

St Clarets.....5-13

Harlesden Harps..1-8

**O**ccasionally in a game of football, there will be a moment when you have to stand up and applaud the quality of the act that has just been played out in front of you.

Indeed, on this particular occasion last Sunday, even the gathered masses enjoying their by now traditional teddy bear's picnic on the kindergarden that also doubles as a dug-out for St Clarets, had to stop in mid-snack, put down the cream buns and acknowledge the sublime piece of individual skill executed by Marty Hughes, when he bagged St Clarets' third goal after forty minutes of this Championship game.

Hughes was having what could be best described as "one of those days", in the best possible sense of the statement, and when he gathered the ball out on the right wing, he proceeded to sell three ridiculous dummies to the Harlesden defence (all of which were bought for cash), before rounding a helpless Aiden McGrory to finish with ease to the back of the net.

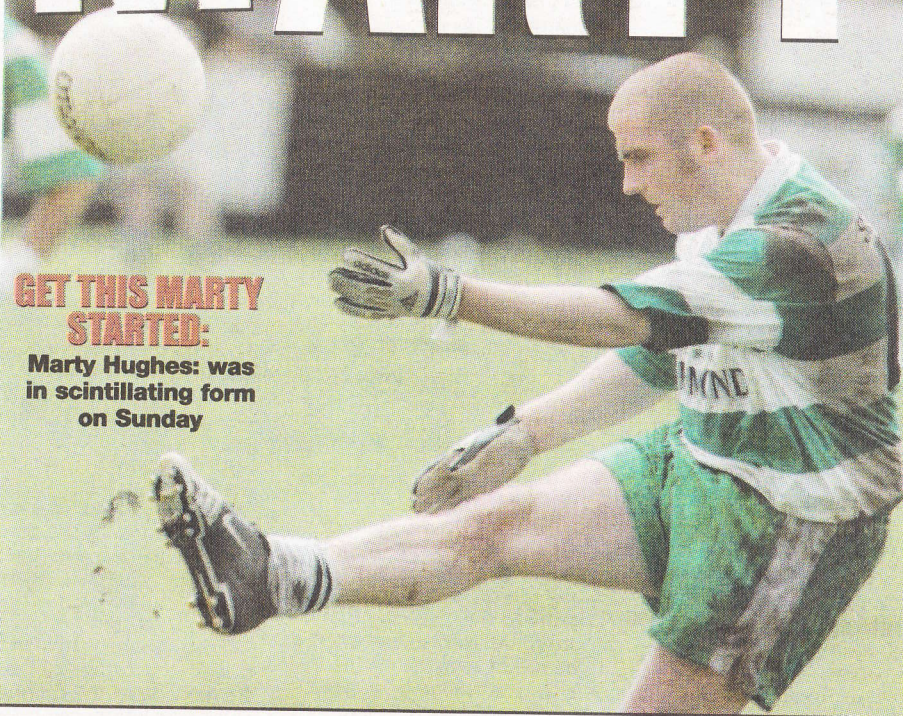
Moments of magic are not always plentiful in Ruislip, and this was certainly one of the "cut out and keep" variety.

That goal from Hughes had left his side well clear of a disappointing Harlesden side, who by that stage were trailing by an irretrievable ten-points, and soon

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after, that deficit had been extended further when Patrick Lynott scored, what on any other day, would have been a contender for goal of the day, when he lobbed McGrory from 20 yards, but alas for the youngest of the footballing Lynotts, his effort paled into the ordinary when compared the Hughes' mesmerising interpretation of Riverdance.

Earlier things had looked rosier for Harlesden.

Despite shipping two early goals to the Hayes men, one from Paul Ryder and another from Patrick Lynott, they had managed to claw themselves back into the game thanks in no small part to a goal from Pat Veale, who was sporting the latest in designer head gear, courtesy of a nasty clash of heads the previous day.

By the break things were pretty well still there for

either team to grab at, with the scoreboard reading 2-6 to 1-5, and with the picnic in the dug-out in full swing, Clarets looked comfortable but certainly not secure.

However, the intervention of former Tyrone under age star Hughes' outrageous footwork, suddenly shook both Harlesden and the assorted tea-cups and tea-cakes, and before long, the Harlesden challenge had died a death.

With the scoreline reading 4-13 to 1-8 and time almost up, further insult was added to the Harlesden injury, when substitute Martin McQuinlan bagged a fifth goal for the Hayes side.

#### SCORERS

**St Clarets:** M Hughes 1-6 (0-4f); P Lynott 2-0; M McQuinlan 1-1; P Ryder 1-0; E Coleran 0-1; R Kinneavey 0-1; S Sherry 0-1; T Murphy 0-1.

**Harlesden Harps:** P Veale 1-1; A O'Halloran 0-2; A Sheehan 0-2; D Campbell 0-1; S Hennessey 0-1; T Fitzpatrick 0-1 (free).



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