

After all the glory of Wembley..

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Liam Brady

Can they keep Irish heroes?

ARSENAL are battling to keep together the side that won the FA Cup. Chairman Denis Hill-Wood admitted his secret fear within hours of the 2-2 Wembley triumph over Manchester United.

David O'Leary and Frank Stapleton both have contracts that end in July. Liam Brady has one with a year to go.

Hill-Wood said last night: "If foreign clubs come for these players, there is no way we can compete. There isn't a club in this country that could. Foreign teams can pay the sort of money that just can't be paid over here. Arsenal's chairman is as concerned about the immediate future of the match star Brady as he is about his two other Irish stars."

Whispers

"My big fear is that clubs such as New York Cosmos and Bayern could come in. There have been no inquiries, no bids, just whispers. I don't know what Barcelona gave John Charlton to play for them. We couldn't match that. Charlton's career is estimated at £1.5 million for Barcelona. Hill-Wood said: "Under-the-counter payments would be the only way Arsenal would never see that sort of bid. The Cup Final confirmed that Liam Brady is the best player in the world." David O'Leary

Fans salute Gunners

ARSENAL were given a sunshine welcome by 200,000 fans when they took the FA Cup home to North London yesterday. Many fans waved the Irish tricolour flag as a tribute to the six Irish players in the winning team and striker Frank Stapleton held aloft the orange, green and white flag on the team's bus. Man-of-the-match Liam Brady said: "These people are magic."

By HARRY MILLER

and Frank Stapleton are not far behind. My feeling is that all three—particularly at this emotional and successful time—would find it hard to leave Arsenal for another English club. Stapleton told me: "I love Arsenal. But it's an important contract that I'm about to negotiate. It has got to be worthwhile for me to stay."

Brady said: "The ball is in Arsenal's court. If they make it right for me I will stay. I'm not playing in European football. Kevin Keegan has proved it can be done."

But Brian Talbot might never be available for Arsenal's fans when he says: "If we are to move forward from here, it is very important that people like Clippy Brady are persuaded to stay."

And Arsenal aren't standing still. They are trying to strengthen their squad and I believe Wolves' Steve Daley and Tony Currie, of Leeds, are at the top of their wanted list—with Chelsea's Ray Wilkins also involved.



ARSENAL manager Terry Neill and his wife Sandra, who celebrated her birthday yesterday, have two good reasons for bubbling over.

Picture: MONTE FRESCO

HOLE-IN-ONE.. BUT NO £20,000 CAR

WILLIE MILNE, Scotland's golfing heavyweight, won £4,100 here yesterday, and then growled: "I'm going to sue."

Milne, runner-up to fellow Scot Bernard Gallacher in the French Open, was angry when he learned he would not get a £20,000 Mercedes car for a hole-in-one at the 18-year-old.

From RON WILLS in Lyons

But Milne 27 was told by officials that there had been a printing error. "Of course I'm upset," he said later. "Wouldn't you be?"

"That car is worth a lot of money to me. The prize is advertised in the programme and I should get it."

Milne's threat to take legal action was supported by former PGA captain Benry Horton, who

told him: "Mercedes are getting publicity for nothing if they don't give you the car."

Milne's ace—his sixth—came in the middle of a sensational burst.

But the shots he surrendered on the outward half meant a total of 12 for a total of 285.

Gallacher finished with a 70 for an eight-under-par total of 581. South African Hugh Fairweather and Spanish Seve Ballesteros (58) shared third place on 286 to win £2,100 each.

Tracy goes home —top of the class

From NIGEL CLARKE in Rome

TRACY ALSTIN, aged 16, goes back to school next week with the Italian tennis title, a £10,000 first prize, and her homework.

Every night here Tracy has studied her school books as she took a week off from high school to make her bid for this major women's title.

And in ten minutes under two hours she beat left-handed Sylvia Hanika (West Ger-

many) 6-4, 1-6, 6-1. But the Californian kid had to survive her own earnings crisis when she crumbled in the second set, winning only five out of twenty-five points.

On Saturday Tracy ended Chris Evert's 125 match unbeaten run on clay.

"I was stung by a hornet on the leg she said.

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