

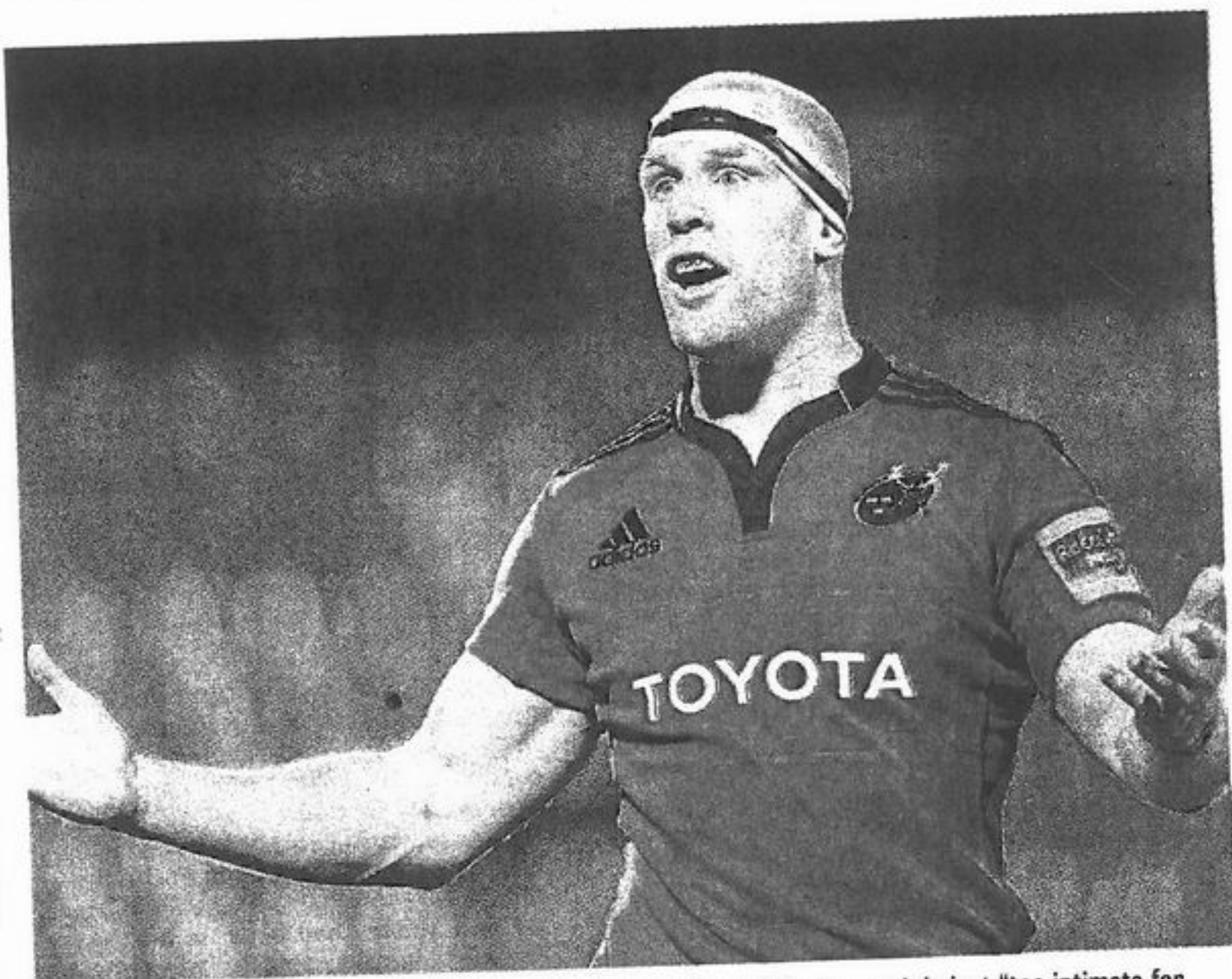
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The Battle: Rugby legend releases book



In his autobiography *The Battle* Paul O'Connell reveals his 'fear of God' speech is just "too intimate for people to be sitting down with a cup of tea and a biscuit watching it". See Sport for extracts from book

O'Connell reveals regret at airing of 'fear of God' talk

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PAUL O'Connell's rousing 'fear of God' speech ahead of Ireland's first rugby game in Croke Park in 2007 would never have been aired if he had his way, the Munster and Ireland rugby legend has revealed.

The speech recently inspired a TV advert featuring O'Connell which was commissioned by Aldi Ireland to encourage the participation of schoolchildren in the Aldi Play Rugby initiative.

But in his autobiography, *The Battle*, released this Thursday,

O'Connell says that "it bugged me that I was never asked about the use of that clip, because it's not something I would have agreed to."

He believes that the stirring Braveheartesque dressing-room speech which focused on "manic aggression" and was captured in the RTE documentary, *Reaching For Glory*, "is just too intimate for people to be sitting down with a cup of tea and a biscuit watching it."

"It shouldn't be for that kind of consumption," he states in *The Battle*, adding: "I know a lot of people's impressions of my

character came from what they saw of me in the dressing room at Croke Park in 2007, just before we played France in the Six Nations - the clip from the documentary where I was going on about 'manic aggression', about putting 'the fear of God' into someone'."

The retired Munster, Ireland and Lions rugby captain states that the speech "was me for half an hour before a rugby match, nearly 10 years ago. It's very different to how I was - and how we all were - in my later years with

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As IPB is not subject to FOI the city council's response goes back to 2010. They have paid out €12,874,167 in claims in the last six years.

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New Kid on the block: Goat, The Kid, with his canine family, his owner Michael Stanners, and horse Champ PICTURES: MICHAEL COWHEY



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The spokesperson added
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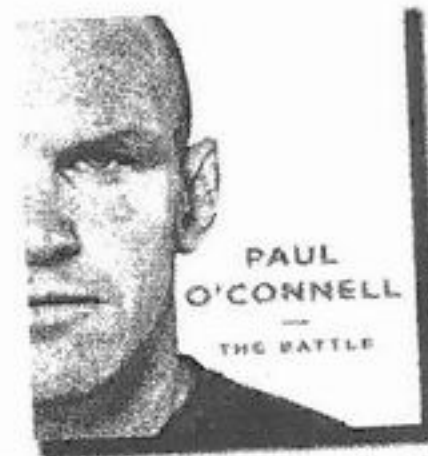
Paul launches autobiography

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Ireland, but it's probably
what some people thought I
was like all the time.

"There was a caricature of
me: that psycho guy, over-
competitive bordering on
insane, every hour of the
day. And there were stories
to back up the impression
that some people had - or
maybe still have - about my
personality: like nobody will
play me at Monopoly be-
cause I ruin everything by
being too desperate to win."

While he agrees that he is
"quite driven", the father-of-
two says it doesn't apply to
everything in his life. "I'm



sure that my personality is
just the same as a guy
working nine to five in a sta-
tionery office somewhere,
who feels passionate about
his job and wants his orga-
nisation to be the best," he
says.

Coinciding with the re-
lease of his much anticip-
ated autobiography,

O'Connell will be signing
copies of the book, *The
Battle*, in O'Mahony's book-
shop this Sunday at 2pm.

The 36-year-old is also to
make an appearance on the
Late Late Show this Friday
night to discuss the book
which hits bookshelves this
Thursday. Paul has de-
scribed *The Battle*, pub-
lished by Penguin Ireland,
as "the full story. I think it's
very honest and I hope
people will enjoy it," he
said.

The Battle has been ghost-
written by Alan English,
former editor of the *Lim-
erick Leader* and recently
appointed editorial director
of *Iconic Newspapers*.