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e certainly o probably the world, f the big- sporting h amateur ppose one a series of holes, and as aroused ersy, 'not ut across Mr. T. P. Brindley, President of the Golfing Union of Ireland, and a cocktail reception will follow. The golf follows on Sunday. Messrs. Danus are offering £1,000 for a hole in one at the 170 yards fifth, and there are many cash prizes on offer for the pros., as well as magnificent trophies for the amateurs.

The order of matches is :

9.45 a.m. :—
Peter Allis (Parkstone)
v.
Rupert Staunton (Castlerea)
Jimmy Bowen (Cork)
Jackie Harrington (Adare Manor).

10. a.m. :—
Harry Weetman (Selsdon Park)
v.
Joe Carr (Sutton)
John Nestor (Milltown)
Michael Cralgan (Malone).

10.15 a.m. :—
David Thomas (Dewham Forest)
v.
Tom Craddock (Malahide)
Ray Kane (The Island, Malahide)
Noel Fogarty (Royal Dublin).

10.30 a.m. :—
Christy O'Connor (Royal Dublin)
v.
David Sheehan (The Grange)
Brendan Edwards (Shandon Pk.)
Bill Kelleher (Douglas).

A special two-page feature on the occasion will appear in tomorrow's **Limerick Leader.**

Schoolboys' Soccer

(By "RUNBALL")

Saturday, 16/4/'66 :

Under-13 League: No. 1 Pitch —Weston v. Summerville, at 4 p.m., W. O'Brien; Ballynanty R. v. Rathbane, at 5 p.m., M. Meagher; Prospect Ath. v. Wembley R., at 7 p.m., C. Barry.

No. 2 Pitch—Boro' v. Dominic S., at 4.30 p.m., T. Power; Pike R. v. Hyde R., at 7 p.m., P. J. Meagher.

Sunday, 17/4/'66 :

Under-15 League: No. 1 Pitch —Weston R. v. Hyde R., at 11 a.m., S. Dean; Boro' v. Ballynanty, at 12.15 p.m., W. O'Brien.

No. 2 Pitch—Summerville v. Pike R., at 11 a.m., S. Collins; Dominic S. v. Wembley R., at 12.15 p.m., C. Barry.

Monday, 18/4/'66 :

Under-14 League—Wembley R. v. Hyde R., at 7 p.m., J. Tuohy.

Tuesday, 19/4/'66 :

Under-14 League—Dominic S. v. Ballynanty, at 7 p.m., S. Dean.

Wednesday, 20/4/'66 :

Under-14 League: No. 1 Pitch —Weston v. Askeaton, at 7.15 p.m., J. Tuohy.

No. 2 Pitch—Boro' v. Pike R., at 7 p.m., M. Kelly.

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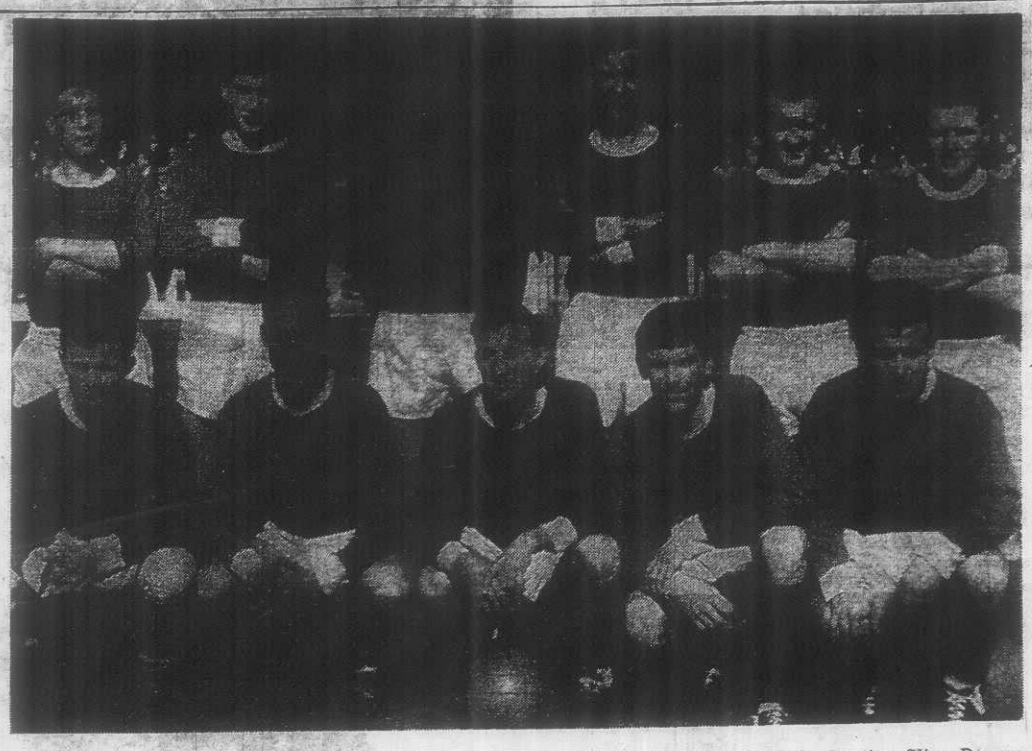
eby given that the audit of the accounts of the the financial year ended the 31st day of March, ened in the Town Hall, Limerick, by Michael al Government Auditor, on the 3rd May, 1966, at :. a.m., when and where objections to any matter said several accounts will be heard. The accounts ing office hours to the inspection of all persons ven days before the audit.
8th day of April, 1966.

P. P. Mac DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk.



The Limerick team that qualified for the F.A.I. Cup final at Tolka Park last night by beating Sligo Rovers 3-0 in their semi-final replay. Front row (l. to r.): D. O'Connor, T. Hamilton, E. Mulvey, J. O'Brien, P. Curtin. Back row (l. to r.): V. Quinn, A. Finucane, K. Fitzpatrick, E. Fenton, D. McNamara, J. Casey.

Limerick Qualify for Second F.A.I. Cup Final

Hamilton architect of fine win over Sligo

LIMERICK ..... 3; SLIGO ROVERS 0

By TONY PURCELL

LIMERICK qualified for their second successive F.A.I. Cup final at a bitterly cold Tolka Park last night when, before a disappointing crowd, including 1,500 home supporters, they scored a decisive 3-0 win over Sligo Rovers in their semi-final re-play. Unlike in the drawn game ten days ago, Limerick gave a commendable performance and on this form will make a strong bid for the coveted trophy against Shamrock Rovers, Cup specialists, in the final at Dalymount Park on Sunday, April 24.

Sligo fought with a great amount of dash and spirit throughout, but they lacked the finesse and skill to curb Limerick's better football. Tommy Hamilton must take most credit for this victory. He capped a polished display at inside-left with two fine goals, one from the penalty spot, and did the spadework for the other by hitting the crossbar with a 25 yards shot and Pascal Curtin slammed the rebound to the net for a good opportunist goal.

(Hamilton, 2; Curtin)

For the attendance which braved the elements the game produced a keen and exciting first-half and the standard of play was a big improvement on the opening match. However, the second-half was devoid of any real interest as Limerick, two goals ahead at the interval, ruled supreme for the most part and rarely looked in danger of defeat. They were not flattered on the night's play by their three goals winning margin, the third goal coming through a penalty, brilliantly taken by Tommy Hamilton.

From the outset, the Limerick defence was rock-steady and well contained the Sligo forward-line. The half-backs, Al Finucane, Ewan Fenton and Des McNamara, were in fine fettle, dominating the midfield exchanges and ensuring an ample supply of the ball for

Limerick's hero in their fine victory over Sligo Rovers last night, Tommy Hamilton, who capped a fine display at inside-left with two fine goals and paved the way for the third.

their forwards. Full-backs, Joe Casey and Vinny Quinn, too, were in top form and kept the Westerners' wingers, Liam Millington and Martin Corcoran, pretty well subdued. Goalkeeper, Kevin Fitzpatrick, was not seriously tested, thanks to the splendid cover received from his defenders.

Indeed, if the defence shows the same fine understanding and solidity in the final, I cannot see Shamrock Rovers, the holders of the F.A.I. Cup for the past two seasons, finding many loopholes.

IMPROVEMENT

A pleasing feature of last night's display was the much improved form shown by the Limerick attack. Tommy Hamilton had a brilliant game, launching many fine movements with his clever ball play.

Eddie Mulvey, who was a big disappointment in the first game, did put more fire into his play last night as leader of the attack, without reaching any great heights, but Dick O'Connor was surprisingly bad on the right-wing and has not yet recovered his true form following the knee injury he received over three weeks ago.

GRAND GAME

Pascal Curtin had a grand game on the left-wing. He frequently left the Sligo right-full, Mick Dalton, struggling with his rapid solo runs and fine ball control, and took his goal in great style. Joe O'Brien was always prominent in many Limerick breakaways, using his speed and height to good advantage.

All-round, the front line showed far more determination and purpose in their play than in their last two outings.

No doubt, it is fitting that a word of praise should be given to Player-coach, Ewan Fenton, who has now the distinction of leading Limerick into the final of this glamour competition for the second consecutive year and second time in the 29 years history of the Shannonside club. Will he add an F.A.I. Cup medal to the English F.A. medal he won with Blackpool in 1953? Many home followers will be hoping that Fenton will succeed in his achievement, and furthermore, that Joe Casey will win a medal for his outstanding service to League of Ireland football . . . the oldest player in action at the moment at the age of 39.

INFERIOR

Sligo Rovers, who went within an ace of reaching the final in the drawn match, were never the same force last night and were much the inferior combination for the greater part of the game. True to tell, they did exert heavy pressure in the opening quarter of the second-half in an effort to wipe out Limerick's two goal lead, but they lacked the skill and teamwork to pierce the solid Limerick defence.

They may be considered a little unlucky not to be awarded a penalty just on the interval when inside-right, Tommy Morrison, fell down heavily on the ground in the penalty area after colliding with centre-half Ewan Fenton, but despite appeals by the Sligo players, referee "Pip" Meighan waved on play. The only other anxious moment that confronted Limerick was in the 62nd minute when Morrison's header in the goalmouth melee struck an upright and Vinny Quinn managed to scramble the ball out for a corner.

David Pugh, Hubert Campbell and Jackie Quinn worked hard in a dogged defence, while in a subdued attack, Jimmy Burnside and Tommy Morrison took most watching.

Limerick opened the scoring after only nine minutes when, from Curtin's fine pass in the penalty area, Tommy Hamilton placed the ball well out of the reach of the groping Sligo 'keeper, Flood, for a fine goal. Two minutes later, Eddie Mulvey headed just wide of the posts, and then in the 21st minute came Limerick's second goal in a fine co-ordinated movement ended with Tommy Hamilton sending his great pile-driver from 25 yards out against the crossbar and Paschal Curtin was on the spot to give goalkeeper Flood no chance be returning the rebound to the net. Nine minutes later Eddie Mulvey should have scored when he had only Flood to beat from O'Brien's header but he failed to control the ball and was dispossessed in daring fashion by the goalkeeper. In the 31st minute Curtin had a fine effort brilliantly tipped around the posts by Finbarr Flood, but in the 44th minute Sligo had a penalty claim ignored by refere Meighan.

Limerick did most of the pressing in the second half and with a little luck could have had more than three goals to their credit. Spectators were filing out of the ground some 15 minutes from the finish and many of them missed Limerick's third goal in the 89th minute when Tommy Hamilton scored with a beautifully-taken penalty after Sligo's centre-half, Pugh, handled the ball as Hamilton attempted to pass out to the unmarked Eddie Mulvey, who was standing a few yards out.

Limerick: Fitzpatrick; Quinn, Casey; Finucane, Fenton, McNamara; O'Connor, Hamilton, Mulvey, O'Brien, Curtin.

Sligo Rovers: Flood; Dalton; Campbell; Dunne, Pugh, Quinn; Millington, Morrison, Burnside, Dowling, Corcoran.

Referee, J. Meighan (Dublin).

PATH TO THE FINAL

The stage is all set for what promises to be a thrilling F.A.I. Cup final between Limerick and Shamrock Rovers. Both sides have overcome strong opposition in their way to the decider, and if the game produces the stirring fare of last season when Shamrock Rovers defied Limerick's great bid by winning 1-0 in a replay at Dalymount Park, it should not be missed.

Here is how both teams reached the 1966 F.A.I. Cup final:—

First Round—Limerick beat Bohemians, 3-1, at Thomond Park. Shamrock Rovers beat Cork Hibernians, 3-1, in a replay at Dalymount Park after drawing 1-1 at Flower Lodge.

Second Round—Limerick beat Dundalk, 3-0, at Dalymount Park. Shamrock Rovers beat Shelbourne, 1-0, after extra time in a replay at Tolka Park.

Semi-final — Limerick beat Sligo Rovers, 3-0, at Tolka Park in a replay. Shamrock Rovers beat Waterford, 4-2, at Dalymount Park in a replay.

Butchers shock racegoers

Horrified racegoers saw two butchers start to cut up a horse after an animal protection inspector had destroyed it at Oakbank Races, Adelaide, on Monday. It was reported yesterday. The steeplechaser Hudson broke its back in a heavy fall while leading the field.

After protests from the crowd, police stopped the two men, who were dressed in rubber gumboots and leather aprons, as they started to slash at the horse's legs

Onkaparinga Racing Club secretary, Mr. A. A. Lodge, said yesterday: "A policeman came and told me that Hudon was being butchered, but I could not believe it was happening. Then I went down and saw one leg had been removed. I was most upset."

President's visitor

Rev. Jack Fitzgerald, of Norfolk, Massachusetts, was received by the President, Mr. de Valera, at Aras an Uachtarain, yesterday.

Fr. Fitzgerald, a first cousin of the late President Kennedy and grandson of Honey Fitzgerald, the famous Boston politician, is in Ireland with the members of the Boston-Eire Society, whose visit was arranged to coincide with the Easter Rising celebrations.

He was accompanied to Aras an Uachtarain by Mr. Thomas K. O'Connor, a Dublin solictor.

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Limerick v. Cork Hibs. to-night

DESPITE the heavy snowfall and showers of sleet last night, the League of Ireland soccer match between Limerick and Cork Hibernians, scheduled for the Markets Field this evening, kick-off 6.30 p.m., will take place as planned. The pitch was inspected by club officials this morning and it was decided to go ahead with the game.

This match is vital to Limerick, who are well in the running for a place in the Top Four Competition, and a defeat would jeopardise their hopes considerably as there is a great battle for fourth position in the table by three sides. Cork Hibernians have shown much improved form in recent week and will not be easily overcome by Limerick, who are likely to feel the effects of their strenuous Cup match last night. The team will show one change from the Cup line-out. Eddie Mulvey is unable to play because of business reasons, and his place at centre-forward is likely to be taken by Joe O'Brien, who will switch from the inside-left position to make way for the youthful Tony Aherne.

Patrons to the Markets Field this evening can look forward to a tough and exciting game with both sides bent on collecting the points.

Limerick—Fitzpatrick; Quinn, Casey; Finucane, Fenton, McNamara; O'Connor, Hamilton, O'Brien, Aherne, Curtin.

SWEEPSTAKE SEMI-FINALS THE HIGHLIGHT

By "FAIR VIEW"

MANY of the more seasoned campaigners at the Markets Field were of the opinion that conditions last Saturday night were the worst they had seen in the 33 years of racing at the venue. Torrential rain, which fell throughout the day, made the going .80 seconds slow.

In the circumstances, sport was reasonably entertaining, though spectators perished with the cold and wet. Proceedings ran a little late as, in fact, they have been doing for the past couple of weeks.

The first round of the 31 secs. Sweepstake was completed and fastest winner was Sarsfield's Bell, which got up by a head to beat Deerpark Flash in 31.58. Fire Tormentor hopped out second in race 5 but improved gradually to win by a growing 2½ lts. from Queen Buffalo and the early pace-maker, Ducky Daddles in 31.78. The final heat was won by Larbawn in 32.50 after he had been led a length from traps by Pat's Clipper.

Going was good on Monday night when fastest time was 30.38. This was recorded by Mr. M. Foley's (Newcastle West) Sybil Ensign, which made all the running in race 5. His litter sister, Sybil Mist, failed to make it a double for connections when failing 3 lts. to the all-the-way leader, June Baby, in 31.22.

Smooth and Cool came in the last few strides to gain the verdict in race 4 in 30.92, and another winner to break 31 secs. was June Chap, which provided a double for his owner, Mr. M. Carroll, Bruree. This one hit the front rounding the last bend and at the line was 3 lts. clear in 30.98.

The semi-finals of the 31 seconds Sweepstake head this week-end's programme and some excellent sport should be the outcome. In the first, Sarsfield's Bell and Pat Clipper may be the ones to advance. Leftant Crackers can do better than last week and may oblige in the second and may be followed home by Nsambya. The final "semi" may be within the scope of Wet His Lips, which can beat Larbawn.

FRIDAY'S SELECTIONS

First Race — **Country Wide**; n.b., Carrow Colleen.

Second Race — **Eileen's Spot**; n.b., Wee Betty.

Third Race—**Bay Ridge**; n.b., Jockey's Fame.

Fourth Race — **Black Nose Rory**; n.b., Wonder Singer.

Fifth Race — **Move Theresa**; n.b., Orwell Canal.

Sixth Race — **Cranny Calling**; n.b., Darling Girl.

Seventh Race—**Doyle's Eight**; n.b., Flirting Gypsey.

The Card (8.15 p.m.) is :—

300 yards flat sprint—Tosto, Turnpike Lady, Country Wide, River's Ebb, Carrow Colleen, Rochester Flash, Low Pressures Girl (reserve).

525 yards flat—Eileen's Spot, Wee Betty, Honey Heather, Salmon Leap, Malarise, Freight Plane, Sister Rose (reserve).

525 yards flat — Derryfadda King, Miss Belville, Patrick's Clipper, Bay Ridge, Tru Joes Orange, Jockey's Fame, Bamba's Babbler (reserve).

525 yards flat — Black Nose Rory, Proud Reply, Little Mo, Sunset Grand, Wonder Singer, Finola, Knockalough (reserve).

525 yards flat—Noble Queen, Move Theresa, Knockea Glen, Orwell Canal, Castle Nellie, Man From Tour, Ferdona (reserve).

525 yards flat—Her Sister, Barnel Guest, Darling Girl, Really Odd, Cranny Calling, Spur On Jockey, Lil's Choice (reserve).

525 yards flat—Biddy Lindsey, Oldtown Jockey, Flirting Gypsy, The Daisy Dawn, Doyle's Eight, Tarmion's Treat, Hollybush Lassie (reserve).

First Major Cycling Attraction

PHOENIX R.C. PROMOTE OPEN RACE

The first major local cycle racing attraction of the 1966 season for the Limerick members and supporters of Cumann Rothuiochta na hEireann takes place next Sunday, April 17th, when the local C.R.E. Club, Phoenix Road Club, promote their first open race of the season. This race, a 50 miles event will be held over 40 laps of the Dock Road, O'Curry Street, Henry Street, Shannon Street, Dock Road circuit, with the start and finish on the Dock Road. This circuit is very popular among both riders and spectators as it affords very fast and hard riding for the competitors who have no trouble following the whole "story" of the race since they can see the riders at intervals of approximately two minutes. Thus, next Sunday is a date to remember for all who wish to see all Ireland's leading roadmen including international representatives battle for the first "classic" of the season.

The race headquarters and dressingrooms are at the Gaelic League Hall, Thomas Street. The riders will assemble here at 2.30 p.m. after signing-on and having their bikes checked, and parade behind the official car to the starting line at the Dock Road, continuing once round the circuit to the start again, where they will then stop for the start of the race proper at 2.30 p.m. On each of the forty laps the riders will sprint for the line and first three in each of these sprints will be awarded three, two and one point, respectively, then at the finish each rider's score will be added and prizes awarded to the three with the highest totals. These lap sprints are designed to provide excitement on every one of the forty laps for the spectators and also acts as an incentive to the riders to attack more in an effort to split the field and always brings the strongest men to the front. As well as the lap sprints awards the prize list includes the first ten riders to finish and the first two unplaced juniors along with numerous "primes."

Included in this top-class field will be Irish international rider, Liam Horner, who last weekend clearly won three-day International Tour of the North from all the leading riders from Scotland, England, Wales, Isle of Man and Ireland, and in a few weeks time will leave for France where he will compete for the rest of the season. The field will also include Morris Foster, from Cyprus C.C., Belfast, the only Irish rider to complete a 100 miles Time Trial in less than four hours and the third rider in the world to achieve this feat.

Among the many other well-known "names" competing will be Terry Colbert, Tailteann R.C., Dublin; Des Mooney, last year's winner from St. Gabriel's C.C., Belfast; John McCarthy, of the Obelisk Wheelers Club, Dublin, who is also off to France in a few weeks; Noel O'Neill, Bray Wheelers, best all-round rider and National Champion Roadman, 1965. Others are C. Fitzsimons, N. McManmon and M. Maher, all of Dublin Wheelers Junior International riders; D. Keane and A. Sterne, Northern C.C., Belfast.

The local opposition to these famous riders will be provided by the many young riders of the Phoenix Road Club. These include Conor Murphy, John Kiely, Pat Shea, David Whyte, Ian McKenzie, Harry Cremin, Michael O'Donovan, Willie Baggott, Jim Hughes, Harry Bond, Michael Casey, John Hickey and S. (Jim) Mangan. All local supporters wish all these lads the best of luck in their unenviable task.

Junior Soccer Fixtures

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

North Munster Cup (semi-final): Janesboro' Utd. v. Ballynanty Rvs., Stadium an Phairsaigh, 6.45. M. Kelly.

Munster Youth Cup (2nd rd.): Foynes v. Newcastle United, Foynes, 7.00. E. Cleary.

League, Div. I (2nd rd.): Geraldines v. Prospect, Caledonian Park, 6.45. A. Shaw.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Munster Junior Cup (quarter-final): Caledonians v. Connel Bobs, Stadium an Phairsaigh, 3.30. P. J. Meagher.

Limerick Youth League: Weston Rgs. v. Island Utd., Caledonian Park, 12.45. P. Rockett.

Dominic Savio v. Fairview Rgs., Caledonian Park, 11.00. M. Meagher.

Janesboro' Utd. v. Strand Utd., Stadium an Phairsaigh, 11.00. J. Hartigan.

League, Div. I: Star Rvs. v. St. Michael's (Tipperary), Caledonian Park, 3.30. D. Constable.

North Munster Cup (semi-final): Shelbourne v. St. Michael's, Shelbourne Park, 11.00. T. Power.

Desmond League: Ennis v. Ardnacrusha, Ennis, 3.30.

All Blacks v. Pallaskenry, Ferrybridge, 3.00.

Tralee v. Askeaton, Tralee, 3.00.

Foynes v. Newcastle Utd., Foynes, 3.00.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

Limerick Youth League: Prospect Ath. v. Hyde Rvs., Caledonian Park, 6.45. E. Cleary.

League, Div. I (2nd rd.): Fairview Rgs. v. Geraldines, Shelbourne Park, 6.45. P. J. Meagher.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Limerick Youth League: Ballynanty Rvs. v. Limerick C., Shelbourne Park, 6.45. P. Kiely.

Saxone Cup (2nd rd.): Hibernians v. St. Michael's, Caledonian Park, 6.45. P. J. Meagher.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Munster Youth Cup (2nd rd.): Ballynanty Rvs. v. Island Utd., Shelbourne Park, 6.45. P. Kiely.

Prospect v. Star Rvs., Caledonian Park, 6.45. C. Barry.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

League, Div. II (2nd rd.): Ballynanty Rvs. v. Shelbourne, Shelbourne Park, 6.45. M. Meagher.

RUGBY RESULT

City Cup (under-20)—Nenagh 6 pts., St. Mary's nil.