

Even though they won with these goals to spare against Riverside last Sunday, Pike Rovers weren't that impressed and will have to do a shade better if they are to account for Shelbourne. Shells are going through a lean period just now—they were shelved 5-4 by Second Division Bedford recently—but they invariably do well in their meetings with the "lads" and will be hoping to take at least one point to-morrow.

## Geraldines again

Geraldines gave promise of better things to come when beating Janesboro in their last outing and can continue the good work by taking care of inconsistent Star Rovers. John Ryan has made for big improvement in the 'Dines defence and with Fintan Lawlor, Patsy Collopy and John Slattery supporting him they can bore sufficient holes in the Rovers' defence to see their side through.

## Points for Weston

Only a few weeks ago Weston Rangers were strongly tipped to capture the Premier League for the first time but then came a series of bad displays and their popularity waned somewhat. They will be hoping to win back the confidence of their supporters at Pearse Stadium when they like out against the youthful Janesboro in what promises to be a real test. Weston, who put paid to Rangers in a beaten run earlier in the season, but believing that the Red and Whites will have learned their lesson from that set-back, I take them to exact sweet revenge, especially if Denis Linnane hits form.

## Bedford can win

Bedford Rovers were most unlucky to go under to a strong Pike Rovers "B" last week-end but can maintain their challenge for promotion with victory over Fairview Rangers "B". The "View are most unpredictable and they cannot afford to make any slips against Joe O'Donnell and Co. Bedford are strong in all departments and a feature of their play is their fine defensive qualities. Ger Reeves is starring at centre half and can help his side to both points here.

## Cals get the vote

Caledonians "B" proved no match for the club's "A" team in the Munster Junior Cup, but in Shelbourne "B" they meet up with a side in their own class and are expected to get back on the winning trail. Austin McInerney is the "big" man in the Cals rearguard, and with Pat McNamara and Mick Clancy capable of better things, they are given the vote to succeed.

Top game in the Second Div. is likely to be that between arch-rivals Southill and Ballynanty Rvs. "B". Balla's second string confounded their critics in trouncing Star Rovers "A" last Sunday, and a repeat performance would surely be good to see them keep second position in the league table. Southill's danger man is striker, Mick Madigan, but the experienced Noel Ryan can be relied upon not to give him much leeway. This is a game that could

in Jim McNamara, Tom Hanrahan and Mick Kelly, and while they can be depended upon to produce the goods, they might find their opponents that bit too fast, both on and off the ball.

Kilmnane, while Telephones United can follow up last week's shock win over Fairview Rangers by taking full points from the Seamus McNamara led Southpark Rangers. Broadville

if the Prospect boys fail. Janesboro appear to have an easy task against Plassey while Star Rovers, Ballynanty Rovers and St. Brigid's are also taken to make further progress.

# THE JOHNNY GAVIN STORY



John Gavin

## I've been told that..

- Christy Ryan ("Boro") may be seen in Pike Rovers' colours shortly.
- Seamus McNamara, Frank Sheehan and Ger Brennan had good games last Sunday despite late party on the previous day.
- Michael Earls, Ballynanty Rovers, was the outstanding player in the youths' international trial in Dublin last week-end.
- Escalators have been installed at Goodison Park to bring stand patrons to their seats.
- John Hartley, younger brother to the illustrious Tony and Maurice Hartley, is a supporter of Everton and Alan Ball.
- Ex-Limerick winger, Derry O'Donovan, is to be married next month.
- Larry Casey starred between the posts for Pike Rovers on Sunday.
- Olly McCarthy is expected to be out of the game for some time because of injury.
- Francis Mullally (Fairview) has taken up employment in England.
- Tom Hayes, ex-Hyde Rvs., has left Bohemians to return home.
- The first round draw for the F.A.I. Cup will take place on January 8th.
- Twenty pounds was realised at the Markets Field collection last Sunday for the schoolboys' trip to Leeds fund.
- Hyde Rovers are disappointed that they failed to gain representation on Irish Youths' team.
- Several acres of land have been purchased in Doora-doye with a view to building a soccer stadium.
- Well-known athlete, Brendan O'Regan, is starring for U.C.C. soccer team and has attracted the attention of Hibs manager, Dave Macuzzi.
- Former Dominic Savio schoolboy star, Gerry Carroll, is at present in Croom Hospital recovering from an injury sustained while assisting Young Munster R.F.C.

had been picked to play for Elre.

"It was in the first leg of the World Cup qualifying games, and our opponents were Finland, at Dalymount Park, Dublin."

"The match had only been on for ten minutes when I was injured and felt sore for the rest of the game. Good fortune smiled on me later in the game. I took a corner kick and from it scored direct."

"A goal in my first international, rather such a disappointing start, but I put things right. It was, of course, a sheer fluke."

"Con Martin, Aston Villa, scored a couple of goals and we won 3-0."

"I was kept for the second leg at Helsinki, where we drew 1-1."

"When I was transferred from Norwich to Spurs last October I was asked by Arthur Rowe if I would take the outside left position until George Robb had recovered from injury."

"I was glad when George's return enabled me to switch to my original position. Outside left had been my only position until Norman Low, who took over from Doug Locheed as manager of Norwich, suggested playing me on the other wing."

"The experience I have had on the left has been useful, but I much prefer my usual position at outside right."

## Prize for John Quigley

Good news for 11-year-old John Quigley, 24 Quin's Cottages; he was successful in last week's quiz for a 1970 soccer annual.

John answered all three questions correctly. The answers were Arsenal won the FA Cup last season; (2) John Lawton, David Wigginton, Mick Denehy and David Bacuzzi play for Cork Hibernians; (3) there are five L.O.I. clubs in Dublin. Congratulations, John. If you call to the Limerick Leader office any time on Monday and ask for Miss Crawford you can collect your prize.

There will be another quiz next week.

## FAIRVIEW OUT

Fairview Rangers must still be wondering what hit them at Fairgreen Park last Sunday when they went under 2-1 to unheralded Telephones United in a second-round Munster Cup game.

It is only six months since the 'View won the admiration of all local soccer followers by beating St. Mary's (Cork), to take the trophy for the second time. This latest set-back must come as a disappointment to their followers, especially since the blue and golds also bowed out of the F.A.I. Junior Cup to Caledonians.

What happened to the 'View last Sunday? I have heard several excuses put forward during the week, but personally I am inclined to think that they were a little over complacent. Telephones, competing in junior football for the first time, were thought to be on a hiding to nothing against this smart Fairview outfit, but they really rose to the occasion in magnificent style to bring about the upset of the season.

The winners had their hero in ex-Sligo Rovers striker, Tony Roonan, while Tom Heffernan, Jim O'Leary, George Smith and Gregor Earls also showed up well.

It is safe to assume that it will not take the Fairgreen boys long to get back on the winning trail again. They certainly have youth on their side and despite last Sunday's defeat they must be rated one of our strongest challengers for the major trophies in the years ahead. They were the only club to win trophies in three grades last season—junior, minor and schoolboys.

# Shannon Town Look with Confid

Shannon Town Soccer and Social Club celebrated their second birthday in August of this year, but already they are ambitious enough to have a considerable sum of money into what they hope will be a first class stadium and recreational centre for their members.

Call it a pipe dream, or what you like, but the progressive-minded committee and officers of Shannon Town Soccer and Social Club are adamant that their dream will become a reality next year.

To show that they mean business, they have purchased six acres of land from Shannon Development, at a cost of £1,734. They propose to start work on their new clubhouse next April, and it is their intention to cater for the social and recreational needs of the youth of Shannon.

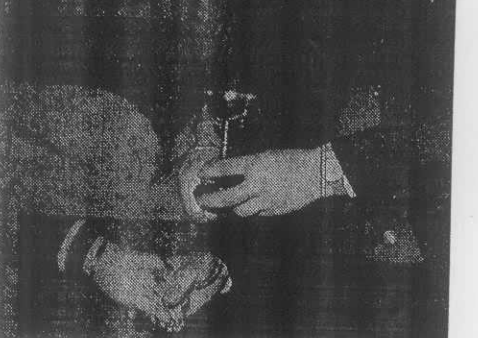
"There is desperate need for such a centre as we visualise," commented Leicester-born, Mr. Ron Toone, who heads the committee formed to get this project off the ground. Another Englishman, Mr. Bill Vincents, is also very much involved in this most worthwhile effort, and he is convinced that they will receive the necessary backing from Shannon town residents.

At present, Shannon field two junior teams 1 Clare leagues each week. They are holding schoolboys' with a view to entering 12 and 14 sides in either Limerick or Clare leagues April. They have little facilities at the moment their home games are played on a waste strip of land near glass.

Bill Vincents is directly responsible for the promotion of the game at under age while the juniors are under the control of O'Brien, Joe Byrnes, J Mahony, Tom Moore, Peter Tony Lee, John Ahern, Frank Cuddihy, Frank lends a helping hand to training of Shannon T Under 14 panel.

The officers and committee attached to the club believe there is a great future for soccer in the area. "We have the youngest committee in the whole country and must act now if we are to provide for the years ahead," stated Limerick-born O'Brien.

Ron Toone, chairman, for the Wixton Boys' Club in I



Thomas Power, Ballyclough Rvs., receives the Ma Liddy trophy from Deputy Mayor Pat Kiely, at schoolboys' presentation of awards dinner at Parkway Motel.



Mr. Charles Moloney presents the Hyde Rvs. Sh to the club's under-15 captain, Sean O'Callaghan, services rendered during the schoolboys' season.



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