

# Fairview Rangers made History



Fairview Rangers, F.A.I. and Munster Junior Cup winners, 1964-65—Back row (l. to r.)—S. McCarthy, P. Ryan, E. O'Connell (Chairman), M. O'Connell, S. O'Connor, E. Heffernan. Centre—G. O'Mara, (Asst. Secretary), T. Meehan, S. Byrnes, E. Dillon, G. Ryan, S. Lipper (Hon. Secretary). Front row—G. Hehir, P. O'Dwyer.

**FAIRVIEW RANGERS**, who won the admiration of all Irish soccer followers when bringing the much sought after F.A.I. Junior Cup to Limerick for the first time in 1965, are a club steeped in tradition, and in their comparatively short history in junior ranks, they have had the distinction of capturing practically every trophy on offer to them.

Fairview Rangers helped to open a new chapter in the annals of Limerick football when they won the treasured F.A.I. Junior Cup competition two seasons ago, and later climaxed a truly memorable nine months of football when trouncing Ringmahon Rangers, Cork, to add the coveted Munster Junior Cup to their trophies. Many great men have served on Fairview's Committees down through the years, but if ever there is a history of the club to be written, the two to receive most prominence must be Mr. Sean Lipper and Mr. Martin Cowhey, both of whom have given really wonderful service to the club.

Like most other clubs, Fairview had their early troubles. They entered football in 1942 when such committee men as Tommy Slattery, Mick Lipper and Patrick O'Neill decided it was about time that they had a team in the Fairgreen area. They operated in the minor league only that season, and even though they failed to win any major trophy, they had some brilliant players in Noel Carey, Anthony Shanny, Mick and Paddy Lipper, Dick Hynes, Billy Sweeney (R.I.P.), Christy Ryan, Pat McMahon and Dan Sims. Noel Carey later won a junior international cap for his country, and Mick Lipper made a big name for himself on the League of Ireland front when assisting Limerick, Sligo and Transport.

Fairview entered junior football for the first time in 1950. They fared reasonably well in local competitions and got best assistance from such players as N. Connolly, W. Keane, D. Clum, Joe Ryan, Ed. O'Connell, T. Furlong, J. Braddish, G. Sweeney, M. Flannery and Christy Ryan.

member of the side. He had the craft and experience to bring out the best in the younger members of the side, and he played a major role in helping the club to win the F.A.I. and Munster Junior Cups.

Fresh from their victory over Douglas in the final, Fairview added another trophy to their sideboard a few weeks later, when they beat Ringmahon in the Munster Junior Cup final. They certainly proved themselves champions that season, and it is doubtful if any Limerick club will ever produce a team to match that great side of 1964-65, a team that will go down in history. Martin Cowhey and Sean Lipper acted as trainers, and to them must go an amount of the credit for Fairview's successes.

Other players who have given great service to the Fairview club include Christy Carey, George Byrnes, Brian Geoghegan, Mick McMahon, Mick O'Dwyer, who was a reserve on the F.A.I. Junior Cup team, and played on the Munster Junior Cup side; Eric Costelloe, Roy Egan, Paddy Furlong, David Nial and Mick Hanley, N. Curtin, P. Browne, J. Mangin, M. Shortt, John Eades, J. Neelan, Donie Hanrahan, Olly Dean, Ger Casey and Ger Barry. Club members to receive representative honours were: Mick O'Neill (Schoolboy Int.), Seamus McCarthy (Youths Int.); Eamonn Heffernan (Junior Int.), C. Carey (Schoolboy Int.).

Committee members that have given good service to the club include: Pat O'Neill, Mick O'Neill, T. Costelloe, J. Browne, W. Lewis, C. Carey, J. Furlong, D. Ryan, G. O'Shea, P. Woodland, E. O'Connell, M. Cowley, P. O'Dwyer (R.I.P.) and O. Quinlivan.

**Committee**

Present Committee: President, J. J. Kennelly; Vice-Presidents, S. Coughlan, P. Carroll, M. Lipper; Chairman, Sean Lipper; Vice-Chairman, T. Fleming; Hon. Secretary, P. Ryan; Asst. Hon. Secretary, Sean O'Connor; Treasurer, T. Meehan; Assistant Hon. Treas., T. Meehan; Asst. Committee—D. Ryan, J. Furlong, T. McCarthy, P. Quinlivan, G. Quinlivan, P. O'Dwyer, P. Woodland, E. O'Connell, R. Sims, S. Byrnes.

Trophies won:

- Under-13 Cup, 1955/56
- Under-14 Cup, 1953/54, 1956/57, 1957/58
- Under-14 League, 1956/57, 57/58
- Under-15 Cup, 1955/56
- Under-16 League, 1958/59
- Liam Whelan Shield, 1957/58
- Desmond League, 1960/61
- Under-16 Cup, 1956/57
- Under-16 League, 1959/60
- Minor Cup, 1958/59, 1960/61
- Kennelly Cup, 1960/61, 62/63
- Munster Minor Cup, 1960/61
- Minor League, 1960/61
- Tipperary Lawson Cup, 1960/61
- 1961/62, 1963/64
- Cromer Cup, 1961/62, 1962/63, 1964/65
- Leonard Cup, 1961/62, 1964/65
- North Munster Cup, 1962/63, 1963/64
- Fr. Lyons' Cup, 1962/63
- Saxons Cup, 1963/64
- Munster Junior Cup, 1964/65
- F.A.I. Junior Cup, 1964/65

Yes, a truly great record by a magnificent club.

**Signed**

Cork Celtic realising the potential of the Fairview team that won the F.A.I. and Munster Junior Cups, stepped in to sign three of their most prominent players.



Winners of the Under-14 League, 1956-57—Back row—Sean Lipper, Oliver Constable, David Hanley, Joe Lewis, Eric Costelloe, Michael O'Connell, Frank Flynn, Paddy Carey, Gerry Power, Christy Carey. Centre—William Lewis, George Hehir, Sean Byrnes, Sean O'Connor (capt.), Seamus McCarthy, Paddy Browne, Gerry Quinlivan, Brian Geoghegan. In front are Gerard Costelloe and Kieran Carey.

## Schoolboy Football

Fairview decided to go back to schoolboy football in 1952 and they won their first trophy two years later when the under-14 Cup came their way. The team then was: P. Murphy, T. Delaney, Ed. McInerney, M. Sweeney, M. McInerney, T. Moore, D. Twomey, G. Edwards, S. Carter, R. O'Brien, F. McInerney, T. Brosnihan, Sean Carter is now with Galwegians, while Richie O'Brien is with Pike Rvs, and Tony Brosnihan is with Jamesboro.

Fairview Rangers set about their business in a big way in 1955-56, when they formed a new committee. Christy Carey was elected as Chairman, Jim Browne, vice-chairman, Tom Costelloe, Treasurer, and R. O'Neill, Hon. Sec. The committee consisted of: Sean Lipper, Pat Byrnes and V. Byrnes, while Sean Lipper was also entrusted with the job as trainer.

This was the beginning of Fairview's ten years of glory. They started from scratch when building their schoolboy sides and each season they graduated to a higher grade. They kept much the same panel of players each season and it is interesting to note that eight members of their under-14 side in 1955 also played with the club when they annexed the F.A.I. Junior Cup ten years later. They collected several trophies each season and became one of the most respected and most feared clubs in Limerick.

## Minor Trophies

Fairview made another little bit of history the following year when they won every minor trophy locally—Kennelly Cup, The Limerick League and Cup and the Munster Minor Cup and the Munster Junior Cup. They also won the Limerick Area final of the F.A.I. minor cup, only to be beaten in the semi-finals proper by Shamrock Rovers (3-2).

Fairview entered junior football the same season when they won the Tipperary Lawson Cup. Their successful minor team was: Mick O'Connell, George Hehir, Ger Power, Tom Murphy, Sean Byrnes, Sean O'Connor, Seamus McCarthy, Ger Lewis, Pat Carey, T. Fitzgerald and John Hennessy.

The club went on to win the Cromer and Leonard Cups in '61-62, and automatically gained entry for the Munster Junior and F.A.I. Junior Cups. Fairview were also won the Limerick Area final of the F.A.I. Junior Cup, while their minor eleven succeeded in taking the Kennelly Cup, 1963-64, and yet another successful year for the club; the Lawson, North Munster and Tipperary Lawson Cups making their way to the Fairgreen.

## F.A.I. Junior Cup

As far back as 1955 they realised that if they could keep their under-14 side intact they would one day win the F.A.I.

## Greatest Year

1964-65 season was Fairview's

## Government Notice

### NOTICE BY THE REVENUE COMMISSIONERS WHOLESALE TAX REGISTRATION

**Appointed Day**

The Minister for Finance has made an Order appointing the 23rd day of August, 1966, as the appointed day for the purpose of registration for the Wholesale Tax. The Wholesale Tax will come into operation on the 1st October, 1966.

Persons who will be accountable for Wholesale Tax must register with the Revenue Commissioners within 9 days after the appointed day. Forms of application for Wholesale Tax registration (Form No. W.T.1) are available at the Office of the Director-General, Aras Brugha, 9-10 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin, and at the offices of Inspectors of Taxes.

### Wholesalers and Manufacturers of Taxable Goods

**You MUST register**

(1) if you sell Taxable goods (other than motor cars and assembly parts) by wholesale and your receipts from wholesale sales of Taxable goods (other than motor cars and assembly parts) exceed £500 in any month; or

(2) if you are a manufacturer of Taxable goods and your receipts from sales of Taxable goods exceed £150 in any month.

"Selling by wholesale" means selling goods to a person who buys goods of that class in the course of business.

"Taxable goods" means goods liable to Wholesale Tax. Information regarding goods which are exempt from Wholesale Tax is given at 5 below.

### Manufacturers of Exempt Goods

You MAY register in your own interests if you are a manufacturer of Exempt goods and you use taxable goods to the value of not less than £250 per month as materials. "Materials" for this purpose means goods to which some process is applied by the manufacturer by way of business in the course of the making of goods, or which are used by him in the course of the making of goods as parts of or accessories for the goods made, or are used in the production process but do not become ingredients of the goods.

### Large Retailers

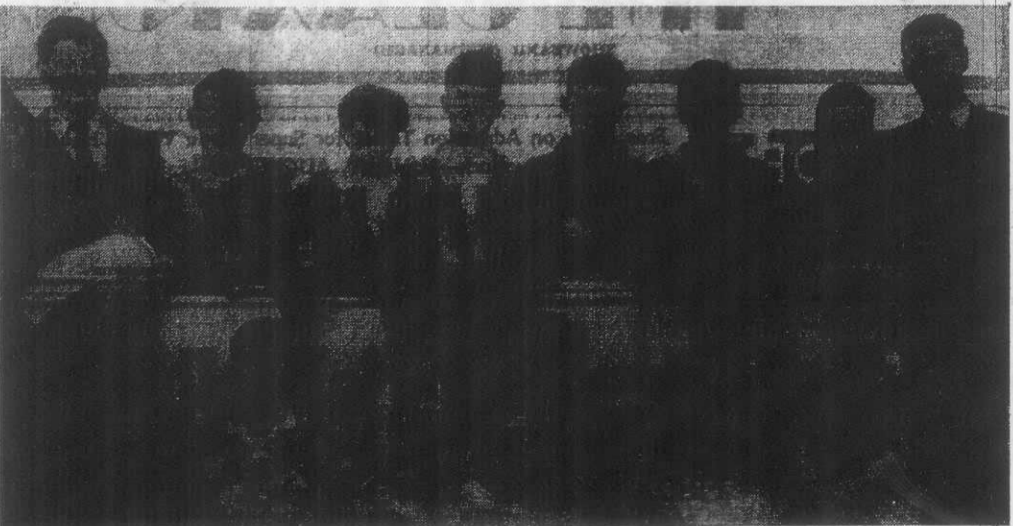
The Revenue Commissioners may require certain retailers to register for Wholesale Tax even though they do not engage in any wholesale or wholesaling activity. These retailers are persons whose purchases of taxable goods in value and character are such as in the ordinary course of trade would be made by wholesalers. Persons in this category should not apply for registration until they have been informed by the Revenue Commissioners that they are liable for registration.

### Exemptions from Wholesale Tax

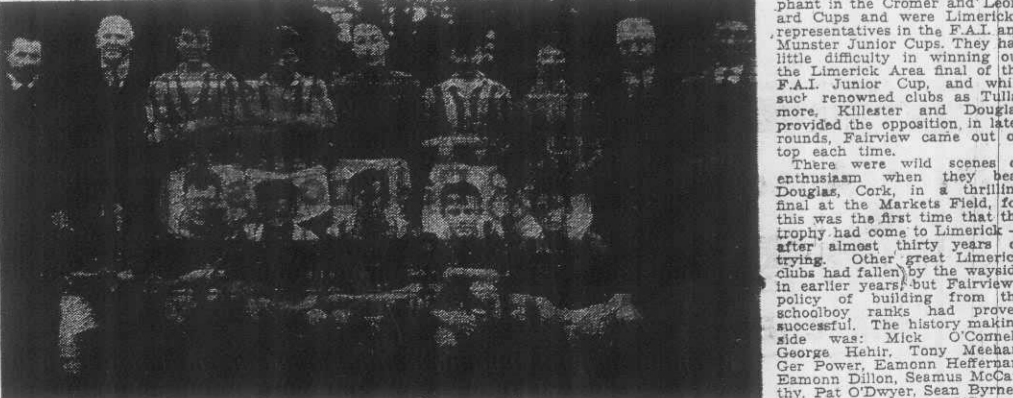
Sales of food, drink, tobacco, medicines, clothing, fuel and motor oils are exempt from Wholesale Tax. In addition, sales of goods which are already exempt from Turnover Tax are exempt from Wholesale Tax.

The Minister for Finance has indicated that it is his intention to make Orders exempting from the Wholesale Tax cloth and yarn used in the manufacture of clothing and exempting sales of parts of cars and sales of cars by persons other than manufacturers, assemblers and importers. Wholesalers of the goods mentioned in this paragraph should not apply for registration unless their wholesale sales of other goods which are taxable exceed £500 a month.

1st August, 1966.



Fairview Rangers, who beat St. John's in the 1954 under 14 Cup final—Back row—V. Byrnes, P. Grimes, C. Sweeney, J. McDarby, P. Murphy, T. Pearse, F. Hennessy, P. O'Neill. Front—M. McInerney, J. Ryan, T. Delaney, T. Moore.



Fairview Rangers minors, winners of the area final, Kennelly Cup, 1962-63—Back row—S. Lipper, Mr. J. Wokham (Secretary, F.A.I.), M. Shaughnessy, P. Neelan, T. Johnson, J. Sheehan, D. Hanrahan, J. Jackman (Chairman of L.D.M.C.), M. Cowhey. Front—J. Mangin, M. Shortt, P. Furlong, E. Heffernan (capt.), C. Sparling, K. McKiernan.

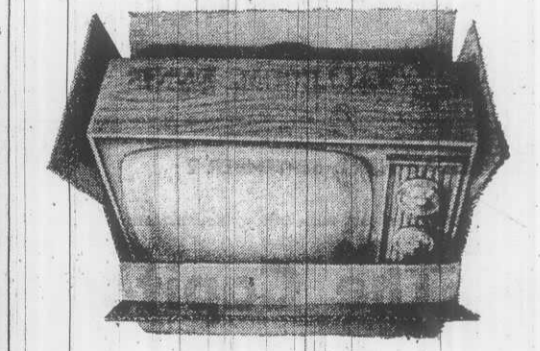
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