

Linesman Charlie O'Leary (left) looks on as rival skippers Al Finucane and Mick Meagan shake hands before last Sunday's F.A.I. Cup Final.

Fish-in plan

The Blackwater branch of the National Waters Restoration League will hold a "fish-in" on the stretch of the river owned by the Duke of Devonshire at Careysville, near Clondulane, Fermoy, on Sunday.

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F.A.I. CUP FINAL:

Limerick to Overcome Drogheda at Second Attempt

by TONY PURCELL

LIMERICK, who were very unlucky not to succeed at the first attempt on Sunday, are confident that they can beat Drogheda in the F.A.I. Cup final re-play at Dalymount Park to-morrow (6.45 start).

Unfortunately, many local supporters will be unable to travel for this game but, nevertheless, the "gate" should be big enough as a large section of the Dublin public will come to see the game.

Of course, Drogheda supporters will be present in big numbers.

Limerick manager, Ewan Fenton, is hoping that Shamie Coad, who went off the field in the 62nd minute with a leg injury, will be fit. Otherwise, the players came out of Sunday's game unscathed.

The Limerick players are confident that they will be successful tomorrow night. Only a harsh decision by referee Dominick Byrne, who disallowed what appeared to be a perfect goal by Tony Meaney in the dying seconds of the match, deprived the club of certain victory and their first F.A.I. Cup in their 34 years existence.

SAVES

Then the one man who stood between Drogheda and certain defeat was goalkeeper, Cecil Baxter, who brought off at least three magnificent saves from Paddy Shortt. Furthermore, Al Finucane had the bad luck to see a great effort strike the crossbar with the goalkeeper well beaten.

Limerick players and officials visited R.T.E. Studios in Montrose yesterday to see Sunday's match. They were convinced that Meaney's goal was a perfect one.

Drogheda's player-manager, Mick Meagan, is quoted as saying that the side did not show the form which eliminated Cork Hibernians and Shamrock Rvs. in the competition, on Sunday. He was confident that the players would do better in the re-play.

But the shrewd Meagan has a certain amount of respect for the Limerick side and feels that they will be most difficult to overcome. He says that Limerick have a number of fine individual players who can create and vary their play in any situation.

It will be a big disappointment if Limerick fail tomorrow night as they were infinitely the better team on Sunday. I look forward, however, to improvement in the play of Andy McEvoy and Joe O'Mahoney in the middle of the field, and that of Dave Barrett up front. If Limerick exert the fierce pressure which was evident in the final 20 minutes of Sunday's tie from an early stage, they will win with at least two goals to spare.

It is probable that Drogheda will improve tomorrow night, but Limerick's greater skill and flair should again be to the fore in what will be a thrilling battle.

Drogheda—Baxter, Dowling, Jacenuik; McSwiney, Shawcross, Meagan; McEwan, Cooke, Whelan, Cullen, Fairclough.

Limerick—Fitzpatrick; Bourke, Byrnes; Hall, Finucane, O'Mahony; Shortt, McEvoy, Barrett, Coad, Hamilton, Meaney.

Referee: D. V. Byrne (Dublin).

C.I.E. announce that a special excursion train will leave Limerick at 3.05 p.m. to-morrow for the match, and return at 9.30 p.m. Return fare, £1.80.

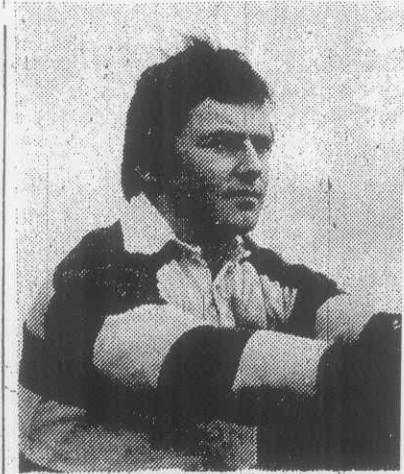
CUP, LEAGUE BETTING

Following the drawn game on Sunday, Limerick have been installed favourites to win the F.A.I. Cup final replay at Dalymount tomorrow night. A leading Dublin bookmaker last night quoted 5/4 against Limerick taking the trophy with Drogheda on offer at 7/4. He rated the odds against another draw (after 90 minutes) as no greater than 5/2.

Shamrock Rovers have been installed as favourites to win the League play-off at Dalymount Park on Sunday next. They are on offer at 5/4, with 7/4 available about Cork Hibernians. The odds here against a draw are only 2/1.

wing. SO far, they have... contrasting careers. Jim, although recognised as one of the South's most accomplished players over the past decade and a Munster Interpro. on a few occasions, hasn't enjoyed the best of success medal-wise, though I do recall him winning his large share of under-age medals with Young Munster.

Eugene, more at home at scrum-half, but adaptable enough to make a great fist of the wing position, has won every honour Munster and Limerick Tu rugby can offer, EXCEPT a Munster Senior Cup medal. Ranging from under 16 to under



Eugene O'Shea, Garryowen in position to his brother Jim in final.

Junior Soccer

TUESDAY, 20-4-71

B League
Pike Rvs. B v. Southill Utd., 6.15, Southill. E. Ray.
Balla Rvs. B v. Fairview B, 6.15, Shels Park.
Bedford v. Janesboro B, 6.15, Cals Park 3. T. McInerney.

C League
Telephones v. Wanderers, 6.15, Cals Park 2. P. Griffin.
Janesboro C v. Abbey, 6.15, Pearse Std. D. Judge.

Youth League A
Fairview A v. Hyde Rvs., 6.15, Fairgreen. T. Meagher.

WEDNESDAY, 21-4-71

Youth League B
Janesboro B v. Fairview B, 6.15, Pearse Std. J. Fitzgerald.
Plassey Vale v. Star Rvs., 6.15, Cals No. 1. M. Meagher.

Premier League
Pike Rvs. A v. Star Rvs., 6.15, Shels Park. M. Kelly.

B Youth League
Balla A v. Shels, 6.15, Cals Park 2. G. Fitzgerald.

Saturday, April 24

Premier League—Pike Rovers v. Janesboro' Utd., 6.15, Fairgreen. M. Kelly.
"C" League—Tanyard v. Bedrock, 6.15, Cals No. 1. T. McInerney.

Tavern v. Ballynanty Ath., 6.15, Cals No. 2. T. Power.

"B" League—Southill v. Janesboro' B, 6.15, Southill. P. O'Connor.

"A" Youth League—Ballynanty Rovers B v. Hyde Rovers, 6.15, Shelbourne Park. J. Hartigan.
St. John's v. Fairview A, 6.15, Cals No. 3. T. O'Sullivan.

Sunday, 25/4/71:

Premier League—Weston Rgs. v. Fairview Rgs., 10.45, Cals No. 1. B. Spain.

North Munster Cup—Riverside v. Bedford, 10.45, Shelbourne Pk. P. J. Meagher.

"B" League—St. Michael's v. Cahir Park, 5.30, Cals No. 1. J. Fitzgerald.

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