

## Senior Soccer

# WRITING ON THE WALL FOR LIMERICK A.F.C. ?

## Drastic Action Needed

by TONY PURCELL

IS the writing on the wall for Limerick Soccer Club ? This is the big question on supporters lips these days as the Club continues to remain in the doldrums and with no apparent improvement likely in the immediate future.

It's a long time since Limerick figured at the bottom of the table in the League Championship. They are joined by Shamrock Rovers and St. Patrick's Athletic in this bracket with only three points from six matches.

What is the real reason for Limerick's present serious state of affairs ? This is difficult to say, but it would appear that the relationship between the Board of Directors, Manager Ewan Fenton and the players is far from happy. Indeed, it would seem that some of the players are taking the field without any incentive whatsoever. Their morale is extremely low as was clearly illustrated in Sunday's miserable display at the Markets Field against Drumcondra. What is the solution to the present crisis ? Many soccer followers in the city feel that the answer lies in the formation of a new Board of Directors with plenty of capital.

The present Board, unfortunately, have not the financial resources to put a winning side out on the field and get the crowds flocking to local headquarters week after week.

The nucleus of a fine side is at the Board's disposal, but they must be willing to invest large sums of money to get suitable players of the calibre of

Carl Davenport, who is transfer-listed by Cork Hibernians. It's no use trying to sign players who are let go by other clubs and have in some cases received free transfers.

Furthermore, new signings from across-Channel must be scrutinised thoroughly and seen in action before they are asked to sign. How often in the past have Limerick signed players from abroad on recommendations by unknown people, and discovered to their grief that the players were no good ?

### CHANGES

Radical changes must be made soon if Limerick A.F.C. are to command a big following. It's no secret to say that many people who have supported the club down the years are staying at home. Who would blame them ? They are not going to spend 6/- to see a team playing badly. The patience of many other supporters who have endured the poor fare so far is rapidly becoming more and more frustrating, and unless drastic action is taken now, the support will be down to a minimum soon.

Limerick are virtually out of the running for the league title after only six series of matches. They are seven points behind the joint-leaders, Shelbourne and Cork Hibernians. Shelbourne hammered Shamrock Rovers, who had beaten Limerick 3-1 the previous week, by 5-0 on Sunday. Incidentally, Limerick are away to Shelbourne next Sunday.

### Cals "A" Trounce "Bees" 4-0

## JOHN SLATTERY GERALDINES HERO IN WIN OVER 'BORO

By "HOTSPUR"

CALEDONIANS "A," 4; CALEDONIANS "B," 0.

GERALDINES, 1; JANESBORO' UTD., 0.

THERE was no scarcity of thrills and excitement at Pearse Stadium on Sunday when Janesboro' took fancied Geraldines to extra time before eventually going under 0-1 in a second round Munster Junior Cup game. In the all Caledonians clash at Cals Park on Saturday, the "A" combination proved much too powerful for the club's second side and ran out easy 4-0 winners.

## TELEPHONES SHOCK FAIRVIEW

### Fixtures

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

"B" Division:

Fairview "B" v. Bedford, 4.00.

Fairgreen. P. J. Meagher.

St. Michael's v. Star Rovers

"B", 4.00, Cals Park, No. 3. T. Meagher.

Caledonian "B" v. Shelbourne

"B", 4.00, Cals Park, No. 1. M. Kelly.

Southill v. Ballynanty Rovers

"B", 4.00, Southill. J. Hartigan.

St. Brigid's v. Riverside, 4.00,

Cals, No. 1. E. Ray.

F.A.I. YOUTH'S CUP

FIRST ROUND, SUNDAY, 15

Dominic Savio v. Star Rovers,

12.45, Cals Park, No. 3. G. Fitzgerald.

Fairview Rgs. v. Hyde Rvs.,

12.45, Fairgreen. P. O'Connor.

Janesboro' Utd. v. Plassey

Vale, 12.45, Pearse Std. E. Cleary.

Shelbourne v. Ballynanty Rvs.,

10.45, Cals Park, No. 3. P. Kiely.

St. Brigid's v. St. John's, 12.45,

Cals Park, No. 2. B. Spain.

Newcomers, Telephones United, created the upset of the season at Fairgreen Park, on Sunday, when they dealt a 2-1 knock-out blow to Fairview Rangers (holders), in the second round of the Munster Junior Cup.

United's win was completely unexpected, especially since this is their first season competing in junior ranks.

Reputations meant little to them as they played Fairview at their own game. Spectators were treated to some brilliant passages of football, and the Post Office men won strictly on merit.

Tony Rooney (ex-Sligo Rvs.) led their front line with great dash and enthusiasm and received above average support from Greg Earls and Pat Hennessy. Tom Heffernan gave little away at centre-half, and with Jim Daly, Mick Byrnes and Jim Daly also showing up well in defence the usually reliable Fairview strikers were given little freedom.

Telephones showed their true potential in the opening quarter,

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