KEEPER PEYTON

DON REVIE'S new-look Young England squad made a false start yesterday when the first player he named for the under-21 international against Wales on December 15. Fulham goalkeeper Gerry Peyton, told him:"Thank you very much, but I would prefer to play for Ireland".

Twenty-years-old Peyton, signed from Burnley for £40,000 last week, was born in Birmingham, but his parents come from Ireland and he feels he has more chance of a long international career with the Republic of Ireland team than with England.

"It is very nice to know Don Revie rates me good enough for his squad, but if I did play it would rule me out of playing for the Republic of Ireland in the future, and that is what I would really like to do," said Peyton, after asking Fulham to write to the FA and withdraw his name.

Richard Taylor (19), from fourth division Huddersfield, now steps up to the number one goalkeeping spot for the match at Wolverhamtpon, and Revie, surprised but understanding, will name another goalkeeper for the squad.

Chelsea's Butch Wilkins, former England youth captain, is the only full international in the squad, while Trevor Francis

April.

games.

football, have the determination to fight

for every point and are managed by an

experienced, popular man in Jimmy

McAlinden. They may, however, be a little

short on skill for their away matches

against the better footballing sides. Sligo

have the skill, but may be found wanting

in determination for the tougher away

Celtic can blend skill and spirit and will

probably improve as time goes by, but

they must strike a more consistent

performance from week to week. Shel-

bourne, on the 13-point mark with Celtic.

two behind Drogheda and one behind

Sligo, will also probably improve as the

tournament develops. Indeed, if they

manage to maintain the steady progress

they promise over the coming months,

BLOW TO CONFIDENCE

above sides in ability and teamwork, but

those five goals against them at Turners

Cross on Sunday won't do their confi-

dence any good. Bohemians, on the other

hand, must have gained in confidence

Waterford are the equal of any of the

they might be the team to watch.

(Birmingham) and Brian Talbot (Ipswich) are the two over-age players allowed in under-21 games.

For Francis, plagued by injuries and bad luck since bursting on to the league scene and winning youth caps in 1971 and 1972, the match could open the way to a place in the full England squad next year. Talbot, a member of the squad for last month's World Cup game in Italy, will also welcome a chance to show his ability in the international atmosphere. The squad is:

Taylor (Huddersfield), Haigh (Hull), D. Jones (Everton), P. Futcher (Luton), Sims (Leicester), Hoddle (Tottenham), Keegan (Manchester City), Owen (Manchester City), King (Everton), R. Wilkins (Chelsea), T. Francis (Birmingham), Talbot (Ipswich), Fairclough (Liverpool), Barnes (Manchester City), Deehan (Aston Villa), Swind-

lehurst (Crystal Palace). Johnny Giles, playermanager of West Bromwich Albion and the Republic of Ireland, went into hospital yesterday for an operation on a torn leg muscle. He will be out of action for five or six weeks.

Giles broke down in training on Monday, and after consultation with a specialist it was decided to operate on a muscle behind his right knee. He left the field after only 20 minutes

Six in running

for League title

THE number of serious contenders for the League of Ireland

championship can usually be reduced to two or three by

December, but this season there are half a dozen in the running

for the title. Drogheda, Sligo, Cork Celtic, Shelbourne,

Waterford, Bohemians and Athlone fill the upper half and

would give all of them, with the esception of Athlone, a fair

chance of topping the table before the end of the competition in

Drogheda are consistent, play practical leading: Sligo Rovers 26 goals: Drogheda

Utd. 23; Cork Celtic 23.

Dalymount Park.

five games.

four at home.

Five clubs retain their unbeaten home

Drogheda are the top scoring home side

records. They are Drogheda Utd., Cork

Celtic, Shelbourne, St. Patrick's Ath., and

with 15 goals un five matches. The lowest

scoring home side are Bohemians, who

have netted only three goals at

of Waterford with only two goals

conceded at Kilcohan Park. The worst

home defensive record is that of Albert

Rovers, who have let in 13 goals in their

There is no unbeaten away team in the

championship. Top scoring away side are

Sligo, 13 goals in five games; lowest

scoring club away from home are Home

Farm, 2 goals; the best away defensive

record is shown by four clubs, Drogheda,

Sligo, Athlone and St. Patrick's Ath.,

having conceded only five goals on

opponents' ground. The wards away

defecord is 13 goals by Waterford

and Home Farm. Home Farm have so far

Sligo have scored 13 goals at home and

13 goals away, a great tribute to their

consistency. Bohemians have scored 10

times away and only three at home, and

have earned eight away points as against

FIXTURES

Waterford v St. Patrick's Ath. Kilcohan

Park; Sligo Rovers v Drogheda Utd.

Sunday: League of Ireland - Shel-

failed to win an away point.

The best home defensive record is that

of Albion's game at home to Everton 10 days ago. His next big international date is March 3, when the Republic play France in Dublin in a World Cup qualifying match.

Willie Ormond, the Scottish international manager, has accepted a new three-year contract from the Scottish Football Association. Ormond has survived some stormy moments during the four years since he took over from Tommy Docherty, but took Scotland to the World Cup finals of 1974 in West Germany as Britain's only

He was censured by the SFA in February 1975 for alleged remarks about the refereeing of Scotland's European championship game in Spain, and he has had problems with discipline amongst his players.

representative.

Five of the Scots were given life bans from international football after incidents in Denmark in September 1975, and some of Ormond's critics have accused him of being too

Nevertheless, he has emerged from his fouryear stint with the confident backing of the SFA, who announced yesterday that he had reached agreement with them on the terms of a new contract, which will run from January 1, 1977, to June 30,

McKenzie

warm welcome

Duncan McKenzie, Everton's £200,000 signing from Anderlecht, flew into Liverpool yesterday to a warm welcome from his new manager Billy Bingham, who said he was delighted that three weeks of negotiation had finally been successfully concluded.

Bingham added: "Duncan is a player I have always admired from as far back as his Nottingham Forest days. He has skill and that little bit extra that's needed in the first division these days."

McKenzie had five months and 15 matches with Anderlecht after his transfer from Leeds. He is expected to be in the Everton side at Coventry on Saturday.

McKenzie said "I might not be better off financially, in the long term, in fact I might even lose out, but it is not important to make a fortune if you are not doing what you want. I loved every minute in Belgium, whereI went for the money. I think I could have made a lot financially but I prefer to be happy playing football. We sometimes don't appreciate how well off we are.'

"I learned French and a bit of Flemish while over there but nothing from a football English soccer today.

MUNSTER CALL RULES MADIGAN OUT FOR BOHS

Ger Madigan is required by the Munster Junior team and so misses Bohemians' vital Munster Senior League clash with U.C.C. at Soccer Roundup & by Willie Cotter outings.

forward by Mick Daly, a remarkable progress this who constitute the athlete of member of the club's succes- summer, winning a shot- the year awards committee. sful under 20 side. Full-back and captain Mick Goggin is still an absentee due to an ankle injury, and John Moloney, a brother of Larry, the Irish international, fills the number 15 jersey.

Joe Bourke, who has been turning out regularly with the Limerick soccer team in recent weeks, is in the centre and so misses Limerick's game with Dundalk. The

Bohemians team is: J. Moloney; W. O'Brien, J. Bourke, J. O'Grady, M. Bromell; J. Harty, M. O'Connor; S. Hanratty, P. O'Donnell, T. Mulcahy, Madigan, F. Dinneen,

CAMBRIDGE SCORE EASY WIN OVER OXFORD

Oxford University 0; Cambridge University 15 pts.

record fifth successive time cial Championship. points.

Alun Lewis had refused to Irish Dunlop Tournament, penalised for handling at the in a play off for the Penfold subsequent ruck and Hignell Championship. landed the goal from 12 vards. In the 33rd minute Oxford scrum-half Hood made the worst of his many misjudgments when he kicked into O'Callaghan's hands. The New Zealander looped out of two tackles and Stewart and Alun Lewis inter-passed dazzingly down the right-wing before Stewart sent lock Steve Brown charging over. Hignell converted from far out and was on target from similar range straight after the interval and finished the scoring, with 12 minutes left. from 45 yards.

Mitchelstown - Sunday, 12 holes stableford: 1st. Pat Murphy (16) 23 points; 2nd. Ml. O'Meara (14) 22 points; 3rd. J. C. McCarthy (7)

Open Fourball "Hamper". ORIENT AGAIN HAVE

GAME POSTPONED

bane Road pitch was water past ten years. logged. The game will now The Golfing Fellowship of

A FARCE

Middlesbrough fans, whose side have been accused of some negative soccer this season, were infuriated by Manchester City's defensive tactics at Avresome Park. Time and time again City passed the ball back to goalkeeper Joe Corrigan in one of the worst games of football the northwest has seen for a long

time. Middlesbrough also lacked goal power and a goalless draw seemed inevitable trom the early stages. Boro, however, nearly snatched a later winner when Peter Brine hit an upright with Corrigan stranded.

Athletes honoured



Pictured at the presentation of the Athlete of the Year Milk Awards in Dublin last night were (L. to R.): Eamonn Coghlan ,Best Male); Marita Walton, Kilkenny (Best Female); John Joe Barry (Athlete of the Past), and Mr. Martin Mullally, Chairman, National Dairy Council, who presented the awards.

playing alongside a good Kilkenny and runner Malta before setting a new forward. I learned a lot from | Eamonn Coghlan of Dublin, discus record in the Leinster Neil Martin in my days at received athlete of the year Schools test. She further Nottingham Forest and am awards from the National improved on this record at looking forward to playing | Dairy Council at ax banquet Crystal Palce and the with Bob Latchford, the in Dublin last night. The following day won the Irish greatest centre forward in legendary John Joe Barry senior championship at was also honoured, with the Limerick. Athlete of the Past Award. The "Ballincurry Hare" This was the fifth series of was the nickname of John Milk Awards sponsored by Joe Barry, the most disting-

> the N.D.C. ...Eamonn Coghlan was the 1940s. In 1946 he set the main Irish hope for an fastest time for the mile in Olympic Games medal in Britain or Ireland having athletics this year and distin- formerly been a 3 mile A.A.A. guished himself by finishing champion. Three tenths of a second the three miles which stood

next. Madigan, who plays his first Irishman to win the miles in 1949 before touring September. junior football with Char- American Collegiate and America and winning the leville and is a brother of A.A.U. 1,500 metres double American Indoor mile in awards were presented to John, the Bohemian and and beat such distinguished 1950. Munster second-row, has athletes as Rod Dixon of ssion in recent senior Malan of South Africa in the month who had been indoor tests.

uished Irish track star of the

nominated during the year

point of view. I have always | SHOT-DISCUS champion discus double in the interna- The members of the Ronnie Long.

WATERFORD SUCCESS

The athlete of the month awards were received by the fourth in the Olympic final. In 1949 he set a record for Cullen) for January, Donal separated him from a gold for a decade, performing in Coghlan for March, June and front of 25,000 spectators. July, Danny McDaid for He competed in the 1948 April, Joseph Ryan for May, He had a very successful Olympics and set records for Marita Walton for August Thomond Park on Sunday season overall, being the the mile, two miles and three and Patrick Murphy for

had my greatest success Marita Walton (16) from tional student games in committee are David Guiney (Chairman); Sean Diffley, Tom O'Riordan, John Cryan, Peter Byrne, Brendan O'Reilly and Brendan Mooney. The panel also

Waterford cross country team (gerry Deegan, Tony Ryan, Richard Barron, John Treacy, Ray Treacy and Mick Walsh for February, Eamonn

Comyn, John O' Shea, Jimmy Meagan, Tim O'Brien, Tom includes Noel Carroll and

fourth round onwards, Piedvache had given an astonishing account of himself. BIG SWINGS Irish record breaker pressure Green tried to save Seales from further

Boxing

Mary Purcell (1,500 and 3,000) not materialise. Green, in Milk awards were also metres) Audrey Long (high fact, looked a shade below went, however, Seales had made a considerable impre- New Zealand and Dannie presented to the athletes of Jum) Marita Walton his best and some of the old received only a minor share. fire was missing. (discus) Eamonn Coghlan (1,500 metres) Frank He is replaced at wing- Marita Walton made by the panel of sports writers Murphy (3,000) Eddie Leddy (5,000 and 10,000 metres and Colm Cronin (triple jump)

AWARD WINNERS

BY DERMOT RUSSELL

NATIONAL Champion Declan Brannigan, top British and Irish money winner Eamon Darcy, Curtis Cup star Mary McKenna and outstanding administrator Miss Violet Haslett are today named as winners of the Irish Golf Writers Association Awards for 1976. The awards, sponsored by Sterling Roncraft, will be presented at a banquet at Milltown Golf Club, Dublin on Monday, January 10.

picked as a result of a ballot the Irish Close Champion- She was a member of the among the members of the ship. But she finished Curtis Cup side and she was

Declan Brannigan, another in the great line of amateurs from Laytown and Bettystown, won the Irish Close Championship title at Portrush this year. He also won the West of Ireland Championship, was runnerup in the East of Ireland Championship, and won the Willie Gill Award which is Cambridge barely exerted presented by the G.U.I. to the themselves in winning the most successful competitor University match for a in the Close and the Provin-

at Twickenham, against an Eamon Darcy, that Oxford side that failed to determined young man from provide the adventurous Delgany who has surged to handling they had produced the forefront in professional all term. Allistair Hignell, ranks, finished this past Cambridge's England full- season as the highest money back, was once again the winner in the home counmain contributor, with 11 tries. He won the Sumrie Betterball tournament with Cambridge took the lead. Christy O'Connor Junior, he rather undeservedly, in the won the World Under-25 25th minute. Hignell and Championship; he won the open up, but Oxford were and he was only just pipped

Fellowship

William F. Halsey, Sunrise Country Club, Palm Desert California, has been awarded the Golfing Fellowship of Ireland Award 1975/76 following his nomination by Portmarnock Golf Club. Making the presentation

Award for

Californian

at the ceremony in the Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, Mr. Paddy Fitzpatrick, President, National Tourism Council, said the Golfing Fellowship of Ireland award Fixture - Sat / Sun. 18 Holes was instituted in 1974 by the National Tourism Council to encourage the promotion of Irish golf as a major tourist attraction for overseas visitors. He congratulated the winner who richly Orient, who have played deserved the award for his only two home games in the contribution towards the past seven weeks, suffered promotion of Irish golf. He their sixth postponement of recalled that Mr. Halsey in the season yesterday when his capacity as chief officer the first leg of their Angle of the golf committee of the Scottish Cup Final with People to People sports Nottingham Forest was committee brought almost called off because the Bris- 400 golfers to Ireland in the

take place on Monday, with Ireland also presented the second leg two days later. special appreciation awards to the following: Jean Louis Dupont, Club Golf de Chantilly, Paris, nominated by Irish Association of Golf Club Secretaries; George Levering, Quivira Lake Golf Club, Kansas, nominated by the Killarney Golf and Fishing Club; Pat Connolly, South Herts Golf Club, nominated by Sutton Golf Club; and Mike Roseto, Olympic Golf Club, Lake Side, San

Francisco, nominated by Irish Tourist Board, San Francisco. Golf club secretaries and secretaries of golfing societies are reminded that the closing date for nominations for the 1976/77 award is December 31 next. The award is administered by the National Tourism Council, Bord Failte, and the Golfing Union of Ireland.

even more impressively she was runner-up in the British

43 major U.S. golf tourneys

The 1977 Professional Golfers' Association tour of 43 major tournaments, worth more than nine million dollars (about £5,400,000) in prize money, was announced yesterday by U.S. PGA Commissioner, Deane Beman in Washington and it could exceed the

record 1976 total.

The tour opens with the Phoenix Open, Arizona on January 6 and will end in early December with the Sun Coast mixed team championship, a new event.

Another new tournament is the Colgate Hall of Fame Classic at Pinehurst, North Carolina, from August 25 to

The U.S. Masters is scheduled for Augusta Georgia, from April 7 to 10 and the U.S. Open at the Southern Hill Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from June 16 to 19.

Rathbarry badminton progress

The badminton season is now well underway and this year Rathbarry have two teams playing in the league. This has been their best season yet.

Playing in the Minor 'A' team are: Eileen Coghlan, Moira O'Mahony, Kathleen Feen, Ann Twohig, Michael Feen. Factna O'Mahony, Pat Joe Harrington and James O'Leary. So far they have defeated Butlerstown (7-2) and Timoleague (7-2), away and Skibbereen (9-0) at home.

Playing in the novice division are: Moira O'Sullivan, Colette Spillane, Marguerite O'Driscoll, Mary Spillane, John O'Driscoll, james O'Brien, Michael O'Mahony, John Hurley and Timothy Feen. They too, so far have been undefeated. Their opponents being Leap (5-4) and Butlerstown (6-3) at home and Clonakilty (6-3) away.

GOLF CLUB

MITCHELSTOWN

open Hamper

(DECEMBER 11 & 12) 18 HOLES STABLEFORD Play as often as you like

SAT. & SUN.

CAPTAIN'S DINNER (J. GRIFFIN ESQ.) Sat. Dec. 11

IN CLUB HOUSE 9 P.M.

The award winners were Mary McKenna did not win Strokeplay Championship. Daly, P. O'Shaughnessy, N. Irish Golf Writers Associa- runner-up in that event and runner-up with Mary Gorry in the Irish Foursomes

Championship. Violet Haslett, one of the best known administrators in the game, served as a dynamic and dedicated secretary of the Irish Ladies Golf Union and in that capacity has done immeasurable work in the promotion of ladies golf.

SNOOKER

Reardon trails Australia's Eddie Charlton

took an early eight frames to four lead over Ray Reardon of Wales in the final of the 30,000 Australian dollars (£18,867) world match play snooker championship in Melbourne yesterday. Charlton, who dominated

early play in yesterday's session of the 61 frames final, led 5-1 at one stage, but Reardon scrambled back during the evening's play to keep in touch and cleared the table for 51 in the final

Assurance on tennis club property

Mallow Golf Club assured the UDC last night that it was negotiating the disposal of Annabella Tennis Club property in the town centre. The Tennis Club, which has existed since the turn of the century, faces an uncertain future due to falling membership.

The Urban Council was previously urged by Councillors T J Sexton and Matt Blake to acquire the grounds as an amenity for the townspeople. A feasibility study is currently being undertaken by the Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. Daniel UNLUCKY Assistant Co. Manager,

Mr. D. Hurley, said the Council provided a £10 token sum at its estimates meeting to study the feasibility of acquiring the property. He assured a deputation that its views would be borne in mind.

pointed out that another

deputation, which was to put forward views concerning the retention and extension of playing facilities in the urban area, would not attend until next month as negotiations were to take place next half-backs in Brian Keogh week between a committee and Harry Buckley of CBC and the tennis club trustees. Monkstown and a fine He claimed that the trustees were prepared to hand over of Belvedere. The teams are: the grounds to a committee in Mallow to run as a tennis

court. Councillor Sexton urging the Council to make the necessary arrangements to acquire the property.

Kanturk - Ladies Branch -M. Shannon, 46.

DAVE GREEN, the 23-year- looked that he might even old British champion, won have more strength left than the vacant European light. the home champion.

Green takes

title as

Frenchman

retires

welter title when he forced

He got off his stool, waved fights.

his hand at the referee in

surrender and nodded stone-

faced at Green who was

trying to recharge his ener-

gies for another assault on

Tragically for Piedvache

the fight was not all that

badly balanced for him at the

moment he decided to give it

away. There was no sign that

Green was about to subdue

him and for a man who had

fought under the ridiculous

handicap of having one side completely blind from the

an opponent who had

refused to give way.

Hall, London, last night.

Round nine indicated that Frenchman Jean Baptiste the venom was rapidly Piedvache to retire after nine Piedvache still contrived to rounds at the Royal Albert box well but hit by enough punches on the way to Piedvache, a grotesque convince him that six more sight, with a lump like a round was too far to go. He mouldy half orange rising made his own decision to pull over his left eyebrow, out and there was more than conceded the championship a tinge of relief in Green's after a most gallant perfor- corner as he did so. This mance. He battled all the ended a brilliantly successful way to the end of the ninth and satisfying year for Green round and gave up only when who set out with nothing and it finally got through to him finished with the British and that fighting one-eyed was European titles and a flawjust too much of a handicap. less record of 22 wins in 22

PERFECT PUNCH

Alan Minter, the British middleweight champion, pulled a right hand punch out of the bag to stop the former Olympic champion Ray Seales, of America, in the fifth round of a a blood

stained ten rounder. Minter, savagely cut and bruised by the American, suddenly found the best punch of his career after two minutes of round five. It was a perfect short right which hit Seales on the chin and dramatically transformed the situation.

Seales went down in a neutral corner and wobbled up unsteadily at six. He took Piedvache tasted the a couple of tentative steps weight of Green's big right forward and they led him swings plus a levelling of straight back into trouble. intelligent left jab in the Minter was on him and after early stages. He shrugged ten seconds of savaging, the them off and for all the refree leapt between them to exert, the usual results did punishment.

As far as punishment In the space of the first three Piedvache's beetling left rounds, Minter was cut first eyebrow began to swell in over the bridge of the nose, the third round and then below the right eye and continued to do so until the also near the right ear. In Frenchman's eye was tightly addition he collected a big black bump above his left With five rounds gone both eyebrow which had grown to men took a breath to sum the proportions of half an each other up and Green was apple by the time the end

taken by surprise when the came. Frenchman staged a rally Yet Minter took the strain which lasted all through magnificiently and was on round six. For the first time his way back by the fourth in his career Green found round. Seales, who had gone himself under extreme for the quick finish and failed to achieve it, began to Again in the eighth Pied- fade, although he still looked vache produced another a highly dangerous proposiheroic comeback and it tion.

Schools rugby

Munster hope to end season on good note

THE Munster schools side stown), H. Buckley (do); R. have had mixed luck in their two games of the current interprovincial campaign. A big win over Connacht and a big let-down against Ulster sets the scene for today's final game with Leinster at Musgrave Park.

Munster started the campaign full of confidence, went to Ballinasloe and took Connacht apart when beating them by 41 points to three. Their joy was shortlived, however, for at the end of last month they were totally outclassed by Ulster in a 38-0 scoreline - a game which put paid to their

aspirations for the title. Today's game should be a recognised as the best schools wing forward in the province, but who had to wait on the sideline so far Carbery's "Hidden Ireland" because of injury.

strengthened by St. poverty of that time. Raif-Munchins fullback, Michael teiri of the title (well played Mulqueen, who had a good by Liam O Mathuna) links trial, but did not make the team for either match.

Into the centre comes author's treatment of wellaccomplished PBC star Gerry | meaning translators Madden, who was also (personified by Douglas unlucky not to make the Hyde) and Anglo-Irish team at the outset, and the dreamers (Lady Gregory). new hooker is Kieran Ormonde, who again was Councillor T. Sexton following the final trial.

College fullback. They have also a formidable pair of second row in John Mahony

Munster-M. Mulqueen (St Munchins); J. Crotty (CBC), J. Also deferred to the next Duggan (Rockwell), J. Madden meeting was a motion by (PBC), P. French (CBC); D. Kidney (PBC), J. Conrick (do); G. Hurley St. Munchins), K. Ormonde (Rockwell), R. Kennedy (PBC), D. Lenihan (CBC) capt., T. Moore (St. Munchins), J. Houlihan (do), X. Coleman (CBC), T. O'Donoghue

Christmas Prizes played Sunday, Leinster - H. McNeill (Blac-

Quinlan (De La Salle, Churchtown), M. Whyte (PBC, Bray), T. Kennedy (St. Marys), J. Mahony (Belvedere), M. Gaffney (St. Pauls), M. McWhite (Castleknock), A. Blair (High School), C. McCarthy

The kick-off time is 2.15 p.m. A play daring

in technique and language

"Mise Raifteiri an File" is a line known to all students who remember the blind poet from Co. Mayo. It is also the title of Criostoir O Floinn's daring play, which opened at good one and Munster, I feel, the Everyman Playhouse last have strengthened their side | night. The play is daring in since that Ulster game. Into | technique and in language, the side comes Tom as it flows back and forth O'Donoghue of CBC, who is from century to century, and from Irish to English.

It is also daring in so far as it tries to show on stage of the Gaelic poets, the land They will also be agitators and the miserable the scenes with song, verse and a stout defence of his liking from drink and women.

> Less successful is the partisan, and they seem to get in the way of plot Chorcai meet the challenge and decisive, hampered at times by the author's tendency to over-write.

teiri" telescopes the suppression and miraculous survival of Irish songs and poetry in a fast-moving, cinematic sequence. Performances which earn credit are those of Mairin Ni She (Lady Gregory), Padraig O Scann-Ni Choitir and Padraig O Fuarain; the two old "biddies" are delightfully played by Maire Nic Lochlainn and Noirin Ni Mhaolain, while Trinity College is nicely personified in Brian Bolingbroke's portrayal of

well in the reckoning development. Compantas Leinster, too, should have of this play with considera fairly strong side and one able confidence in staging of their top players is Hugh and acting. Padraig O O'Neill, the Blackrock Cearuil's direction is firm Nonetheless, "Mise Raif-

9 hole stroke: 1st. Mrs. M. Cross krock); E. Feely (Newbridge), A. 37 nett on last 5; 2nd. Mrs. M. O'Connor (De La Salle, Chur-Cronin 37 nett; 3rd. Mrs. C. chtown), P. Norton (Belvedere), P. chtown); B. Keogh (CBC, Monk- Mahaffy.

lain (Douglas Hyde), Mairin Howard 38 nett. Best Gross: Mrs. McCormack (De La Salle, Chur- its famous Provist, Dr.

after the trip to Drogheda, where they were unlucky to be held to a 2-2 draw. Athlone have the same total of points as Waterford and Bohs, only three behind the leaders. A 5-0 home defeat by Sligo followed by a change of manager, suggests however, that they are not yet ready for a championship bid. Only two of the 70 matches played to date have been scoreless, while 218 goals have been netted with two weeks to go to bourne v Cork Celtic, Harold's Cross; the £500 Christmas bonus. Sligo with two home games to go, looked poised to lift the prize. Can they score 30 League Showgrounds; Bohemians v Finn Harps, goals before Christmas or can Drogheda Dalymount Park; Albert Rovers v Utd. and Cork Celtic overtake them? At Athlone Town, Flower Lodge; Dundalk v the moment Sligo Rovers lead the queue Limerick, Oriel Park; Shamrock Rovers v to the Christmas stocking, the top trio Home Farm, Milltown. Q.P.R. lose heavily

but still march on A FOURTH minute goal from minutes, but David Webb's minutes Paul Mariner shot Don Masson gave Queen's second half performance home after the Birmingham Park Rangers a place in the stood out as he covered time defence had been thrown quarter finals of the UEFA and again for his disarrayed Cup in Cologne last night colleagues. Centre back frank McLintock returned despite losing 4-1 to FC after injury to skipper Cologne. The fast, direct Rangers, but he was never West Germans won an action- really a steadying influence packed second leg played in in an overworked defence. freezing weather in front of Reduced to 10 men for the 37,000 fans.

But the London club took the tie under the away goals rule with Masson's goal in Mueller's second goal, it the fourth minute counting double when the aggregate before the home side score was a draw. Rangers, grabbed the decisive score. reduced to 10 men just before the interval when frequently fouled by an international full back Dave uncompromising Cologne Clement was sent off for defence, and Dave Thomas, retaliation, increased their 3. eased some of the pressure 0 first leg lead when Masson with dangerous counter sidefooted in a speculative attacks. cross shot from Leach. This left the Germans with the Herculean task of scoring five times to reach

Wolfgang Weber. goal after the interval to top of the League.

and Masson were booked. until the last hectic 15 to Ipswich and after 10

whole of the second half, Rangers were exposed to further pressure and after looked only a matter of time But the clever Stan Bowles,

IPSWICH ON TOP

Ipswich proved their the next round. But, well generalled from midfield by pedigree as the most international Wolfgang dangerous challengers to Overath and Heinz Flohe, Liverpool for the champion-Cologne hit back with three ship when they came from first half goals from Dieter behind to beat Birmingham, Mueller, Hannes Loehr and still bubbling over their 6-2 triumph at Leicester on Mueller headed a second Saturday and move to the

provide a nail-biting climax Ipswich took the lead early to a tough, physical match in on, found themselves 2-1 which Konopka of Cologne down but still had the skill and resources to run out The English defence convincing 4-2 winners. looked anything but reliable Early on the game belonged

into confusion by a cross from Woods.

Francis and Burns. Birmingham's two most volatile forwards. threatened to give Ipswich defence some trouble and their latent talent proved good enough in the 13th minute when Connolly slotted home after a one-two movement between Hibbitt and Francis. In the 25th minute a Latchford clearance was nodded on for Burns to score.

Within four minutes of the second half Wark volleyed in a left foot drive after Mariner had nodded the ball down to him. Shortly afterwards Pendrey was carried off after a tackle on Mariner. Birmingham had to

reshuffle and they lost all semblance of rhythm and Ipswich surged forward looking for the winner. After 75 minutes Talbot moved up and calmly shot home after Gallagher had headed out and two minutes later came the killer blow when Talbot again moved on to a knockdown by Whymark to make it In the Second Division

Southampton and Chelsea played a 1-1 draw. MacDougal scored for Southampton, Finnieston for Chelsea.

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