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Waters looking forward to cup semi-final

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

"I am keeping my fingers crossed that I will be included in Saturday's lineup," said Leicester City star, Joe Waters, when I telephoned him at Filbert Street this morning. Continued Joe, who had just returned from a training session: "Alan Birchenall is to

have a fitness test on Friday morning and if he fails then I will definitely be in the side to meet Liverpool at Old Trafford."
Even should Birchenall pass his fitness test there is a strong possibility that manager Jimmy Bloomfield will stick with the team that surprised QPR in the quarter-finals. Waters has made a big impact since he made his debut three weeks ago. He impressed

greatly in the League matches against Derby County and Southampton, and scored his third goal for the club in Newcastle last Saturday.
PLACE
"I would gladly welcome a place in the semi-finals, and should Mr. Bloomfield honour me with selection, I will be giving of my almighty best," remarked the former Pike

Rovers' and Wembley Rovers player, who told me that all tickets had been sold for Saturday's confrontation.
Joe's parents have been invited by Leicester to attend the match, as has his younger brother, Dermot.
A number of Pike Rovers fans are also anticipating that Waters will be in action for they have booked their passage to Manchester.
The Limerickman received a

tremendous amount of publicity following his two goals against Queen's Park Rangers at Loftus Road. Goal Magazine and Inside Football gave him more than generous coverage.
This all means of course that the former Irish Youths International will have a lot to live up to in the years ahead.
"I've had several pressmen calling to my hostel seeking

exclusive interviews over the past couple of weeks, and while it is nice to be in the limelight I am here to play football and nothing else," he said modestly.
Bloomfield has a high regard for the Garryowen youth, who was signed by Cork-born Frank O'Farrell whilst he was manager of Leicester.
VISIT
A couple of years ago when

on a visit to Old Trafford, Mr. Farrell told me that he had every confidence in Joe Waters and said that he expected him to make the big breakthrough in '75.
Well, Waters has obliged and now seems destined to win much fame.
He is now in the running for a full international cap, but if Leicester succeed on Saturday, Republic of Ireland team manager, John Giles,

will have to overlook the Limerickman for the forthcoming friendly against Chile, since this match will be played around the same time as the F.A. Cup final.
In the meantime, many local soccer fans will be tuned in to the BBC on Saturday for the live commentary on the Cup semi-final at Old Trafford. It is expected that RTE will show highlights from the game on Sunday.



U.C.C. . . . beaten by Garryowen in the quarter-finals of the Munster Senior Cup at Thomond Park.

DR. HARTY CUP FINAL:

Canty fit . . . C.B.S. at full strength

BY SEAN MURPHY

KIERAN CANTY, their scoring supremo, who made such an impact when drafted on in the semi-final against Thurles C.B.S., has passed a fitness test and will line-out at corner-forward from the start, with Limerick C.B.S. in the Dr. Harty Cup Munster Colleges Championship final against Farranferris (Cork), holders of the coveted trophy for the past three years at Charleville on Sunday next, at 3 p.m.

Canty retains his place at the expense of Tim Treacy, and this is the only change from the side which started against Thurles, and showed great resilience in staving a tremendous late rally by the Tipperary hurling nursery.

The Limerick panel finished their training schedule under the direction of Rev. Br. J. Perkins on Tuesday, and although there are doubts about goalie, Billy Naughton (flu victim) and Declan Brougham (twisted ankle), Br. Perkins expects a clean bill of health for his charges.

Br. Perkins, well-known for his great work in promoting the Community Games, has the Sexton Street boys in peak fitness, and although he rates Farranferris as a great team, he feels that the spirit and determination of Limerick C.B.S.

Dungannon attractive visitors

Several Munster interprovincials are included on a combined Crescent Comprehensive-Mungret selection which will meet Royal School, Dungannon, at Mungret on Thursday afternoon, writes Cormac Liddy.

Mungret, in what is their final year, have a very strong side, and eight of them will be lining up with seven of Crescent's best in an effort to match the powerful Dungannon side.

The game was originally to have been played as part of Limerick's Civic Week but was postponed until this week. The Mayor of Limerick, Ald. . . . will welcome the

AISLING NOTES:

Liam Hanley notches a "hat trick"

AISLING, 5;

FAIRVIEW "C", 0

Aisling "streaked" to the top spot in the league tables with this fine win over a Fairview side that contained a wealth of talent and experience. What a tremendous game Liam Hanley had for the winners, who finished off his hat-trick with a well-taken penalty kick. This brother of a boy from the Post Office nodded the league leaders into the lead from a fine cross by Jack O'Hurley. Ten minutes later, added another, when he sprinted along the wing, beat three tackles, and with a last gasp kick, he squeezed the ball between Dom Lipper and the upright.

Only the acrobatic agility of veteran keeper, Dom, kept Liam from putting his name to more than his three. Dom Lipper—"Tarzan" to his team-mates—bounced from one side of his goals to the other, punched, deflected, booted, and elbowed the ball to safety all through this dynamic game. But, nevertheless, Aisling went in at the interval with two to the good.

Though the "canaries" felt that they now had a "fair view" of the league championship trophy, they were sent out on the resumption of play with the order of the day. But the View's Jimmy Ryan had also slammed his "babes", and urged them on to greater things. True, on the kick-off "Bunty" Sita and Tommy Delaney dazzled Tony



Dermot Waters will be travelling to Manchester.

Weston Villa win again

Weston Villa 5
St John's Gate 2

Weston Villa "B" consolidated their league placing with a fine win over St. John's Gate last Sunday at Cals Park.