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DIRECTORS' IMPORTANT MEETING TO-NIGHT

Great Concern Over Limerick's Poor Showing

BY TONY PURCELL

THE Directors of Limerick A.F.C. will treat their weekly meeting to-night with more than ordinary interest following Sunday's incredible 8-0 defeat against a hitherto unimpressive St. Patrick's Athletic team in Dublin, writes Tony Purcell. The Directors, who invested a lot of money in the team this season, are very concerned with the state of the club at the moment-financially and otherwise.

For many seasons the Directors were criticised for not buying players and doing little to build up the team, At the beginning of this season Andy McEvoy was signed from Blackburn Rovers, Paddy Coad, ex-Waterford, took over as manager, and Jimmy Murphy, ex-Cork Hibernians, and Liam Dennehy, a full-back from the Dennehy, a full-back from the Cork junior club, Wolf Tones, also put pen to paper.

Despite the big amount of money spent, Limerick failed to make the impact—and, if anything, the club is worse off than it ever was at present.

REWARD

Many supporters are begin-ning to lose interest following Limerick's indifferent showings of the past few weeks. Who would blame them? They are helping the supporters' club-but the players on the field are giving them little reward.

The Supporters' Club have already contributed £800 to the directors of the soccer club. I understand that they are presenting a further cheque of £150 during next Sunday's game with Cork Hibernians at the Markets Field.

WRONG

While playing conditions at Richmond Park last Sunday were deplorable, it is very difficult to understand how Limerick could allow St. Pat's score eight when both teams were battling under the same dircumstances. There is something stances. There is something radically wrong with the team. The kernel of the trouble is that there is no general of the calibre of Ewan Fenton to steady up the defence and in-fuse spirit in the players. Secondly, the team is playing without any set plan and some of the players appear to lack the necessary interest and en-

PLAYER COACH

What are the chances Limerick getting a player-coach in the immediate future? A spokesman for the club told me possibility of signing a cross-Channel player before the week-end. He declined to give his name until further talks took place.

Despite the fact that Limerick have managed to collect five points from their opening six in the championship. games they are only three points behind the joint-leaders, Waterford, Cork Celtic and Sligo

The form in the champion-ship has been topsy turvey to date and on the current trend of results it would be difficult to say which team will gain ultimate honours. Limerick have Cork Hibernians at home next Sunday.

Rugby and hockey hit by weather

HE two senior rug by matches listed for Limerick last week-end were called off because of frost and snow. They were the Old Crescent-Shannon Munster Senior League game at Rosbrien, and the Bohemians-Clontarf senior friendly at Thomond Park on Satur-THE RE

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Both these clubs denjoying good season doubt, on Saturday, will be hoping to enh reputation. With pi stake, patrons to 1 can look forward to exciting game.

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