



CRUSADE: Jamie Oliver
Jamie has a fat chance for change

By MIKE PARKER

SUPER chef Jamie Oliver may have bitten off more than he can chew... with a new telly series set in America's fattest town. Rotund residents of Huntington, West Virginia - where an astonishing 45 per cent of the adult population is overweight - fear he'll turn them into a worldwide laughing stock. And some lard-arsed locals are planning to boycott his healthy eating crusade there with an eat-as-much-as-you-can campaign of their own. Twenty-two stone Jimmy Roberts (32), who munches his way through two extra large pizzas a day, blubbered: "My buddies and I intend to try to break our own eating records while he's here turning us all into health freaks."

Freaks

"I hope he doesn't try to change the menfolk here. We're big, tough and proud of the way we are." Naked Chef Jamie (34), has signed a deal with US network giant ABC for an entire series of shows in America's 'Fat City'. A network spokesman said: "One of his main focuses will be on Huntington's schools. "There's no way Jamie's going to upset the locals. He just wants to show them there's a healthier way to eat and live."

EXCLUSIVE / LEGEND O'DWYER ON HOW HE KEPT

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TREAT: O'Dwyer acted as a tour guide before the final



TOUR: John Landers from Listowel with wife Joan and Mick

IT'S something we girls have suspected for a long time.

When guys invite us to sporting events, they secretly hope we'll find it a turn-off - because they want to keep sport a WAG-free zone.

I never thought a man would actually admit this, but then GAA star Mick O'Dwyer is not one to mince words.

The legend, who led Kerry to All-Ireland football victory eight times and won four All-Ireland medals as a player, gave the game away while he was giving fans a guided tour of Croke Park last weekend.

Mick confessed that he had an ulterior motive in inviting his wife Mary Carmel to see him play in his heyday.

"I checked before I got married - I wanted someone who had no interest in sport," he joked.

"She appeared at Croke Park just once in her life, at the 1964 match when we played Galway. She tried to leave at half-time but the gates were locked.

"She said: 'I'll never go to Croke

MICK SHOWS HE STILL HAS

By GERALDINE COMISKEY

Park again.' So I had great freedom to go all over the country after that."

Not even last Sunday's All-Ireland would have tempted Mrs O'Dwyer to break her vow, he told the *Sunday World*. "She wouldn't come to Croke Park if you paid her a million euro!" he laughed.

Perfect

But their four sons, three of whom played for Kerry in the past, were in the stands with their Dad. It was the perfect day out as their beloved Kerry beat hotly-tipped rivals Cork.

The star manager, who now manages Wicklow, really won over the fans who turned up for his guided tour of Croke Park last Saturday.

The tours are usually led by staff at the GAA museum at the stadium, but several GAA greats made guest appearances throughout the season to mark the iconic

stadium's 125th birthday.

Earlier this month, former star Kilkenny hurler Eddie Keher and ref Paddy Russell led the tour, while the All-Ireland GAA Quiz Final was hosted by commentator Jimmy Magee, whose memoirs were given away with last week's *Sunday World*.

Of course, seeing any of these legends in Croke is nothing new, but there was something crazy about seeing Micko walk on to the sidelines the day before an All-Ireland Final. For once, he wasn't there to take Sam home.

"The Cork fellas must be afraid!" he laughed, as he noticed there were no Rebels on the tour.

The champ would certainly put the fear of God into modern players as he spoke about the old days.

"Footballs were pretty scarce in my time," he told us, revealing that he raised cash to buy his first football by selling leftover tomatoes from a hotel kitchen where his mother was head cook.

"I took that ball to bed with me every night."

Micko was amused to see the comfort in which today's GAA players tog out for a match.

"When I played in Croke Park for the first time in 1958, there was a big puddle in the centre of the dressing room like a swimming pool," he pointed out.

Amused

Walking through the senior dressing room, which has 28 power-showers, wooden coat-hangers for their jerseys and even hairdryers, he shrugged: "Some of these modern players like to blowdry their hair before a match.

"I never even hung a jersey on a peg," he laughed.

He revealed there was a different attitude to injuries in the old days as well.

"I wonder where all these hamstring injuries came from? I didn't know what the words hamstring or biceps meant. And the guys who were on the team had no injuries."

Citing Mick Spillane and his brother, *Sunday World* columnist



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