



sions and were beaten in 19 finals, a truly remarkable record.

When the Munster senior league began in 1903 Garryowen were the first winners and went on to annex

with both the under 20 and under 16 league and cup doubles last season.

Garryowen were the last Limerick club to win the Munster senior

## SENIOR SOCCER:

# CITY OPEN RATHBANE ON SUNDAY

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

Limerick City launch themselves into the new season at Rathbane on Sunday when they meet Munster Senior League side Tramore in the second round of the Munster Cup, of which they are the holders.

This not too-exciting start to the campaign should nonetheless generate a good deal of interest locally, if only for the fact that City will be playing for the first time at their new ground, the official opening of which took place earlier this week.

Manager Ewan Fenton reported today that with the exception of Johnny Walsh, all last season's panel had re-signed. "Johnny is holding out for better terms and will only have to wait and see what happens", said the manager.

Brendan Storan put pen to paper this week, as did Peter Coyle and Cork-based Jimmy Nodwell. "We have an almost full complement of players and given the breaks, we should do well in the coming months", commented Fenton.

Limerick have had a slow build up to the season, principally because players were on holidays at different stages. "There was no point in taking on the likes of Manchester City, QPR, etc., without a full squad - we would have been easy fodder and confidence might have suffered", he said.

Neither did they go out in search of players - indeed, the only new face at Rathbane this season will be Fergus McDaid of Cobh Ramblers.

Limerick, said Fenton, did remarkably well in '83-'84 and there was no reason why they could not take up from where they left off.

Even allowing for the fact that they have been inactive of late, City should still be capable of accounting for their Waterford opponents.

There was a new development in the John Power saga this week when the player disclosed that he was unlikely to be leaving Limerick for some time yet.

Said the boss: "John told me he was anxious to get away some time ago and that he would not be available to City.

"Since Alex Ludzic had been approached by Cork City it was important that I should be able to

give him a firm commitment and advised him that he would be our number one choice. That is the way it is at the moment - Alex will be between the posts".

While the Munster Cup may not be the most important of competitions, Limerick are looking to it as a valuable training ground for more important days ahead. They are also anxious to retain their crown.

The League-Cup gets under way on Sunday week when they will be on the road to Kilcohan Park.

## Mungret Final

This Friday night Janesboro and Star Rovers will meet in the final of the Mungret Soccer Tournament, kick-off 7 p.m.

From an original entry of 42 teams the stage is set for what promises to be a keenly contested final.

## Tennis:

## Entries close

Entries for the inaugural Limerick junior open lawn tennis championships to be held at Catholic Institute from August 27th to September 1st close next Wednesday. There will be the usual events for boys and girls from under 12 to under 16. Entries should be sent to Tony O'Shea at the Catholic Institute club.

## SEAN TREACY'S VISIT

The Sean Treacy Senior Hurling Club from London are making an Irish Tour and they will play Fedamore at Caherconlish on September 23rd.

They will meet Garryspilane on September 26th.

Sean Hartigan, Garryowen, 2nd captain.

## Athlunkard Villa

The committee and patrons of Athlunkard Villa wish to announce the foundation of the new club, which will be based in the St. Mary's - Corbally parish area.

The club can consider itself fortunate to have in its ranks such hard working and talented individuals who will insure that maximum effort will be given by all concerned if our goal is to be attained.

Those associated with the club would like it to be known, that we are concentrating only on one team in our first year in Junior Soccer and have been accepted to play in the 4th Division.

The committee would like to thank most sincerely all those who attended our very successful A.G.M. and especially to The Granary and Mr. Dessie Bourke (publican) who contributed full sets of gear to the club and to all other sponsors who also contributed most generously financially towards the running of the club, and a special thanks to all those people who had the ingenuity to foresee that the nucleus was there for the formation of a very successful club.

The following are the officers and committee members for the coming season:

President, Desmond Bourke; chairman, Eric Sheppard; vice-chairman, Dom Shanahan; secretary and PRO, Tony Halvey, 25 Castle Barracks, Nicholas St., Tel. 41299; treasurer, Seamus McDermott; team manager, Frank Conway.

Committee: R. Kerley, D. Jackson, J. O'Donnell, T. O'Connor, F. Scanlon, R. O'Carroll, P. Leamy, P. O'Connor, R. Eades.

Training every Tuesday and Thursday at Healy's Field. Home Ground - Rhebogoe, Canal Bank. Club Colours - Blue and White (striped).

## Windsurfing Regatta

Lough Derg Windsurfing Club will hold a Club Regatta for members at Two Mile Gate, Lough Derg on Sunday next August 19th. Registration and briefing will take place at 2 p.m. First Race will start at 2.30 p.m. Three races will be held over triangle courses, with a ladies section included. The Limerick Inn Hotel have kindly sponsored a Crystal Trophy for the Overall Winner.

Any boardsailor wishing to join the Club can do so on Sunday and partake in the competition.

and Paul O'Neill in action

## Inter-city BMX victory

On Sunday, 12th August, the first ever event of the inter-city competition took place at Mount Vernon Hill, Co. Cork, between the Limerick BMX Club and the Cork BMX Club.

In a fantastic atmosphere the Limerick riders enjoyed a huge success with winners in every age group. Undoubtedly the stars of the Limerick team were Kieran Moloney, under 9; Gerard Cronin, under 11, and the Duhig brothers, 14 and 16, respectively.

On Sunday next, the 19th August, further qualifying trials for the All-Ireland Championships will take place at Healy's Field, behind the Corbally Sports Centre in Limerick.

Registration and bike checks will be at 2 o'clock and the competition proper will begin at 3 o'clock.

All enthusiasts are welcome to participate.

Further meets in the near future will be in Shannon with the possibility of a trip to Balbriggan prior to the Irish Championships.

## BRAVE BID BY TOM

Ballybu nion-born Tom Corridan who plays with Castletroy made a brave bid to retain his Irish Close title when he was beaten at the 20th by international Liam McNamara in the semi-final at Malone, Belfast.

McNamara, in turn, was beaten at the 20th by Brian Hoey of Shandon Park in the final.

In his semi-final Corridan was two up at the 13th. They were all square at the 16th and Corridan had a great chance of victory at the 18th but he missed a two foot putt.

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