

# Evening Echo Father and son Chime in for the victory

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THIS week's feature game from Section III of the Murphys Premier League sponsored by Heineken is the one involving two former members of the Ashburton Bar in 1978 and High House from Blarney St at home to Chimes from Church St near Shandon.

Both clubs are steeped in the history and traditions of the game and have built up a fierce competitive rivalry in the interim with honours about evenly matched.

This one promised to be no different and more or less worked out as expected.

### DON NOTES

By BERNIE TWOMEY

Chimes jumped into an early lead when Sonny McCarthy and George Bridgeman defeated the home side's Eddie Kenny and John McGrath in straight sets to get the early advantage.

High House levelled when top pairing Finbarr Hennessy and Tony Elliott beat the visitors.

Johnny Hennessy and John Twomey, in a tremendous game, which went the full distance. In a

thrilling decider, the games father and son pairing of Denis and Gerard Crowley defeated the home side's veterans Ber O'Shea and Joe Hennessy for a well-earned win.

#### The full 2nd Round results as follows:

Section I: Sextant 2 Residence 1, O'Cionnaighs 2 Mountain II 1, Hollyhill 2 Gd Griffin 1.

Section II: Ma Dulleas 2 Johnnys 1, Mountain I 1 O'Cionnaighs II 2, Berehaven 1 Laurel 2.

Section III: Island 2 Redmonds 1, Quinlans 2 Glen Ryan I 1, High House 1 Chimes II 2.

Section IV: Tom Lynchs 1 Sportsmans 2, Glen Ryan I v Quinlans II, Chimes I Fairfield 1.

The draw for the 4th Round of the same competition to be played on Thursday is:

Section I: Gd Griffin v Sextant. O'Cionnaighs v Hollyhill. Residence v Mountain II.

Section II: Laurel v MA Dulleas. Mountain I v Berehaven. Johnnys v O'Cionnaighs II.

Section III: Chimes II v Island. Quinlans I v High House. Redmonds v Glen Ryan II.

Section IV: Fairfield v Tom Lynchs, Glen Ryan I v Chimes I, Sportsmans v Quinlans II.

Next meeting of Delegates is scheduled for The Glen Ryan on Tuesday 2nd July, 8.30pm A full attendance is expected.



John Kavanagh, Cork City U19s, accepting the Vienna Woods Hotel Glanmire and District Sports, Business and Community Award for May from Tara Cronin, Sales and Marketing Executive. Included are John's parents, Deirdre and Tom, family members and friends. Picture: Mike English

# Captain fantastic led double charge

**INSPIRATIONAL leadership and a healthy ration of work earmarked John Kavanagh's contribution to captaining Cork City FC to complete the U19 League and Cup double for the second consecutive season.**

Having just completed his Leaving Certificate at Glanmire Community College, this great prospect was rightly acknowledged when securing the monthly Glanmire Sport, Business and Community Award at a function in Fitzgerald's Vienna Woods Hotel.

Last season Cork City won both the Airtricity League and Cup and followed up in 2013 to retain the Elite Division League title and collect the Dr Tony O'Neill Cup.

Cork's resilience shone through to inscribe their name yet again on the prestigious Enda McGuill Cup.

After a comprehensive 4-0 win

## SOCCKER

By JOHN TARRANT

away to neighbours Cobh Ramblers, Cork saw off Waterford United 4-3 after extra-time.

Cork beat Athlone Town 5-1 before requiring extra-time again in the semi-final to see off Salthill Devon 2-1.

Fittingly in the decider, John Kavanagh emerged as a terrific captain and an outstanding team performance by his teammates helped put away Shelbourne 3-1 to retain the silverware on home ground at Turners Cross thus completing another remarkable League and Cup double.

Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Joe Kavangh and County Mayor Cllr Gerry Kelly congratulated Cork City on their achievements and especially John on carrying the Glan-

mire flag with distinction.

"Thanks to the efforts of John, Cork City are going from strength to strength, excellence at U19 level is a stepping stone to the future," said Mr Kavanagh.

The City captain came to prominence on commencing a successful career at Leaside/Knockraha FC and progressing to Ringmahon Rangers FC. Signed up by Cork City, the outstanding work of coaches Paul Bowdren and Stuart Ashton assisted by Alan Mooney and Paul Dunton has been pivotal to City's success at youth level in recent times.

"I owe much to both Leaside/Knockraha and Ringmahon clubs that brought me underage honours. At Cork City, its been a fantastic achievement to win the double thanks to the effort on and off the field. A huge credit goes to the players and without the commitment of management, this suc-

cess would not be possible," John said.

Capped at schoolboys at U15-17 level and most recently in Malaga with the Irish U19 side, John is currently on the fringes of Tommy Dunne's League of Ireland squad.

"Every season is another step forward Its a challenge and I enjoy the experience. Hopefully, I can soon get into the senior team."

Looking ahead, John's ambition is to broaden his career and play cross-channel some day.

"Currently, there are many 19 and 20-year-olds trying their hand across the water. For me, its an aspiration to play in the best league, the home of football in England," he said.

Extending congratulations to John were John Kennedy, Vice Chairman of Cork City, Paul Bowdren joint coach; Conor Brett from Ringmahon Rangers and Tara Cronin of Vienna Woods Hotel.

## Warren has got game to prosper



THIS tipster has yet to return home from holiday to find his house in smithereens, as Victor Meldrew did in one episode of that fine sitcom of his.

However, as I survey the carnage this column has caused in my fortnight's absence, I find some of the same emotions electrifying every membrane.

Richard Wilson was acting. My pain for your loss is all too real.

The one who replaced me made reference to a life-altering decision I made while away. This was to never wear trousers again, but I now add to this the promise to never let someone lacking the relevant qualifications to type in this space again. For shame. Shame on me for trusting him to give some decent bets. Shame on him for not trying hard enough, or worse, trying desperately hard and failing.

Denis had got off to a wonderful start by tipping Chelsea for next year's Premier League Alas, as every longshot reader worth his pepper knows, I tipped the same team at the same price six days before.

Then there was the bizarre selection of St Maur's (Maur? The patron saint of what? German lawn equipment?) to beat Raheny. In a Dublin Football Championship replay. It didn't come up but that's only the start of what's wrong with that tip.

Sturtle yourself no more, for you are back in the betting bosom of the master.

Our acolyte attempted to offer some value on this weekend's Irish Open yesterday, but I can clear the debris of even that impending disaster today.

Three Irishmen (McIlroy 8/1 favourite) lead the betting at Carton House with only Dane Thomas Bjorn daring to divided them with some firms at 18/1.

Why the sudden interest in the 42-year-old? He lost by one shot to Ernie Els last weekend in Munich (his third top five finish in a row). and was winner on the last visit to Kildare in 2006.

If you want a big bet Bjorn's your man.

But for a big price we'll opt for Scot Marc Warren, twice a winner in playoffs on the European Tour (albeit seven years back). I think a playoff is likely again this time (all bookies who offer it go 5/2) and Warren, who was edged out by Matteo Manassero in a playoff at the BMW Open last month, has a great shout at the ton odds.

**Recommendation:** Marc Warren to win the Irish Open at 100/1 with Paddy Power.