

Schoolboy Soccer Star of the Week



Gerard Duggan (Wembley Rovers)

WEMBLEY ROVERS are through to the final of the Under-12 Cup and they can thank their bustling centre-forward, Gerard Duggan, for their success. He gave a five-star display of attacking football at Caledonian Park on Tuesday when helping his club to record a 2-1 victory over a gallant Hyde Rovers side. Gerard, who is in his first season with the Blues, was the chief architect of his side's hard-earned victory.

Wembley found it difficult to prise open the solid Hyde defence in the early stages, but their forward line was given the injection that it so badly needed when, in the 16th minute, Ger Duggan deceived the losers' defence with a free kick that Hyde keeper David Brown could only admire as it entered the net. It was only then that the Blues struck the form that we have come to expect from them and for the remainder of this half they practically bombarded the Hyde goal area.

Hyde found a new lease of life in the second period, and looked as if they would bring about a surprise result when Thomas Irwin netted their equaliser with only 7 minutes left for play. The pressure was now on Wembley and the big question was: would they have the stamina to survive? Gerard was to be seen and heard urging his side on, but there appeared to be little response from his team-mates. With time

ticking away, and Wembley's two-year-old unbeaten record in danger Ger decided to drop back and help his overworked half-back line. It was while in defence that he collected a stray pass by a Hyde forward, streaked on to evade the tackles of three defenders fell over the ball, still held possession, and recovered like a more seasoned campaigner to shoot low and hard past a helpless Dave Brown. Wembley had won, but that they succeeded in such dramatic fashion they can thank Ger Duggan, who proved a real thorn in the Hyde defence all through the game.

Ger, who assisted Hyde Rvs. last term, is now enjoying a most successful season with his new club. He has already won Under-12 and 13 League medals with Wembley and now he hopes to add to his collection by helping them to victory in the Under-12 Cup final.

Although only 12 years of age, Gerry is fast emerging as one of Limerick's most promising young athletes and to date has won over 80 trophies. He is a member of Limerick A.C. and over the last two years he has competed at sports meetings all over the country. In the recent Limerick City Sports he won three medals.

Gerard is son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duggan, 38 Singland Terrace, Garryowen. His brother, Christopher is a playing member with Hyde Rovers. He has one sister, Miriam.

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Shannon Sweep Wonder Stake and To-night

THE FINAL of the Shannon Stake heat of the Pigalle Wonder, a thrilling finishes at the Market there are semi-finals of 550 a listed as well as an attractive

It is strange that none of the six to contest the Shannon Stake final have come this far without defeat. Merry Tipp was fastest of the first round winners when successful in 30.28 but then had to make-do with a minor placing in the next round before again being speediest semi-final winner when he won in 30.18.

That time might just about be good enough to win this time but the obvious danger must be Social Problem which has been improving with every round and whose time last week was less than a length worse than that of Merry Tipp.

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the final with Rocl Kyletaune Blonde been drawn in the boxes.

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Big Open Meeting This Week Fastest Dinghy Racing Yacht at Killaloe

THE fastest dinghy racing yacht in the world will be seen for the first time at Killaloe this

The 505 yacht (5.05 metres long) is a two-man "racing machine," on which stability in most winds depends on the dexterity of the crew, who sails his end of the craft from a trapeze, suspended over the water, with only his feet on the side of the craft. Given any

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