

LEAGUE CUP QUARTER-FINAL:

HANRAHAN MAKES HOME DEBUT

By EUGENE PHELAN

Limerick city manager Billy Hamilton hopes that a big crowd can inspire Joe Hanrahan to turn on a little bit of magic in his home debut against Cork City in the League Cup quarter-final on Sunday.

Although they only scraped home on penalties against Tramore Athletic on Wednesday, in the Munster Senior Cup, Hamilton is confident of victory on Sunday.

At least four changes are expected in the side from the mid-week game with the possibility that Peter Coyle, recovered from injury being a surprise inclusion.

Keeper Stephen Henderson, Colm McGonagle and Hanrahan are all expected to be named in the side.

"We were rebuilding last year but now we are just a player short from the team I want", said Hamilton. And he added; "I think you will see an improvement next season".

It is known that the one player Hamilton would like to sign is Derek Carroll the Athlone mid-fielder. "There is a grey area about his contract with Athlone that has to be sorted out" he explained.

Pressure

Asked if he felt under pressure to get results and trophies on the sideboard he retorted; "I have been under pressure from the start. When I came relegation was staring us in the face but we staved it off."

Cricket

Limerick have big win

LIMERICK had a facile victory over a very much understrength Cork County "B" in the Munster senior league at the Mardyke last Sunday.

Cork County "B" won the toss and decided to bat first. After nine overs their innings was over to all practical purposes as they were 8 for 4 with only five runs having come from the bat.

"All I can do is my best, I have been here 18 months and I will continue to do my best" he says.

He also points out that they have played 10 games so far this season, losing only to Oxford and Galway.

Getting back to Wednesday's game. "To be honest I was very disappointed with the facilities down there. And you know we passed four good pitches on the way".

He described the pitch like "cow field" and said it was impossible to pass the ball five yards on the grassy surface.

Getting on to the Munster Senior Cup as a competition he says; "I am having second thoughts about the benefits of it. There is the problem with bookings, injuries, travel and you have no income".

He has so far relied on an all local team in this competition and says that he intends to stay loyal to the team "that has got us this far in the competition".

Marcus Tuite "took a bit of a battering against Tramore" and is doubtful for Sundays 3.30 p.m. kick off game.



Joe Hanrahan.

LADIES SOCCER:

Greenpark lose play-off

Greenpark 1
Dublin Castle 3

Greenpark lost 3-1 to Dublin Castle in the play-off to decide the Ladies League of Ireland Championship at the U.C.C. Sports Ground in Cork on Sunday last, the 21st August.

Greenpark conceded two soft goals in the opening ten minutes and Dublin Castle increased their lead with an excellent goal just before half time, to lead by three goals to nil. Greenpark showed great spirit and were rewarded with a superb goal from Chris Phelan 15 minutes into the second half.

Greenpark had most of the play in the second half mainly

Ladies

On Thursday evening Limerick saw the first ladies cricket match of



Tommy Corridan, left, Prudential L Hurley, Shannon G.C., with the In Insurance Company. Also included Club, where the

RUGBY:

Sixteen tea cup to

By FULL-BACK

While the rugby season will not officially open until Thursday next, the first competitive event, the national under 13 9-a-side tournament for the Pat Lawlor Memorial Cup will be staged at Thomond Park on Saturday.

Now in its fifth year and sponsored by Hanrattys Hotel, it should prove as popular as previous seasons. Sixteen teams from the four provinces will be represented, including two northern clubs.

Indeed Ballymena, defeated in two previous finals will be amongst the favourites this season with holders, Cork Constitution, Richmond and Bruff also in contention. Previous winners Old Crescent, host club Bohemians and Presentation could upset the favourites, and provide many interesting league encounters

Co. Board Fixtures

Sunday, 28/8/88:

At Pairc na nGael, Co. MFC B final, Ballingarry v. Ballinacurra Gaels, 12.30, ref. John Kelly (South Liberties).

Co. MFC A final — Claughaun v. Hospital-Herbertstown, 2 p.m., ref. Willie Mahoney (Oola).

Co. SFC final — Claughaun v. St. Kierans, 3.30 p.m. Ref., Ray Moloney (Stakers).

At Bruff, Co. SHC semi-final, Patrickswell v. Doon, 3.15 p.m. Ref., F. Costelloe (Banogue).

Tuesday, 30-8-88:

Co. IFC final — Adare v. Ballybrown, 7 p.m., at Askeaton.

Friday, 2/9/88:

Co. SHL semi-final replay — Adare v. Ballybrown, 6.45 p.m., at Askeaton.

GOLF:



The winners of the mother and da Chris and Siobhan Tinney (centr Barry, donor of the cup. Looking lady captain, and Bernarc