

European Cup Tonic For Limerick

LIMERICK got a "pick-me-up" in time for the European Cup-tie next Wednesday week when they trounced Waterford 7-3 at Kilcohan Park, Waterford, yesterday. This was a shock for Waterford's supporters and a pleasant surprise for the Limerick "fans" who saw their team go down 0-3 to Waterford a week earlier in the season's City Cup opener.

PEOPLE will talk more about the vagaries of football after Limerick's whirlwind come-back to true form when knocking Waterford silly in an orgy of scoring. This was a wonderful boost for Limerick's European Cup date and it will serve to regain the confidence which marked the team's consistency when winning the first League Championship last season.

A long pre-match talk in their hotel in Waterford sparked off the plan of campaign which was to eradicate their slapdash methods shown in the City Cup. Player-coach Fenton gathered the members of the team around him and laid the schemes that opened the way for teamwork and a high-grade skill in tactics which overcame the original "blues". In whelmed the original "blues" in comparison to previous shortcomings in gaining advantage from touchline throws-in, Limerick had a new approach to this aspect of the game. With the swift-moving passes embodied in a definite plan, this was a "new look" team from the Shannonside.

A GREAT ACCOUNT

Seventeen-year-old Kevin Fitzpatrick, who started a little jittery in goal, gave a great account after holding a pile-driver. His delightful display helped to give the men out-field plenty of confidence. Clinton and Crawford team to great effectiveness at full-back, but it was from half-back that the men up front received the scoring ideas, which they availed of to the full. Casey had the energy and drive at right-half; Fenton had the adroitness and subtle skill at left-half, and McCarthy, between them, was a tower of strength.

With Wallace tying with the opposition from the inside-left, spot he dazzled from the stream-lined passes received from Fenton. There was also something about George Lynch's first goal. With O'Reilly tapping the ball cleverly to his inside-forwards, the inside-trio played havoc this time with a defence that had the edge on the attack last Sunday week.

O'Reilly's headwork was a feature of his never-say-die spirit, and one of his goals scored through the medium of his powerful nodes, was a gem that even surprised the once Blackpool star, Fenton, who on the pitch coached his mates to victory.

HEARTENING DISPLAY

A heartening display was given by Dick O'Connor, who could not do anything right in the City Cup match. Yesterday he blistered the palms of Keeper Vincent Dunphy with some smashing drives, two of which hit the "bull's eye". Dick Butler, on the left wing, did not measure up to the same standard of his colleagues, but the experience will have done him good.

THE SCORING

O'Connor shot Limerick into the lead against the stiff breeze within two minutes. Twenty-six minutes later Fenton moved the ball to O'Connor, who whipped it over to O'Reilly, whose header opened up the scoring opening. An O'Reilly-Wallace movement led to Lynam scoring the third in the 32nd minute. Waterford's first goal was an unlucky register against goalie Fitzpatrick. Five minutes afterwards, O'Connor scored with a 25-yards rasper. Limerick led 4-1 at half-time.

Flynn and Walsh narrowed the gap to 4-3 within five minutes of the second-half, but five minutes later Donie Wallace stretched Limerick's lead again, while O'Reilly headed through another in brilliant fashion from Wallace's corner-kick. Lynam completed the scoring to give the result a one-sided face in which the winners were not in the least flattered. Thus, the Limerick forwards shot themselves into the limelight with O'Reilly (2), Lynam (2), O'Connor (2) and Wallace (1).
Waterford: Dunphy; S. Casey, Nolan; Dixon, E. Fitzgerald, W. Walsh; J. Fitzgerald, H. Flynn, Geoghegan, S. Coad, D. Fitzgerald. Limerick: Fitzpatrick; Clinton, Crawford; Casey, McCarthy, Fenton, O'Connor, Lynam, O'Reilly, Wallace, Butler.

Schoolboys' Soccer

BY C.L.

BRILLIANT FAIRVIEW WIN.
Giving a brilliant display of football, Fairview Rangers were crowned under 15 League champions when, at Caledonian Park on Saturday night, they convincingly defeated a poor Boro' side. Ground conditions were very far from being perfect but this Fairview side adapted themselves perfectly and gave a good display of fast and accurate football. Their attack seized upon every opportunity and there was no dilly-dallying in front of the goal. Their star of the match was undoubtedly inside-right, Paddy Furlong, whose first half hat-trick virtually put the issue beyond doubt. All three were well-taken goals, and on top of this he was always well up with the play. Another outstanding performer was Paddy Caray, who obtained two, while Noel Curtin scored one.

CUP FINAL TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The Under-14 Cup final takes place at Caledonian Park on Tuesday night and should be a thriller. These sides also met in the Under 15 Cup final, and as all knew this was the best game ever seen at the venue. Both sides have the majority of their under 15 players available and the game may be decided on the odd goal of three, with Posselt being slight favourites to pull off the double.

Full reports, with comments, etc., in Friday's issue.—C.L.

TWO GAMES TO-NIGHT.
Two games in the Under 14 League will be played at Cals. Park to-night. Well and Boro' will share the spoils, while a Reds side, which is deteriorating rapidly, may just scrape home against a vastly improved Savio side.

JUNIOR SOCCER.

MINOR LEAGUE RESULTS.
Limerick C, 8; Ballynanty Rovers, 1. Rangers, 4; Astor Athletic, 1. Geraldines w.o.; Wembley Rovers absent.

INTER-FIRM RESULTS.
May Roberts, 5; 12th Battalion, 3. L.C.F., 3; Mattersons, 2. Limerick C, Munster minor champions, hope to play Shamrock Rovers, Leinster minor champions, prior to the senior game at Thomond Park on Sunday next.

EUROPEAN CUP

TICKETS AVAILABLE:

STAND - 20/-
GROUND - 7/6
SCHOOLBOYS - 4/-

Available at A.P. Office, 114 O'Connell Street, Nestor Bros., O'Connell St., Limerick Sports Store, William Street.

A.P. OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN NIGHTLY UNTIL 9.30 TO FACILITATE SALE OF THE ABOVE (m)

LIMERICK STOCK LIST

TO-DAY'S PRICES

33 p.c. War Loan ... 60 1/2
51 p.c. National Loan ... 102 3/4
31 p.c. Exchequer Bonds ... 84 1/2
51 p.c. Development Loan ... 97 3/4

BANKS

Bank of Ireland ... 382
Munster ... 77 1/2
Nationals ... 61 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS

Guinness Ord. ... 67 1/2
Imperial Chemicals ... 65 1/2
Shells ... 130 1/2
Imperial Tobacco ... 64 3/4

TO-DAY'S RACING

WORCESTER

2.15—LADY ATKINS PLATE—St.
CHEVEVERTONS (8/1) ... 1
Bede (7/4 1) ... 3
Islwyn (7/4 1) ... 3
Also ran—Hasty Nance, Carminetta, Caravel, Light Night, Pan American, Noonday, Irish Swell, Travelling Light, Miss Murray, Israel.
13 ran.

2.45—FERRY STAKES
MASTER GAY (8/1) ... 1
Anne Rossett (4/6) ... 2
Foxcroft (7/1) ... 3
Also ran—June Chevalie, Artist's Licence, Laurel Bay, Suchin, Amstel Tiger.
9 ran.

3.15—CHELUVELT PLATE
SISTER WILLOW (7/4 1) ... 1
T. Stinger 1
Mr. Snake (5/2) ... 2
Passion Flower (100/7) ... 3
Also ran—Caiticle, Sageway, Windsor Pearl, Distinctive Flower.
7 ran.

3.45—WORCHESTERSHIRE HANDICAP PLATE—1m.
PUNCHINELLO (Evens f.) ... 1
L. Piggott 1
Royal Parentage (10/1) ... 2
D. D. Morris 2
Wellington (4/1) ... 3
Also ran—Cintrist, Infatuated.
5 ran.

4.15—SEVERN-SIDE PLATE—11m.
PATCOULL (7/2) ... 1
Arcite Crystal (11/4 f.) ... 2
G. Starkey 2
Velvet Slipper (11/2) ... 3
Also ran—Private Matter, Radnor Fair, Ella's Choice, Queen of the Mist, Panetello, Dhobi Mark, Northern, Sangpur, Guinea Hunter.
12 ran.

FOLKESTONE

1.45—JUVENILE PLATE.

PAULINE JULIA (7/2) ... 1
J. Sharman 1
Sweetthara (20/1) ... 2
Glenroth (6/1) ... 3
Also ran—Yayga (15/8 f.), Summer Migrant, Koko, Four Sox, Pin Again.
8 ran.

2.15—LEAS 2-YEAR-OLD PLATE.

FRIZZLE (15/8 f.) ... 1
A. Breaesley 1
Rose Garband (4/1) ... 2
Galellers (11/2) ... 3
Also ran—Caught Napping, Vina, April Trial, Kate's Chalet, Fair Moyns, Chanteur Rosa, Northern Buis, Evgan's Great Lady, Luristan, Moss Roc, Confetti, Crooks Peak, Cream Jug, Game Arabian, Amy Scot.
18 ran.

2.45—SANDLING HANDICAP.

NAKALANTA (100/7) ... 1
R. Reader 1
Sabre (4/1) ... 2
E. E. Smith 2
Till Ten (8/1) ... 3
W. Sneath 3
Also ran—Deep Red, Celestial Crown, Solomon, Miss Wisdom, Qsar-I-Shirien, Kittisford.
9 ran.

3.15—CANAL PLATE.

PRINCE IGOR (20/1) ... 1
B. Jones 1
Chiara (4/7) ... 2
R. Reader 2
Deer Galloway (100/30) ... 3
W. Sneath 3
Also ran—Skipper, Gads Hill, Seira, Beginner.
7 ran.

3.45—BRASS CASTLE (10/11)

April Fool (4/1) ... 1
S. Clayton 1
Diver (100/8) ... 2
R. Reader 2
Also ran—Golden Spread, Smart Talk, Gold Ming.
8 ran.

4.15—THANET PLATE

OWLET (7/4 f.) ... 1
A. Breaesley 1
My All-Aaha (7/4 f.) ... 2
W. H. Carr 2
Our Day (20/1) ... 3
B. Swift 3
Also ran—Leviathan, Clearing Sky.
5 ran.

Claughtaun Through For Two Finals

(By "L.L." Special Representative)

Claughtaun ... 4-4; Patrickswell ... 1-1.

HALF-BACK Phil Aherne, who was a "sub." in '49 when Ahane won the county senior hurling championship, and who collected a "full" medal in '55 when the Castleconnell team swept all before them, was the outstanding player at rain-lashed Croom on Sunday when Claughtaun took the second last step towards title win number six.

Patrickswell tried for all they were worth, but their forwards could make little headway against a sound defence in which Aherne was well supported by Jim Hogan (goal), Jim Keogh (full back), John Hannon (corner back) and Declan Moylan. The latter started in the half-back line but he moved to mid-field before the finish and struck up a very fine partnership with the back-to-form Liam Moloney.

Moloney, who gained Railway Cup honours a few years ago, had not played a good game for many "moons" up to Sunday. However, judged by this showing he is back to his very best.

TOP SCORER

A heavy bit of grass made ground play extremely difficult, but Claughtaun adapted themselves to the conditions and were not over-extended. They led by 2-0 to a point at half-time, and kept up the pressure for the final thirty minutes.

Pat Murphy (1-2) was the top scorer and also the outstanding forward. Dermot Kelly, Jimmy Kelly and Tom Cooney were also prominent in the winners' attack. The county selectors, at least any of them who were at the game, will no doubt, have noted the very fine goalkeeping display by Mick Tuohy for Patrickswell. Others to impress in a defence that came under heavy fire, were Kevin Lynch (centre-back) and Liam Shinnors (right half-back). Eamonn Carey showed up nicely at centre-field and Gerry Casey was the only forward to threaten danger.

Scorers for Claughtaun—P. Murphy (1-2), Dermot Kelly (1-0), Jimmy Kelly (1-0), Tom Cooney (1-0) and Liam Moloney (0-2). Eamonn Carey notched the point for the "wells" and their goal was a well-taken effort.

Claughtaun: J. Hogan, J. Hannon, J. Keogh, S. O'Connor; P. Aherne, D. Moylan, John Chawke, Jim Kelly, George Ryan, Pat

Murphy, Dermot Kelly, Liam Moloney, Des Fitzgerald, Tom Cooney, Paddy O'Connell.

NEXT SUNDAY

Feohanagh, conquerors of St. Patrick's in a replay, and Kilmallock, who had a four goals win over Emmets, meet at Croom next Sunday in the other semi-final, and the final will take place at the Ennis Road grounds on Sunday, September 11th.

IN MINOR FINAL

Claughtaun ... 3-6
Ballylanders ... 0-6
Pat Murphy, outstanding in Claughtaun's senior hurling win, also played a major part in the minor football victory over Ballylanders. As the score suggests, it was one-way traffic.

The city team will meet the holders, Askeaton, in the final.

At Kilmallock yesterday, Banogue defeated Knocknagilly by 7-3 to 4-3 in the replay of the South Limerick quarter-final. There were lively passages in this hour and the hurling was of a good standard.

ONE-SIDED WIN FOR TREATY

Treaty, Sarsfield ... 3-11
St. Patrick's ... 0-2

Beaten county senior football finalists last year, Treaty Sarsfield, strengthened their hand in this season's race with a runaway win over St. Patrick's at the Ennis Road Grounds on Sunday morning.

Treaty were "camped" in Pat's half for most of the hour and they rattled the net three times and picked up eleven points in most convincing manner.

Treaty's next game in the competition will be against Garda. The holders, Claughtaun, are to meet Anahane at local headquarters next Sunday.

Tom McGarry First Limerickman In Irish Softball Final

(By "L.L." Reporter)

WHEN Tom McGarry faces the holder, Vincent Confrey, of Louth, at a Wexford venue on September 11th or 18th, he will be the first Limerickman to compete in the final of the Irish Senior Singles Softball Championship.

McGarry, at Horse & Jockey, Thurles, yesterday, made short work of the Armagh representative, Bill Haddock, in the semi-final, taking only 33 minutes to run up, 21-5, 21-6.

McGarry's trainer, Paddy Hackett, told me that it was easily McGarry's best-ever display. Limerick junior finalists Mick O'Brien and his junior doubles partner, "Sonny" Walsh, were also in devastating form at Horse & Jockey. They easily ousted the Cavan pair, Brendan Moore and Willie Donagh, conceding only 13 scores in three sets—21-3, 21-3, and 21-7.

In the decider the St. Munchin's pair will be opposed by M. Burke and Pierce Hanlon (Kilkenny), who were runners-up to the O'Reilly brothers of Louth last year.

SAW THE CHAMPION

After their games at Horse & Jockey the Limerick party travelled to Kilkenny to watch McGarry's final opponent, Vincent Confrey, playing in the semi-final of the senior doubles.

In last year's decider, Confrey beat Paddy Downey 21-18 after they had each taken two sets. Downey this year was crushed by McGarry—21-3, 21-4, and 21-7.

WATERFORD OPERA FESTIVAL

For fifteen nights next month Waterford's Theatre Royal will be filled with the music and song of a second International Festival of Light Opera. It will house 12,000 people, including 5,000 cross-Channel visitors and be the setting once again for the city's greatest cultural event.

The old playhouse has a fascinating history that was continued two years ago when it was rescued from oblivion.

Renowned performers appeared there, including Sims Reeves, Barry Sullivan, the Italian Opera Company (De Murska, Campobello, Sinico), "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Edward Compton's Comedy Company, F. E. Benson's Shakespearian Company, the D'Oyly Carte, Elsie Grime, Moody Manners, and Bowyer-Westwood Opera Companies. John McCormack sang there in 1913 and in 1930 gave a farewell concert. For over twenty years it was the "home" of the local Wallace Grand Opera Society.

SISTERS HOME ON