

PLAN OF NEW ATHLETICS GROUND ON QUARRY SITE MOTOR CYC

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battle all through. Scores were level at the interval, Martin Clancy ("Saints") and Joe O'Callaghan exchanging goals, but 20 minutes after the resumption Davy Constable gave "Cals" the lead with a fine shot from far out. In a late determined rally, left winger Mick Benson equalised for St. Michael's. Outstanding players on view were Mick Clancy, Gerry Vaughan, Tom Lynch, Pat Sheehan and Paddy Meagher (Caledonians) and Gerry O'Sara, Mick Phelan, Tom Kelly, Gerry McCarthy and Mick Benson (St. Michael's).

Postponed.

The other two games listed for this venue—Rangers United v. Pike Rovers and Rossa Villa v. Ballynanty Rovers—were postponed, the pitch being declared unplayable after the above game.

Another Draw.

At Wembley Park the battle of the "Rovers" (Star and Wembley) also ended in a draw, both sides scoring once. In the opening half, "Star," playing against a strong breeze, had much more of the play and turned over with a 1-nil interval lead. On the change-over Wembley came more into the game and late in the half, Ger Quin converted a penalty to score the equaliser. Best for "Star" were John Wrenn, John Griffin, Sean Moore and Gerry O'Halloran, and those to shine for Wembley were Mick Danaher, Jim Morrissey, Mick King and Ned Long.

Geraldines Win.

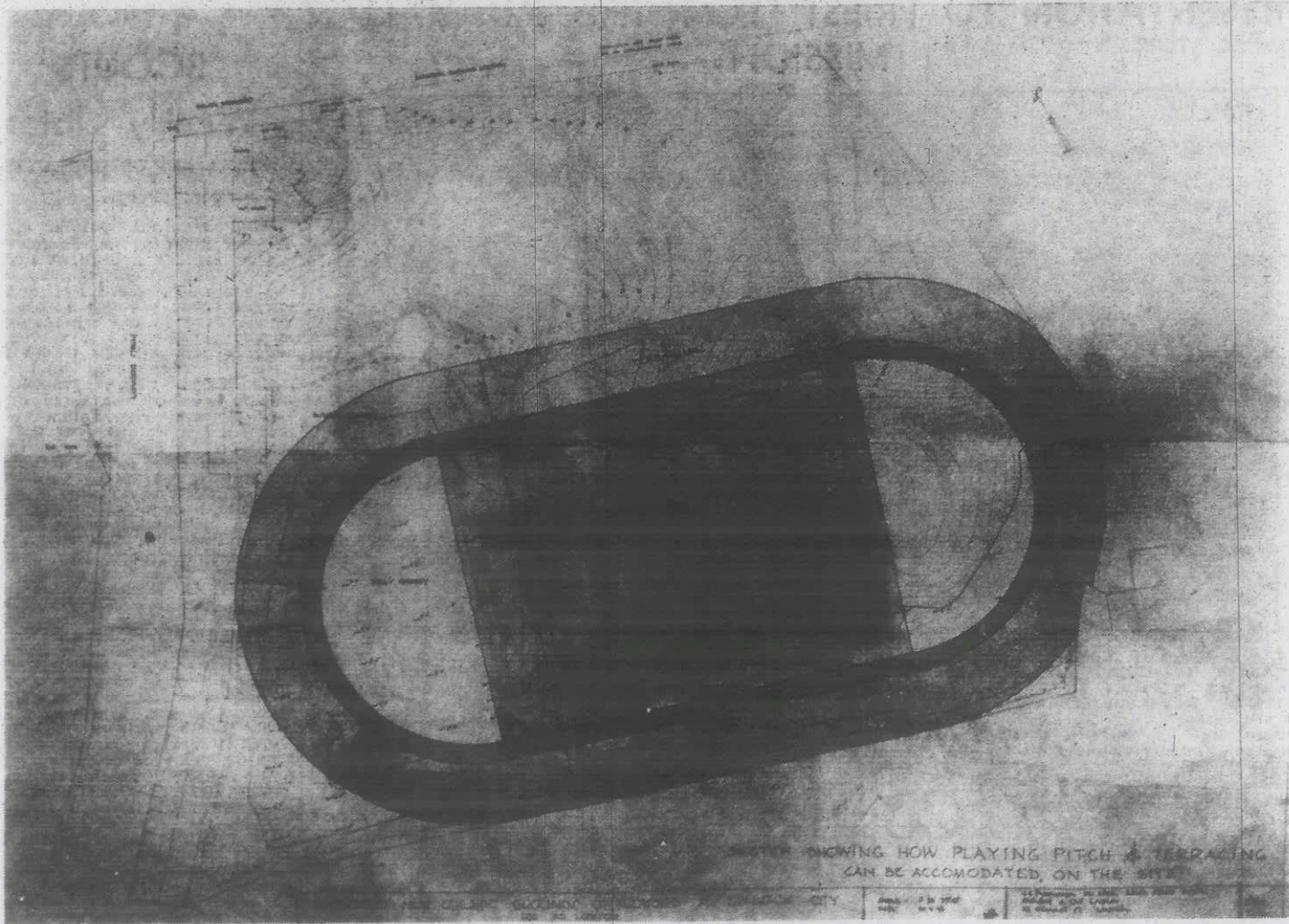
At Sarsfield Barracks, 12th Battalion, making their first appearance of the season, gave Geraldines a fright before losing by the only goal of a dull game.

The all-important goal came 15 minutes from the finish, Tom McInerney making no mistake from a spot kick, to give Geraldines a hard earned victory. Those to impress for Geraldines were Sean O'Donovan, Tony Collop, Mick Ryan and Tom McInerney and best for 12th Batt. were Dan and Charlie Ryan, Gerry O'Loughlin and Paddy Downes.

"Shels" Win.

The other game played at this venue ended in an easy 3-nil victory for Shelbourne, who had little difficulty in beating an understrength Clover Meats side who had only ten players for the entire game.

Frank Egan and Sean Moloney scored for Shelbourne, who



SKETCH SHOWING HOW PLAYING PITCH & TERRACING CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE SITE

The old disused quarry at Prospect, Limerick, known familiarly as Hall's Quarry, has been purchased by local enterprise for conversion into a huge sports stadium.

"The whole idea," said a spokesman for the group of enthusiasts who bought it, "is to give Limerick an uplift in the athletic world. We want to put Limerick on the map."

The plan, as shown in above sketch, provides for the complete utilisation of the 9½ acres site. The quarry will be drained and filled in. A playing pitch measuring 110 yards by 70 yards will be laid, in addition to a cinder track of 440 yards in circumference. The entire length of the ground will be 230 yards. A big car park on the ground will be also provided. This amenity, no doubt, should enhance the attractiveness of the venue. Accommodation is also available for the holding of carnivals.

The spokesman for the purchasers said it was the intention to let out the ground to G.A.A., rugby and soccer interests. Athletics and speedway racing would be also catered for. It was the expectation that many top-class sports fixtures would be arranged for the venue; and Limerick would have the opportunity of seeing famous athletes and footballers in action.

Those behind this very enterprising project, which has for its aim the advancement of Limerick, are determined to see their plans fulfilled.

The funds for this lavish undertaking are provided by weekly sub subscriptions.

Clonmel Debacle.

THE first open trial of the season in Munster was run in Clonmel last Sunday by the Tipperary Co. L.C.C. and M.C.C. complete absence of any riders from outside the province threw into sharp relief the present pathetic state of the sport in Munster for only six riders competed. (These, no fewer than four came from Limerick City, one was from Cork, and the sixth man was essentially a Clonmel rider. The most significant, and the saddest feature of these figures, viewed in conjunction with similar statistics at every open meeting in Munster throughout the season, is that apparently almost complete collapse of the sport in Cork, and the emergence of the Limerick Deccasians as the chief motor cycling power in the province.

Apart from the small contingent another factor which tended to make proceedings in Clonmel last Sunday almost ludicrous, was the allegation, too seriously proposed by too many to be dismissed, that the marking of the sections generally was carried out in such an ignorant and careless manner that riders in the scores as announced by the gamblers, bore only a vague resemblance to their actual performance on the observed section. The amazing inaccuracies alleged to have occurred may have been partly due to the extraordinary and unconventional marking system used by the Tipp. Club, instead of adding 10 marks for each passage, for one such passage on the observed section, the new system, ten marks being deducted for a failure, and no light upon a second passage. Even in the hands of experienced observers, such change could well lead to confusion in Clonmel, it appears to have led to near-chaos.

One incident will serve to illustrate this point. A Limerick rider failed to cover his sixth and seventh lap. Not having ridden any of the 11 sections on that round, he was credited with no marks lost! If the mistake had come to light, it would have done extremely well and could well have been decisive for the winner.

Despite all that has been said by the few stalwarts who are keeping the sport alive in South Tipperary deserve every credit for their efforts in the face of the breaking difficulties. These would be the last in the work represent a little friendly constructive criticism.

The Men Who Rode.

The trial was won by J. Swanton, of Cork, on a 1956 frame, Francis Barnett, who rode John Harrington's (James D.

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