

# F.A.I. Cup Favourites "rocked" by Limerick

## But Doyle's injury a body blow

SHAMROCK ROVERS ..... 1 : LIMERICK ..... 1

By TONY PURCELL

LIMERICK and Shamrock Rovers will battle again at Dalymount Park to-morrow night (8 o'clock) to determine the winners of the 1965 F.A.I. Cup final. On Sunday Limerick, cheered on by over 10,000 supporters, held their renowned cup rivals to a great 1-1 draw. In fact, few of the big attendance would contradict a statement that the Shannonsiders were unlucky not to capture the coveted trophy for the first time.

For the 23,000 crowd this final was by no means a football classic, but they certainly got full value for money from a game full of thrills and occasional flashes of good football. Given little chance by pre-match critics, Limerick defied all expectations with a polished display. Showing great determination, they matched their more highly-reputed opponents in all phases of play. Each member of the side played himself to a standard against a Rovers XI including no fewer than five Irish internationals and seven Inter-League players. Fears of Cup final nerves upsetting the Limerick players never threatened at any stage of the game. In fact it was the Cup specialists, Rovers—winners of the magnificent trophy on fifteen occasions who looked very jittery in their play. From the outset, the representatives of the Milltown club never seemed to relish the crisp, hard-tackling of the Limerick men and at the finish many of their players lost much of their prestige.

### THE GLORY

All the glory of this decider belonged to Limerick. They were the more purposeful combination throughout and were it not for the shocking accident three minutes before the interval, they must have certainly prevented a replay. I am referring, of course, to the cruel injury of amateur international left-winger, Mick Doyle, who broke his leg when involved in a tackle with Shamrock Rovers right-half, John Keogh. This injury has, indeed, dealt a severe blow to the playing career of the 23-year-old Limerick player, and all sports enthusiasts in Limerick will join with me in wishing him a very speedy recovery.

Limerick followers will welcome the news that Mick will be able to attend the replay and let's hope that his very unfortunate injury will be compensated somewhat by a deserving reward—an F.A.I. Cup medal. In accordance with the new rule, introduced by the F.A.I. body, a substitute was allowed up to the 44th minute of the first half, and in the Limerick they were just inside the time limit. Denis Linnane came on to the side, but after a time in the left-wing position, he switched to the right-wing with Dick O'Connor. One might have expected that Doyle's departure would have had a big effect on the side. On the contrary, they showed more fire in their play in the second half, and had Rovers on the defensive for long spells.

It looked that Limerick had deservedly taken the lead in the 8th minute but the goal was disallowed by referee Sammy Spillane (Cork), because of a foul on goalkeeper Smith by Peter Mitchell. Shamrock Rovers struck back and took the lead in the 18th minute through centre-forward, Noel Dunne.

It all started when Frank O'Neill sent over a cross from the right. Goalkeeper Kevin Fitzpatrick went up for it and so did Tuohy and Mooney. The ball beat all three and went loose to Dunne who headed and switched earlier to the left wing. With Fitzpatrick on the ground and only Fenton standing in the goal, Dunne swung the ball across goal and it reached the net off an upright.

Undaunted, Limerick strove vigorously for the equaliser, and their efforts were rewarded seven minutes later. From an indirect free 25 yards out,

player-coach, Ewan Fenton, hammered the ball into the penalty area. It ran straight through the cluster of players, and a keeper Smyth moved out to collect it, inside, right, Eddie Mulvey, managed to back head the ball to the net through the groping hands of the goalkeeper. From here to the end, defences ruled and there was rarely the likelihood of another score. Indeed the nearest either side went to scoring was in the Limerick goalmouth when goalkeeper Fitzpatrick had to dive full-length to avert a likely goal after Des McNamara's hurried pass across the goal. Playing in their first F.A.I. Cup final, this was a great performance by Limerick who certainly have enhanced their prospects for to-morrow night's replay. The defence was always in control of their opponents formidable attack—Frank O'Neill, Jackie Mooney, Noel Dunne, Johnny Fullam and Liam Tuohy.

Full-backs Vinny Quinn and Joe Casey did everything required, although the latter had a tough afternoon in marking the feet-footed O'Neill.

**FINE FETTER**  
The half-backs, Al Finucane, Ewan Fenton and Des McNamara, were in the latter, particularly Finucane, who was undoubtedly the outstanding player on the pitch. He combined solid defence with many clever and courageous sorties upfield. Indeed he went near scoring on more than two occasions. A special word of praise should also go to Ewan Fenton. His example and words of advice proved a great source of encouragement to the team, particularly when they became upset at Doyle's injury. He had a good game at centre-half, and was rarely touched by his opponent, Dunne, and later Tuohy.

**ANXIOUS MOMENTS**  
Given a splendid service from the half-backs, the Limerick attack did cause many anxious moments to the nervous Rovers defence. Peter Mitchell, though carefully watched by pivot Tommy Farrell, looked potentially dangerous and launched some useful moves. Eddie Mulvey worked hard, although the latter has played better games. The player who made the biggest impression for the Shannonsiders was, of course, right-half Dick O'Connor. He was fast and incisive and sent over some well-placed centres which the Rovers defenders did not relish. Mick Doyle was doing "great guns" on the left-wing up to his injury and could very well have made a big impact on the game but for his disastrous injury.

Shamrock Rovers, still pipped by Droichead-na-Crois for the League Championship pennant last week, and already holders of the Shield title, never lived up to their great reputation of seasoned cup campaigners. They seemed to be completely knocked out of their stride by the zest, speed and football ability of Limerick, and rarely inspired their usual confidence. Mick Smyth looked uncertain between the posts, while full-backs John Keogh and Pat Courtney had to play second fiddle for almost the entire game. Only Ronnie Nolan and Tommy Farrell approached their usual good form.

Their star-studded attack got little change from the Limerick rearguard. Jackie Mooney, their prolific goal-scoring inside-right, was well watched by left-half Des McNamara. Vinny Quinn always had the better of captain Liam Tuohy. Their only real source of danger came from the right flank, where

O'Neill looked menacing with some clever solo runs and sent some nice centres for his colleagues, one of which led to their only goal.

As already stated, Limerick gained all the honours from this game and can look forward to the replay to-morrow night with great hopes of achieving the club's long ambition—to capture the F.A.I. Cup trophy for the first time.

It was most gratifying that Limerick had such great support on Sunday, and I feel sure that a big number will again make the trip to Dalymount Park. Shamrock Rovers—Smyth, Keogh, Courtney, Nolan, Farrell, Mulligan; O'Neill, Mooney, Dunne, Fullam, Tuohy. Limerick—Fitzpatrick; Quinn, Casey; Finucane, Fenton, McNamara; O'Connor, Mulvey, Mitchell, O'Rourke, Doyle. Sub., Linnane for Doyle (injured). Referee, Mr. S. Spillane, Cork.

### Bulger Cup second round

First heat—Couch, Lover, Tellus, Conigar, Paradise, Street Car, Milebush, Queen, Afton Water.  
Second heat—Drombane Princess, Sally's Opinion, Barber's Bride, Toberna Rose, Lurgan's Son, Clohana's Fire.  
Third heat—Blue TV, Memphis Boy, Cremona Maid, Flash Blakene, Bottle Mixer, Killmaggoura Trail.  
Fourth heat—Munster Queen, Orwell Wonder, Golly, Little Enda, Red Barrel, Mary's Cathriona.

### FRIDAY'S DOG CARD (8.30)

525 yards flat—River's Reflection, Line Engaged, Flash Bingo, Slenrick Boy, Hippocrene, Cresta Boy, White Snake (reserve).  
525 yards flat—Jockey's Coln, Donie's Arkle, Passing Reply, June Toast, Manokya Flash, Power's Doll, Caltex Boy (reserve).  
525 yards flat—Gorey Turk, Queen's Jess, Happy Station, Haulien's Red, Capitol K, Speedy Minion, Haulaway Terry (reserve).  
550 yards flat (first heat—second round—Bulger Cup) Street Car, Couch Lover, Milebush Queen, Tellus, Afton Water, Conigar Paradise.  
550 yards flat—(Second heat—Second round—Bulger Cup)—Sally's Opinion, Drombane Princess, Toberna Rose, Clohana's Fire, Barber's Bride, Lurgan's Son.  
555 yards flat—Gambler's Game, Calgary, Cinder's Son, Foggy Canal, Up The Hudson, Willie's Pup, Keen Shade (reserve).  
525 yards flat—Newpark Chief, Sister Katunga, The Freezer, Tinker's Delight, Civil Soldier, Knoekeen, Rory's Wonder (reserve).  
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Cottus II (5/2) ... 3  
All 4 ran.

3.30—  
LOCH TAY (2/1 f.) ... 1  
Lime Princess (9/4) ... 2  
Rockport (8/1) ... 3  
14 ran.

NEWMARKET  
2.00—  
CRYHELP (100/8) ... 1  
Solensister (4/1) ... 2  
Equestrienne (20/1) ... 3  
Royal Flight (5/2 fav.) 12 ran.  
All except Mathilde.

2.30—  
RICE PUDDING (11/4 fav.) 1  
Gyroscope (7/2) ... 2  
Pretextious (100/30) ... 3  
All 5 ran.

3.10—  
BARWIN (9/1) ... 1  
Happy Omen (100/8) ... 2  
Ocean Dromond (100/8) ... 3  
Passenger (9/2 f.) All 12 ran.

### C.B.S. Past Pupils

THE Christian Brothers' School, Sexton Street, will celebrate the 150 anniversary of its foundation next year. This should prove an incentive to all past pupils to attend the annual general meeting, which will take place in the auditorium at 8 p.m. on Thursday next, April 29. The annual Mass for deceased members of the Past Pupils' Union will be offered in St. Michael's Church on Sunday, May 2.

Many old boys have changed addresses or otherwise lost contact, and the Hon. Secretaries are prevented from communicating with them personally. If they should read this column they are asked to accept it as an invitation to attend. A date to keep—Royal George Hotel, May 22. Hartly Club victory dinner dance. Tickets a guinea each.

### Garda footballers in action

Limerick and Kerry meet to-morrow in the semi-final of the Munster Garda Championship (football) at Croom to-morrow (7 o'clock). About ten Inter-County players will be in action.

**AP RESULTS**  
WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 1965, No. 52.  
PRIZE MONEY - - - £500  
FIRST PRIZE - - - £250  
(22 GOALS)  
5, 8, 30, 32, John Walsh, 167 Galtimore Road, Dublin. Won outright.  
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### Schoolboys' Soccer

### Carey's last minute goal

(By "CELTIC")

A goal with practically the last kick of the game by inside forward, Kieran Carey, gave Hyde Rovers a valuable point from their under 14 league meeting with Dominic Savio at Caledonian Park last evening. This was without doubt the most entertaining game of the season to date, and it would have been an injustice to either side had they lost. Six goals were scored in all, and had either forward line been in scoring form, they could have added on a few more. Hyde, aided by the breeze in the first half, had Savio on the defensive for long spells, but their only reward at the interval was a goal scored by ex-prospect player, Pat Mulqueen. Savio, too, had a goal to show for their efforts at the short whistle, and with the breeze behind them in the second half, one could be forgiven for thinking that they would give Hyde a hiding.

Hyde, however, came out a transformed side after the change over, and in fact took the lead again in the 5th minute with a shot from Pat Brosnan. The remainder of the game was fought out in real cup-tie fashion and three further goals were scored by gifted supporters of both camps plenty to cheer about.

### GOOD DEFENDERS

Hyde had most of the early play, but some fine defensive play by Savio's Noel Brennan and Harry Hannon, kept them at bay until the 14th minute, when Pat Mulqueen netted with a shot that Christy Wallace should have saved. Dominic Savio took over for a spell after this, and had their equaliser when Frank Mullally scored from close range. Pat Brosnan and Con Costelloe exchanged scores shortly after the change over, and the game looked all over when Ron Reynolds scored for Savio a few minutes from time. Hyde were not to be denied, however, and Kieran Carey scored a fine goal for them just on full time.

Hyde Rovers had players of note in Christy Sheehan, Liam Fredegar, Liam Lawlor, Pat Mulqueen and Kieran Carey. Noel Brennan, Harry Hannon, Con Costelloe, John Stapleton and Frank Mullally were to the fore for Dominic Savio.

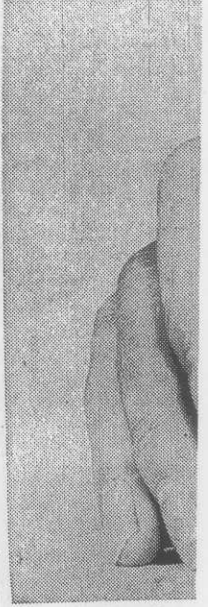
### TONIGHT

Wembley Rovers should get off to a winning start in the under 14 League, when they entertain Geraldines at Caledonian Park this evening. Wembley were the outstanding team in the under 13 grade last season, and with the majority of their players on duty in the under 14 side this season, they should be a force to be reckoned with. Kieran Sciascia, Gerry O'Loughlin and Jim Naughton are the "big" men in the Wembley side, and if the Geraldines lads can contain them, then they could surprise the Blue and Whites. The only other game this evening is between Pike Rovers and Weston. Weston had a most disappointing season in 1964, and unless they pull something special out of the bag this evening, then Pike may be fancied to collect both points.

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