(Republic of Ireland, 1952)



History was made at Dalymount Park on Nov. 15, 1952, when, for the first time, three Limerickmen were "capped," for their country at the same time. They were Johnny Gavin, "Bud" Aherne and Sean Cusack, and we now re-produce the report on the Eire v. France game which appeared in the Limerick Leader on the following day.

Limerick's Secret devotees focussed most of their attention on the International happenings at Dublin's Dalymount Park yesterday. They were enthusiastic about the outcome of the meeting between Eire and France, because the home array of talent included Limerick born Bud Aherne (Luton Town), Johnny Gavin (Tottenham Hotspurs), and Sean Cusack (Limerick A.F.C.) What a tribute this International recognition was to Limerick soccerdom. Never before had a trio of Shannonsiders donned the Emerald Green jersey at the same time. So much local interest was stirred by the appearance of the trio in the Appearance of the trio in the Appearance of the trio in the Appearance of the Limerick Club, Mr. Mick Tubridy, was besieged for any class of a ticket that would ensure a place among the vast throng. He alone disposed of 350 tickets, not to mention stand tickets. The other local clubs and local gayerning body were also inundated, with enquiries for tickets. There was a very large contingent of Limerick Club, Mr. Mick Ickets, not to mention stand tickets. The other local clubs and local gayerning body were also inundated, with enquiries for tickets. There was a very large contingent of Limerick Club among the roaring crowd which greeted the Irish team, but they returned home after the match clouded in fog. Many did not reach the city until 4 am. and 5 am.

The strength of the local support given to the players may be gauged from the fact that four bus loads of Limerick supporters made the arduous trip to the Capital. A very big number of motor cars from Limerick and district helped to swell the crowd, and how delighted all must have been by 4he manner in which Aherne, Cusack and Gavin acquitted themselves.

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ciled in the city of the Association's headquarters.

THE LIMERICKMEN

Bud Aherne was the essence of greatness in the Irish defence and gave a glorious display.
Opposed to the French captain—Rodger Marche—with 28 caps, Johnny Gavin showed definitely that he had improved a dot since his days with the Limerick team. His centres were gems of perfection, and he distributed the ball cleverly. So much so, that he was the pick of the Eire forward line in the first half, and on that showing since, deserves to be retained. The right winger made a good effort when he ran into the centre and tapped the ball to Cusack, who gained a corner that Epilyston but he reference little difficulty against the corner that Epilyston but he reference little difficulty against the corner that Epilyston but he reference little difficulty against the corner that Epilyston but he reference little difficulty against the corner that Epilyston but he reference little difficulty against the corner that Epilyston but he reference little difficulty against the corner of the corner of

hind the rigging.

On the form displayed, it can be safely said that all will be retained for the match against. Austria, unless their stock slumps in the interim. The other Irishman in the defensive set-up, Sean Cusack, started as if in a nervous tension. He just could not adapt himself to the swing of things in the first half. Having, regained his old confidence, he stepped up considerably in the second half, and did so in a way that suggested his selection as the only League of Ireland player was justified. He actually started the movement that brought Ireland's score. He took the ball in his stride in defence. He next flicked to Ryan, who continued a movement that ended in Johnny Gavin obtaining a corner kick, the ball went to Fitzsimons. He, in turn, despatched it back to Gavin, whose centre reached the head of centre-forward, Sean Fallon. The Coltic man nodded the ball goalwards and it was helped on its

Competition Corner:

## WANTED: 6 BALL BOYS

It appears that last week's questions were a little difficult for most of you. There was a total of 44 entries, but only one was all correct. That was from 12-year-old Eugene Murphy, Kilalee.

Congratulations Eugene. You will be receiving your photographs of Pele and Brazil by post this week.

The abswers were:

(1) Stanley Matthews.
(2) Joe O'Mahony.

(3) Twice.

And now for this week's competition. Would you like to act as a ball boy for the forthcom-

# F.A.I. CUP DRAW

The first round draw for the be the clash between First Div. F.A.I. Junior Cup was made in rivals, Ballynanty Rovers and Dublin, last week-end, and resulted as follows (Limerick doing extremely well this season. This is the only pairing between Premier League teams. Telephones V. Bedford Rgs. All games are to be played Ballynanty Rvs. v. Weston Rangers.

#### Best wishes to Limerick

All soccer followers will join with us in wishing the best of luck to Limerick in their game with Derry City next Thursday. Ewan Fenton told me last week that he is expecting Limerick to gain a draw at least, and so qualify for the next round of the



Fintan Lawlor is showing up well with Geraldines this season.



Martin O'Donnell hit a great hat-trick for Pike Rovers in their win over Klifinane last week. Two of Martin's goals were scored direct from corner kicks.



P. J. Meagher was in charge of the Cork Hibs. v. Bohemians Dublin City Cup game last Sunday.

### Tragic death of Wanderers player

The death occurred last week, under tragic circumstances, of Tony Power, well known and popular right full back of new club, Wanderers.
Only the previous Saturday, Tony assisted his club in a League game versus Janesboro' Utd. "C" at Pearse Stadium.

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Aged 22, he was also prominent in Schoolboys' circles some years ago, when he assisted Dominic Savio in under 14, 15 and 16 grades.

His brothers, Michael and Eddie, are members of Dominic Savio, while his father, Johnny, was associated with all the CLE, teams who did so well in Junior circles in the 'fifties.

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Tony was most popular, and he will he a decided loss to his club and the game in general. I understand that Wanderers.

A.F.C. are to donate a new trophy to perpetuate his memory.

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All "fans" will join with me in extending deep sympathy to his parents, brothers and sisters.



## Despite Success to Stay

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Albert Flynn hopes to 1 to success.

Getting back to the laborate told me that 'have promising players Kelly. Denis Clonessy Forde, the latter, acc him, being "the most o'keeper in Schoolboys' keeper in Schoolboys' albert rates his sa merited 4-0 win over (as his most memorable date. Although he fail the net, he laid on 'that led to two of 'Bc "Most of our panel he no experience of c soccer until this year that we have learned rules of the game, c ents had better watc us in 1971."

Gaelic football is an at which the C.B.S. pi He usually gives so preference, though, at state of the game, at which the C.B.S. pi