

Despite Sunday's unimpressive showing against Bohemians in the league, Limerick are hoping to repeat the form shown in the quarter final at Flower Lodge two weeks ago when beating Cork Hibernians 1-0. On that occasion the locals were without Andy McEvoy, and had nine defenders in the side.

Unlike the lack-lustre display against Bohemians, who withstood fierce pressure, to win 1-0, Limerick shocked a full-strength Cork Hibs XI with a most spirited performance. Hughie Hamilton got the all-important goal in extra-time.

Again Limerick will be forced to play without three regulars, Eamonn Heffernan, Donal Leahy and Paddy Short, because they are ineligible. Tony Fitzgerald, who moved to centre-forward for the Hibernians match, and performed with success, may take Leahy's place against Rovers. Andy McEvoy and Tony Meaney are likely to be the inside-forwards. The defence, too, will be reshuffled. Al Finucane, who excels in the role of sweeper-up, will take Heffernan's place at centre-half. Vinny Quinn and Joe O'Mahoney will complete the half-back line. Johnny Ryan,

Pat Lawlor and Sean Byrnes are the trio in contention for the full-back berths.

Limerick always appear to play well at Dalymount Park, and to-morrow night I expect them to give a much improved display against Shamrock Rovers, who are showing good form in recent weeks.

In fact, they are making a strong bid for the league title with three matches remaining—they are three points behind Waterford.

Rovers must start as favourites in what should be a close encounter.

Limerick: From Fitzpatrick; Lawlor; Byrnes, Ryan; Quin, Finucane, O'Mahoney; Hamilton, Meaney, Fitzgerald, McEvoy, Doran, Aherne.

Shamrock Rovers: Smyth; Dixon, Courtney; Richardson, Canavan, Keegan; Fagan, Lawlor, O'Neill, Barber, Leech.

evening can hardly be questioned. This time, their backs ran with far greater purpose and handled and passed with precision, to take some of the pressure off a pack of forwards who were as good as ever... that is praise enough. Glenstal tried valiantly, and were there with a chance to the end, but it would have been less than justice had Rockwell not come through.

It was their 21st Munster Senior Cup, and they won it in a game that will long be remembered by the exceptional crowd at Thomond Park. It was played at a frantic pace from the outset, and it never relented; we had three capital tries, scores of near misses, and in between running, handling, passing and kicking of the highest quality.

What a breath of fresh air after the paltry efforts of our Senior Cup teams at the weekend!

As I say, Glenstal were always very much there with a chance, but this time they had no counter for the powerful forward play of the Rockwell boys. How they rucked! Everyone of them knew his job, and performed it to perfection.

Tacy drove in low as a unit, and almost invariably the ball shot back rapidly to Peter Hanahoe and Aidan Hickey. The halves played well, as did their three-quarters outside them, and it is testimony to the wonderful defence put up by Glenstal that they managed only two tries. Glenstal tackled and covered as if their lives depended on it, and the few occasions that they gained possession brought the same acts of heroism out of Rockwell.

SPARKLING

Glenstal's backs, even with the limited possession they received, produced some sparkling football and had the outstanding back on view in out-half Michael Kennedy. How valiantly he tried to turn the tide; he ran brilliantly in attack, kicked superbly and showed a remarkable penchant for turning up in the right place in defence when most required.

But overall Rockwell were the better side. The forwards, with the diminutive Paul Kane irreplaceable, and Francis Brady, Michael Morrissey, Val Lonergan and the rest dynamic in the rucks, won the day in every respect except perhaps the set scrums, where Glenstal hooker Rory Deasy performed the impossible by winning half-a-dozen strikes against the head although almost always on the retreat.

Behind, the Rockwell backs ran beautifully with the red-haired Paul McNaughton the star in attack, and full-back Paul McIlhinney confirming his status as one of the finest schools players in the position in many years. His handling and kicking, as well as his positional play, were faultless, and he had bad luck with some fine kicks at goal.

HISTORIC

So Glenstal's historic first Cup success is still not with us, but if their spirited trainer, Fr. Peter, can produce many more sides like this one, it is only a matter of time before the

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Signed this 20th day of March, 1970.

T. P. MacDIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk. (t24c)

