

Paul finds himself in a sticky situation

PAUL O'Connell has certainly left his mark on the rugby pitch but the Rosbrien/Drombanna native is now putting his stamp on our postal system.

The 27-year-old Munster and Ireland lock was on hand at the GPO last week to launch a new set of postage stamps celebrating the upcoming Rugby World Cup.

A strange mix of stamp collectors and rugby fans were out in force at the GPO in the hope of catching a glimpse of the ginger giant, queuing from 8am to get their hands on the 200 first day covers specially released by An Post.

O'Connell is to feature on two stamps, one of which pictures him hoist-

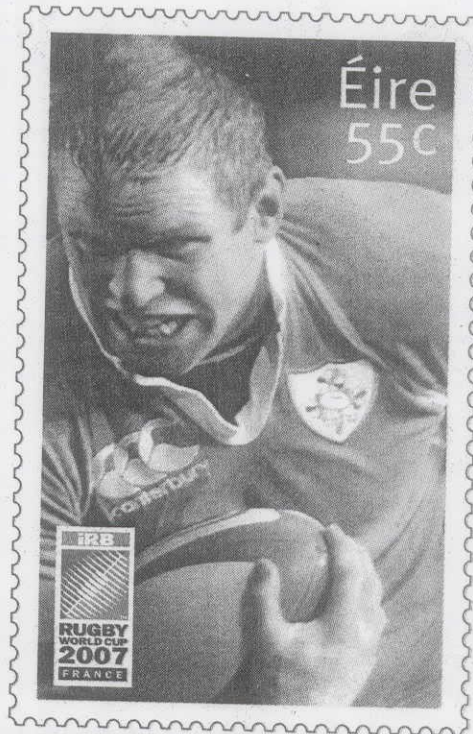
ed in the air by John Hayes and Donnacha O'Callaghan as he stretches to catch the ball at a line-out, in the midst of Ireland's historic victory over England at Croke Park, in February.

The new 55c and 78c stamps and a variety of related products will officially go on sale on Monday, August 20, at main post offices and online at

www.irishstamps.ie.

A percentage from the sale of the stamps will be donated to Paul's chosen charity, the Bluebell ABA school for Autistic children in Limerick.

The sixth Rugby World Cup Tournament will kick off in France on September 7, ending on October 20.



Pictured at their recent wedding were Limerick couple, Yvonne Collings of Rosbrien and Sean O'Sullivan of Caherdavin, who were married at Cratloe Church on July 27 last followed by a reception at the Radisson SAS Hotel, Limerick. Photo by Alchemy Photography, Limerick

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