had to bow out of inter-county football on medical advice.

The loss of this long-serving stylist is a major blow to the Kerry hopes of a climb back to the Munster and All-Ireland thrones in the coming months. He may have reached the winter of his great career at 33 — he will be 34 in July — but the Austin Stacks forward with the uncanny gift for taking and making scores, had still much to offer the Kingdom and football. His skills, tremendous craft, and scoring powers would have enabled him to continue to prove a link of incalculable value in the Kingdom comeback efforts.

It is hard to credit that Sheehy has been consistently to the forefront in top-class football since 1975. That was the year that a very young Kingdom side shocked Dublin, then Sam Maguire Cup holders, in the Croke Park summit and Mikey collected his first All-Ireland senior medal. Kerry, of course, went on to add such lustre to football, the county and the G.A.A. in general over the following thirteen years or so.

The dashing forward with the lethal finishing skills played in seven

All-Ireland senior final winning teams, and he enjoyed success as well in the medals stakes for the National League and Railway Cup. He was six times an All-Star.

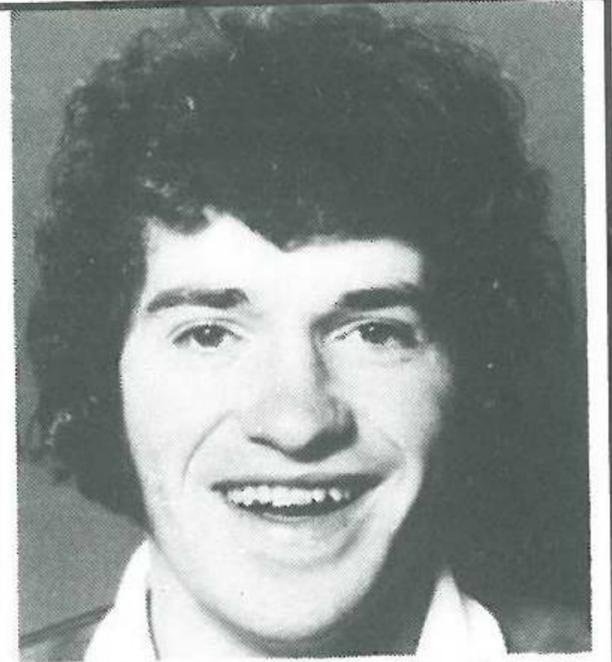
In addition, he rattled home the goals and points with a flair and a regularity that rightly entitles him to rank as the greatest score-getter of all time to emerge from the home of football.

Despite all the honours that came his way, the admiration that he also earned over the years, Mikey Sheehy remained a most modest and likeable gentleman; a sportsman on and off the field, and one of the truly great ambassadors for the G.A.A.

**We all will have our own special golden memories from the many provided by the magic skills of Sheehy over the years. Tralee folk may possibly recall in a particular way a contribution in club games, or the great part he played in helping to bring the All-Ireland club title to Austin Stacks in 1977.**

Kerry folk, in general, may look to the All-Ireland campaigns or the National League, or possibly to that afternoon in 1979 when he equalled Jimmy Keaveney's scoring record by hitting 3-2 in the win over Dublin for the All-Ireland title.

However, I think that most followers will think back on Sheehy's cheeky goal into the Canal end that so



**Mikey Sheehy, six times an All-Star, played in seven All-Ireland senior final winning teams.**

sensationally set Kerry on the road to their 1978 All-Ireland final win over the Dubs.

Four minutes from half-time Kerry were awarded a 14 yards free, and Sheehy, with a marvellous piece of opportunism, conjured up a remarkable goal as he sent the ball to an undefended Dublin net as the Dubliners were caught outfield by the quickness of the Kerry footballer's move.

Yes, one of many golden memories from Mikey Sheehy as he bows out of the game following a severe knee injury sustained in a club match on Easter Sunday.

Thanks for enlivening our lives so much in the past 14 years or so, Mikey, and good luck in the future!

#### KERRY HURLER

It is hard to get away from Kerry just now, even though the county was in an unusual position in the spring of battling for survival in Division I for next season rather than for the Royal Liver League proper.

**But for a change, let's spotlight a Kerry hurler, John Hennessy. His name kept cropping up time and again in reports of Kerry's matches in the League Division II, and he also rivalled Sheehy in the scoring line with some impressive returns.**

Kerry did not make the knock-out

stages of the Royal Liver League, but it is nice to see that Hennessy's achievements did not go unnoticed. He is one of the ten replacements for the hurling squad for the Bank of Ireland All Stars tour this season to San Francisco and Boston.

The honour is well deserved. Hennessy — and I have watched him a few times — is a hurler of genuine ability, and who delivered the goods in match after match in the League. It is encouraging as well that Division II performances can bring a rich dividend. The selection of Hennessy for such a prestigious tour must give great heart to the other hurlers in this division.

### “UP THE MON”

Those of us from the South are well used to cheering on North Monastery, of Cork, in the Dr. Harty Cup. They have a record second to none in the Munster Colleges' senior hurling championship, but what a change to see a football team to the fore from this famed hurling nursery!

I'm sure that I was in a majority at Pairc Uí Chaoimh recently when I expected Coláiste Chríost Rí, Cork, the modern Munster title specialists, to beat North Monastery in the Munster football final. However, with a display of football skills and determination, “The Mon” came out on top and deservedly so to capture their first title in the code in 52 long years.

North Monastery were well beaten on their All-Ireland debut by St.

Colman's, Newry, in a semi-final at Portlaoise. That was no disgrace as the Northern team was an exceptionally strong and experienced outfit. And, the setback still cannot take one iota from North Monastery's rare glory day in Munster.

The All-Ireland experience is bound to prove invaluable in furthering football in the Cork school, and I am convinced we will not have to wait nearly as long for the next Munster title win.

### MACKEY STAND

So, we are going to have to wait a little longer for the official opening of the magnificent new £1.3 million Mackey Stand at the Limerick Gaelic Grounds. The official opening had been planned for early May, but as work would not have been completed by then, the official opening date has been put back.

No big worry that! After all, the new stand will be well worth the wait when it is officially unveiled and will give Limerick a ground on a par with the best in sport.

Incidentally, while other sporting associations apparently are having difficulties in finding suitable grounds for their games — at least that would appear the case in view of all the calls to open up Gaelic Grounds to other sports — isn't it pleasing that followers of the national games are not prepared to stand still, but are getting on with the job of improving their own facilities? There is a lesson there.

### DISAPPOINTING

I was disappointed that the excellent achievement of young Feargal Coughlan, of Clare, in winning the World Handball Under-17 Title in Melbourne received so little publicity here at home.

**Coughlan went almost as far as he could to compete for a World honour, and came home with the title. His feat deserved much greater recognition at home than it received.**

That's not my only reason, though, for doing my bit here to salute Feargal. I do so as a handball enthusiast, and one who has watched the young Banner County man in action from time to time.

There is no need to say that he's an outstanding prospect — his World title triumph indicates that. But his success is a further vindication of the Irish Handball Council's progressive policy in promoting the sport among the juveniles.

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Incidentally, Feargal is a brother Ger Coughlan, who helped to usher in a new era for the sport in Ireland as a member of the team that took part in the 1981 U.S. Juniors — the Irish debut in the tests.

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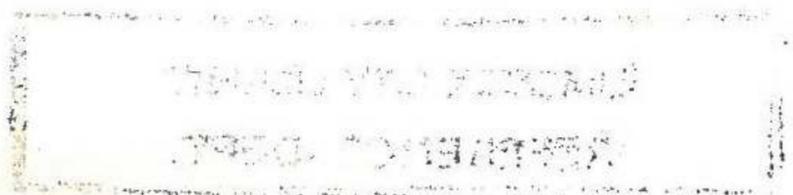


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**C**ONGRATULATIONS to Burren for bringing the All-Ireland Club Championship again to the North after a hectic game with the McManus powered Clann na nGael Roscommon at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day. It is encouraging to see major trophies coming North when our senior county teams are unable to make the breakthrough in the All-Ireland series. It is now twenty years since Down brought the Sam Maguire across the border. In Burren's triumph, countymen John Trainer and Tony McArdle were prominent. They were again to Down's rescue when they narrowly beat Derry in the National League quarter-finals in Armagh in March. They have one of the best forward lines in the country — men like Mason, Linden, McArdle, Trainer and Rogers are typical of Down forward lines of the past but further back they lack the overall efficiency to get them back to Croke Park on All-Ireland day. Last year's winning minor team may add the necessary balance in the future.

### WARRENPOINT:

Barney Carr who was at the helm

when Down brought the Sam Maguire Cup across the border for the first time is back as Chairman of the local club. One of Down's oldest clubs, Warrenpoint was once called John Martin's in honour of the Down patriot but changed to St. Peter's in 1932. They were celebrating a hundred years of existence and the minutes of the historical inaugural

BY  
**PÁDRAIG  
O'BAOIGHILL**

meeting was read at the last meeting. In fact John Martin's won the County Championship in their first year in football.

### McGRORY CUP:

And in an exciting McGrory Cup Colleges replayed final in Omagh we had some of last year's minor team, Duggan, Fagan and the McCartans playing for St. Colmans, Newry in another marathon game with St. Patrick's of Maghera. Played in deplorable conditions the game

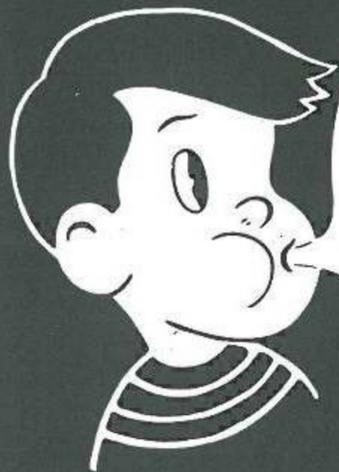
ended in another draw after extra time, Maghera's Ryan Murphy getting the equalising goal on the stroke of time. Derry's senior player Fergal McCusker, brother of County goalkeeper Damien, had a great game for St. Patrick's at centre half. The McGrory Cup was always tough but it is a pity to have to play such fine games in impossible weather conditions. It was in similar conditions that Monaghan beat Donegal in the League in Omagh.

### DERRY CITY:

Dr. Mick Loftus during his Presidency visited many clubs in Ulster and before he bowed out at Congress in Bundoran he went to present the City Board with a cheque for £15,000, the second part of a grant of £30,000 to be spent on refurbishment of Celtic Park. A good gaelic stadium in the city could be the start of a real revival of gaelic games. When we consider the number of Belfast based players on the Antrim Senior Football team we see how much Derry are at a disadvantage to have so few from an area of dense

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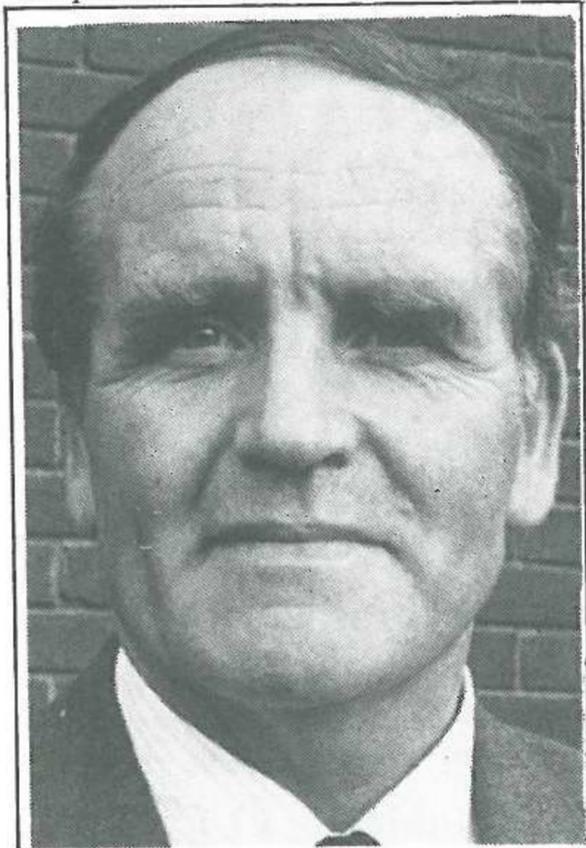
Tennents Lager who employ a good number of gaelic players will sponsor the Monaghan SFC while they have sponsored a senior county hurling tournament in Co. Down. Cork and Kilkenny played in Drumaness.

**GLENCAIRN HOTEL:**

Cardinal Tomás O Fiaich, Honorary President of Armagh GAA was recently the guest of honour at the Armagh Supporters Association annual dinner dance in the new Glencairn Hotel Castleblaney, owned by an Armagh man Barry Hughes. Although Fr. Sean Hegarty did not win a major trophy with the present team he has kept them continually in top grade football and their recent defeat of Mayo in the National League play-off proves that the Orchard County is



*Sean McCague...with the exception of their display against the Dubs in the National League Semi Final, the Monaghan supremo has transformed the county team.*



**• Dr. Mick Loftus, who presented the Derry City Board with a cheque for £15,000, the second part of a grant of £30,000, for the refurbishment of Celtic Park.**

a match for the best. The battle with British Army and harassment continues and was referred to in strong terms by the President of the GAA in Bundoran. To the family of Aidan McAnespie of Aughnacloy killed by British forces on his way to play for Aughaloo GFC, we offer our sincere sympathy.

**ANTRIM:**

Another county showing promise is Antrim who beat Donegal by four points in the McKenna Cup in Casement Park. They should be too strong for a declining Tyrone in the Championship and we could see them in the Ulster semi-finals. Men like McKiernan, Mulvenna, McAtamney, Darragh and McQuillan will be anxious to make the breakthrough.

I have previously stated that Antrim were not far from a breakthrough on the hurling scene. They proved it by winning promotion to Division One of the

National Hurling League. They may find the going tough with some southern teams but the competition at a high level will be invaluable.

**MONAGHAN MANAGERS:**

Sean McCague has made a great change in the Monaghan team since Mayo thrashed them in Ballina before Christmas. Another Monaghan man in a management capacity was to the fore in Croke Park when Longford put up a great show against Dublin in the quarter final of the league. Brendan Hackett who manages the Longford team is a physical education instructor from Monaghan Town and his opponent Gerry McCaul is originally from Cremartin outside Castleblaney. And for good measure another Monaghan man manages the Leitrim team, former Monaghan County player Declan McCabe of Killeavan. Is it not time to see an Ulster team coming up the Hogan Stand on All-Ireland Football Final Day to collect that coveted trophy?

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# GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR ANTRIM HURLING

BY SEAN McHUGH

**A**NTRIM learned a worth-while lesson as to what hurling is all about among the "big boys" when they went down rather heavily to Tipperary in the Royal Liver National League preliminary semi-final at Croke Park in March. Even so, they have no need at all to be pessimistic about their entry into Division I fare for next season's National League.

The gulf that separates some teams in Division II and the top sides in the premier group is not nearly as great as many would have us believe. Look, for instance, at Offaly's performances in the 1987-88 series after their Division II title triumph.

Antrim, who were runners-up to Offaly in Division II last season, failed by eleven points to an in-form Tipperary team that was inspired by the genius, leadership and majestic scoring techniques of man of the moment, Nicholas English. But that was no disgrace! The Northerners to their credit went down battling all the way, and in the process showed grit, skill and all round ability.

In short, the Saffron brigade did not come to town just to fulfill a fixture against Tipperary. They were not over-awed either by the reputation of their opponents, and, as they say in America, gave the challenge "their best shot." It did not prove good enough on the day, but even so, the heavy defeat does not rank as the end of the hurling world for Antrim.

They now know just exactly the demands that will face them in Division I next season. Better to have learned that lesson early than during the campaign. Not only that, the men from the Glens have plenty of time to brush up on the basics, hone skills further and develop teamwork and ploys.

Before the League campaign manager Jim Nelson's boys will have a crack again at championship glory. They meet the Munster king-pins (could that mean another show-down with Tipperary?) in an All-Ireland semi-final in early August.

**Back to the League, and folk in the Northern hurling outpost have long maintained that only by playing against the top teams regularly can the county hope to make real progress in the ancient game. I go along with that viewpoint.**

That's why it is so necessary now that having at last earned Division I status, that Antrim must maintain their standing in the elite grouping next season. A drop back to Division II would undo much of the good work already achieved, apart altogether from proving a blow to morale.

I feel that despite the heavy defeat from Tipperary, Nelson's charges are capable of giving a good account of themselves in the premier division of the League. After

all, they have come a long way along the road since last August when they gave Kilkenny such a fright in an All-Ireland semi-final at Dundalk.

Let's not forget, either, that an Ulster team with a strong sprinkling of Antrim hurlers, won the inaugural Railway Shield final last Autumn at Ennis, beating Munster in the decider. Plenty of signs that hurling is on the up and up, then, in Ulster.

## SOLID FOUNDATIONS

Antrim clinched their place in Division I by beating Dublin in their concluding Division II match last March in a thriller at Casement Park. The enthusiastic scenes that greeted that four points win helped to bring home the fact just what a draw Antrim as a hurling power would prove.

The break-through against Dublin was the climax of some good and encouraging displays en route in the League. There can be little disputing the fact that the foundations are there on which to mould and polish a team to test the best in time:

## THOUGHTFUL REFLECTION

The outlook, then, for Antrim hurling is anything but bleak despite that crash to Tipperary. The heady days of the win over Dublin that left Antrim in the runners-up spot in Division II with ten points from seven games have been replaced by a time of thoughtful reflection. That's a good thing.

**Antrim now know from bitter experience what they must do to meet the challenges ahead. Not only that, they have time on their side to pick themselves up again and get down to serious preparation. Good shrewd men behind the Antrim revival will see that the opportunity is not lost and will prove invaluable in perfecting skills.**

Hurling has for too long had too small a circle of top teams. The game country-wide would benefit with Antrim in the top-flight and challenging realistically for the premier awards.

One has only to look back on the interest aroused by Antrim's promotion last spring...interest that was not confined to Ulster. Many far away from the North were overjoyed by the Antrim achievement, and there is no doubt that the team's performances in next season's League will be closely watched.

It is a golden opportunity for Antrim hurling. It is not for me to advise the Northerners on how they should go about grasping the nettle. What I can do is echo the feelings of so many by saying:

**"Well done, Antrim on what you have achieved so far. Now go to it with a heart and a half in the 1988 League!"**

# CONNACHT



## COMMENT

BY GERRY HAYES

**F**AMILY connections are not new in Gaelic Games. Indeed, hurling and football has down the years provided many interesting stories on the family front.

Even so, we all like to hear of the father and son (or mother and daughter in camogie) connection in our games, and so let's throw-in the ball on the Western report in this issue with further examples in this regard.

Mairtin McDermott, who led St. Mary's, Galway, to their third Connacht Colleges' senior football title in succession recently, is son of

Bosco McDermott, an outstanding defender with Galway in the premier grade in the 'Sixties. He won three All-Ireland senior medals with a superb Galway side that reigned unbeaten in the Sam Maguire Cup series from 1964 to 1966 inclusive.

Mairtin McDermott is a clever forward, and his colleagues in the St. Mary's attack this year included Paul Sammon. If the surname sounds familiar that's hardly surprising as Paul is also maintaining a family link in fine style.

He is son of Liam Sammon, who was left full forward in Galway's 1966 All-Ireland senior title winning team and also played in the team's that unsuccessfully contested three subsequent Sam Maguire Cup ties.

In more recent times Liam was to the fore nationally as assistant coach to Kevin Heffernan with the Ireland team on the successful tour of Australia for the Test series in 1986. He was also coach to St. Mary's in this season's Colleges' championship.

Paul Sammon won his second Connacht Colleges' medal this year and was his team's ace marksman with 2-2 in the provincial final replay win over St. Jarlath's, Tuam, and again when St. Mary's went down in the All-Ireland semi-final to defending champions St. Mel's, Longford.

Mairtin and Paul will repay watching in the future, not only because they are sons of former football giants, but because they are extremely skilled players with the credentials to go on to big things as seniors.

St. Mary's recent loss to St. Mel's means they must wait at least another year for a first All-Ireland senior football crown. They went really close in 1987 when they were only pipped on the post in the final by St. Mel's with a late, late point.

### HOME FROM THE U.S.A.

It is not unusual for County Boards to bring players home from abroad for Championship games, or even important League fixtures, but I wonder did Sligo set a new headline when they brought Donie McDonagh back from the U.S. for a recent Connacht under-21 football semi-final?

McDonagh, whom I remember as a star forward in the Summerhill, Sligo, team that reached the 1985 All-Ireland Colleges' football final, was brought back specially from America for the showdown with Galway.

It was not his fault that the team went down by seven points. McDonagh lined up at full forward, and later moved to midfield. He played really well in both positions, and was also his team's ace



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marksman with five of Sligo's eight points.

A fine performance overall by McDonagh, who played with Sligo in last year's Connacht senior championship.

### SWEET AND BITTER

Sweet and bitter days for Leitrim in under-21 football. They caused something of a surprise by scoring a first round one point win over Mayo in the Connacht championship, but hopes of a successful run were quickly dispelled just a week later when Roscommon beat Leitrim by five points in a provincial semi-final at Roscommon.

Leitrim did not come up to expectations in that game. Even so, they have some very promising players and among those in the team who caught my eye especially were goalkeeper Martin Prior, half back Dermot O'Brien and forwards Aidan Rooney and George Dugdale.



Liam Sammon    Bosco McDermott

*They can be proud of their sons.*

### BLACK DAY

The third Sunday of April was a black day for the West in underage football. Three teams were in action on the same afternoon in major schools games and all lost.

Mayo's quest for a first All-Ireland Vocational Schools crown since 1982 was ended at Croke Park in the final by a very fine Tyrone team. Then, at Ballinasloe, St. Mary's, Galway went down to St. Mel's, Longford and St. Jarlath's, Tuam, were outscored by

### Clane Community School in the All-Ireland Colleges' semi-finals.

Not a very good year so far, then, for Connacht in football, a year that saw Mayo relegated to Division II for next season's League, with the result that the West will not have a Division I representative in the 1988-89 National Football League.

Perhaps the time has come for a really serious in-depth look at the position of football in general in the West, and also then for a follow-up exercise to try and improve matters.

But it is not all doom and gloom. Connacht has only one player honoured in the Bank of Ireland All Stars football side this year and only one from the province has been included in the panel of football replacements for the U.S. tour.

I suppose we should be thankful for small mercies. Making the trip is former Donegal star Martin Carney, who has given such great service to Mayo and Connacht over the years, and well merits this latest honour. This will be his third such trip.

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# JUNIOR



# DESK

Edited  
and compiled  
by JACK MAHON

**M**Y good friend Gerry Pender of Wicklow who keeps sending me copies of the *Wexford Guardian* sent me on a superb article in tribute to Mick Jacob, the former Wexford hurling All Star in the February edition of "*Country Living Magazine*" written by Breda (a camogie coach) and their family and dog and a pet lamb are photographed in colour in a 5 photo essay. I have always admired Mick Jacob and this tribute certainly does him proud.

## CONGRESS

Congress in Bundoran was a drab enough affair. Very little to get excited about. Nice to listen to good speakers like Dan McCartan (Down) (wee Dan as they call him to distinguish him from ex footballer star Dan), Con and Frank Murphy (Cork), Sean Kelly and Ger McKenna (Kerry), Sean Bradley (Derry), Frank Burke (Galway) Pat Henderson (Kilkenny) and Gene Larkin (Armagh). The quality of the motions left a little to be desired. Clubs should put more thought into the latter. There was a very successful G.A.A. Table Quiz conducted by Michael O'Muircheartaigh. Kilkenny, orchestrated by that superb G.A.A. statistician Tom Ryall won it after Galway flattered in the early stages. The Donegal organisation was efficient and there was a fine G.A.A. supplement given free with the Donegal Democrat that week.

## JOHN FENTON

I've been reading the John Fenton story in the Sunday Independent.

Interesting too but there is a bit of "them" and "us" in it. Criticism of Croke Park. That the players should be getting more out of it is the theme although he wouldn't go for full professionalism. What about all the enjoyment you got John as well as the enjoyment you gave?! I loved playing John and obviously you did too because you were a beautiful stylist. And I have been getting great enjoyment in my involvement ever since too. And any G.A.A. man in business will have rewards a thousand fold. Of course John nobody should be out of pocket. I liked many of your ideas and hope you remain involved just like wee Charlie is. Dapper Charlie McCarthy (always a favourite of mine as a hurler and as a gentleman) gets our good wishes in his new roll. John Fenton, superb striker, great stylist and gentleman of hurling will be missed. A club all Ireland medal was a fitting final reward to a great career.

## DR. M. LOFTUS

To come back to congress we say goodbye to Dr. Mick Loftus as Uachtaran. During his presidency he was a great friend of Junior Desk and a great servant of the G.A.A. We welcome in John Dowling of Tullamore as Uachtaran and wish him well. One final comment on Congress. As usual Liam Mulvihills report was a masterpiece. It was the only thing to inspire original comment and he certainly opens up discussions on many avenues. He is too becoming much more involved in the running of Congress.

## THE CLUB FINALS

Congrats to Burren (Down) and Midleton (Cork) on winning the Football and Hurling club finals on March 17th. But spare a thought for P.J. Molloy (Athenry) who was after a unique collection of medals in one year and Tony McManus, long overdue an All Ireland award. Tony McManus of Clan na Gael (Roscommon) is one of the best forwards in Gaelic football over the past 10 years and a great sportsman too.

## REVIEWS OF BOOKS

We have 3 to review this issue.

**Clonakilty G.A.A. 1887-1987** compiled and written by Tom Lyons, is a superb club history. Mammoth in size it is full of little anecdotes that enhance it. It has 460 big pages. Tadhgo Crowley is Clon's most famous son. There are many others. The last train left Clonakilty in 1962 ending an era for the town. I have really only skimmed through it yet, but this History is one of the best I have seen and tells the story of a hallowed club which won 7 Cork S.F.C. titles between 1939 and 1952. Tadhgo Crowley was on every one of those teams and captained 3 of them, some achievement. Deserving of a commemoration. Cost £8 including postage from Tom Lyons, Willow Park, Clonakilty, West Cork.

**One Hundred Years of Glory — A History of Limerick G.A.A. 1884-1984** by Seamus O'Ceallaigh and Sean Murphy.

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**Down G.A.A. Yearbook '87** edited by Sean Og McAteer (an old friend of Junior Desk) and Brian Mac-Fhiobhui is full of praise for the Down minors of '87 and deservedly so. I liked the articles of Fintan Mussen, Sean Og himself, Martin Breheny on Sponsorship in Down. Price £3 includes postage from Sean Og McAteer, Newsagent, Newry, Co.

Down.

## CUT-OUT

Our cut-out this month is Offaly's Pat Delaney. Slow and lethargic in appearance at times, you'd be fooled into thinking you had a soft one here. One of Offalys top stars in their two all Ireland triumphs. In fact when Pat opened his shoulders in the second half of the '81 final V Galway there was no holding Delaney or Offaly. A great big occasion man Pat has suffered his share of injuries. We hope he will be there as a big occasion man again.

## "THE MAILBAG"

Not exceptionally big this month.

Aidan Grennan, Killina, Rahan, Co. Offaly wants copies of the Galway 1984 S.H. and S.F.C. final programmes. So far he has collected 27 different counties for that year — the missing ones Louth, Fermanagh, Laois, Leitrim and Galway. Also any Connacht finals prior to '74. Aidan has a few county final programmes to spare.

Any Offers for Aidan? J.M.

**Trevor Fowler, Crooke, Passage East, Co. Waterford** has recently started collecting programmes and would welcome any information concerning how to get copies of all programmes in '88.

All you programme collectors are asked to help. J.M.

**Joe Burgess, Rosses Point, Co. Sligo** is a former pupil of mine at Fr. Griffin Road, Post Primary School in Galway and sent me on recently a copy of the programme for the first ever G.A.A. promotion in Wembley Stadium. The first reader to send me on the following information will get the programme. Name the year and the teams who participated.

**Tony Maher, 20 Pairc Mhuire, Tullow, Co. Carlow** is disappointed with the poor value of the programmes for the quarter finals of the N.H.L. (20-3-88). *"No few words of welcome for the Antrim team. No reading material at all. I can't understand why the palmed goal in hurling is allowed. Nothing looks more stupid to me than a player with a hurley*

## ANTRIM FOR THE McCARTHY CUP?

**Tommy McQuaid,  
Editor,  
Gaelic Sport**

Dear Tommy, — You may remember me calling on you some six years ago looking for help in researching Ulster Hurling. You gave me access to all your back issues and arranged for me to meet Owen McCann. Owen in turn opened other doors. The end result has been that I have been able to put together a "near perfect" record of every championship and N.H.L. game in which an Ulster county took part.

It has been an enjoyable experience. Being resident in England I seldom have the chance to see a game, but through occasional correspondence with my new contacts in Ireland I have been able to keep up my interest.

I was particularly happy to learn that Junior Desk will continue as a permanent feature of "Gaelic Sport." It has always been my favourite section. Jack Mahon deserves great credit for his presentation.

I sometimes wonder if you could increase your circulation by giving more prominence in the magazine to the "weaker counties" . . . During the past ten years or so both football and hurling have each been dominated by some 6 or 7 counties. Your main articles have featured these teams. Prospective readers from other counties may feel left out in the cold.

You do, of course, include a number of them in your provincial round-ups but that is not the same as having them on the main or front pages. I'm not suggesting for example, full scale articles on (say) the footballers of Carlow or Leitrim, but that a generous mention be made of counties like them in the write-ups of the Big Guns, who met and defeated them on their way to provincial or All Ireland honours. The more that readers see the name of their own county in print the more they will feel that "Gaelic Sport" is **their** magazine.

Thank you once again, Tommy, for your kindness to me in the past. Without your initial help and encouragement my researches would never have got off the ground.

I hope to see you in a year or two in the Hogan Stand when the Antrim captain walks up to receive the McCarthy Cup. It could happen.

Sincerely,  
**P.J. Madden (Rev.),  
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England.**

*in his hands palming a ball to the net."*  
 Enclosed are my swaps and wants.

**Wants:**

- Munster Hurling 1975 and pre  
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- Munster Football Pre 1976  
Finals
- Ulster Football Pre 1976  
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- Connacht Finals 1973, 1974
- Leinster Hurling 1976 and Pre  
Finals 1975
- Leinster Football Pre 1974  
Finals

All Ireland Football Semi Finals  
 6/8/67 Cork V Cavan. Both in 1968,  
 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972 and Pre 1966.  
 All Ireland Hurling Semi Finals 1969  
 to 1975 and pre 1969.

Gaelic Sport any in the early years  
 1959, 1960, 1961 or around that  
 period.

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- Gaelic Sport Dec. 1960
- Gaelic Sport — February 1961  
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- Gaelic Sport — February 1964
- Gaelic Sport — November 1968
- Gaelic Sport — January 1971
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- Gaelic Sport — Nov./Dec. 1983  
— Hurling Final Special 1987
- Sports World August 1987 Hurling  
Final Special
- Sports World September 1987  
Football Final Special
- Meath Chronicle Supplement 1987  
All Ireland Final
- Christy Ring by Val Dorgan
- Kildare G.A.A. History by Eoghan  
Corry
- Kerry Yearbooks 75/76 — 1984  
inclusive and 1986
- Gaelsport 1982.
- Centenary Tribute to G.A.A. in  
Wexford 1884 — 1984
- Book of Hurling No. 6 Raymond

- Smith
  - Cuchulainn Annual 1975
  - Gaelic Games Centenary Edition
  - Gaelic Stars 1985
  - Munster Gaelic Games Annual 1982
  - Gaelic Games Monthly April 79,  
Football Final Special 79, October  
79
  - G.A.A. Digest Mid Summer Edition  
1949
- Tony you win our Star Prize letter  
 for this issue. Keep prodding on the  
 programme scene. J.M.**

**Gerry Pender, Ballymorris Upper,  
 Aughrim, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.**

*"The N.H.L. game between  
 Wexford and Galway was a fine  
 sporting occasion. Sylvie Linnane was  
 man of the match. Other Galway stars  
 were Ollie Kilkenny, Tony Keady,  
 Tom Monaghan, Joe Cooney and  
 Michael McGrath. Wexford's best  
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**Gerry you win a Galway G.A.A. Scarf this time — they being your second favourites after Wexford in hurling! J.M.**

**D**EAR Jack, — I am ten years old. I am glad that your column is back again in Gaelic Sport. My favourite games are hurling and football. My favourite football team is Kerry and Limerick in hurling. I go to all the hurling and football matches with my father. I was in Croke Park to see Kerry and Meath playing but my gripe is about "all-ticket" matches, it is most unfair because the real G.A.A. supporters are left without tickets.

R.T.E. should televise all replay matches in hurling and football. I was sorry to see Kerry beaten in last years Munster Final, they must have been

the greatest team of all time. I think they will win the All Ireland this year. Last years Kerry county final replay was the best ever played in the Kingdom. I saw all the Munster championship games last year. It was a great year for hurling and I also saw the league final Clare V Galway. Ye have a great hurling team in Galway now, what is wrong with the footballers?

Yours sincerely,  
Adrian Harte,  
Kildimo,  
Co. Limerick.

**J.M. — Thank you for your letter Adrian. Here's hoping that Galway footballers will emulate our hurlers great feats last year!**

**Dear Jack,** — This is a picture of me with the Under-21 hurling cup and the Under-13 Gaelic Football Cup and in the middle my hurling and Gaelic Football medals, plus some of my music medals, the rest of the medals are my Dads for hurling sorry

I forgot to enclose this with my letter.

Yours faithfully,  
Sean Dermody,  
Age 11,  
Kilbraghan,  
Kilamanagh,  
Co. Kilkenny.

**J.M., — Thank you for your short letter Sean, unfortunately we did not have enough space to include your photo.**

These letters were held over from the last issue. Meantime you young folks are asked to get your pens out and write about your favourite stars, your trainer, your teachers, "The Sunday Game", your favourite commentator or writer on games. Now that the long evenings are here get out and kick or puck a ball. Start a scrapbook or start to collect programmes. But write in and we will give 10 prizes in our next issue to the best letters. Write to:

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## **PAT DELANEY** **Offaly**

**W**HEN Pat stepped into the Offaly senior hurling team for the first time in 1974 in a game against Antrim, the county had not even a single Leinster senior crown in the code to their credit. Now, the Faithful County can point to four

provincial titles, and two All-Ireland senior championships.

Delaney did much to shape all those successes with his polished and progressive hurling at centre half back. Interestingly enough, he finished Offaly's top scorer with 0-5 in the win over Galway in 1981 that earned the county the Liam McCarthy Cup for the first time — an outstanding feat that for a defender.

The Kinnity club man had plenty of success in under-age games in Offaly, winning trophies from under-12 to under-21. He captured his fifth Offaly senior medal in 1985.

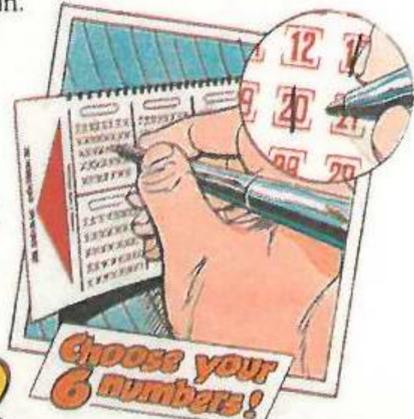
Pat, one of the outstanding pivots of his day, appeared in the Leinster team in three finals, but did not win a Railway Cup souvenir. Surprisingly, he won only one Bank of Ireland All Star trophy — in 1985.

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