

Limerick Upheld Honour of League of Ireland

AS, UNFORTUNATELY, EXPECTED, LIMERICK WENT OUT OF THE EUROPEAN CUP UNDER THE BLAZE OF THE BERNE FLOODLIGHTS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT. THEY DID NOT MAKE THEIR EXIT LYING DOWN, IN A WONDERFUL WAY THEY UPHELD THE HONOUR OF LEAGUE OF IRELAND FOOTBALL, EVEN IF YOUNG BOYS GOT THROUGH BY A 9-2 AGGREGATE.

The luck in the Cup again deserted Limerick. Leo O'Reilly was slowed down to half-gear by an injury. Still, Limerick had the 30,000 Swiss on their toes as they took the lead and gave the Berne team very much more trouble than they had anticipated. Surely, a 4-2 reverse was not something to be forgotten. Rather was it a performance to be remembered.

LIMERICK have made an impression on the people of Berne that will not be effaced by time. Their great struggle in the second leg on Wednesday night in which they scored first and gave as good as they got in the subsequent play, has shown that with some "tuning up" they could be top-class. It was no joke taking on Young Boys, with a fleet of international players, on the home ground. But the job of doing something to honour League of Ireland football was opportune, and they gave the powerful "Boys" a fright before going out beaten. That they accepted their defeat as sportsmen was shown when they lined up after the match to cheer their conquerors and extend best wishes to them in the succeeding rounds.

Sonny Price, the Limerick Team Manager, said: "We did better than expected, and the better team won, there is no doubt. I think the game could have been faster still."

Player-coach Ewan Fenton said: "Our team are still very young and the Young Boys' team has much more experience. But in a few years I am confident that we will be just as good."

Mr. Michael C. Toomey, President of the Limerick Club, said: "Our half-backs were excellent, and if O'Reilly had not been injured it would have been much better."

The German-born coach, Albert Sing, said all Limerick needed was international experience.

Young Boys showed 3 changes from the team that played at Thomond Park.

Back at Shannon last night, the Limerick players and officials spoke warmly of the hospitality of Young Boys, their officials and supporters. Gerry McCarthy, centre-half, said that if Limerick played as well every week, the winning of the League and Cup would be an easy matter. Fergus Crawford had the bad luck to touch a Schneider shot, which deceived Pat Skelly. Gerry had as much

praise for Dickie Butler, on the left-wing, as he had for the usual top forwards on the sifting top forwards on the side. One thing that struck him forcibly was the Young Boys backing into goal when Limerick were on the attack. By this move, their goal area was a wall of players which was difficult to break through. The fact that Young Boys won 11-1 in a previous European Cup-tie against another team, shows again the merit of Limerick's display.

Reports of Limerick's stay in Berne are elsewhere in this issue, and thus there is no need to dwell on the match in this issue.

BELOW STRENGTH.
If Mick White was eligible, the story of the game might have been different. Actually, Limerick were committed to field below strength. As a result, Donie Wallace had to take over at inside-left, and did well there. The defence took the honours. Skelly was excellent in goal. McCarthy, at centre-half, was the star of the defence. Clinton again took care of the flying left-winger, Allemann.

Lynam gave Limerick the lead with a 20 yards net-breaker in the twentieth minutes that shook Young Boys to desperation. The first of Schneider's three goals came before half-time, to leave Limerick on the same perch as they had occupied at the interval of the first leg at Thomond Park. When Young Boys were leading 3-1 in the second half, O'Reilly scored to narrow the gap. It was a splendid performance.

Limerick will look with greater zest to the home front on Sunday when they entertain Transport at the Markets Field. If they can take pattern from Young Boys flashing teamwork, they will easily beat Transport. The European Cup can act as a tonic to the Limerick boys to improve the standard of their teamwork. They will have a big gathering at the Markets Field to greet them back.

TO-DAY'S RACING

FAVOURITE TAKES MAIDEN HURDLE AT LIMERICK

Backers of favourites had a profitable start to the second day of the Greenpark meeting when Breakers Hill made all the running in the Maiden Hurdle and won by three lengths from Mr. H. Harty's Irish Reel. The latter appeared to be a big danger entering the straight, but the favourite had too much in reserve.

Star of the Orient fell early on, but was remounted and finished.

2.30 — AMATEUR HURDLE
BREAKERS HILL (4/1) ... 1
Mr. W. McLennon 1
Irish Reel (8/1) ... Mr. E. P. Harty 2
Hasty (9/4) ... Mr. J. Cash 3
Also ran—Star of the Orient.
4 ran.

3.0 — CITY HANDICAP.
NEW HOPE (3/1 f.) R Hanley 1
Overthrow Lilly (4/1) P Shortt 2
Jona Que (8/1) ... J J Rafferty 3
Also ran—Khorone, Marie Lime.
Speckled Curtains, Coolflip.
8 ran.

3.30—SHANNON HANDICAP.
BALLYRICHARD (3/1) ... 1
R Moylan 1
Margeno (4/1) ... 2
Settlement (7/2) ... D Page 3
Also ran—Storming, Corduff (2/1 fav.).
5 ran.

4.0—RINEANNA CHASE
OLYMPIA (3/1) ... 1
Mr. Hely Hutchinson 1
Happy Stranger (7/1) ... 2
Mooted Grange (5/2f.) ... 3
A Redmond 3
Also ran—Musty, Solbaygina, St. Marco, Banri.
7 ran.

4.30—THOMOND H'CAP
IRISH DRAKE (3/1) ... 1
T. Kennedy 1
Gallant Count (9/2) ... 2
Height O'Fashion (10/1) ... 3
J. Wright 3
Also ran—Chenille War, Spanish Hawk, Free Frolic, Ballade, Indian Art.
8 ran.

MANCHESTER

2.0—
HECKLEY (7/4) ... 1
Planter's Punch (5/4 fav.) ... 2
Brooksbv Boy (100/6) ... 3
7 ran.

2.30—
TAILOR DONORE (100/8) ... 1
Noah (3/1) ... 2
Village Beacon (33/1) ... 3
Croft Lady (11/10f).
7 ran.

3.0—
CHALK STREAM (3/1) ... 1
Sotih (33/1) ... 2
Terra Nova (5/2) ... 3
Tompson 9/4 f.

3.30—
PRECIOUS HEATHER (4/7) ... 1
Chappaqua (100/7) ... 2
Norway (11/2) ... 3
7 ran.

4.0—
SHERRIF BELLE (8/1) ... 1
Bladnock Boy (5/2) ... 2
Darcliffe (5/4f) ... 3
6 ran.

4.30—
GOLDEN PRIDE (1/2) ... 1
Eagle Rose (11/4) ... 2
Israel (8/1) ... 3

SPORT

With Leo O'Reilly

(By TH)

"It has been a wonderful experience; something we will never forget." Limerick A.F.C. man Mr. Rennie Cusack said "The Berne Young Boys have done more for me than anything else. I was presented with an 8-day clock, and after the game 25,000 spectators applauded me to the echo."

First to greet the party at Berne was Pat from Shanagolden, a "There Is An Isle" band which swelled the vocal support of the visiting team to 12 voices. From all accounts the boys were very generous with praise. Any good Lime—and there were many—a burst of hand-clapping made Ewan Fenton and Leo O'Reilly feel "very much at home."

Limerick centre-forward O'Reilly, was again in the thick of it six minutes before half-time. He was trailing by a yard when he collided with the Bern half and an old eye wound was opened. At the Markets O'Reilly would have had a burst of hand-clapping there was on-the-spot treatment available. A stitches did the trick; O'Reilly was back in the thick of it at full strength in the second half.

In view of Limerick showing under lights, Leo O'Reilly readily see now that had he first in the opening "might easily have slipped to the second round of the pean Cup. Remember, the Park spectators would have done something had they struck. Playing an unfit Leo O'Reilly made the difference in the match."

The Limerick party enjoyed the spaciousness of the Wanklum. They trained on six playing fields, and lights switched on for the game practice. The complete with cycle track has seating accommodation 12,000 and includes a training room in the "world" class.

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Motorcycling

SEASON START

THE trials season opened with a bang over the wee Saturday, the Dublin Fall Trial was a contest of weather and resulted in a victory for Gerry Scarlett (Dot) margin, while the first M.C.C. closed handicap fully reported in our edition—was won by