

Limerick Leader

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Better Value

BIG FIELDS AT GREENPARK

Kick-off with Solsboro

I shall be expecting a very forward showing from Ballyrichard in the Ballinacurra Handicap (1 1/2 miles flat) at Greenpark tomorrow. For a length beating at Mallow, Mr. P. Healy's charge is 9 lbs. better off with Salloway Sailor and should be equal to turning the tables. But the "Sailor" on which Johnny Rafferty will, no doubt, attempt to make all the running, will like the top of the ground going and will not be easily beaten.

U2 in the Greenpark Chase is another that appears to have a very sound chance of success. He won very easily at Mallow recently and is obviously a very useful novice. Packed Home and Irish Reel have each-way prospects. Packed Home ran very well at Thurles and may have been unlucky, for he was "brought-out" when going extremely well.

The Maiden Hurdle seems to rest between Erindale Boy (runner-up at Ballinrobe and Downpatrick), Solsboro and Who Knows. The latter when beaten a length by Holmedan at Thurles, finished a couple of lengths in front of Solsboro, but may not do so this time. There are 21 declared for this contest, including the local mare, Pine Hill, which will not be far away at the finish.

The Shining One may not like the firm going, and Chenille War is preferred for the Handicap Hurdle. Devilment will make his presence felt.

For the "bumpers," none makes more appeal than the Paddy Sleator trained. The Private, which was an expensive failure at Clonmel.

With big fields the order, racing should be first-class.

3.0—Malden Hurdle (abt. 2m.)—Charcoal Gray, Kenturios, Hopeful Hero, Another Pearl, Who Knows, Sweeping Dora, Cacatol, Prince Paladin, Solsboro, Waa Knight, Gold Dash, King Desmond, Frenchman, Clever Boots, Erindale Boy, Sianestown, Pine Hill, Bazaar, Silverhill, Ice Show, Roberto.

3.30—Handicap Hurdle (2m. 90 yds.)—Holmedan, Silver Blaze II, Captain Moonlight, Shaun Flam, The Shining One, Devilment, Chenille War, Collnagrattan, Overthrow Lily, Sianestown, Flying Masha, Blarney Gleam, Sea Fisher.

4.0—Handicap Chase (2m. 4f. 207yds.)—Bob A Job, Woodview, Gold Nuggett, Richardstown,

PLAYED 76 TIMES FOR ENGLAND

TOM FINNEY JOINS LIMERICK

(By DES HANRAHAN)

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YES, it is true, the "Preston plumber" is to play for Limerick . . . but only for a day. Tom phoned Ewan Fenton this morning confirming that he will lead the Limerick attack against Donie Wallace's Selected XI on Sunday, May 27, in a benefit game for two of the most whole-hearted players Limerick have ever had—Joe Casey and Des McNamara.

This match promises to be an outstanding treat. Donie Wallace has roped-in most of the top players in Cork and it is hinted that Tommy Hamilton and Ronnie Nolan may be invited to play.

But Finney, leading the Limerick attack, will be a super attraction on his own.

Despite the fact that his accustomed position, outside-right, is the same as that filled by Finney's "greatest ball-player of our time," Stanley Matthews, Tom made 76 full international appearances for England, 32 of them at outside-left, leaving the No. 7 spot to the Blackpool wizard. Twice he won

the Footballer of the Year trophy. WAR-TIME CUP MEDAL

From 1940, when he made his League debut, he figured in 560 League, Cup and International matches, but never achieved the ambition of all cross-Channel footballers, an English Cup medal. He did, however, help Preston win the Second Division Championship in 1951-'52; the Northern League, and he was also on the team that beat Arsenal in a war-time Cup final.

For England, he scored 30 times. Tom Finney, in the latter part of his playing career with Preston North End, was a big "hit" as centre-forward, and for Limerick he will be in the No. 9 spot.

Although out of First Division competitive soccer for some months, Finney is still one of the fittest in the business. He has played in a number of charity and benefit matches inside the past few weeks.

Tom Finney can count on a rousing welcome to the Markets Field. Limerick A.F.C. are doing everything possible to ensure that the benefit game will be a tremendous success. There will be a flat charge of 2/6 for admission and tickets will be on sale this week. They will be numbered, with a view to having a free raffle for a very valuable prize.

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

There will be a souvenir programme, autographed by the great Finney, and, again, a free raffle in conjunction with this for a ball, autographed by the Professional Footballers' Association.

RE-SIGNED BY LIMERICK

Limerick, who have two new directors this season, Messrs. Malachy Skelly and H. Gibson-Steel, have re-signed the following:—

Goalkeepers—Pat Skelly, Kevin Fitzpatrick (amateur). Full-backs—Joe Casey, Tony Brosnahan, John Ryan (amateur).

Wing-halves—Ewan Fenton, Des McNamara, Eddie Tuite, Jim Forde.

Centre-halves—Peter O'Halloran (professional), Denis Linnane (do). Forwards—Eddie Mulvey, Frank Johnson, Dick Butler, and amateurs Al Finucane, Michael Doyle, Fred McNamara, Martin Clancy.

Dick O'Connor has been offered terms and is considering them.

SOCCER FIXTURES

AT JANESBORO' PARK
Janesboro' Utd v. Prospect, Sunday, May 6, at 11.30 a.m. P. Rockett.
AT WEMBLEY PARK

Three Limerick

Championship fare ahead

LIMERICK intermediate footballers make the first round of the Munster Ennis Road Grounds competition in these grades in no Munster title has been

Last year, the intermediate hurling, but at Mallow, against unimpaired display to be beaten the junior footballers also met a during the past 12 months? 7 on the displays in both codes a

Opening the programme Sunday, the minor footballers, both counties provide the opposite Little can be said of the current form of the Clare minor team, of that in the past they been most of many Limerick selections. was at the Kilrush venue a year ago that Clare scored an easy win. The Limerick fifteen that day appointed and provided very little opposition to a Clare team that failed to win the Munster title. What of the Limerick team, 1962?

To date trials have been held in three of the divisions, and a final trial—City v. County—was held at Bruff last week, after which the side to do duty against Clare a



In father's footsteps . . . Pat the former Kerry and All-Ireland friend, Hughie Lyhnan Grounds last evening while team for their match

announced. On this selection there are sixteen players from the and eight of them were members of the C.B.S. football team lost to Mount Sion (Waterford the Munster Colleges' S.F.

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