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MAY PLAY ON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLBOY TEAM

If two Irish selectors have their way, 15-year-old soccer star, Tony Meany, will have his place in next year's Irish international schoolboy team. The scouts based their opinion on his form in the Evans' Cup semi-final and were so impressed that they have voted him an automatic choice for the side.

Negotiations are at present under way and may be successful to have this international match played at Thomond Park next May. Tony began his exceptionally brilliant soccer career with Riverside, winning two under 13 cups, two under 13 leagues, two under 14 cups and one under 14 medal—and all in two years.

He was honoured with the "Limerick Sports Star of the Year" title in under 13 grade; received the Bohemian (Dublin) A.F.C. trophy, and was voted the best footballer in Riverside during his two years membership.

From Riverside, Tony graduated to Ballynanty Rovers, winning last year the 14 League, the 16 Cup and the Munster area F.A.I. Minor Cup. This year, playing in minor grade at 14, he won a Barry League.

GAELIC GAMES

Tony may well claim an equally proud past and promising future in Gaelic football. With St. Munchin's C.B.S. he has won just about all the

with Treaty—his present club—at 12; had his first minor match at that age, and was fielding for Limerick at 14 in the opening round of the Munster championship.

This year Tony has won a juvenile county championship with Treaty-Sarsfield. He holds a city championship juvenile medal in hurling and football, and has won the juvenile football league.

Like the genuine sportsman he is, he wears his honours lightly, and his laudable ambition in hurling is to play for Limerick minors in Croke Park.

TABLE TENNIS

In the different spheres of table tennis, he was a runner-up in the Limerick open doubles championship, and, two years ago, played with the Limerick team against Cork in the Munster trials.

Two seasons ago he was beaten in the semi-finals of the Limerick Open Table Tennis Championship by Mick Hickey. He has won the Riverside open championship on two occasions, and for one year was runner-up.

He is interested, too, in lawn tennis, which he plays with Shelbourne, and holds a number of school prizes for athletics.

Tony is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Meaney, of St. Bridget's Terrace, Farran-shone. He was educated at the Brother Rice Memorial School, N.C.R., and is employed as an electrician with Mr. Michael Kirby, Thomond-gate.

His brothers are prominent sportsmen, too. Tom, the Limerick County footballer, played in this year's Munster Championship against Cork; Pat is a former rugby player with Bohemians; Sean is in juvenile ranks with Garryowen, and Noel is a prominent member of Treaty-Sarsfields. His sisters, Lillian and Mary, are keen tennis players and Lillian has won several trophies.



Tony Meany . . . may make International schoolboys' team

trophies possible for him to win, and he can claim to have played at the age of 11 in a 15 year grade. He started his Gaelic career

Pretty visitor

Tennis

A LIMERICK DIARY

He played "McNamara"

THERE are few who are The Band, Although We're that the celebrated McNamara quartette of musicians, 81-year-old He is also the only surviving in 1895.

Last Sunday, the Feast of the Assumption, was a day of many memories for Thomas. It marked the Feast of St. Mary's Parish, where he was born, and the 80th birthday of St. Mary's pipe and drum band, of which he is now 71 years a member. And, as the band paraded to St. Mary's Church, the only member he knew from the old days was 85 year-old "Ducker" Nash.

In the old days, Thomas's brother, Patrick, was bandmaster of the prize band of 1895 that won the championship from 26 other groups. As a musician there were few in Limerick who could claim to be his peer and he was also well known as a composer. Patrick played throughout the 32 counties, at balls, pattern day celebrations, St. Patrick's Day parades, and the banner proclaiming "McNamara's Band," of which he was the leader, was a familiar and welcome sight.

When he emigrated to the United States in 1905 he carried with him this great musical tradition, and his orchestra there continued to be known as "McNamara's Band." Thomas had already gone to the States in 1901, and it was there that this talented combination caught the imagination of a great song writer, and the famous ballad, "McNamara's Band," was born.

RECORDINGS

In later years many discs were cut for Vocalion Records by the McNamara trio. Thomas

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