

MAHEDY IN CHARGE AT CITY

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY
DAVE MAHEDY was last night appointed Manager of Limerick City, to succeed Billy Hamilton, who quit last week-end.

A spokesman for the club said that agreement had been reached with the Dubliner who has been associated with them for quite some time.

"We are pleased that Dave accepted terms", he said. Now that Mahedy has taken over the reins with the soccer club it remains to be seen what approach the Limerick County GAA Board will adopt. He has been told that he will be available on one night per week to train the hurlers, and that he will be allowed give more time to them once the season ends next April.

However, since he will now be required by Limerick City on match days, it means that he will not be available to the hurlers for their NHL games.

A spokesman for the Limerick County Board said this Friday that they had not been made aware of Mahedy's appointment by their selectors, and that the matter was due for discussion at the next meeting of the County Board.

Now that Billy Hamilton has departed the local scene, Limerick City are left to get on with their season and problems must be left behind when they travel to play Athlone Town on Sunday in search of League points.

Panel

Mahedy has the respect of his panel of players and is sure to get the desired response. This will be his second term in charge.

Hamilton's departure, while it came in the nature of a surprise to some, was not entirely unexpected.

Limerick had made a sluggish start to the season, the financial structure of the club was not healthy and the future a little clouded.

Inconsistency on the playing field resulted in a falling off in attendances at Rathbane. Limerick supporters don't demand success; they merely want a team capable of holding its own with the other front runners.

First indications that Hamilton was not over enamoured by League of Ireland football came at a recent press conference at which the George Hotel gave generous sponsorship.

On that occasion he was critical of the FAI for not releasing more money into the League of Ireland scene and intimated that playing facilities here were not on par with those in Northern Ireland.

Billy Hamilton was certainly correct when he referred to our sub-standard grounds, but I would disagree with him on the other point.

Unfortunately, the management structure within many of our League of Ireland clubs leaves a lot to be desired and one can understand the FAI's attitude towards protecting the funds generated by Jack Charlton and his boys.

Limerick have overcome similar crisis in the past—

current player this week counted a dozen managers under whom he had served. Instability seems to be part and parcel of the local soccer scene.

One must sympathise with Ann and Pat Grace; indeed, why they bother with football and its inherent problems amazes this writer.

They can only have been disturbed at Hamilton's departure, and the player-manager paid them a nice compliment when he reiterated that his leaving was not brought about by any disagreements.

He was treated well, as are the players at Rathbane who are not left short in comforts. Hamilton did leave behind a

legacy of young players and it is important now that they are reassured. They will welcome the appointment of Mahedy, whose very much his own man.

Limerick played well at Dalymount Park last Sunday, a performance which must have encouraged the new manager.

Michael Kerley, a fine prospect, had several stitches inserted in a wound but will be available for the trip to St. Mel's Park.

The locals need to collect one point at least from this game. They are now five points in arrears of the joint leaders and cannot afford to lose too much ground.

No competitive fare at weekend

BECAUSE of the Munster Trial to be played at Musgrave Park on Saturday, the five Limerick senior clubs will satisfy themselves with friendly matches this weekend.

Bohemians have announced a panel of 16 players for their meeting with Ulster side Instonians at Annacotty on Saturday.

Following their win over Skerries, they were well beaten by Corinthians; 'Bohs' will be hoping to record a better result on this occasion.

Bohemians: T. Lenehan, P. Booth, C. McDermott, G. Egan, T. McCarthy, D. O'Brien, G. Murphy. Forwards from: M. Hannon, P. O'Donnell, B. Hurley, J. Danaher, J. Conneely, D. Culligan, J. Hannon, T. Tuohy, M. Coffey.

Because a number of players are involved in the Munster trial and Gerry Casey is sidelined with a leg injury, Young Munster will travel to Belfast with a very weakened side.

No team has been made available from Young Munster and it would appear their only hope is to achieve a respectable score against Malone.

Shannon, as usual, have no hesitation in naming their team to meet Old Belvedere at Annacotty on Sunday.

The side shows two changes from the fifteen which defeated Young Munster in the Charity Cup. Noel Glynn replaces Nigel Daly as hooker, with Mick Galwey coming in for Paddy O'Grady in the second row. Harold Brown is selected at wing-forward.

Shannon: P. Murray, M. Ryan, B. Moran, G. McNamara, M. Boland, J. Pearse.

O. Kiely, M. Fitzgerald, N. Glynn, E. Butler, M. Moylett (capt.), M. Galwey, H. Brown, N. O'Donovan, M. Fitzgerald.

Old Crescent are still troubled by a number of injury problems and are unable to name their team to face U.C.C.

U.C.C. were defeated by Dolphin in the Cork Charity Cup on Wednesday and the injury hit Old Crescent recorded a good win over Galwegians last week so it should prove a most interesting encounter. However, having to travel to Cork may cause problems for Old Crescent.

Garryowen are another club experiencing injury problems and they are also unable to name a team for their home match against Athlone.

The mid-week defeat by Thomond in the Charity Cup will do little for morale though I expect Garryowen to bounce back with a win.

Ireland win

Italian Selection 6
 Ireland Under 21 34

Ireland opened their two match tour with a convincing win over an Italian Selection at Arezzo. Ireland led 11-6 at the interval. Jack Clarke scored a try after two minutes but Italy replied almost immediately with a drop-goal from Dei Pian.

Eric Elwood dropped a goal before Piam replied with a penalty, to leave Ireland holding a slender one point lead. However, from that point on Ireland took control and Keith Gallick burst over for a try prior to the interval. In the opening 15 minutes of the second half, Elwood dropped another goal and scored a

try, converted by Lynagh. Ireland scored three tries, from Ken O'Connell, Aidan White, converted by Lynagh, and Barry Browne, to leave the Irish easy winners.

Ireland will play Italy

By FULL-BACK

Under 21 in Treviso on Saturday.

Ireland: I. Gallagher (replaced A. White), B. Keary, D. Lynagh, J. Clarke, W. Kearns, E. Elwood (replaced G. Lavin), R. Saunders (replaced M. Matchwt), P. Soden, B. Browne, A. McKeen (replaced E. O'Sullivan), D. Bursley, M. O'Loughlin, K. O'Connell, K. Gallick, R. Finegan (replaced V. Costelloe).

Italian Selection: Pierangelo, Chiari, Gaetini, Cella, Lenna, Dei Pian, Fusco, Vinci, Ancellotti, Bossi, Scasenna, Tramontin, Massini, De-Carlie, Giaccon.

Get ready for 10K.

Limerick Leader readers are invited to participate in a 10k. race, incorporating a 6.2 mile walk section, in November. Jacinta Duffy, of Thomond College, has devised a special programme, and a series of articles will appear over the next few weeks. Part one appears on page 22.

Badminton

Limerick badminton club have re-opened at LPYMA Hall, 97 O'Connell Street, and new members are welcome. Please call to Hall on Tuesday or Thursday nights from 20.00hrs to 23.00hrs.



The Thomond team which beat Garryowen in the Charity Cup

Munster trials venues on Sat

By FULL-BACK

On Saturday Munster play the Rest at Musgrave Park, while, at Doora Doyle, the Probables will play the Possibles, prior to selecting the Munster Under-20 team to play Leinster on October 14th.

Having played an 18-18 draw with Glasgow and District and defeated Pontypool 27-6, one wonders why the Munster selectors felt the need to play a trial match in the guise of Munster v the Rest of Munster.

Surely the form of the players is well known at this stage of the season and it would be something of a miracle if all the selected players put in an appearance.

No doubt there will be a number of players carrying genuine injuries which will force them to cry off but some others will feel they have nothing to prove and find some excuse not to play.

As usual the selectors have made a number of strange selections. Oliver Kiely, without doubt the best scrum-half in the province and who had an outstanding match against Pontypool finds himself relegated to the Rest while Mike Bradley partners John Pearse on the Munster side.

Peter Clohesy replaces Len Dineen at tight head prop, while Donal Lenihan will partner Finbar Kearney on the senior side in the second-row dued with Mike Galwey and Paddy O'Grady.

Willie Sexton, injured in the league match against Waterpark, is unlikely to be fit while Paul Collins will again captain the Munster side.

Position

Pat Murray will line out in his club position, but Dan Larkin and Charlie Hally, two former Irish Schools International full-backs, are selected on the wing and centre respectively.

Names in the replacements are John Moloney and Ken Smith.

The Interprovincials will have an added interest this season as the world champions New Zealand will play Munster on the 11th November.

Latest is that Riordan has withdrawn and is replaced by Paul Murphy, Garryowen; Terry Kingston, Garryowen; Derham moves to the Munster

side; Nigel Daly will fill the hooking position on the Rest.

Munster: K. Murphy (Constitution); J. Galvin (Old Crescent); M. Kiernan (Dolphin); P. Danaher (Garryowen); N. Barry (Garryowen); J. Pearse (Shannon); M. Bradley (Constitution); J. Fitzgerald (Young Munster); P. Derham (Constitution); P. Clohesy (Young Munster); D. Lenihan (Constitution); F. Kearney (Sundays Well); W. Sexton (Garryowen); P. Collins, captain (London Irish); P. O'Hara (Sundays Well).

Rest: P. Murray (Shannon); C. Hally (U.C.C.); C. Murphy (Constitution); D. Larkin (Garryowen); P. Murphy (Garryowen); R. Keyes, captain (Constitution); O. Kiely (Shannon); L. Lannon (Dolphin); N. Daly (Shannon); L. Dineen (Constitution); M. Galwey (Shannon); P. O'Grady (do.); M. O'Donoghue (Garryowen); P. Hogan (do.); S. Hayes (Constitution).

Replacements: K. Smith (Garryowen); G. O'Sullivan (Highfield); J. Moloney (Young Munster); R. Bevan (Highfield); B. Howell (Constitution).

Under-20 Trial

The Under-20 Trial at Doora Doyle should be worth a visit. Five players, Declan Rooney, John McCarthy, Jim Curtis, James McNamara and Dara O'Sullivan played in the series last season.

Former schools stars Leo Murphy, Derek Tobin and David O'Mahony are also included in the Probables side, while the Thomond pair Mark Kelly and Eddie Halvey are named on the Possibles.

Ivan Duggan playing regular senior rugby with Young Munster is on the Possibles, as is the promising Shannon out-half Sean Liston.

John Gallagher and Jim Galvin will play a half each with the Young Munster duo Tony King and Christy Neiland are in the Probables front row that is completed by Leo Murphy.

Probables: B. O'Neill (U.C.C.); J. McNamara (Young Munster); N. Boland (Highfield); N. Murray (Constitution); B. Smith (do.); D. O'Mahony (U.C.C.); D. Tobin (Young Munster); L. Murphy (U.C.C.); T. King (Young Munster); C. Neiland (do.); J. Byrne (North Kildare); B. Dobson (Gar-

ryowen); R. Murray (Young Munster); D. O'Sullivan (Garryowen); B. (U.C.C.).

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ty) were not on the trial because involvement with Under-21 team.

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