

John Ryan Hits the Jackpot

Magnificent Caledonians F.A.I. champs for first time

Cork Harlequins win M.S.L.

Limerick batted first in their Munster Senior League game against Cork Harlequins at Limerick P.Y.M.A. Grounds on Saturday...

Tolka Made to Look Mediocre

By J. O'S.

TOLKA ROVERS 0 : CALEDONIANS 1.

JOHNNY RYAN, released by Limerick a few seasons back, and signed by Caledonians late last year to boost their forward line, earned the unofficial "Man of the Match" tag at Tolka Park yesterday...

This must surely rank as Caledonians greatest triumph in their illustrious 38-years history. And how they richly deserved it. Indeed, it is perhaps true to say that Tolka Park belonged to them yesterday.

Their supporters outnumbered Tolka's by about two to one, and on the field of play Caledonians outgained their much-vaunted opponents to such an extent that they captured the hearts of most neutral followers scattered around the almost empty terraces.

But let us be honest with ourselves. Yesterday was no day for football. I dare say that many of those who travelled to Dublin on Cals special excursion train must have been tempted when they arrived at Amiens St. to join the throng of people queuing their way into the carriages on the adjoining track...

CONDITIONS

Not only did Caledonians master Tolka Rovers, but they also mastered the desperate ground conditions. There was hardly a blade of grass right down the centre and every kick of the ball raised with it a cloud of dust.

The visitors dominated the game for long spells as Tolka at times pulled eight men back into defence, leaving the lonely Brian Ebbs to plough a lone furrow up front.

But for so much of Cals were spoilt by inaccurate final passes or crosses. In the early stages they were also inclined to employ high centres into the goalmouth and the Tolka defence usually had little difficulty in coping with these.

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out of defence they did so with authority, and with their wingers and inside forwards moving into position for the expected pass they were in a different class to their opponents.

Tolka, on the other hand, played typical junior football, depending on the long punt down the centre to unsettle the visitors' rearward. Otherwise, they had little to contribute to a game that never really got off the ground, and had they been adventurous enough to open up play a little more in the first half they could have helped to generate more excitement into the proceedings.

SPORTING It is to their credit that they played a most sporting game and there was hardly a foul of note during the entire ninety minutes. One got the impression that Tolka were hoping to go in level at the interval and then turn on the heat on the resumption.

Then came Carter's unfortunate injury when he clashed with a Tolka forward in attempting to head clear, but the home side failed to take advantage of Cals' temporary troubles and only added to their own problems by shooting hastily from far out.

They did register a couple of offside misses, but overall they lacked the finesse of their better drilled opponents, who had men of wide experience in all departments.

THE GAME Both teams played it cool in the opening ten minutes and the first real cheer was raised when McCarthy, O'Rahilly and Hough combined for the latter to head in. McCarthy rarely looked like launching an attack and when Ebbs finally escaped the attentions of the Cals, defence in the 30th minute he met up with a bang-in-form Vinny Prendergast, who tipped his shot round for a corner.

O'Rahilly cleared off the line shortly afterwards when a goal looked imminent but then came 10 minutes of sustained pressure from Cal. O'Callaghan, Hough and Ryan earned rounds of applause for worthwhile efforts, before Victor Kelly headed in the most famous of all off the goal-line. Just then it appeared that we were to have a scoreless first half. Cals broke away on the left wing. O'Callaghan initiated the move and John Ryan took his pass on the edge of the penalty area before unleashing an unstoppable and past Somers. Everybody was stunned, most of all the Tolka Rovers players.

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Schoolboys' soccer fixtures

Monday, June 8, Under 14 League Dominic Savio v. St. John's, Cals Park, 6.30; A. Carr, Wembley Rvs. v. Ballynantly Rvs. "B", Cals Park No. 1, 7.30; J. Ryan, Ballynantly Rvs. "A" v. Ballylough Rvs., Cals Park, No. 2, 6.30; M. Kelly, Hyde Rovers v. St. Munchin's, Cals Park No. 2, 7.30; M. Cosgrove, Janesboro v. Plassey Vale, Pearse Stadium, 6.30; S. Collins, Tuesday, June 9, Under 15 League Janesboro v. Ballynantly Rvs., Pearse Stadium, 6.30; S. Collins, Under 12 League Ballynantly Ath. v. Fairview Rgs. "B", Cals. No. 1 at 7 p.m. F. Johnson, Under 13 League, Section "A" Ballylough Rvs. v. South Hill, Cals. Park No. 1 at 8 p.m. M. Cosgrove, Wed, June 10; Under 13 League, Section "A" Dominic Savio v. St. John's, at Cals. Park No. 1 at 6.30 p.m. C. Barry, Ballynantly Rvs. "B" v. Fairview Rgs., at Cals. Park No. 1 at 7.30 p.m. W. O'Brien, Corbally v. Janesboro, at Cals. Park No. 2, at 6.30 p.m. T. Power, Prospect v. Ballynantly Ath., Cals. Park No. 2, at 7.30 p.m. M. Madigan, Thursday, June 11th; Under 13 League, Section "B" Ballynantly Rvs. "A" v. St. Clement's, at Cals. No. 1, at 6.30 p.m. M. Cosgrove, Hyde Rovers v. Wembley Rvs., at Cals. No. 1 at 7.30 p.m. J. Ryan, Plassey Vale v. Pike Rvs., at Cals. No. 2 at 7.30 p.m. F. Johnson, St. Munchin's v. Greenfields, at Cals. No. 2 at 6.30 p.m. S. Collins.

Inter firm fixtures

Monday, 8/6/70: Reynolds v. St. Munchin's, 7.45 p.m., Fairgreen, Doran's Builders v. St. Michael's, 6.45, Cals. Park, Krups A v. Callins Int., 8 p.m., Cals. Park, CIE A v. Danus A, 6.45 p.m., Shelbourne Park, Bakeries v. Todds, 8 p.m., Shelbourne Park, ESB, Ard., v. IWP, 6.45 p.m., South Hill, Sales and Catering v. EI B, 7 p.m., Barrack Field, Thurs, June 11 Combined Garages v. Krups B, 8 p.m., South Hill, Callins Int. v. Doran's Bldg., 6.45 p.m., Cals. Park, A.E.D. v. Port Workers, 8 p.m., Cals. Park, I.L.P. v. Intex, 8 p.m., Pearse Stadium, S.P.S. A v. Danus A, 6.45 p.m., Greenfields, S.P.S. v. Bakeries, 8 p.m., Greenfields, Meeting next Monday, 8 p.m., Mechanics Institute, Club who fail to pay outstanding fees before Monday will be excluded from Cup draws.

Bord na nOg Fixtures

8/6/70: Under 14 hurling, 4th round, 8 p.m., at Shelbourne Park, Treaty-Sarsfields v. Mungret, Ref. V. Cobbe, At CBS, St. Brendan's v. Claughaun, Ref. D. Greaney, At Patrickswell, Patrickswell v. Monaleen, Ref. N. Lyons, At Clarina, Ballybrown v. Na Piarraigis, Ref. J. Byrnes, 12/6/70: Under 14 football, 5th round, 8 p.m., at Claughaun Field, Claughaun v. CBS, T. Eaton, At Shelbourne Park, St. Brendan's v. Na Piarraigis, Ref. G. Greaney, 15/6/70: Under 14 hurling, 5th round, at CBS Field, CBS v. Claughaun, 7.30, Ref. M. Berkeley, At CBS Field, Na Piarraigis v. St. Brendan's, 8.15, Ref. D. Greaney, At Shelbourne Park, Treaty-Sarsfields v. Patrickswell, 8 p.m., Ref. L. Ryan, At Patrickswell, Mungret v. St. Patrick's, 8 p.m., Ref. D. Moran, Next meeting 9th June, 8 p.m., At meeting on 9th June all affiliation fees outstanding must be paid, otherwise clubs will be eliminated from competitions. Any club interested in entering a team for the under 13 H. and F. please hand in names at next meeting, June 9.



The Caledonians team which beat Tolka Rovers (Dublin) Junior Cup for the first time is: Back row: Pat Madden, John Ryan, Tom O'Callaghan; Jim O'Rahilly, Sean Carter. Front row: Edward Darcy, Ger Hough, Jim Forde, Brendan Carthy, Ger Brennan.

County Senior Hurling Championship

ADARE, CAPPAMORE AND FEDAMORE ADVANCE TO QUARTER FINALS Flynn Cappamore's Hero

BY S.M. Senior Hurling Championship: Cappamore 4-12, Pallasgreen 4-10, Fedamore 5-3, South Liberties 3-5, Adare 3-10, Ahane 2-5. Senior Football Championship: Claughaun 4-12, Castlemahon 0-1.

Patrons of the Gaelic Grounds yesterday, got good value for their money with two hard and exciting games which saw Fedamore reverse last season's results with South Liberties on the tally 3-5 to 2-5 and Cappamore, star of an amazing late rally to reduce a deficit of 13 points, and snatch victory, 4-12 to 4-10 over Pallasgreen. What a pity this latter clash was marred by such unruly incidents which saw the hurleys used for purposes they were never intended for. But for the firm decisions of referee Sean O'Connor and the decision of the County Board to allow but team mentors inside the enclosure, the second half flare up would have escalated out of all proportions.

At Bruff, Adare always had the situation under control when ousting Ahane, 3-10 to 2-5, after leading 1-7 to 1-5 at the interval. At the same venue, reigning champions Claughaun crossed the first hurdle in defence of their senior football crown, when trouncing Castlemahon, 4-12 to 0-1 in a dull and lifeless encounter.

Fedamore 5-3, South Liberties 2-5. All the age-old rivalry between these great opponents was very much in evidence in this clash which opened proceedings in the Gaelic Grounds. This was a game played with real championship fervour and produced long clearances, hard clashes, goalmouth thrills and some good scores but although the going was tough, it was sporting stuff all the way. Fedamore won because they were faster to the ball and their forwards were more direct when in possession. On the contrary, South Liberties were sluggish and their forwards lost numerous chances in the second half.

Fedamore got off to a flying start with a long-range goal from Eddie Prendergast, but Liberties kept in touch with two points from Eamonn Grimes and took the lead in the 12th minute with a goal by Pat Portley. The turning of the game came in the 17th minute when Mick Gorey evaded the Liberties defence to raise the green flag, and a minute later repeated the dose. South Liberties never recovered from this shock and although Eamonn Grimes blasted a free to the net, Gerry Gleeson maintained Fedamore's advantage with a goal and a point, to leave the half-time score, Fedamore, 4-2; South Liberties, 2-2.

In a four second-half, scores were scarce, with Fedamore notching 1-1 while Liberties raised only two white flags. Liberties were reduced to 14 men when Mick Butler received "marching orders" late in the second half. Fedamore were an eager bunch who could yet prove a match for all-comers in the championship. They had a rock-like defence, with team captain Eddie Prendergast in great form at centre-back and getting excellent support from Pat O'Dwyer, Paddy Hayes, Ollie Dillon, Maurice Power, John Ryan, Brendan Carr and Haime Conolly were most in the picture for Pallasgreen.

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World Group Tables game

World Cup Group standings after yesterday's matches: GROUP ONE P W D L F A Pts Mexico 2 1 1 0 4 0 3 U.S.S.R. 2 1 0 0 4 1 2 Belgium 2 1 0 1 4 2 2 El Salvador 2 0 0 2 0 2 0 Next match, Wednesday: El Salvador v. U.S.S.R. GROUP TWO Uruguay 2 1 1 0 2 0 3 Italy 2 1 1 0 1 0 3 Sweden 2 1 0 1 1 2 1 Israel 2 0 1 1 1 3 1 GROUP THREE Brazil 2 2 0 0 5 1 4 England 2 1 0 1 1 1 2 Rumania 2 1 0 1 2 2 2 C'slovakia 2 0 0 2 2 6 0 Next match, Wednesday: Brazil v. Rumania GROUP FOUR Peru 2 2 0 0 6 2 4 W. G'many 2 2 0 0 7 2 4 Bulgaria 2 0 0 2 4 8 0 Morocco 2 0 0 2 1 5 0

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