

SENIOR SOCCER:

# CELTIC TROUNCE LIMERICK

## As brilliant Fitzpatrick prevents landslide defeat

By TONY PURCELL

LIMERICK ..... 1 : GLASGOW CELTIC ..... 6.

**THE** mighty Glasgow Celtic could hardly have ended their short Irish tour with more consummate ease than they did at the Markets Field when they completely overwhelmed Limerick by 6-1 in a game which provided four penalties, but was badly lacking in excitement due to the vast superiority enjoyed by the visitors in all phases of play throughout.

While Limerick went down to one of the most respected sides in Europe, nevertheless, home supporters were disappointed with the manner in which they succumbed to defeat. It is true to say that were it not for the brilliance of goalkeeper Kevin Fitzpatrick, Celtic's winning tally would have run into double figures so feeble was the opposition. Fitzpatrick had the proverbial blinder and highlighted his display in the 62nd minute by saving a powerful penalty shot by Tommy Gemmell to the rousing cheers of Limerick supporters.

Unlike in their opening match at Flower Lodge, last Friday night, where Celtic were hard pressed to win 2-1 against Cork Hibs, there was little doubt about the outcome of this one-sided affair after inside right, Ken Dalglish, scored the first of his four grand goals, two of them from penalties, after only nine minutes play.

From the outset, the Limerick defence was constantly under fierce pressure as the Celtic forwards showed bewildering pace and inter-changed most effectively to really cause havoc on occasions in the home goalmouth. Indeed, the locals were lucky to be only 2 down at the interval, inside left, Vic Davidson, getting Celtic's second in the 18th minute with a powerful right-footed shot to the net. In the first half, the great Jimmy Johnstone showed flashes of his fantastic speed, before being replaced by another rising star, Lou Macari, on the resumption.

### REAL HERO

Of course, the real hero, Ken Dalglish, just showed his counterparts how to plant the ball in the net with rocket-like shots, and he could have had six goals to his credit but for the upright on two occasions.

David Hay, Billy McNeill and Jim Craig were always to the fore in the strong Celtic rear-guard, which never had any difficulty curbing the weak home attack, in which only Paddy Shortt and Andy McEvoy in the second half, shone in spasms.

Limerick, who represent Ire-

the first half, Ken Dalglish and Vic Davidson, were a real thorn to their sluggish home defence.

Limerick—Fitzpatrick; Tatum, Byrnes, Hall, Finucane, O'Mahony, Shortt, Doyle, Barrett, Coad, Meaney. Subs — Quinn and Hall for Tatum and Coad.

Glasgow Celtic — Williams; Craig, Brogan, Hay, McNeill; Connolly, Johnstone, Dalglish, Wallace, Davidson, Lennox, Gemmell, Macari.

Referee—J. Hartigan (Limerick).

## Put fist through window

A man who was refused a drink by a licensee, and put his fist through a window, was fined £3 at the Limerick City Court.

Patrick McNamara, Smith-O'Brien Avenue, Killeely, admitted causing malicious damage to a window to the amount of £3.50, the property of William Whelan, New Road, Thomondgate, on May 9 last.

## Golf: Only Four Sure of Inclusion

# Munster Selectors Face Thankless Task

## GOLF: Surprises at Lahinch

# Sean Meaney beats Malone to reach last eight

### Nevin also through to quarter-finals

By CHARLIE MULQUEEN

**SEAN MEANEY**, the colourful two-handicap Castle-troy golfer was one of many surprised winners in the third-round of the South of Ireland Golf Championship at Lahinch this morning. Meaney beat Brian Malone (Portmarnock), a member of the Irish team in the recent European Championships in a thrilling match on the 18th green, and now faces the quarter-final tussle against former winner, Noel Fogarty (Royal Dublin).

Also out of the championship went Roddy Carr, and his father, Joe, as well as the colourful Englishmen, Dru Montague. Pat Mulcaire was two down after 12 in his match against the last remaining Ulsterman, Paddy Shillington, before putting in a storming finish

to win 2 and 1.

Vincent Nevin (Limerick) played very steadily in beating Gregg Young by 4 and 3, and this afternoon he plays Montague's conqueror, Arnold O'Connor. Thus Limerick has a two-pronged interest in the last eight.

Sean Meaney delighted the huge crowd with his sparkling golf and charming manner against Malone.

He was all square after nine and the expected result seemed on the way when Malone won the 10th rather softly with one over par five. However, Meaney levelled at the 12th when Malone three-putted and when he hit with a birdie four at the 14th a big drive and a four iron to the front of the green,