

without the services of Paddy Kelly and Pat Herbert, both of whom are on the injured list. There was no substitute, he added, for competitive fare and they would be going flat out on Sunday to dispose of Laois.

drafted in at corner back. Otherwise the team is the same as that which accounted for Wexford in the National Hurling League final.

The full team is: T. Quaid, P. Fitzmaurice, L. Enright,

confines of the pitch at Borris-in-Ossory might not be to their liking. A change of tactics might be required if they are to carry on their merry way. Laois are likely to play it hard. Limerick, however,

● Tickets for the Mackey Stand Development Fund Draw are still available. Clubs are reminded of the closing date—May 31st for the incentive draw for a set of jerseys with the Centenary Crest.

Cup in Borris-in-Ossory on Sunday, sizeable home support is likely at the Gaelic Grounds, especially since it is seldom that we are afforded the opportunity of seeing the top counties in action.

BEATEN

Kerry, surprisingly beaten in the Centenary football cup last weekend, will be anxious to make up for recent lapse and a win over the Westerner would boost their stock for the forthcoming Munster championship campaign.

The Kingdom have been out of the limelight for the past twelve months, but there is feeling in football circles that they will stage a comeback this term.

But they must treat Galway with the utmost respect. **TT**

Briefs

● The Limerick motion proposed by Senator Rory Kiely, seeking to give ex-Presidents a vote at Congress, was passed.

● Limerick junior hurlers in preparation for the Munster Championship, play South Liberties in a challenge game at the Gaelic Grounds on next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

● The following team has been selected: Seamus O'Sullivan; Michael O'Connor, Mick Barron, Paddy Moloney, Dom Punch, John Flanagan, Noel Leonard, David Punch, Joe Mann, Ger Mulcahy, Eamonn Meskell, M. J. Coffey, Donal Murray, Terence Kenny, S. Og Herbert.

Subs.: Pat Howard, Peter O'Connor, Andy Garvey, Ger Sheahan, Ger McMahon, George Boyle.

● Limerick minor footballers have a Munster championship engagement with Kerry in Tarbert on this (Friday) evening.

● The Limerick contingent were loud in their praise for the arrangements at the All-Ireland Congress in Belfast.

City set their targets for 1984-'85 season

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

LIMERICK CITY finished their campaign in a blaze of glory last Sunday when they won the Shield Trophy after a lapse of thirty years — and the team's fine achievements this season are to be rewarded in the shape of a fine new stadium at Rathbane where work is already under way.

Chairman, Pat Grace, was delighted with City's progress in their first year and is looking to the future with confidence. He not only aims to have the best team in the land, but also the finest stadium.

It has always been his view that Limerick should have a ground to compare with their

standing in the game.

But Rathbane is going to be more than just a soccer pitch.

In this issue of the Leader, the club has placed an advertisement seeking membership of Limerick City AFC, and applications can be sent to the secretary, at Bank House, or Noel Murphy, Nicholas Street.

Mrs. Anne Grace, secretary and treasurer, told the Leader that it was their intention to develop Rathbane into a family complex, where the entire family can go on a Sunday afternoon.

In other words, dad will be able to watch the game in comfort and the wife and children will be entertained in the family room, which will boast TV, games, video and other entertainments.

Limerick are confident that they will get the response they deserve from the public.

build his side, and they may not yet be ready to take on a crack team. They will be left to concentrate on domestic matters again next season and with the right preparation, might lift one of the big prizes.

It is to Fenton's credit that he gave local talents its fling over the past eight months, and he has unearthed some bright new stars in Gordon Cowpar, Tommy Lynch, Billy Daly and Peter Coyle.

The board must agree that two experienced men would make a lot of difference to the squad. When City were hit by a spate of injuries at a crucial stage this season, they didn't have adequate reserves to fall back on.

CURTAIN

The curtain comes down on the 1983-'84 campaign at Dalymount Park on this Sunday when Shamrock Rovers take on UCD in the FAI Cup, final, and it would seem that the hoops are set to collect yet another trophy.

They beat Limerick 1-0 at the Markets Field on their way to the decider.

The annual general meeting of the LOI should be a most interesting affair, with both Sligo Rovers and Home Farm obliged to re-apply for re-election. The national media has suggested that Sligo Rovers could be removed, to make way for a new club from Cork.

Those responsible for promoting soccer in Sligo have a difficult job on their hands and kept the flag flying even at the worst of times. It must not be forgotten that they won the league a few years ago and had a cup success last April.

In this writer's view, they have more to offer the game than Home Farm, who have made little impact in the league since they replaced Drumcondra about a decade ago.

Sligo Rovers must be given another chance. To remove them now could well kill the game off in the West of Ireland.

True, they have hit upon hard times, but are prepared to sort out their own problems without going cap in hand to others.

"Golden Oldies" challenge game

The annual challenge game (in aid of charity) between the ex-Limerick League of Ireland players (pre-1969) and their Cork counterparts of the same era will take place, by kind permission, at the Markets Field on Sunday, May 13, kick-off 3.30 p.m.

Once again, the former stars of yesteryear — many of whom were such favourites with the fans in the '50s and '60s — will "tog out" to raise much-needed funds to aid the magnificent work being carried out for the physically and mentally handicapped by the Brothers of Charity, Bawnmore.

Past clashes between the sides, played on a home and away basis, have proved very entertaining, with the "old-timers" showing all the skills and traits that made them household names in the past. Flower Lodge, Cork, was the venue for last year's game, where a very strong home selection came out on top in the closing quarter.

The Limerick lineup was: Derry Barrett (former Evergreen goalkeeper, who guested for the occasion), Tony Brosnahan, Gerry McCarthy, Mick Quane, Joe

Cork included such well-known figures as Jackie Morley, Gerry O'Brien, Ray Cowhey, Austin Noonan, Donal Leahy, Donie O'Leary, Liam O'Flynn, Mick O'Keefe, Pat Goggin, Charlie O'Mahony, Joe Gibson, "Blondie" Aherne, Jimmy Murphy, Connie and Derry Buckley, Pat and Noel O'Mahony, with vocal sideline assistance from John Coughlan, Donie Wallace, etc.

For the return game, Limerick will be hoping to be strengthened by many who, for various reasons, could not make the trip to Cork. In this regard, all Limerick players (pre-1969) are cordially invited to attend a special meeting on this Monday, April 30, at 9.30 p.m., in the Bell Tavern, Broad Street, when arrangements, etc., will be finalised.

Limerick G.C.

LADIES SECTION

Congratulations to our ladies on winning the Danu Cup in Castletroy for the second year in succession on Sunday, April 15th.

Our winners were—M. O. D. Small and Ann O'Shaughnessy,

ASPECT

"The Social Club aspect is most important," added Mrs. Grace, who admitted to having little interest in the game until her husband became involved some years ago.

"And there must be many more wives in the same situation."

The workforce at Rathbane have achieved quite a lot over the past few weeks and, all going well, the ground should be available by mid-August.

In the meantime, Ewan Fenton will be having talks with his board to report on happenings in 1984 and it is thought that he will be asking permission to strengthen his squad.

Fenton enjoyed a truly remarkable season with City and it was no mean feat to bring two trophies to the Markets Field.

With a little luck on their side they could have pipped Bohemians for that UEFA Cup spot — remember, they lost valuable points to both Galway United and Finn Harps at a time when the pressure was really on them.

It might be just as well that City didn't qualify for a European Cup place. Ewan Fenton needs more time to

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