

Soccer : Glamour Draw in European Cup Winners Cup

LIMERICK v. TURIN
FOR DALYMOUNT?

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"GEE, I can hardly believe it; Turin are one of the top club sides in the world."

This was the reaction of Limerick captain, Al Finucane, to the news that the F.A.I. Cup champions had been drawn at home in the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup to the powerful Italian side, Turin (or Torino).

The news first filtered through to Limerick early yesterday afternoon from the Limerick Secretary, Jack Tuohy, who was in Geneva for the draw. Turin were two of the three clubs Limerick had hoped to draw (the others were Chelsea of England and Bayern Munich of West Germany).

"It's really super to get a home first leg," said Finucane, who played for the Republic of Ireland against many of the Turin team in the recent international against Italy. "And there's a lovely trip for the second leg, isn't there?" he beamed.

DELIGHTED

Club Chairman Michael K. Wallace, like everybody else I spoke to, was delighted with the draw . . . obviously, it could cure a lot of financial worries for some time to come.

But, he pointed out . . . "This is a very attractive draw for neutral supporters as well as our own, and at this stage I can't see it being played in Limerick. The probability is that we will bring it to Dublin, no matter how much we regret forcing our own fans to travel. Still, in view of the circumstances, I don't think they'll mind too much."

Would Lansdowne Road come into the reckoning?

"Personally, I don't like Lansdowne Road too much," replied Mr. Wallace. "If we got 30,000 at Dalymount Park I would be very happy."

THOMOND PARK?

And what about Thomond Park, where Limerick played Young Boys of Berne in their first venture into European football?

"That is a possibility," said Mr. Wallace, "depending on it being available."

The match is listed for Wednesday, September 16th, when our leading rugby pitch would be in absolutely perfect condition.

Mr. Billy Higgins, a Club Director, was also thrilled with the news. "It is a plum draw, for Turin have five of the Italian World Cup panel. Personally, I would like to see the game played in Limerick; our supporters had to travel for the two cup finals, and now they deserve a break. Still, circumstances may dictate that we go to Dublin, and there my preference would be for Dalymount Park before Lansdowne Road."

So even at this early stage, the odds are very much on Dalymount Park for this, the most glamorous, fixture in the history of Limerick football. A definite decision will be made late in July or early August, when the full Board of Directors is available after holidays.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Under 13 League:
Ballyclough v. St. John's, Cals. Park, 6.45.
Ballynanty v. Plassey Vale, Cals. Park, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY JULY 15
Wembley v. Janesboro, Cals. Park, 6.45.
Ballyclough v. Ballynanty, Cals. Park, 8 p.m.
Southill v. St. John's, Cals. Park, 8 p.m.
Lansdowne v. St. Clements, Cals. Park, 6.45.
Plassey v. Don Bosco, Fairgreen, 7 p.m.
Delegate meeting, at Dominic Savio Boys Club, Monday, July 19, at 8.15 sharp. Only clubs who have all fees paid will be entered in Cup draw, to take place at said meeting—G. Mitchell, chairman, Schoolboy Leagues.

Inter-Firm

soccer fixtures

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1971

Cloyer Meats v. Todds, 7.30 p.m., Cals. Park, Ref. P. G. Meagher.
Krupps "B" v. Clare Yarns, 7.30 p.m., Cals. Park, Ref. P. Griffin.
Uptown Traders v. Banks, 6.30 p.m., Barrack Field, Ref. J. Hartigan.
E.R.S. v. Roches Stores, 7.30 p.m., Barrack Field, Ref. J. Hartigan.
I.W.P. "B" v. Callins "B", 7.30 p.m., Shels. Park, Ref. J. Fitzgerald.
I.A.W.S. (M.K.) v. Sl. Dev. "A", 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's Park, Ref. G. Fitzgerald.
Cement v. Rippen "A", 7.30 p.m., Castle Mungret, Ref. M. Meagher.
I.U.P. v. C/o. Eng. "B", 7.30 p.m., South Hill, Referee T. Whelan.

Friday, July 9:

Mattersons v. Dan Ryans, 7.30 p.m., Barrack Field, Ref. T. Whelan.
Dorans v. C.I.E. Goods B, 7.30 p.m., Cals. Park, G. Fitzgerald.

DOG CARD

FRIDAY'S OBEY (8.15 p.m.).

525 yds. flat—Strolling Yank Monroe Chief, Lady Page, Haulaway Justin, Knockmore Mike, Knocklong Dawn, Fleeting Pigalle (reserve).
300 yds. sprint—Hannah Mackanta, Brazen Head, Emerald Legacy, Five Cross Roads, Ballygaddy Mot, Molena Dolly, Glenbane Miss (reserve).
525 yds. flat—Town Grande, Fire Guard, White Maureen, Kudas Master, Away Ward, Pacific Grand, Athasca Biddy (reserve).
525 yds. flat—Straw Cottage, Ballygarry Maxi, True Rarity, Flying Avis, Co He, Big Chief, Miss Geraldine (reserve).
525 yds. flat—North Bank, Hopeful Lucy, Gennie's Dollar, Atomic Rocket, Try a Pint, Age of Aquarius, Kreena Akron (reserve).
525 yds. flat—Tossitup, Some Indication, Tullabrack Rover, Issefaith, Toffee Train, Proud Davey, The Swotter (reserve).
525 yds. flat—Circus Singer, Reeve's Flash, Tell Me Jack, Speedy Mick, Bright Touch, Toad, Ballyhea Heather (reserve).

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Mr. O'Leary.

the climate. It was a pity that stewarding was so poor as the track was quite tight on the turns without the extra difficulty of spectators crossing the track. Limerick athletes won six gold medals, one silver medal and six bronze, so all the minor problems were worthwhile.

RECORD PUTT

Marie Dooley, St. Patrick's, Ballyneely, in the girls' under 13 shot; Noel Leonard, Limerick A.C. in the boys' under 11 400 metres, and the Limerick girls' under 11 relay team, which was comprised of four Roxboro girls, were our gold medal heroes. Marie Dooley's performance in winning the shot was perhaps the highlight of the afternoon, as in doing so she broke the previous Irish record no fewer than three times. From the start the contest developed into a repeat of the Munster championship, with Marie and Ann O'Connor, Cork, out in front. Marie went into the lead with 27 ft. 6 ins., but Ann increased her lead in the fourth round with 29-10, which gave her a lead of 12 ins. over Marie with two putts left. It was here that the contest was won and lost, as Fr. Peter Gilfedder, Glenstal, who has been coaching Marie, saw that she was turning too early before the release of the shot, consequently losing distance, and so for her fifth throw this was rectified.

Straight away she went to the front was a great putt of 30 ft. 7 ins. and in the final round she improved further with a magnificent effort of 30 ft. 11 1/2 ins. to put the result beyond all doubt. Marie's record throw improved on the previous Irish record by no fewer than 2 ft. 7 1/2 ins.

DETERMINATION

Noel Leonard, Limerick A.C., once more revealed his outstanding potential when taking the boys' under 11 400 metres. Noel, who had been so unlucky in the Irish cross country at Turin, was all out for revenge on Sunday, and what determination he showed to get it. After easily coming through his heat he lined up for the final drawn in lane four. From the gun he was only 4th into the first bend, but coming out he moved to 3rd place. Out in front it was Dublin and Cork athletes, clear, but Noel made his effort and, with only 1,500 metres to go, was eight metres down. With a renewed sprint this time on the extreme outside he hit the front to win going away by 5 metres. In third place was Frank O'Mara, also of Limerick A.C.

Roxboro A.C. girls under 11 relay team confirmed their Munster victory by taking the relay under 11. Again we had heats and Roxboro quickly installed themselves as favourites with a lovely display of running to take heat one by over 30 metres. There was a long wait for the final and it was 9 o'clock when the six teams lined up, with Roxboro in lane three. From the gun it was Ann Henn off to a good start, and despite her leg being strapped up she made up the lane advantage on Dublin and Louth. A lovely baton change and Teresa Clarke was away to maintain the advantage before handing over to tiny Deirdre Shine, who in turn handed over to Ann Nevin for the final leg. Ann with a lead of 30 metres, sprinted for the tape in a welter of excitement to give Roxboro their first Irish gold medal. This was a magnificent display of running and their baton changing was a delight to watch. In the girls' under 11 800 metres Aine McCarthy, Roxboro A.C., was again just pipped by her Munster conqueror, Elizabeth O'Brien, Cork, after a tremendous battle throughout. In the girls' under 11 200 metres Deirdre Shine, Roxboro, finished a very close up third to M. Walton, Kilkenny, and M. Quinn, Mayo, and in the girls' under 11 relay the Limerick