

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1964

### SCRATCH CUP FOR PAT WALSH

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Our Golf Correspondent)

Club had a big triumph at Ballybunion, in atrocious conditions, their No. 1, carried off the Scratch Cup with an te of 158.

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### FR. KELLY WINS CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

Fr. Liam Kelly, already winner this year of the President's prize in the St. Munchin's P.P.U. event, won the Captain's (Very Rev. P. J. Lee) Prize at Castletroy yesterday. Playing off 9, Fr. Kelly had net rounds of 73 and 67 to win the prize on the second 18 from Paddy Burns, who had scores of 69 and 71. Best gross was won by Gerry McCormack, the senior cup player, with two excellent returns of 73.

### Inter-Firm soccer fixtures

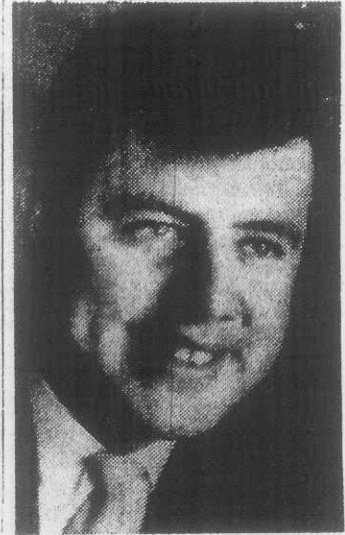
Monday, June 15—Clover Meats v. J. McMahon's, 7 p.m., Cal's Park; G. Vaughan, I.W.P. v. Thomond C.F., 7 p.m., Wembley Park; D. Aherne, Cement v. Intercontinental H., 8.15 p.m., Wembley Park; M. O'Shaughnessy, U. Pull v. M.

# POP STAR JOINS LIMERICK

## "I WILL PLAY WHEN I CAN," SAYS BRENDAN

(By CORMAC LIDDY)

TO play or not play . . . that is the burning question for Limerick soccer supporters who are still baffled by the startling announcement over the week-end that internationally known pop singer Brendan Bowyer has put pen to paper for Limerick A.F.C.



Brendan Bowyer

Pop singer-cum-goal-basher would appear to be the ambition of the 24 year-old idol of thousands. In Limerick last Saturday week he told me that he never felt fitter and was in peak condition. No indication was forthcoming, though, that within a week he would be a registered soccer player with Limerick.

Local officials are adamant that he is now their "property" but when I quizzed the smiling six footer over the 'phone last week he was reluctant to comment but did confess that approaches had been made to him by the officials of the local club. He then stated that he would have to hold consultations with his colleagues in the world-famous Royal Showband and with manager T. J. Byrne.

Negotiations seem to have been favourable for it is now official that he has signed for Limerick, but the question on everybody's lips is whether or not he will (a) have time to play soccer and (b) if he ever played the game before.

The answer to part two is a very emphatic yes. Four years ago he was one of the most promising juniors in the country with Waterford Hibernians. So promising, in fact, that he was on the Waterford senior panel, but then came the momentous moment in his life when the Royal Showband turned professional.

### "CAPPED" AT TABLE TENNIS AND RUGBY!

But yet the call to the sports-field is on his mind. Small wonder that . . . for Brendan is a former Munster Colleges Rugby Interprovincial. This

"cap" he gained with Waterpark College in season 1956-57 and was a star on a highly-talented side. His trainer at the time, and a very shrewd judge, felt that if Brendan had pursued his rugby career he would have gone straight to the top and gained many international "caps".

Indoor sport came just as readily and few are aware that Brendan is an Irish close schoolboys table tennis champion and was "capped" for Munster on four occasions after leaving school.

Therefore, soccer should be well within his scope. Goal-keeping at first, in Waterford, he then came upfield and as a centre or inside-forward was a prolific goal-getter.

But it was not long before his sporting background faded into oblivion. The Royal Showband went from success to success and in late June last year his name became a household word. The reason—his first disc, "Kiss Me Quick," rocketed into the Irish Top Ten and remained there a record 13 weeks. But to Limerick people this was no surprise. Having heard him as leading soloist in the 'Redemptorist choir, it was obvious that he would make a name for himself as a singer.

Brendan was born in Waterford, but "I am more Limerick than many Limerick people," he quipped. "My family moved to Limerick when I was two years of age and I received my First Holy Communion and Confirmation here," Brendan told me this afternoon. He commenced his education at

the Model School and then attended Crescent College before he and his parents returned to Waterford.

Hot on the trail of "Kiss Me Quick" came his second disc, called "No More," and this, too, easily made the No. 1 spot in the hit parade. Last week his third record, "Bless You" (or Being an Angel) came on the market and this, too, is selling like "hot cakes."

### INTERVIEW WITH BOWYER!

But with all the fame that he has gained, Brendan is still anxious to get on the playing fields and in an exclusive interview late this afternoon he told me: "I am very anxious to play soccer again as I really enjoy the game; I played it for a long time with Hibernians in Waterford and loved every minute of it. I will play with Limerick every time I have a chance, but I have no intention of ever seeking a permanent League of Ireland position."

I asked Brendan his height and he replied "6 ft. 2 1/2 ins." and as he shrugged those ever-shaking shoulders he told me that his playing weight would be about "13 st. 7 lbs."

Limerick supporters are still bewildered by the news, but all are anxiously looking forward to seeing this most popular entertainer play his first game and I can assure fans that this is no gimmick. Brendan Bowyer will give of his best every time he dons a Limerick jersey!

## Devastating display by Michael Hickey

# ST. MICHAEL'S GREAT HEAD-OF-THE-RIVER