

Man City confirmed to play Limerick FC at Thomond Park



"ONE more brick in the wall, in making this City better" are the words Limerick FC Chairman Pat O'Sullivan used to describe the announcement last Friday that current Premier League Champions Manchester City will play Limerick FC at Thomond Park on August 5th. (Kick off 7pm)

The Barclays Premier League side are expected to bring all their first team stars to the Midwest in a game that no one should miss.

Manchester City's current squad includes a list of World class players such as Balotelli, Tevez, Nasri, Silva, Aguero, Hart, Clichy, Barry, De Jong and Dzeko, to name but a few.

The friendly came as a surprise to many, seeing as previous attempts at hosting a high profile fixture had been blocked by the FAI.

The reason that this game will go ahead is based around an agreement between Limerick FC and the FAI, that Limerick will be allowed to host one high profile friendly a year, for the next nine years.

This agreement came about after arbitrary talks between the two bodies following the loss of the high profile Barcelona fixture.

Speaking at the announcement, last week, Limerick FC Chairman Pat O'Sullivan said,

"I am very happy that such a big club as Man City has agreed to come to Limerick and I wish to thank Damien O'Brien, The FAI and Thomond Park and all at Man City for their wonderful co-operation in ensuring that this event happens.

It also shows where local sporting organisations, in this case Rugby and Soccer when working together can bring massive social and economic benefits to the region and also solidify Thomond Park as a major soccer venue. I also hope that the local businesses and communities give their full backing to this major event in view of our status as a city of sport and culture"

Behind the scenes, this fixture has been in planning for almost 12 months. Iconic Sports are the promoter of the event itself and Damien O'Brien from that company explained his delight at the deal.

"I am personally delighted to be working with Limerick FC and Thomond Park in bringing Manchester City the Current Premier league Champions and one of the Worlds most exciting

teams including stars like Mario Balotelli, Samir Nasri, Carlos Tevez, and Sergio Aguero to Limerick for this fantastic event for all the family. The fact that all profits will go back into good causes throughout Limerick and Ireland is an even better reason for all the family to attend this Bank Holiday weekend spectacular"

The match, which will take place at Thomond Park had to be sanctioned also by the IRFU. The owners of the stadium, John Cantwell, Thomond Park Stadium Director, added, "It is fantastic that Thomond Park can attract yet another high profile event that will deliver significant economic, social, and media benefits to Limerick and the Mid-West region. This will be a wonderful opportunity for people to support this unique event and to enjoy the galaxy of football superstars in action. I would also encourage local businesses, organisations, and media to support this event to maximise the benefits for all concerned. I would also like to thank Limerick FC and Damien O'Brien for their fantastic efforts and also the FAI and IRFU for their cooperation. Thomond Park was built with the idea of offering more to Limerick and the Mid West Region than rugby. The non rugby events held here, be they sporting events or concerts, are welcomed by the IRFU, who know that these events promote Thomond Park as a multi purpose World famous venue"

With the news that this high profile game is the first of nine potential ties over the coming years not only puts Limerick on the map, but more importantly it secures the future of Limerick FC on and off the field. With the game being broadcast worldwide on ESPN, Limerick FC and Limerick City and county are on to a real winner here.

Tickets are available from Ticketmaster outlets, Thomond Park Stadium, Limerick FC Club shop, Jackman Park on home Match nights and can also be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.ie and www.munsterrugby.ie

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In association with the Limerick Post and Limerick GAA

Name: Liam Griffin

Age: 12

Club: Kildimo Pallaskenry

School: Kildimo NS - going into 6th Class

Fav Hurler: Declan Hannon

Fav Venue to play: Gaelic Grounds

Fav thing about hurling: Having fun, playing matches


Sporting ambition as a hurler: To play senior hurling for Limerick & win a Munster Championship

Fav food: Bacon & cabbage

Fav drink: Powerade

Biggest achievement to date as a hurler: Winning the Mackey Cup with Limerick City in 2012

A rule I would like to see changed in hurling: No square ball rule



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