

*The Gazette*

## John Player

# TOPS OF THE TOWN



15th April 1981

Mr P Kelly  
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WATERFORD

Dear Dando

Congratulations on having been selected for the National Quarter Final stages of this year's competition.

I enclose a copy of Sean Cotter's report on your show plus a list of marks for the eight quarter-finalists based on their local final performances.

Please note that the time allowed for shows in the national stages is 52 minutes. Deviations of more than 3 minutes will be penalised by the deduction of one mark for every full minute in excess of 3 minutes over or under the stipulated time.

I wish to draw your attention to the rules concerning Copyright/Performing Rights. It is especially important that the situation concerning such rights should be clarified by you should you reach the final of the competition.

Please bring your programme details with you to the quarter final venue this week-end as it will be necessary to put programme printing in hands quickly. This is especially important for the Waterford Quarter Finals as the Easter Holidays affect the time available for programme printing.

An allocation of tickets for purchase by your group will be available for collection when you visit the Quarter final venue this week-end. Please bring an open cheque as tickets have to be paid for on receipt. The allocation of tickets is 120 for the night of your show. Ticket prices in Athlone are IR£3.50 and in Waterford IR£3 and IR£2.

The prize money at National Quarter Final stage is IR£600. In addition groups performing in away venues will receive a grant of IR£600 towards expenses. There will be a dance for competing groups on the night of their performance and each member of the two groups concerned will receive 2 complimentary tickets. Groups will be responsible for providing their own meals before and after the shows and for hotel accommodation. Facilities to purchase light snacks will be available at the dances.

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Groups are not permitted to rehearse in the theatre prior to the official rehearsal on the day of their performance.

It will be necessary for each group to provide an up to date cast list before their quarter final performance. A cast list form is enclosed.

I confirm having arranged to meet the Waterford Quarter-Finalists at the Tower Hotel Waterford at 12.30p.m. on Saturday 18th April and the Athlone Quarter-Finalists at the Prince of Wales Hotel Athlone on Sunday 19th April at 12.30p.m.

Your attention is drawn to the Rules of the Competition especially in regard to eligibility of performers (Rules Book enclosed).

Sound facilities at the quarter finals will be provided by Sean Clancy and he will be present this week-end to discuss requirements.

Kind Regards

Yours sincerely

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PS: The Quarter Final Adjudicators will be Sean Cotter and Mr P J Croal, who was one of the Semi-Final adjudicators last year.