

JOE'S BIG DAY



A fine study of Joe Waters prior to last Saturday's FA Cup semi-final.

20-year-old Limerickman, Joe Waters, was again honoured with selection on the Leicester City team which held Liverpool to a scoreless draw in the F.A. Cup semi-final, at Old Trafford last Saturday.

While he may not have been as impressive as he was when scoring twice for Leicester against QPR in the quarter finals, the Garryowen man put in an amount of useful work at half-back, and one speculative shot from him went only inches wide of a post.

Manager, Jimmy Bloomfield, felt that he needed a more experienced player in mid-field for the replay on Wednesday, and consequently, brought Stringfellow back to duty, with Waters as 12th man. Liverpool won 3-1 after a titanic struggle.

Although disappointed that his team were beaten, Joe accepted Mr. Bloomfield's decision. "Liverpool are a great

side and the boss acted wisely in going for experience."

The former Wembley player is confident that he will become a regular member of the first team panel for next season. "I have a lot to live up to following my two goal spree at Loftus Road, but with plenty of hard training and dedication, I think I can make it," he said.

Several Limerick soccer fans travelled to Old Trafford last week-end. Joe was delighted to have his father, Ned Waters, and his young brother, Dermot, as his guests at the game. He met them on their arrival in Manchester, and later introduced them to other members of the team.

HIGHLIGHTS
Cameraman, Noel Gavin, was in Manchester for the occasion to capture the highlights.

There is some consolation for Joe Waters in that he is

included in Johnny Giles' panel for the trip to South America next month.

Had Leicester won, Waters would have been unavailable for duty in Brazil and Chile. The English Cup Final will be played at Wembley on May 4 — the same day that the Irish party are scheduled to arrive in Brazil.

John Giles is anxious to introduce as much young blood as possible, and it is thought that he will give Waters his chance.

Ned Waters was thrilled with his visit to Old Trafford. "I was a very proud father sitting in the stand," said Ned.

Dermot (18) found the experience well worthwhile. He had no sooner arrived back in Limerick, when he was rushed into action for Limerick against Celtic. He helped the Blues snatch a point from the Turner's Cross team.

—John O'Shaughnessy.

Bulger Cup begins this week:

Desert Harry clear winner of Spring Stake

(BY CORMAC LIDDY)

LIMERICK'S FIRST Spring Sweepstake was won in excellent manner on Saturday night last by Desert Harry (Tender Hero-Desert Inn) owned by Mr. Steve Gleeson of Limerick and trained by Eddie Wade who was having one of his first big successes.

Training for only about two seasons he sent in Desert Harry in top condition all through the event and he showed a great turn of pace when earning the £250 prize.

The final was a somewhat messy affair in the opening stages as all six seemed to break level. Going into the first bend Maudie's Pal led from Central and Desert Harry. Central came off her inside lane at this point and Desert Harry took full advantage of this and showed determination to take up the running on the inside just at the first bend and he made the rest of the running to have a one length win in 30.28 from Maudie's Pal.

Desert Harry had also been fastest semi-final winner and his 30.10 then was fastest time of the event.

Obviously we shall be seeing a good deal more of this winner.

It was a particularly successful night for Steve Gleeson, for he also supplied the winner of the next race when Deauville Drop (Monalec Champion-Crystal Snowdrop) scored by a head in 31.78 for 550 yards. This was a very impressive win too. Silver Hind and Gurrane Panda fell at the first bend and Deauville Drop and Waikiki Rose dominated the race for a very long stage and they both shared the lead from the second bend. They had a tremendously exciting battle before "Deauville" got up by a head.

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The big crowd saw a really splendid 350 yards display by Helena's Barrel (Red Barrel-Helena's Jet). The G. Galvin trained and J. Flaherty, Greenville, owned white and brindle

three in each heat qualify for the second round.

A good class entry has been received and there should be some exciting finishes before the winner of the £250 prize is known.

The following is the first round draw, not in trap order:

First heat: Smokey's Love, Peaceful Jet, Clogheen, Easter Rising, Ronagna, Lavareen, Brown Spectre (reserve).

Second heat: My Bet, Proud Horse Shoe, Roche's Joy, Shanavalla Blue, Clashnevin Rose, Aunty Helen, Ross Bana (reserve).

Third heat: Newport Lad, Faithful Prince, Helena's Barrel, Early Triumph, Cover Charge, Audill Raih, Frozen Queen (reserve).

Fourth heat: Village Boy, Gurrane Panda, Little Spec, Break The Bottle, Carenmore Pride, Gillies Monalec, Knock Storm (reserve).

Fifth heat: Silver Hind, Rapid Rock, Crown Cedrick, Billy The Speck, Deise Ray, Amherst, Central (reserve).

Sixth heat: Timber Man, Silver Seal, Waikiki Rose, Mocarlan Colm, Scotch, Review, Delilah's Pet (reserve).

Seventh heat: Easy Silver, Black Sole, No Limit, Sidmouth, Dream of Pearls, Marial, Sister Olive (reserve).

Eighth heat: Tubber Mine, Careful Choice, Pretty Champ, Cute Mollie, House Mattic, Silver Rigour, Jonnie Reb (reserve).

Schoolboys' soccer

Monday April 8:
UNDER-15 LEAGUE
Janesboro v. Pike, 6.30, Pearse Std., S. McNamara.
Wembley 'A' v. Hyde, 6.30 Cals.
1. M. Fleming.
Fairview v. Wanderers, 6.30 Fairgreen, Jack Tuohy.
Lansdowne v. Mayorstone, 6.30, Shelbourne Park, Jim Ryan.
Ballynanty v. Wembley B, 6.30, Cals 2, Paddy Kiely.
St. Clement's v. Riverside, 6.30, Redemptorist Ground, Dan Cullinane.
Wednesday, April 10:
Southill v. Hyde, 6.30 South Hill, G. Younger.
Janesboro v. Wembley B, 6.30, Pearse Std., Jack Tuohy.
Pike v. Ballynanty, 6.30, Shelbourne Park, M. Fleming.
St. Clement's v. Wanderers, 6.30, Redemptorist Gds., Jim Ryan.
Mayorstone v. Fairview, 6.30, Cals 1, Paddy Kiely.
Lansdowne v. Riverside, 6.30, Cals 2, Christy Williams.

CAMOGIE

The Munster Junior League commences at Ballyheigue on Sunday next when Limerick will be in opposition to the home county. The Limerick selectors met on Monday evening and selected a panel for the game. A number of players failed to turn up for recent trial games and these were not considered. Further trials will be held and these players are being given another opportunity and if they attend future sessions, they will be considered for the second round of the league. Sunday's panel reads: Noreen Ryan (Ahane), Catherine Mulligan (St. Pats), Kitty Ryan (Ahane), Margie Neville (Croagh), Josie Conway (Hospital), P. D'Arcy (Ahane), Anne Sheehy (Croagh), Clancy (Ahane), E. Ni Niadh (Croagh), B. Stokes (Croagh), Dolores O'Brien (St. Pats), Bridgid D'Arcy (Ahane) Vera Mackey (Ahane) Anne O'Flynn (Croagh), Phil Madden (Ahane), Ann Meany (Hospital).



Liverpool 'keeper Ray Clemence gets the better of this aerial duel with Waters.



Racing by Bob Kelly:

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