

Limerick Can Beat Tipperary To-morrow

By CORMAC LIDDY

CHRISTY Campbell and Mick Graham retain their places on the Limerick team which plays Tipperary in a vital National Hurling League tie at the Ennis Road Grounds to-morrow and which should attract a very big crowd.

Campbell was called into the side before the recent thrilling drawn game against Cork, at the Athletic Grounds, after Eddie Prenderville had been forced to withdraw because of injuries received in a motor accident a few days before the game. Graham was drafted in as a substitute during the Cork game when things were not going too well for the very promising Conn Shanahan of Croom. This should provide one of the best games of the year. Meetings of these two counties invariably provide top-class fare, and to-morrow should be no exception. Limerick, I am told, have prepared strenuously for this outing, a win in which can ensure a big involvement in the latter stages of the competition. Even looking at things from their worst, Limerick could still re-

tain an interest, even if they lost, but it would need all sorts of other complicated systems before they would be assured of a triple play-off. That Limerick are as good as there in the country there can be no disputing. They were unlucky to only draw with All-Ireland champions, Cork, and beat All-Ireland runners-up, Wexford. Trouble is they often fail to put their best into their efforts. Let us hope they do so tomorrow, and thus pave the way for further advancement in this competition, the "home" final of which they reached last season before being whipped by Cork in the final. Limerick can turn on a classical display tomorrow and make mince-meat of Tipperary in what should be a tremendously entertaining game.

Bulger Cup Continues To-Night and Monday

by "WYVERN"

ROUND one of the 550 yards Bulger Cup last weekend provided some exciting fare for Markets Field patrons and this evening some more heats in this event will be staged.

Four remaining races will all be over the standard distance and there will also be a 300 yards sprint.

- TONIGHT'S SELECTIONS**
- First Race: Sparky's Gun; n.b. Kils Grand.
- Second Race: Soft Mint; n.b. Farran Stripper.
- Third Race: Ardine Tammen; n.b. Francis St.
- Fourth Race: Gentle Lady; n.b. Friendly Punter.
- Fifth Race: Orwell Silver; n.b. Hillside Foam.
- Sixth Race: Outward; n.b. West End McCoy.
- Seventh Race: Badge of Kils; n.b. Flaming Trail.
- The card (8.15 p.m.):
- First race, 525 yards flat—Chantilly, Kils Grand, Mark's Ranger, Sparky's Gun, Port Eagle, Aldens Price, Andrew Crackers (reserve).
- Second race, 525 yards flat—

- Little Imp, Soft Mint, Outcast Gun, Dolphin Brand, Farran Stripper, Futuristic, Silvanage (reserve).
- Third race, 300 yards sprint—Spring Romance, Francis St., Ardine Tammie, Miss Honeygar, White Elephant, Lunar Bird, Rudman (reserve).
- Fourth race, Open 550 yards flat—first heat, second round: Bulger Cup—Friendly Punter, Sybil Thorn, Russian Sable, Our Best, Gentle Lady, Badge Of Medina.
- Fifth race, Open 550 yards flat, second heat, second round, Bulger Cup—Mark Master, Hillside Foam, Glenroe Healer, Eugene O'Rourke, Orwell Silver, Limerick Lass.
- Sixth race, 525 yards flat—Dusty Prim, West End McCoy, Olympic Author, Outward, Eugene O'Rourke, Maxie Fashion, Crimson's Heather (reserve).
- Seventh race, 525 yards flat—Not True, Flaming Trail, Spotted Outlaw, Badge Of Kils, Creagh Flier, Noels Fortune, Jims Opinion (reserve).

Young Athlete



DAVID MURPHY

David Murphy of Garryowen comes from one of the great sporting families of Limerick, and they have taken part in every branch of sport. It is from such a family that David gets inspiration and encouragement. He is good at most every game, but it was not till a year ago that he took up running seriously. Now he does about four miles daily and seems to love the feel of the wind in his face as he trips along. He turns to the field events when he is tired of running. He can clear three feet six inches in the high jump, does eleven feet in the long jump and does five feet in the pole vault. Now that St. John's has got a discus and javelin he delights to have a go at them also. He has won several medals, but the one he cherishes most is the All-Ireland cross-country medal won in Tuam last November. He has won a medal as a musician also in the Limerick juvenile athletics talent competition. He has been training twice daily during the Easter holidays and hopes to do well in the track and field competitions. David's brother, Robert, aged 10, is a grand high jumper, while Aileen (8) and Fiona (7) are every bit as keen as their now famous brother. He attends St. John's school and since Br. Middleton arrived there has been a wonderful upsurge of interest in athletics not only in school but throughout all Garryowen.

Rugby fixtures

Sunday: Under 18 Cup—Thomond v. Garryowen or North Thomond Park 5 p.m., Fr. Coughlan.

Monday: Under 18 Cup—St. Mary's v. Richmond or Presentation, Thomond Park, 6.30, M. Reddan.

Tuesday: Culligan Cup—S.P.S. v. E.I., Richmond Park, 6.30, C. Barry.

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Limerick manager Ewan Fenton discussing tactics for to-morrow's F.A.I. Cup final with, from left: Davy Barrett, Andy McEvoy, Joe Bourke, Al Finucane, Tony Meaney and Sean Byrnes.

LIMERICK TO WIN

- 15 Times

THE latest Gallup poll taken on the home front shows that Limerick are odds on favourites to take the F.A.I. Cup for the first time in their 34 years history, at Dalymount Park to-morrow.

Soccer columnist, "Hotspur," asked several prominent personalities to air their views on the cup final, and they replied as follows:

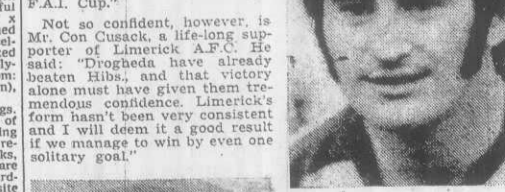
Mr. Ned Cussen, Director, Limerick A.F.C.: "I could have told you some months ago that we would qualify for the final. Now that we are there we intend to win it. I must confess, however, that I didn't expect Drogheda to be our opponents in the final, and while we know little of their play, you can take it from me that the lads will oblige on this occasion."

Mr. Mick Burke, Director, Limerick A.F.C.: "This is going to be a very hard final for us to win. The final score is likely to be in Limerick's favour. Drogheda certainly rose to the occasion against Cork Hibs, but it is extremely doubtful if they can repeat that form again. Personally, I believe that this is going to be Andy McEvoy's final, and if we win, I will be the lads' saviour."



Francis Fleming

Former Irish dancing champion, Francis Fleming, is confident that Paddy Shortt will be Limerick's man of the match. Francis predicts a 3-1 winning margin for the Blues, with Shortt contributing two of the goals. "I will be setting out for Dublin early on Sunday morning, and if we win, I will be the lads' saviour that evening," she smiled.



James Hartigan

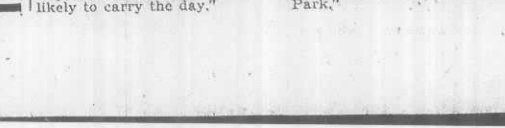
James Hartigan, L.O.I. official, Limerick 3-1. While I would have preferred Hibs in the final game, there is little to suggest that Drogheda will end our hopes. Paddy Shortt is Limerick's key figure and if given the breaks he could guide the Shannonsiders to their first F.A.I. Cup.



Derry O'Donovan

Derry O'Donovan, ex-Limerick winger, expects a rousing battle for supremacy and gives his vote to Limerick to win. "Our forwards mightn't be exactly the best in the League, but at least they should be capable of getting more goals than their opposite numbers."

Ala Finucane: "If to-morrow's was a League or Shield game I have no doubt that we would beat Drogheda. The Cup is a different proposition and we must treat the Louthmen with every caution. We will be doing our utmost on the field to please our supporters, and with a little luck we can succeed."



Larry Casey

Everton supporter, Larry Casey, is of the opinion that if Andy McEvoy hits peak form, he will be the one to guide the lads to victory. "We are a good side all round, Drogheda have been the surprise packets in the Cup, but Limerick's teamwork is likely to carry the day."

Frank Kearney: "I am a little wary of Drogheda. They are quite a useful combination, and an early goal from them could kill Limerick's hopes. I am disappointed that Cork Hibs didn't qualify for the final, and will be keeping my fingers crossed that Ala and the boys will rise to the occasion to-morrow."



Ralph Prendergast

Former Cork Hibernians winger, Ralph Prendergast, now starring with Fairview, tips Limerick to win their first F.A.I. Cup, and equally optimistic about our prospects is Hyde Rover's promising schoolboy player, Peter O'Brien.

German-born Frieder Krups has seen Limerick play four times since he arrived here earlier this year, and has no hesitation in tipping them to win the final. "I saw Drogheda against Hibs and wasn't impressed. Limerick are a solid combination and are my fancy."

R.T.E. cameraman, Eamonn O'Connor: "This is a game that we simply must win. Limerick are long overdue a win in this particular competition, and it would be a tremendous boost for the game at local level were they to fulfil their ambition to-morrow."



Peter O'Brien

Sean Buckley, who is responsible for Limerick A.F.C.'s attractive match programme, is equally confident that the Cup will find a resting place by the banks of the Shannon. "Every thing would appear to be in our favour, and such stalwarts as Joe O'Mahony, Ala Finucane and Ritchie Hall can play a prominent part."

Jack Tuohy comments



Jack Tuohy

Just a few more hours before the big kick-off tomorrow. I thought that I would never see the end of this week, as it was by far the hardest and most difficult I have had in a long while. What with making all the travel and hotel arrangements, posting the stand tickets to our supporters and trying to explain to the late callers why we had no more stand tickets to give them, plus the many other varied and unexpected problems that arise with a secretary of a team in the Cup final.

By the time you read this we will be on our way to Dublin. We are travelling on Saturday afternoon and will stay in a new Dublin hotel, the name of which escapes me at this moment. The Limerick party will include every player in the club and we will be staying in Dublin until Monday. Should we win, the F.A.I. Cup will arrive in Limerick Railway Station at 3.20 next Monday night, so if you have nothing better to do drop along there on Monday evening and watch the Cup champions coming home (I hope).

Win or lose, the Limerick party will be the guests of the Limerickmen's Association in Dublin at a special dinner dance which will take place at the Clare Manor Hotel in Coolock at 8 o'clock on Sunday night. This function is open to the public and tickets can be had by ringing the hotel, telephone number Dublin 311604, before noon on Sunday. The price of the tickets is £2 each and dress is informal.

I expect at least 6,000 Limerick fans to make their way to Dalymount on Sunday next, and if they give the team the type of support that they gave us at the games with Bohemians and St. Patrick's then we are half way to winning our first Cup. I was at the Drogheda game with Hibs, and their supporters are no slouches when it comes to giving their lumps plenty of support. As regards the game itself I fully expect a very hard and difficult 90 minutes, as Drogheda are in the Cup final on merit and did not get there by accident. They will be no easy team to overcome and it will take all the skill and class of our top players to bring this pot, which is the dream of every Limerick supporter, to the banks of the Shannon for the first time.

One very disappointed man on Sunday will be our President, Viscount Petersham. He has to make a long trip on very important business and will miss the final, much to his disappointment. I hope that we can compensate him on his return by offering him a drink out of the F.A.I. Cup.

Here's hoping,

Table Tennis: St. Michael's Open

9-Year-Old The Outstanding Player

As I mentioned last week that there were some surprise results in the above tournament which concluded last Friday night. In the men's handicap we saw for the first time two brothers competing in the final with both of them under 18 years of age. They were nine-year-old Frank and 13-year-old Noel Glynn, and the perpetual trophy for their father, Mr. Tim Glynn, so at St. Michael's CYMS Hall last week-end it was the Glynn's night.

In the men's open Paschal Ryan once again proved that in winning the North Munster Close last October that he was going to capture the double trophy and so when he beat Sandy Cooke in two straight sets. In the ladies' handicap Mary Ryan captured another trophy when she had a comfortable win over Rita Collins in the final.

Mary collected her second trophy of the evening when she partnered Michael Hickey to win the mixed doubles. The highlight of the tournament was the boys' under 13 for beginners when we saw a very entertaining final between Kieran Bennis (St. John's Boys' Club) and Gerard McMahon (St. Michael's C.Y.M.S.), with the former winning by two sets to one.

The outstanding player of the tournament must go to nine-year-old Frank Glynn, for he competed in all the events and he sprang a few shocks. In the men's open he went under in the second round, 21-10, 21-12, to Anthony Ryan (U.C.C.) in the men's handicap he polished off all the players in front of him and he avenged his defeat in the Men's Open when he beat Anthony Ryan (minus 16), 21-12, 21-16; in the second round he beat Fergus Murrphy (minus 12), 21-0, 25-23. In the quarter-final he beat inter-provincial player Liam Broder (minus 15), 21-7, 21-10. Bob Ryan was his next victim in the semi-final when he won by 21-5, 21-14.

In the doubles he partnered Fergus Murrphy and won their second round game but lost in the next round to Billy Marshall and Jimmy O'Connell by 21-15, 21-19. In his boys' singles he lost the semi-final to the eventual winner, Kieran Bennis, in one of the best games seen at the clubhouse for years, 21-22, 21-17, 23-21; number two seed Paschal Ryan then became favourite to capture the title for the first time.

In the quarter-finals Michael Hickey lost to Noel Glynn by 18-21, 21-9 and 14-21; Sandy Cooke beat Eddie Neville 21-11, 21-15; Pat Ryan beat Liam Broder 21-17, 21-18, and Paschal Ryan beat Anthony Ryan 21-19, 21-17. In the semi-finals Sandy Cooke beat Noel Glynn 21-15, 21-15, and Paschal Ryan beat Ryan 21-19, 21-9. In the final, Paschal won his second title in the season when he defeated Sandy Cooke by 21-16, 24-22.

HANDICAP

The Handicap tournament was where we had the shock results. In the fourth round Liam Broder (minus 18) beat newcomer, Paul Higgins (plus 5), 21-17, 23-21, 21-15; Frank Glynn (plus 4) beat Fergus Murrphy (minus 12), 21-0, 25-23; Bob Ryan (minus 6) beat Eddie Neville (minus 10), 22-20, 18-21, 21-19. Ten-year-old Aiden Ryan, son of Paschal Ryan (plus 7), beat Sandy Cooke (minus 16) 21-17, 21-15; Noel Glynn (minus 20) beat Michael Hickey (minus 23), 21-18, 21-15; Jimmy O'Connell (minus 20) beat Tony Whelan (minus 15), 21-17, 21-15; and Paschal Ryan (minus 25) beat Billy Marshall (minus 25), 21-14, 21-17.

In the quarter-finals, Noel Glynn beat Sandy Cooke, 22-20, 21-15, to avenge the defeat in the Open; Jimmy O'Connell beat Paschal Ryan, 21-10, 17-21, 21-10; Frank Glynn beat Liam Broder, 21-10, 21-9, and Bob Ryan beat Aiden Ryan, 21-18, 21-15. In the semi-finals, the Glynn brothers, in opposite halves, qualified for the final when Noel beat Jimmy, 21-15, 21-18, and Frank beat Bob Ryan, 21-5, 21-14.

In the final it was a ding-dong battle, and Noel took the first set 21-15, but in the second set Frank had Noel stretched to the extreme, and was applauded loudly when he won the second set, 21-18, but in the final set experience told, and Noel won by 21-14.

The Ladies Singles Handicap had a small entry, and in the semi-finals Mary Ryan beat Sandra Hayes, both minus 15, 21-15, 21-18, and in the other semi, Rita Collins, minus 20, beat Mrs. Eileen Daly, minus 12, 21-8, 21-14. In the final, Mary dominated the game, and won 21-14, 21-12.

HUNTING

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