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### SOCCER:

# McEVOY PUT ON TRANSFER LIST

## BOARD ACCEDE TO PLAYER'S REQUEST

IT WAS ANNOUNCED today by Mr. Dave Coughlan, P.E.O., Limerick Soccer Club, that the Board of Directors have acceded to Andy McEvoy's request to be put on the open transfer list. Thus the former Blackburn Rovers star has played his last game in the Limerick colours . . . and is now anxious to join a Dublin club, writes Tony Purcell.

Many soccer fans will be disappointed at this news, for while McEvoy did not produce the many goals in his five years with Limerick as was anticipated when he joined from Blackburn Rovers way back in 1967, nevertheless he emerged one of the outstanding players in the League of Ireland . . . and even today there are few players capable of produc-

ing his skilful ball play and clever distribution.

### DISTINCTION

Of course, McEvoy played with distinction for the Republic of Ireland on more than 20 occasions, and soon after his joining Limerick turned down a further chance to play for his country. He also was honoured on a few occasions on the League of Ireland sides.

McEvoy started his footballing career with Bray Wanderers, the Leinster League club, and showed such promise that he signed for Blackburn Rvs., and had the great honour of being the leading goal scorer in the English First Division for two seasons in the early sixties.

McEvoy, on his return to Ireland, was signed by Limerick, and proved himself one of the most graceful footballers in the League of Ireland. He won an FAI Cup medal in 1971, and a Dublin City Cup medal the season previously.

After five years with Limerick, McEvoy feels that there is too much travelling involved while working in Dublin, and is anxious to join a club there. He will be a loss to Limerick. Limerick at last have seemed

to recover something of their best form as was displayed in their great 2-2 draw with Cork Hibernians at Flower Lodge on Sunday and one hopes that they will continue to produce the fine spirit and determination so evident on this showing.

### HOME GAMES

Next Sunday, St. Patrick's Athletic visit the Markets Field and the following week, Sligo Rovers are visitors for the opening game of the League Championship. If Limerick can manage to win both these games, then they will go a long way towards winning back favour with their supporters, and getting improved gates.

I understand that last Sunday's gate at Flower Lodge was very small, and this can be attributed to Limerick's refusal to agree to a 5.30 kick-off to avoid clashing with the All-Ireland Football final between Kerry and Offaly.

It is a coincidence, however, that both Limerick and Hills will be in opposition again at Flower Lodge on October 15, the day of the All-Ireland football final replay. One wonders will Limerick again insist on a 3.30 start and run the risk of another small gate.

### 'BORO SLAM PIKE ROVERS

## O'Regan steers 'Dines to great win

### DROMBANNA WIN AGAIN

BY "HOTSPUR"

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| GERALDINES, 3;     | CALEDONIANS, 1     |
| JANESBORO', 4;     | PIKE ROVERS, 1     |
| DROMBANNA, 3;      | PRIORY UNITED, 2   |
| HYDE ROVERS, 1;    | STAR ROVERS, 1     |
| NEWCASTLE WEST, 3; | BALLYNANTY RVS., 2 |

GERALDINES, pipped for the League Championship by Janesboro' last season, are hot on the trail again following their splendid 3-1 victory over fancied Caledonians. Meanwhile, Janesboro' kept in touch by disposing of Pike Rovers 4-1 at Pearse Stadium, while Drombanna maintained their unbeaten run at the expense of Priory Utd.

There was a huge crowd at Cals Park on Saturday for the much discussed clash between

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