

es on Trial Teams

ick in action
eks lay-off

y Correspondent)

ill swing after the enforced stoppage
week-end saw the selection of the final
ansdowne Road on January 27 and the
atches. In the next two days, Limerick
football, with two matches against out-
entertaining St. Mary's College (Dublin)
Young Munster are engaged in a senior
I pitch to-morrow.

well avenge the de-
s occasion although
have some fine play-
Cooke, J. Fanagan
full-back, T. Kerins
Pockwell) and Leins-
ward, Ned Carmody,
though on the light
it up a big reputa-
self and kept Ronnie
f the Leinster team
r game, in which he
ost creditably.

PHIN VISIT
local side in action
ick-end are Old Cres-
ve a visit from Dol-
ory Park. The ex-
been without a game
e a while—their last
U.C.C., almost a
and they will be
do well against the
till without the ser-
ny O'Reilly. Vivian
o fractured a collar
arity Cup tie at the
nber, may be back for
could form a highly
back partnership with
nagh. These two,
Jim Kiernan, in
e most attractive
h and their pack are
venturous eight who
effort to open up
is the man to watch

ent's prospects for
season were struck
low recently by the
vice-captain and
n Duggan, will be
play any more
n has had spinal
quite a while now
e to a head a fort-
hen he learned that
would put an end
by, and possibly to
ich he is most ac-
being a 5 handi-
wish Tim a speedy
id hope that maybe,
e may still be able
gby in the future.

ave Billy Leahy and
at half-back and their
rison and Kavanagh
feature. Stan Slat-
pillans, Paddy Lane,
will again be in the
may prove too strong
side. Three-quarters
and Don Reddan
to burn and Old
uld win this one.

MEET "WASPS"
must be favourite
ng Munster on the
second pitch to-mor-
ave been playing cat-
ell of late and their
e triumph over Cork
aturday marked them
f the season's leading
p bargain, Mick Eng-
back for this game.
ry Sheehan to revert
position of full-back
e exception of Sean
is recovering quickly
f injury sustained in
y's game. Bohemians
h side, Jack Meaney

much to be recommended. How-
ever, many, and southerners in
particular, feel that they have
come down too heavily on the old
hands. Two, Ronnie Kevanagh and
Gordon Wood, immediately come
to mind. Kevanagh lost the good
graces of his provincial selectors
but Wood performed most credit-
ably for Munster this season and
must surely have been deserving
of at least a trial.

Another discarded, rather
unluckily without a trial, is
Tom Nesdale, who would ap-
pear to be a more capable
second row than U.C.D.'s Brian
O'Halloran.

Dissatisfaction is also expressed
that Gerry Culliton has been pre-
ferred to Noel Murphy and Gerry
Tormey to Mick English on the
Probables. However, it may well
come about that the Possibles will
be every bit as strong as the Prob-
ables and, who knows, that we
may have a shock result! At the
present, it seems that only Tommy
Kiernan, Mick English, Mick
O'Callaghan and Noel Murphy are
the only Munster players with a
chance of making the Irish team,
as they are the only southerners
honoured in the trial teams. O'Cal-
laghan has the challenge of Con-
nacht's U.C.D. prop, Ray Mc-
Loughlin, to overcome.

MASS FOR LATE THOMAS
CREAMER

The President and Committee of
Shannon R.F.C. request that all
members of the club be present
at St. Mary's Church on Sunday
morning next for the 11 o'clock
Mass, which is being offered for
the repose of the soul of the late
Thomas Creamer.

WEEK-END FIXTURES:
SATURDAY

Old Crescent v. Dolphin, Priory
Park, 3 p.m. P. O'Kane,
Garryowen v. Palmerston, Door-
adoyle, 3 p.m. P. Frawley,
Bohemians v. Young Munster,
Thomond Park (No. 2 pitch), 3
p.m. M. Lynn

SUNDAY

Shannon v. St. Mary's (Dublin),
Thomond Park, 3 p.m. P. Darcy,
Shannon II v. Tralee, Tralee,
Old Crescent II v. Killarney,
Killarney,
Bohemians II v. Young Munster
II, Greenfields, 3 p.m. J. O'Dono-
van,
Cashel v. St. Mary's, Cashel,
Richmond v. Thomond, Thom-
ond Park, 12.30 p.m. S. Fulham,
Shannon III v. Old Crescent
III, Rosbrinn, 12.15 p.m. C.
Downes,
Young Munster IV v. Crescent
College II, Priory Park, 12.15. S.
Klely,
Roscrea v. Garryowen II, Ros-
crea.

TEAMS

Bohemians - G. Sheehan; P. Shee-
han, C. Enzilah, K. Prandorost

★ Limerick Sportsman of the
Year
JOHN DOWNES

(By the SPORTS EDITOR)



AS you will probably have guessed, 23 year-old
John Downes, of Kilmallock, is our Limerick
Sports Star of the Year choice. We had no diffi-
culty reaching a decision; his record is there for all
to see, and, indeed, his performances during 1961
must rank with the best turned in by any home
athlete, including Caltex winner, Noel Carroll.

But for losing by 15 yards to Matt Rudden, St. Augustine's,
Dublin, in the Irish two miles championship at Ballyhooley, Cork,
on August 18th, John would have had a "clean slate" during
1961. He was unbeaten up to then in 20 starts, and numbered six
Irish titles (3, 4, 5 and 6 miles; 8,000 metres and senior cross-
country) among his successes, to equal the record set up by Peter
McArdle in 1955. McArdle is currently starring with New York
Athletic Club.

A prominent member of the F.C.A., John will be a strong
challenger next month for the All-Army Cross-Country Champi-
onship. He has only to finish in the first six to be sure of selection
for the International Military Championship at Portugal next
April. And we believe he is capable of winning both events!

RUNS 45 MILES A WEEK.

A STICKLER FOR TRAINING, JOHN AVERAGES 45
MILES PER WEEK WHEN IN PEAK CONDITION. ON
MONDAY HE COVERS 7 MILES; TUESDAY, 12; WEDNES-
DAY, 7; THURSDAY, 6; FRIDAY, 7, AND SUNDAY, 6. HIS
STYLE IS IN A CLASS ALL BY ITSELF, AND FEW CAN
COPE WITH HIS FINISHING BURSTS.

After only four seasons in athletics, he looks to have a
brilliant future as a runner. We have no doubt whatsoever that,
with the right coaching, he can become an Olympic prospect. At
the moment there is no one in this country to come near him
from distances of 3 miles to 10, and he should be an even greater
force in the new season.

COVERING
YOUR SPOR
FRONT

(By THE SPORTS EDITOR)

Teele's Eirmann viewers
Friday, January 19, he
watch the semi-finals of the
National Junior Boxing
tournaments for an hour, comm-
at 9.30. There is a very
chance that here in Lime-
rick will have a very live inter-
Jim Fairbrother, of St.
Boxing Club is one of the
big contenders for the light
weight crown. Fairbrother
rated strongest hitter in his
in this country. Recently,
a "split" decision to the
ring champion, and there is
good chance that he will
tables next week.

Gerry McCarthy, signed by
ford at the start of the season
be out of the game for a
few weeks because of a
thigh muscle. This, of
means that he will not be
assist the Buiriders who
visit the Markets Field
today week. Gerry had
enough beginning in W-
colours, but he hit peak for-
ing up to Christmas, and w-
ing a "blinder" until
against St. Patrick's Athle-
week. But Limerick to
their injury worries. Gen-
Ton, Brosnahan and left-
Dick Butler, are not expe-
resume training for some
weeks, and will definitely
Waterford match.

Gordon Wood, 30 years
next June, has made 29 ap-
pears for Ireland. The fact
is not listed to appear in a
trial to-morrow fortnight
necessarily mean that he is
the running for the game
England at Twickenham
rusty 10th. Gordon, who
capped in 1954, played
England, but the following
he missed the games ag-
same opposition and
France. This is the first
seven years that he is not
final trial teams, but it w-
three years ago that he was
over the top. Yet he can
to prove himself in no u-
manner.

Following the idle spell
about by snow and frost
fixtures will be coming
thick for the next few
For instance, to-morrow,
our five senior rugby tea-
be in action, and, on
Shannon complete the
they play St. Mary's, Du-
Thomond Park. Our at-
bearers in the men's Irish
Hockey Cup, Lansdowne
L.P.Y.M.A., are also ticked
duy to-morrow, and, on
Limerick, Limerick B at
Rovers will keep senior
followers happy. Even the
supporters, who normally
"holidays" at this time,
year, have a big interest
championship fixtures be-
over the week-end.

Red Cross
annual meet

The annual general mee-
the Limerick City Branch
Red Cross Society, will
next Monday night, 15th
The meeting will comm-
o'clock and all members
requested to attend.

LIMERICK STOCK

TO-DAY'S PRICES
34 p.c. War Loan
54 p.c. Exchequer
54 p.c. Development Loan
54 p.c. National Loan, 1959