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"CHRISTIANS" FINEST HOUR

All-Ireland champions at last

'Peter's' fought bravely but Cregan, Grimes and Company had the edge

(BY DES HANRAHAN)

Limerick C.B.S. ... ... 6-7; St. Peter's, Wexford 4-5

A PRIEST sitting in the next row, and very obviously an out-and-out Limerick C.B.S. supporter, could scarcely hide his emotion when referee Tony Higgins of Galway signalled full time. He explained: "My brother Jack kept goal when Jim Foley, Christy O'Connor, Bill Loughnane, Harry Sheehy and many more great players won the Dr. Harty Cup for Sexton Street in 1932."

There was no other indication that Fr. Frost had made the long journey from Dettford, London, to watch the game, for inside a minute he was swallowed up in the hundreds of maroon and white supporters who invaded the pitch at Croke Park to "chair" and congratulate the history-makers . . . first Limerick C.B.S. winners of the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Hurling Cup.

While I would have liked to have asked Fr. Frost what he thought of the game, the question really could be answered by anyone of the 26,000 present. Nothing to touch this hour for quality, excitement and soul-warming pleasure has been experienced by Shannonside enthusiasts since 1940, when Limerick, under the great Timmy Ryan, last won the All-Ireland title. So well might Very Rev. Bro. J. S. White, Superior Limerick, C.B.S., remark after the game: "Our finest hour."

The sport in the county was badly in need of this life-saving injection. A glance at the Munster Championship results from Tralee, where the Kingdom swamped us at our own game—hurling—and ran away with the first round minor and junior football knock-out ties, will show how near we were to being written off for another year as a G.A.A. stronghold.

TOM CLOHESSY OFF

Whether by design or accident, not all the Limerick C.B.S. players were numbered according to the programme, but there was a general air of regret when they came out minus right-corner forward Tom Clohessy, a 3-goals hero in the hard-earned but nevertheless meritorious semi-final win over St. Mary's Galway, at Birr. Limerick hopes nose-dived further when inside 40 seconds full-forward John Furlong had the Leinster champions a goal in front. But Niall O'Carroll goaled from 40 yards to level two minutes later, and when the brilliant Eamonn Grimes gave C.B.S. the lead with a beautifully-taken goal after St. Peter's hero, goalkeeper Pat Berry, had made a wonder save, Sexton Street voices rose to a crescendo.

ABLE DEPUTY

Then we saw young Clohessy's deputy, Michael O'Brien, for the first time, and he delighted us with his strong pulling in the face of opposition, inches taller and much the heavier. One felt immediately that he would not let the side down.

However, there were some rocky moments to follow, with St. Peter's creeping to within a point of the Munster champions, and with the wind at their backs it seemed that they might go ahead again.

A point from a free by the Limerick captain, Eamonn Cregan, a player of tremendous promise, was a great boost, but Tom Royce next picked off a white flag at the other end to have the minimum margin showing again.

There were some very anxious moments at both ends before Brian Cobbe, striking from the left, slipped over a beauty, and when Eamonn Grimes had his second goal, Limerick left for the interval "pep" talk ahead by 3-2 to 1-3.

At this stage, Finbar O'Neill had retired injured from Peter's half-forward line, and D. Bernie took his place, but they were back in the fight like tigers, and when Tom Royce goaled from a free, they were bang in the race, with only 2 points in the difference.

Jack Kennedy, however, now took a hand for Limerick. Placed by Grimes, he goaled and then picked off two fast points to have the scoreboard reading, 4-4 to 2-3.

LOVELY RUN

Wexford came again and a sweet point gave them hope, but a goal by Pat Nash, following a glorious break on the left by Eamonn Cregan, should have clinched the issue for "Christians."

But once more St. Peter's showed the stuff that makes All-Ireland champions, guts and determination. They had a goal in the 14th minute and a point soon after to leave the margin 5-4 to 3-5.

At this stage 'flu victim, Tom Clohessy took a hand for Limerick, and with Jack Kennedy helping out at midfield the Southern hopes crowded on the pressure again.

After goalkeeper Berry had made a daring save for St. Peter's and play swung to the Limerick side there was a minor flare-up unnoticed by the referee.

With a mere 12 minutes remaining, it was touch-and-go and Wexford were certainly not giving up without a fight. Eamonn Grimes sallied off in a dazzling run and moved into a scoring position but a Wexford hurley was thrown after him and a free resulted. From this Eamonn Cregan picked his spot dead between the uprights.

A point by Pat Nash gave Limerick 7 pts. to spare.

FIGHTING FINISH

Had Wexford enough? Not on your life. They threw everything into a last-ditch stand and after Seamus Shinnors had saved brilliantly at the left upright they netted on the right. Only four points off it now, and six minutes to go. From the terraces and stands, C.B.S. were urged to new heights. They answered with everything they had and Pat Nash well and truly clinched the issue with a good point and then a goal after Eamonn Cregan had dropped a "70" in the goalmouth.

All sixteen Limerick players were heroes. There was not a weakling. Most pleasing feature, however, was the vastly improved showing by the defence compared with the display at Birr. The tackling and striking could not be bettered and it was great to see Tom O'Brien, Noel O'Gorman, J. J. Fitzpatrick, Donal Russell, Donal Manning and Eddie Power first-timing everything. Young O'Brien stood out with Russell, O'Gorman and Manning, but Power and Fitzpatrick, too, never flagged.

At midfield, C.B.S. had their toughest fight, but Eamonn Cregan and Pat O'Doherty were equal to all calls. Young Cregan certainly played a captain's part, covering acres of ground and accomplishing everything that one would expect from an able leader. He should have had the goal of the hour, but Wexford's positively brilliant goalkeeper, young Berry, managed to block down Cregan's hand-pass effort.

BLONDE BOMBSHELL

All round the stand one could hear people asking: "Who is number 12, the blondie lad." It was, of course, Eamonn Grimes, and I doubt very much that any forward display from a colleges boy at Croke Park in recent years could possibly measure up to his showing. It was super. On top of scoring two great goals against the breeze, young Grimes never lost a tussle for possession his solo running was a treat and his first-time pulling, too, set an example for his colleagues.

The most striking feature of the C.B.S. play was the first-half combination on the left between Eamonn Cregan, Eamonn Grimes and Brian Cobbe. They provided a combination of furv and finesse to crack open any defence. St. Peter's can count themselves very fortunate, indeed, that their goalkeeper, Pat Berry, was in such outstanding form. I think we will be hearing a lot more about this boy

Add the strong finishing work by Jack Kennedy and Pat Nash and the solid and workmanlike displays by Niall O'Carroll, Mick O'Brien and 'flu victim, Tom Clohessy (last fifteen minutes), and you have a side that any county would be proud to send out to represent it in the All-Ireland.

FIRST TIME PULLING

St. Peter's were found wanting when it came to first-time striking, but they, nevertheless, made "Christians" fight every inch of the way, and they mare this a game to remember, and an hour that will be talked about for many, many years to come.

With goalkeeper Berry, St. Peter's had outstanding hurlers in Michael Merrigan, Enda Murphy, Michael Fitzpatrick, Eamonn Furlong, Noel Rochford and Johnny Quigley. Their forwards were unlucky to come up against a Limerick defence that rose to the occasion without exception. From goalkeeper, Seamus Shinnors, out, Limerick had no weakling.

St. Peter's scorers were: J. Furlong (2-0), T. Royce (1-4), D. Bernie (1-0) and E. Furlong (0-1).

Limerick C.B.S.—S. Shinnors; T. O'Brien, N. O'Gorman, J. J. Fitzpatrick; D. Russell, D. Manning, E. Power; P. Doherty, E. Cregan; P. Nash, B. Cobbe, E. Grimes; M. O'Brien, N. O'Carroll, J. Kennedy.

St. Peter's—P. Berry; M. Merrigan, E. Murphy, J. Kinsella; Jimmy Furlong, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Doyle; E. Furlong, E. Ryan; P. Bernie, T. Royce, F. O'Neill; N. Rochford, John Furlong, J. Quigley. Sub.—D. Bernie (for O'Neill).

Referee—A. Higgins (Galway).

Our week-end edition will carry an extensive report with full pictorial coverage.

PATH TO THE FINAL

Beat North Monastery, Ennis C.B.S., Colaiste Criost Ri, St. Flannan's, St. Mary's and, in the final yesterday, St. Peter's, Wexford.

Eamonn Cregan, the Limerick C.B.S. captain, receiving the Croke Cup for the All-Ireland Colleges' Senior Hurling Championship after his team had beaten St. Peter's of Wexford in the final at Croke Park. Also included in picture are members of the C.B.S. team and Mr. Alf Murray, President of the G.A.A.

St. Peter's star goalkeeper, P. Berry, is beaten by Eamonn Grimes for a Limerick C.B.S. goal in yesterday's All-Ireland Colleges Final.

Limerick C.B.S. forwards lead this race for possession.

Lady Clementine looks best

There will be an extra night's racing at the Markets Field this week and Wednesday's programme looks most inviting. To-night though there should be some top-class sport, with all events over the standard distance. Best bet may well be Lady Clementine. All the remaining races should be very closely contested, with Lisroe Darkie being one that should prove profitable.

MONDAY'S SELECTIONS

First race—The Football Final; n.b., Toureen Champ.

Second race—Stainless Jess; n.b., Ratafia.

Third race—Ardrine Trapeze; n.b., September Wonder.

Fourth race—Lisroe Darkie; n.b., Bermuda's Triumph.

Fifth race—Lady Clementine; n.b., White Shesk.

Sixth race—Maroon Tipp; n.b., Hidden Devon.

Seventh race—Silly Myrile; n.b., Premier Girl.

MONDAY'S DOG CARD (8.15)

First Race: 8.15 p.m.

525—Joker's Dagger, Wedding Coin, Handsome Cross, Toureen Champ, The Football Final, Toney's Rocket, Lovely July (reserve).

525—Tullaha Princess, Mr. Midas, Stainless Jess, Roadstone, Ratafia, General Electric, Western Dasher (reserve).

525—Miss Late, It's A Secret, Nero Blanco, Silkum, Ardrine Trapeze, September Wonder, Cheeky Julie (reserve).

525—Chieftain's Daisy, Greenlawn Turf, Cooleen Bridgie, Ben More, Bermuda's Triumph, Lisroe Darkie, Glenthorn (reserve).

525—Lady Clementine, Write Shesk, Better Champion, Satin Bronco, Jetland, Bermuda's Cutlet, General Potter (reserve).

525—Snipewalk Mist, Footless Fellow, Hidden Devon, Clohane's Fire, Marbon Tipp, Barlinka, Annagh Joker (reserve).

525—Dainty Sall, Kim, Silly Myrtle, Drombane Princess, Premier Girl, Gortboy Rover, Pink Cornation (reserve).

Eamonn Cregan, the C.B.S. captain, holds the Croke Cup (All-Ireland Colleges' S.H.) aloft after his team had beaten St. Peter's (Wexford) in the final at Croke Park. Many of the heroes of the triumph are also in the photograph.

RACING

FOLKESTONE

1.45—
PRANTEMPTS (100 30 f.) ... 1
Some Yarn (5 1) 2
Puddle Jumper (7 1) 3
All 18 ran.

2.15—
PAY TIME (5 2 f.) 1
Chasewood (20 1) 2
Crinan Royal (1 2) ... 3
Phone Girl 5 2 f. All 12 ran.

2.30—
YOUNG KEITH (8 1) ... 1
Rived Aboard (12 8 fav.) 2
Rebel Chief (100 7) ... 3
10 ran.

2.45—
ROYAL SPIRIT (8 1) ... 1
Ballylesson (4 1) ... 2
Wilmington II (16 1) ... 3
Blue Dolphin fav. (7 2) All 11 ran.

3.15—
VINDICATED (5 1) ... 1
Cardinal Wolsey (8 1) ... 2
Wonderment (8 1) ... 3
Christmas Rose (7 4 fav.)
All 13 ran.

3.45—
BLUE RANDO (7 1) ... 1
Sir Daniel (100 30 f.) ... 2
French Chalk (100 7) ... 3
All 9 ran.

BIRMINGHAM

2.00—
MONEY FOR NOTHING (10 1) 1
Vitement (33 1) 2
Nunshoney (33 1) 3
Time of Hope, 2 ran.

3.00—
SANNAZANO (10 1) 1
Proud Aly (5 2 f.) 2
Green Sleeves (100 8) ... 3
All 18 ran.

3.30—
ST. GULLIVER (11 10 f.) 1
Compton Martin (100 30) ... 2
Water Skier (7 1) 3

HEXAN

2.15—
RAPIN (2 1 fav.) ... 1
Jackanjon (20 1) 2
Till Ten (100 30) 3
Dead-heat for 2nd. All 9 ran.

2.45—
SOLDANOZA (13 8) ... 1
Clane Beau (3 1) ... 2
Six and Out (5 4 fav.) ... 3
All 3 ran.

3.15—
SETH ADAMS (7 4 f.) ... 1
Arch Prince (7 2) 2
Borris Jack (8 1) 3
All 11 ran.

3.45—
NEDSMAR (3 1) 1
Saxine (9 2) 2
Fallodon (7 4 fav.) 3
6 ran.

F.A.I. CUP MUST BE REPLAYED

A crowd estimated to include receipts, £3,500 watched Shamrock Rovers and Cork Celtic share the spoils in a dramatic 1-1 draw in their F.A.I. Cup tie at Dalymount Park yesterday. The replay will take place on Wednesday night.

Rovers took the lead early in the second half through Jackie Mooney, but 10 minutes from time Denis Leahy headed home a great goal.

HELD OVER

A report on the Castletroy Scratch Cup, run on yesterday by Tom Craddock (Malahide), has been held over to Wednesday's Limerick Leader.

MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

M.F.—Kerry, 4-20; Limerick 2-0. I.H.—Kerry, 4-10; Limerick, 3-2. J.F.—Kerry, 2-6; Limerick, 0-2.

SAVOY SHOWING TIMES

Programme: 2.45, 4.10, 7.30. Feature: 2.45, 6.05, 9.25.

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AP RESULTS

WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1964. No. [illegible]

PRIZE MONEY - - - £500

FIRST PRIZE - - - £250

(17 GOALS)

Mrs. Bergen, 74 Fassaugh Road, Cabra, Dublin. Mrs. O [illegible], 293 Brandon Road, Dublin. Mrs. Gallagher, 33 Kinvara Road, Dublin. Sister G. Browne, Cherry Orchard Hospital, Dublin. Mrs. V. O'Doherty, 21 Southville Gardens, Limerick. Miss [illegible] O'Grady, Broghill, Charleville. Miss Agnes Coffey, 3 Barrington St., Limerick. K. Flanagan, 27 Upper Ennis St., Dublin. Thomas Frawley, Broad St., Limerick. Tom O'Callaghan, Lattera, Bruree, Co. Limerick. Peter O'Callaghan, 15 Downe St., Killaloe, Limerick. Mrs. Mary Ryan, Linfield, Pallasgreen, Limerick. Mrs. M. Fitzsimmons, 55 North King St., Dublin. Codes with 18 goals not sold. 28 codes qualifying with [illegible] goals; 15 not sold. Each receives £19-5-0.

SECOND PRIZE - - £150

(16-GOALS)

1, 13, 15, 32, c/o Fr. Frawley, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick. T. O'Grady, 6 Robert St., Limerick. James O'Neill, Black Abbey, Adare. Bridget Mullins, Savoy, Limerick. J. Goodman, T.W.A., Shannon, Limerick. Michael Bourke, Jr., Ballingarry, Askeaton. Donal Ryan, Fintan's Terrace, Doon. Mrs. [illegible], 1 Dermot Terrace, Singland, Limerick. Mrs. Margaret Cr[illegible], Annacotty, Limerick. P. Minogue, 11 Thomas St., Limerick. Mrs. Egan Clancy, Grange, Kilmallock. Miss M. Moloney, School House Lane, St. Joseph St., Limerick. Mrs. N. Lynch, Emmet St., Kilmallock. Dan Gould, c/o. 3 Keenan Avenue, Killeely. Joseph Costelloe, Millmount, Kilmallock. [illegible] 32, c/o. Sr. Avellino, St. Camillus Hospital, Limerick. [illegible] Fitzgerald, The Cottage, Clarina. Miss B. Fitzgerald, Castleconnell, Limerick. Mrs. M. Leonard, Fanninestown, Patrickswell. John McGrath, c/o. Cannock & Co., Limerick. Mrs. [illegible] Fitzmaurice, Kilnoghin, Adare, Co. Limerick. J. [illegible] Castletroy, Limerick. Miss Ann Culhane, Gotoon, Kilmallock. Miss Maloney, 4 Wellington Terrace, Limerick. Mrs. Cox, 15 Thomas St., Limerick. Eddie Sheridan, New [illegible] Bruff, Co. Limerick. Mrs. Mary Corbett, Brickfield, Kilmallock. Vim Flavin, Alston, Croom, Co. Limerick. Master [illegible] O'Donnell, c/o. P. Herbert, Assumpta Park, Newcastle West. Miss B. McDonagh, Croagh, Rathkeale. 13, 14, 30, 32, c/o. Mrs. R. O'Donovan, Barrington St., Limerick. J. G. Griffin, [illegible] Limerick. Mrs. Angela Howley, 58 O'Callaghan Avenue, Limerick. Mary Cotham, St. Joseph's Hospital, Limerick. Mrs. Ellen Shiels, Glenreagan, Ballingarry. Tom Casey, Elmvillestown, Co. Limerick. Mrs. D. Sheehan, c/o. 3 Carrigeen Cottages, Sand Mall, Limerick. Tom Bourke, Main St., Hospital, Co. Limerick. Walter Hurley, Carey's Road, Limerick. Mr. Phayer, L. & N., William St., Limerick. [illegible] qualified with 16 goals; 80 not sold. Each receives £[illegible]

The above are the Limerick area winners.

THIRD PRIZE - - - £100

(2 GOALS)

8, 11, 25, 32, J. Reid, St. Jude's, 150 Mayorstone Park, Limerick. 5 codes qualified; 2 not sold. Won outright.

LAST WEEK'S WINNING POINTS

Goals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Codes	1	2	2	3	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
Goals	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Codes	3	4	2	3	2	3	0	1	2	1	1	4	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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