

Success of popular Limerickman

Billy Harris hits headlines in France

WELL-KNOWN Limerick rugby player and athlete, Billy Harris, is at present in Germany studying German. Billy has been in France for twelve months, and now has a first-class grasp of the language. Father Dom Madden, who is the curate at Marmande, where Billy is at college, says he has "a grand accent."

Interviewed on French radio

Billy had a very successful rugby season and played a major part in some notable Marmande successes. So famous did he become that after the Beziers-Marmande match he was interviewed for the French National radio. During the course of the commentary, the broadcaster compared him to a bound because of his long, elegant stride. In this match he scored a

really great try. In the interview, Billy was asked his impressions of French rugby, and replied in well-nigh faultless French.

He now is a first-class speaker of the language, and is extremely popular with the local people.

On the rugby field he performed with distinction on the wing. He was praised widely by the French critics, who were of the opinion that he could become a truly great player if he "went" himself more often. He is reputed to be too inclined to part when possibly better positioned himself.

Marmande did very well in their "Pool," and had a great match with the then champions, Beziers. Beziers included in their line-out, Roger Gensane and Pierre Danos of the French team, and the side, with Harris, in spectacular form, ran them very close. Next season, Marmande will be in the same "Pool" as the present champions, Agen.

ATHLETICS

On the athletics front, Harris has also shone. About six weeks ago he won both the 400 metres and the 200 metres in the Departmental championships. It will be recalled that he twice won the 400 in the Irish tests, and represented Ireland in the Catholic Student Games in San Sebastian, Spain. His time for the 400 metres was 59.4, a very good effort considering the heat (which brings the athletic season to a close very prematurely) and his comparative lack of top-class training.

Billy returns to Marmande from Germany on August 12th, when he will immediately recommence his rugby training. When he left, these shores, the former Crescent College and Garryowen youth had a very promising future. By all accounts, he has fulfilled the high hopes placed in him. The Munster and, possibly, Irish selectors might be well advised to keep him in mind when again the "oval ball" season comes!



Billy Harris, seen here in his Irish sweater, which he won when representing Ireland at the Catholic Students' Games at San Sebastian in Spain.



place in St. Mary's Church, Limerick, of Gerard, and Mrs. James Phelan, of 2, Airmount Terrace, Seda, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Las Street, Limerick. The ceremony, with Nuptial blessing, was solemnised by Very Rev. P. J. Canon Rev. Father Michael Manning, C.C. Best man was and Miss Phillis Neville was bridesmaid. The reception was held at Shannon Arms Hotel.

INTER-FIRM SOCCER FIXTURES

Friday, July 20—
B Cup—Shannon Airport v. Dinans, Caledonian Park, 7.30 p.m. (T. Brown).
Saturday, July 21—
A Cup—I.D.S. v. C.I.E., Wembley Park, 4.30 p.m. (P. Kiely).
B Cup (first-round re-play)—J. McMahon's v. Clover Meats, B. Barrack Field, 7.15 p.m. (T. Power).

Tuesday, July 24—
C Cup—Goodbody's v. Cement, Wembley Park, 7.45 p.m. (E. Cleary).

SCHOOLBOYS

Friday, July 20—
Wembley Park (Under 16)—7.00
—Fairview v. Star Rovers (P. J. Meagher); 8.15—Reds. United v. Wembley Rvs. (T. Sullivan).
—Jamesboro' Park (Under 16)—7.00
—Jamesboro' v. Weston (P. O'Connor); 8.15—Prospect v. Pike Rvs. (T. Power).

Saturday, July 21—
Jamesboro' Park (Under 13)—4.15
—Fairview v. Hyde Rovers (M. O'Brien); 6.15—Weston v. Dominic Savio (P. O'Connor); 7.15—Reds v. Pike Rvs. (C. Barry); 8.15—Jamesboro' v. Riverside (M. Kelly).
Wembley Park—6.45—Geraldines v. Prospect (P. Fitzgerald); 7.45—Richmond v. Wembley (S. Dean).

Monday, July 23—
Jamesboro' Park (Under 14)—7.00
—Reis v. Wembley (T. Power); 8.15 (Under 16)—Jamesboro' v. Star Rvs. (C. Barry).
Wembley Park (Under 14)—7.00
—Geraldines v. Riverside (H. O'Connor); 8.15 (Under 16)—Fairview v. Weston (P. Fitzgerald).

Tuesday, July 24—
Jamesboro' Park (Under 14)—7.00
—Fairview v. Pike Rvs. (M. O'Brien); 8.15 (Under 16)—Reds v. Pike Rvs. (T. Sullivan).
Wembley Park (Under 14)—6.45
—Dominic Savio v. Weston (P. Fitzgerald).

Wednesday, July 25—
Wembley Park (Under 16)—8.15
—Wembley Rvs. v. Prospect (S. Dean); 7.00 (Under 14)—Caledonian

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(By "FOOT-FAULT")

Final stage has now been reached in the events in the South of Ireland cups at Limerick L.T.C. this week, and it looks as if it will be John Hackett, the Ulster number six, Harry for the final of the Men's Singles, and Ann Folan, and the Hackett, for the Ladies' Singles

pairings are: Quarter-finals—Misses A. Doherty v. John de Connell v. Tim Ann Hackett v. E. O'Hanlon v. Misses A. Doherty and P. O'Neill (-4) bt. E. Kneafsey and M. Lynch (scr.), 6-0, 4-5, 6-1; A. Folan and H. O'Connor (-15) bt. E. Hautzer and J. Hayes (+3), 6-2, 6-2.

JUNIOR EVENTS. Dublin, Cork, Galway and Waterford players are coming in the Limerick Open Junior Championships, which will commence at Limerick T.C. on Monday, next.

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