

Limerick eliminated from European Cup Winners' Cup

Fine display against powerful C.S.K.A.

C.S.K.A. OF SOFIA, 2; LIMERICK, 0.
 (AGGREGATE: C.S.K.A., 4; LIMERICK, 1.)

LIMERICK, not unexpectedly, were eliminated from the European Cup Winners' Cup competition yesterday when, before an attendance of 30,000, in Sofia, they lost 2-0 in the second leg, having already been beaten 2-1 in the first leg in Dublin.

Yesterday's scoreline hardly does justice to the fighting display of Limerick—one of the best ever given by an Irish side in European Cup competitions—who, against the breeze, held their more formidable opponents scoreless in the first-half before eventually being beaten by two goals. One of these was of the lucky variety for the Bulgarians.

The first goal eight minutes after the interval proved decisive for the Bulgarians, who up to this were held at bay by a spirited and determined Limerick XI that fought tooth and nail against the odds: a goal down and away from home.

The match winner was their 76-times capped outside-left, Ivan Kolev. He took a pass on the left with his right foot, moved inside from Vinny Quinn's tackle and went away to within two yards of the back-line. He then cut the ball across with his left foot when it looked odds on that he must centre. Goalkeeper Fitzpatrick anticipated this by taking three steps backwards, but the ball flew by the near upright.

As one would expect, the Bulgarian supporters went wild with excitement over this goal, but for Limerick it was a fluke—one similar could hardly be scored again.

This all-important goal took much of the steam out of the Limerickmen's play at a time when it looked that their fighting spirit might prevail against the more polished Bulgarian side.

GREAT DISPLAY

Given little chance by pre-match critics, Limerick rose to the occasion magnificently. From the opening whistle, they played to the full limit of their potential, but while try as they may, they could find few gaps in the rock-steady C.S.K.A. defence.

The Limerick defence were on top of their game in the first-half. Goalkeeper Kevin Fitzpatrick was in brilliant form, making a couple of fine saves while full-backs, Vinny Quinn and Joe Casey, were mas-

ters over their lively wingers, Kamenov and Kolev.

The half-back line of Al Finucane, Ewan Fenton and Des McNamara, held a tight rein on the dangerous-looking C.S.K.A. inside-men, and gave their forwards a good supply of the ball.

It was obvious that if Limerick had scored the opening goal in this period, the Bulgarians would seemingly be in dire straits. Their best scoring chance, however, fell to left winger Pascal Curtin, three minutes after the start, when he was clean through with only goalkeeper Yordanov to beat, but his pile-driver just went wide of the posts.

SKILLS

When outside-left Kolev gave the home side the lead with that fluke goal after eight minutes of the second-half, C.S.K.A. (Central Sports Club of the Army) proceeded to show the skills one would expect from a side of their great potential.

Limerick, on the other hand, began to lose their grip on the game and it was the brilliance of goalkeeper Fitzpatrick that prevented them having more than two goals in this period. The second came in the 26th minute when a nice movement by the home right-wing pair, Kamenov and Tzanev, the captain, ended with the former shooting low and hard past a helpless Fitzpatrick for a great goal.

As already stated, the Limerick defence was outstanding, but the attack found difficulty against a solid rearguard. Dick O'Connor was the big danger on the right wing, with Tommy Hamilton and Paschal Curtin also showing to advantage.

The Bulgarians did not pro-

duce the great form shown in Dublin until the second half, when, with a goal under their belt, they seemed to show all their great ball play, pace and teamwork.

Vassilev, Penev and Stankov were the pick of a great

defence and, in attack, Tzanev, Kolev and Yakimov took a good real of watching from the Limerick defence.

PROUD

Limerick need not be disappointed in losing on aggregate, 4-1, to C.S.K.A. of Sofia, regarded as one of the best Continental teams ever seen in Dublin. They played their hearts out in both games and can feel proud of their performance in the European Cup-Winners' Cup Competition.

C.S.K.A. Sofia — Yoradanov; Vassilev, Stankov; Penev, Marinchev, Iliev; Kamenov, Zanev, Yakimov, Kirilov, Kolev.

Limerick—Fitzpatrick; Quinn, Casey; Finucane, Fenton, McNamara; O'Connor, Hamilton, Mitchell, O'Brien, Curtin. Referee—Faruk Taul, Turkey.

SUSPENDED RADIO STRIKE MAY BE RESUMED

A suggestion that the suspended strike over the employment of non-journalists for certain assignments by Radio and Telefs Eireann might be resumed if the dispute was not satisfactorily resolved shortly was made in a statement issued last night by the Standing Committee of the Irish Council of the National Union of Journalists.

The statement said that the union had watched with growing concern over the past two years the increasing use by Radio Eireann/Telefs Eireann of non-journalists in various news programmes. Last February, the situation reached crisis level, culminating in an official strike by members of the Dublin Radio Branch of the union.

The strike was suspended, and the issue in dispute referred to the Radio Eireann Conciliation Board. While the Radio Eireann members of the Board attended the hearing, management was not represented and made no submission in reply to the union's case.

LETTER TO BOARD

However, in a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Board, Radio Eireann stated that the heart of the matter was the freedom of the broadcasting organisation to be able to select its broadcasters from the wide domain the medium required, and to keep broadcasting open in a full and true sense so that the needs of broadcasting and the public would be fulfilled.

As part of their policy of "keeping broadcasting open in a full and true sense" Radio Eireann apparently considered it necessary to engage a national school teacher to give "live" commentaries from New York on the Tipperary/New York hurling league finals and a member of the administrative staff of University College, Dublin, to do the commentary

sure that those who depend on journalism for a livelihood are at least given the opportunity to further their careers in their chosen field.

None of the journalists now employed by Radio Eireann was informed at the time of appointment that this policy of so-called freedom was going to operate against them.

The Radio Eireann trade union group has assured the N.U.J. of its support in resisting the management's declaration that they will not negotiate if a dispute concerns a matter of policy. The Standing Committee felt that it might become necessary to resume the suspended strike if the dispute is not satisfactorily resolved shortly.

RACING NEWMARKET

2.00—	BOLTING (15/2)	1
	Tape Recorder (13/8 f.)	2
	Mildura (33/1)	3
	All 17 ran.	
2.30—	ZALOBA (2/1 f.)	1
	Doctor Blimber (5/1)	2
	Pinaculo (7/1)	3
	All 9 ran.	
3.00—	REGAL LIGHT (11/2)	1
	Prepack (00/6)	2
	Folar Boy (11/2)	3
	All 16 ran. Sergeant Cork (7/2f.)	

CHELTENHAM

2.00—	ROSADOR (10/1)	1
	Beachcomber (7/1)	2
	Autre Prince (15/8 f.)	3
	All 22 ran.	
2.35—	WELL PACKED (6/1)	1
	Crown Scarlet (15/2)	2
	Staggered (13/8 f.)	3
	All 11 ran, all except Palanquin.	

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