



... at Limerick Lawn Tennis Club, and this week Mr. P. J. Group Sales, showed some of the Guinness sponsored picture (from left) are: Mr. Brendan Bradshaw, tennis assurer, and Ms. Ann Owens secretary.

Seamara a new president

REGAL KEANE

... member of that same under 20 cup team.

A technician with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in Limerick, Mr. McNamara has been a member of the North...



stand ticket was the Mayor of Mr. Pat Grace and Mr. Pat from the F.A.I. Cup.

End on front

... Kechan of Ballyvaughan I look to the latter named to figure prominently in the manager's plans. The numbers 2 and 3 shirts will, in all probability be filled by Wembley's Don Considine and Leo Fitzgerald who have performed with distinction since the campaign got under way just after Christmas.

Halves will be Jack Ryan and Fairview's Pat Mullanly.

Midfielders will be Dominic Mulvihill and Christy Reddan, while Tony O'Shaughnessy and Ger Brosnan will again fight it out for the No. 5 spot, but I will tip the Midlands in possession to hold on. Forwards should be Peter Webb of Park Rangers, Gerry Cussen of Geraldines and Bernard Harrington of Mangrove.

All in all, this is without doubt a strong local selection and one certainly good enough to advance to the final.

Trinity

In the elite ladies class, Maura Thomhill (E.N.) or Eileen Loughnan (G.E.N.) will be the main contenders. Maura has been having great success lately, though she had a poor run in the recent Irish Championships. Eileen, in contrast, has had a lean spell but ran very well in the Irish Championships.

GAA: Kildimo Field Opened

Limerick slice to beat Clare

BY SEAN MURPHY

LIMERICK CLARE 1-19 3-7

LIMERICK senior hurlers after a few disappointing outings in recent times got back on the winning trail at Kildimo on Thursday evening when they scored an impressive 1-19 to 3-7 win over Clare in the AIB sponsored tournament final to mark the opening of the club's new pitch and magnificent clubhouse.

In glorious sunshine a big crowd attended the fixture, and earlier in the day the president of the GAA, Mr. Paddy Buggy, praised the Kildimo club for their worthy project, as he declared the complex officially open.

Limerick got an early grip on the game and encouraged by a quick goal from Eddie McGrath they edged into an aerial lead of 1-10 to 1-4.

Although Clare, with Martin McEhnan now operating at midfield and the forwards strengthened by the advent of Pat O'Connor, improved immensely on resuming, Limerick continued to dominate the exchanges, and were in hot pursuit of the conceding of two very costly goals would have won handsomely.

Both sides lined out short several of their regulars with Barry Sweeney, Sean Slack and John Cunniff the notables missing from the Banner outfit, while Limerick were minus the Patrickswell contingent, Pat Herbert, Paudie Fitzmaurice and, of course, Eamon Cregan.

It was a most encouraging performance by Limerick, especially the shooting of long-range points with such radar precision. Eddie McGrath, who impressed against Tipperary last week, enhanced claim for a permanent place amongst the forwards with another fine display.

Quick off the mark, McGrath is a crisp, accurate striker, and is well endowed with heart and spirit.

On the credit side also from a Limerick viewpoint was the fine hurling of 2 other new recruits to the panel—Eddie Farrell and M. J. Coffey. The former is a tenacious centre-back, while the latter, who Colley took his three long range points with aplomb.

Fairview too good for Hyde

Hyde Rangers 1
Fairview 4!

ONE OF the most enjoyable schoolboy games it has been my pleasure to watch in quite a long time was that between Fairview and Hyde in the under-12 C League on Monday last.

Billed as the bottom of the table clash and with only the respective managers present to shout encouragement to their charges, the boys served up a sizzling, non-stop open game of football.

Fairview, with only three points from their previous nine games entered the fray with more hope than confidence given by the end of the 50 minutes play had earned a round of applause from the few spectators that had eventually gathered to watch the action.

Hyde, for their part, played a delightful brand of football with the big difference between the sides was young Tony Caulfield, youngest brother of Fairview's Ger. He scored a fine hat-trick and laid on the ball for the View's four goals.

Overall play was a delight to watch and the jinking runs on the right flank, the few supporters present in no doubt about his future.

Not that he alone shone; in fact the entire squad contributed in no small way to the victory. In goals Limerick United's young Tom Kennedy's, younger brother, Frank, was outstanding and on more than one occasion he denied the lively Hyde Rgs. forwards with timely interceptions. On the right Peter Dawson was sound, while left back Gerry Ryan gave little away. Centre half, Eric Woods won everything in the air while he got ample support from halves Declan McManon and Ivan Murphy. Inside halves Jimmy Sims and Neil Fitzgerald struck up a good relationship with their flankers while Tony Kenihan, in the centre was a tower of strength.

For their part, Hyde Rangers, who had just previously thrashed on the field, were tired in the second moiety that the Fairgreen side conceded their goals. Up front for the Hyde Rd. club, Tom Hayes scored one of the best goals seen at the venue for many years when he volleyed home from the 18 yard line a fine cross from right wing Simon Kennedy.

The game started on a lively note when Fairview's Tony Kenihan blasted a fine effort off the butt of the upright and Tony Caulfield got in a good shot only to see his effort well brought down by keeper Reeves. At the other end of the field Brendan O'Dwyer's

Inter-Firm Roundup

THIS Season the Inter-Firm is proving even more successful than previous years.

Going to Caledonian Park, Southill, Fairgreen or any of the city venues, for that matter, one is always intrigued to see Junior club members "spitting" talismans for the following season and recently in Cals there was an extra large band from a particular well known premier club. They were, it seems, keeping an eye on an unregistered player with one of the Inter-Firm teams on duty. Not that I would blame them, the youngster scored no less than four of his side's goals and when an individual scores as many as that with any kind of regularity, the venue is swarming with "scouts".

Roadstone 1
LGOB 0

Roadstone registered a fine 1-0 win over the Local Government on Thursday night last with a tremendous first half goal by Noel McLaughlin. This was an interesting, entertaining tussle all through with the Roadstone boys just pipping the "Corporation" lads. Best for the winners were Eddie Ryan in goals who plucked some great balls out of the air; Pat O'Sullivan at right back; Jack O'Connor, Pat Slattery, Con Collins and George Richardson. For the gallant losers Domo Buckley in goals was outstanding, and he got great support from Leslie Hehir, Pat Lyons, Frank Bouchier and M. Connolly.

Connie O'Grady was the man in charge of the whistle.

LGOB 2
3rd Field Medical 0

A couple of days prior to the last outing Local Government entered the Third Field Medical Corps and after an exciting struggle Local Government emerged victorious by two clear goals to nil. M. Connolly and P. O'Doherty were on the mark, and they got great support from G. Young, F. Bouchier, Eugene McNamara, N. O'Loughlin, M. Kennedy and

Death of rugby great, Gordon Wood



The late Gordon Wood.

Many prominent personalities from the world of rugby were in attendance at the funeral of the late Gordon Wood at St. Flannan's Church, Killaloe, yesterday.

Representing the Government was Mr. Sylvester Barrett, Minister for State at the Department of Finance, while Deputy Commissioner Patrick Doherty, Cospair, representing the Gardaí.

Members of Clare County Council and Limerick City and County Council were also in attendance with the acting City Manager, Mr. Tom Collier, Mr. Dermot G. O'Donovan, solr., and Mr. Kevin Quilligan (both of Garryowen), were in attendance.

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Flanking the coffin at the removal and funeral were Mr. Paddy Reid, Garryowen F.C.; Mr. Brendan Morgan, do.; Mr. Sean McNamara, do.; Mr. Tom Nesdale, do.; Mr. Jim Molloy, president, do.; Mr. David Keane, do.; Mr. Ray Keane, do.

Principal celebrant at the Requiem Mass was Rev. Fr. Brendan Cleary, C.C., Killaloe. A guard of honour composed of pupils of St. Munchin's College and Laurel Hill was formed at the entrance to the churchyard.

Acknowledged as one of the finest prop forwards ever to represent his country and the Lions, Mr. Wood had the distinction of being the most capped Limerickman of all time with 29 international appearances.

A native of New Street, Limerick, he won a Munster Schools Senior Cup medal with Crescent College in 1949 before joining Garryowen with whom he won Munster Cup medals in 1952 and 1954.

He also won Charity Cup and League medals with the club (whom he captained three times) in the same years.

"Woody", as he was affectionately known, played for Munster on numerous occasions, including games against major touring sides such as South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, capturing the team against Australia and New Zealand.

Together with Ronnie Dawson and Syd Millar, he formed the famous Irish and Lions front row of the late fifties. Gordon Wood's performances on the Lions tour of Australia in 1959 has been written into the annals of great front-row play.

"Woody" was a member of the Barbarians team that defeated the Springboks on their tour of Britain and Ireland in 1961. The "Ba Ba's" were the only side to beat the "Boks" and the victory was enhanced by the fact that it was the last game of the tour.

As captain of Garryowen (twice), Lansdowne and Munster, Gordon Wood was renowned for his leadership and inspirational qualities.

In addition to his rugby talents, he was a top class swimmer winning the Olo and Thomond Cups for long distance swimming.

As a resident of Killaloe, he was a popular member of the local community and took an active part in coaching the Killaloe-Ballina junior side.

The death of Gordon Wood will come as a great shock to his many friends and admirers in the world of sport both locally, nationally and indeed internationally.

Members of Garryowen F.C. will remember Gordon as a loyal club member who together with Sean McNamara and Brendan Morgan formed one of the best club front rows of all time.

He is survived by his wife, Patline (nee Dwanne); sons Gordon (a prominent rugby player with Bohemians), John and Keith; daughters, Mrs. Michelle Kilkenny, Carol Ann, Ruth and Joan; brother Mr. Hiram Wood; sisters Mrs. Ruth Butler, Mrs. Patsy Oltshorn and Mrs. Audrey Smith.

—FERGAL KEANE



Members of Garryowen F.C. flank the hearse bearing the remains of the late Mr. Gordon Wood. Left hand side: Mr. Brendan Morgan, Mr. Sean McNamara, Dr. Jim Molloy, president, Garryowen F.C.; Mr. Paddy Reid, Mr. Kevin Quilligan, past presidents of the IRFU. Right hand side, Mr. David Keane, Mr. Ray Keane, Mr. Pat Riordan, Dr. Morgan Costello and Mr. Fogn Nesdale.