

Limerick Team Adds Munster Cup To City Soccer Cup

LIMERICK, the team of the season in the Irish soccer world, collected the Munster Senior Cup yesterday for the third time in their history, when they disposed of the hard-tackling Evergreen United by 3-1. By this second cup success, Limerick are setting the pace as favourites to win the F.A.I. Cup and later the "Top Four League Cup."

Having completed a dozen matches without smelling near defeat, Limerick have stolen Shamrock Rovers' mantle as the "glamour team of the year." To bolster that opinion, they put the Munster Senior Cup in the prize-winning locker at The Mardyke, Cork, yesterday. It now stands as an adornment for the Dublin City Cup, won early in the season.

EVERGREEN PLAYED TO EXIT

To win the Munster Cup for the third time in the Club's history, Limerick had to tackle the F.A.I. Cup-free, hard-tackling Evergreen United, who had everything to gain and nothing to lose. Naturally, the Evergreeners played with tireless energy and abandon, but it was all to no use. The team of the year withstood all their wiles with the mixture of punch and brawn, and played Evergreen to the exit by sheer rhythmic football. The Corkonian might say that Limerick were flattered to win by 3-1. Don't you believe it. Limerick, playing as well as they were allowed to, did not over-exert themselves to come out on top.

KERNEL OF WIN

The kernel of Limerick's ninth win in twelve unbeaten outings in a row was the steadiness of their half-back line. Both Gerry McCarthy and Des McNamara kept the inside-forwards, Noonan and O'Brien, well subdued in the first-half. There was some improvement after the interval, when these inside-forwards switched.

The Limerick wing-halves dovetailed into the usual pattern of go-ahead tactics in a way that made the side superior in teamwork to the losers. McCarthy and McNamara laid on a grand service for their colleagues up front. Harry McCue had a stiff task to keep Donal Leahy under tight surveillance, and it was greatly to his credit that Leahy—a prolific scorer in the League—failed to score.

SOUND FULLS

Clinton and Casey were as sound as usual at full-back and gave good covering to Pat Skelly, who brought off one great diving save from Leahy. Georgie Lynam, the forward who continually gets his name among the marksmen because of his goal-area poaching propensities, broke the heart in his old team's bid for a draw when he slicked his way through the defence to put on number

three goal. That dashed the hopes of Evergreen. Earlier, Lynam had converted a penalty for a foul on himself to put Limerick in the lead.

O'Reilly showed his talents against the ruggedness of centre-half Coughlan and he laid on the first goal for Clem Dillon, who shot Limerick into the lead at the second attempt. Dillon played his usual sound game. Wallace showed many of his clever touches on the familiar Dyke ground and gave Buckley a lot to think about. Eddie McCarthy was also in top form on the other wing against the resolute O'Keeffe, but a muscle injury impaired his ability towards the close.

CUP REHEARSAL

Eddie McCarthy should be fit and well for the "Cup rehearsal" against Drumcondra next Sunday at the Markets Field, in which case Limerick will have an unchanged line-out.

Between 200 and 300 supporters travelled by special train to cheer on their favourites. If the train had been scheduled to leave Limerick later, a bigger following would have availed of the service. Many others travelled by cars to swell the attendance to £520 worth—a figure that pleased the Munster F.A., who have not had such a big attendance for many years for their cup decider.

LIMERICK OPEN SCORING

Limerick opened their account in the eight minute when O'Reilly slipped the ball to Dillon, who scored at the second attempt. Later Skelly made a great save from a header by Leahy. Moloney, with a solo effort, equalised early in the second half. A penalty was conceded by Cowhey for a foul on Lynam, who scored from the spot. Fifteen minutes from the end, Lynam careered through the defence to put Limerick 3-1 up.

The teams were:—

Evergreen Utd. — Barrett; O'Keeffe, Buckley; Moloney, Coughlan, Cowhie; McCarthy, Noonan, Leahy, O'Brien, O'Leary.

Limerick — Skelly; Clinton, Casey; McCarthy (G.), McCue, McNamara; McCarthy (E.), Lynam, O'Reilly, Dillon, Wallace.

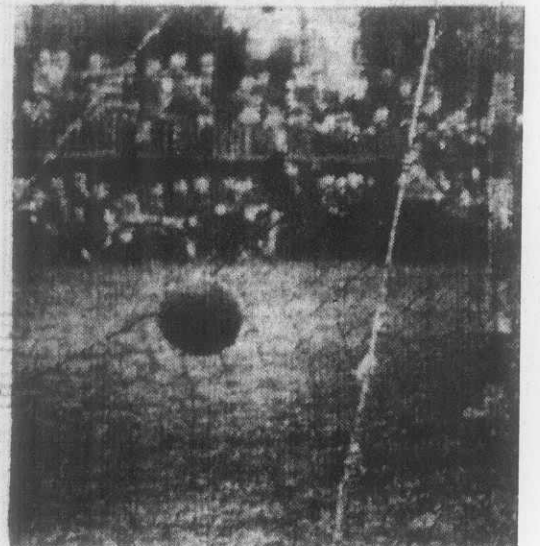
Referee, Mr. B. Buckley (Cork).

Limerick last won the Cup in 1938 and 1943. Next Sunday's match against Drumcondra should be an important one, as the Dublin side is battling with Limerick for a place in the top four.

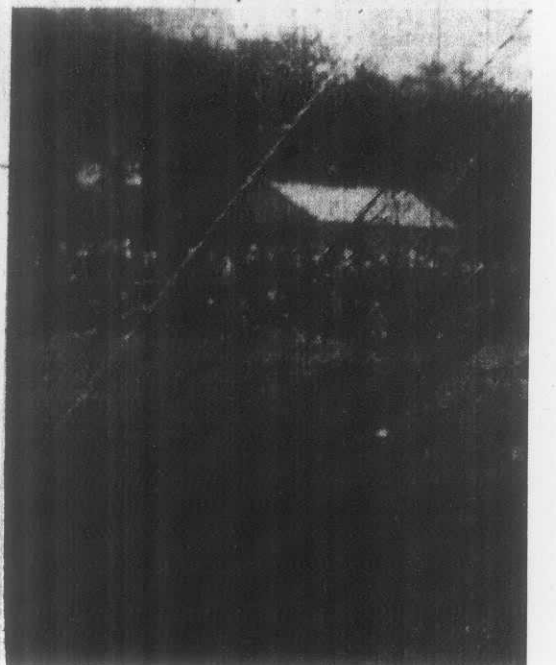
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No. 1—Dillon's shot



No. 2—From a penalty Lynam s



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