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BALLYNANTY ROVERS, surely the most improved Minor team of the 1969-70 season, are now through to the local area final of the Munster Minor Cup, in which they will meet either Hyde Rvs. or Janesboro Utd. The North City club has suffered only two defeats all season, and manager, Tony McMahon, is hopeful that they will annex the Provincial trophy for the second time in three years. Back row: Tony McMahon, Mick Buckley, Ed. O'Donoghue, Willie Meehan, Mick Bromell, Mick O'Donnell, David Mooney, Michael Earls (capt.), Michael McNamara, and Noel Morgan. Front row: Christy Williams, Pat Murphy, George Treacy, Christy O'Donnell, Noel Long, John Keane, Tony Hartery, and Pat O'Callaghan. Ballynanty Rvs. are also looking forward to the new Schoolboys season, and to-morrow they are sending their under-12 and 14 teams to Dublin to engage in friendlies against Kinvara.

Des Kennedy wins first international cap

It is not very often that the Irish selectors give due recognition to the many thousands of schoolboys soccer players in the provinces, but they just couldn't overlook the claims of Janesboro's Des Kennedy, who on Friday night next will play as "sweeper" on the Irish team in their under 15 international against mighty England at Sheffield.



DES KENNEDY
(International Cap)

The Garryowen youth has been in the limelight for close on five years, and having watched him in action regularly last season, I for one, am not surprised that he has gained his first international cap. One man who is particularly happy with Dessie's selection is the popular Dan Howard. Dan, hon. sec. to the Local Schoolboys' Leagues, is also an Irish selector, and of the seven Lime-lick players who participated in the international trial in Dublin a fortnight ago, Dan had every confidence in the ex-Wembley striker.

Des first came into prominence with Wembley Rovers four years ago, and while with the blue and whites he won under 12 and 13 cup and league honours. He showed great promise as an 11-year-old, and has retained a consistently high standard ever since. Versatility is the keynote to his success. He is equally as good in defence

as he is in front, and is usually to be seen at his best when the going is tough. Des was absolutely thrilled when the news leaked out that he had been selected to play for his country. "I was more hopeful than confident that I would

make the reserves, but when Dan Howard informed me that I was to play as sweeper on the Irish team I felt overjoyed." It will be recalled that another ex-Wembley player, Joe Waters, was half back on the Irish team that lost to England and Wales last season. Joe is now showing distinct promise with English Second Div. club, Leicester City.

"That I have made such progress at soccer I must thank Wembley boss, Tony Hayden, for it was he who introduced me to the game at a time when my first love was hurling," commented the Boro striker. Des is now looking forward to the game against England. "We have been told that they are a very big side, but the Irish selectors have arranged special training sessions for us in Dublin and I feel that we can do well."

There are only two provincial players on the Irish team, the remainder coming from the Dublin Schoolboys' Leagues. I have been told that several English clubs were represented at last Sunday week's trial in Dublin, and no doubt, there will be many more at the game in Sheffield.

Could it be that the long-striding Des will follow in the footsteps of some of the great Irish Wembley players of the past? Des is son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy, 37, Wembley, Aven-

Garryowen. He has four brothers, Tony (14), Dermot (12), Richard (9), and Michael (2), and one sister, Patricia (5).

We wish him every luck in his international debut.

The Irish team is: M. O'Toole (Wayside, Cel.); T. Maguire (Rangers); D. Smith (Rangers); D. Kennedy (Janesboro); J. O'Rourke (St. John Bosco); D. Ramsey (Villa Utd.); M. Fogarty (Rangers); D. Murphy (Rangers); L. Goode (Crofton Cel. Cork); J. Courtney (Home Farm); M. Browne (Pearse Rvs.).

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1966
Brucellosis in Cattle (Disease-Free Area).
(Amendment) Order, 1970

The Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries has made an Order, entitled as above, operative from 2nd March, 1970.

This Order adds County Cavan, Leitrim, Monaghan and Sligo to the Brucellosis Disease-Free Areas.

Copies of the Order may be obtained from the Government Publications Office, G.P.O., Dublin 2, or through any bookseller. Price, 1d. Postage 4d. extra.

An Order in Council has been made under the said Act, and is published in the London Gazette, 23 February, 1970.