

SENIOR SOCCER: Byrne, McCabe and Mathier released

FOGARTY'S REIGN HAS ENDED

EXCLUSIVE BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

LIMERICK A.F.C. have relieved player-manager Amby Fogarty of his duties and have released three other players, Billy Byrne, Jim McCabe and Colin Mathier. This news was revealed to-day by Mr. Dave Coughlan, hon-secretary and hon-treasurer of the club.

When the Limerick directors met at the Savoy Banqueting Suite on Wednesday evening they had no communication from their player-manager and were left with no alternative but to accept that he was not interested in taking up residence in the city.

"We wrote to Mr. Fogarty on Thursday terminating our agreement with immediate effect," said Mr. Coughlan.

Shortly after the letter had been posted, Mr. Fogarty telephoned the secretary from Dub-

lin and advised him that he had decided not to accede to the club's demand that he should live in Limerick if he were to continue as player-manager.

"We are sorry to lose Amby," continued Mr. Coughlan, "but we fully understand his position and have parted good friends."

Limerick were impressed with his offer to help out in an advisory capacity, if required.

TRAVEL

It appears that Fogarty suggested he was willing to travel to meet the members of the



Kevin Fitzpatrick . . . in his 14th season with Limerick.

board next week. He intimated that he had two people in mind who might be interested in taking over from him.

So Limerick are once again without a manager.

But it may not be for long. The club are anxious to replace Mr. Fogarty as quickly as possible and hope to appoint a successor within the next month.

They are seriously considering appointing a local, but will not make a definite decision until they see who is on offer.

"We have two cross-Channel men in mind as well," said Mr. Coughlan.

Amby Fogarty joined the club on October 7 last year.

Over the last few years, Limerick have dispensed with the services of no fewer than six managers — Alan Fox, Paddy Coad, Ewan Fenton, Al Eimurac, Tommy Anderson, and now, Fogarty.

Not a good advertisement



Colin Mathier . . . released by Limerick

really when it comes to recruiting a new player-manager.

Although Limerick had a most disappointing 1972-73 season, they have retained the bulk of their panel for next term.

RELEASED

Released are keeper Billy Byrne, centre-forward Jim McCabe, and utility men Colin Mathier. The latter returned to England last week.

Those who have been retained are: Kevin Fitzpatrick, Al Finucane, Tony Meaney, Shay Doyle, Richie Hall, Joe O'Mahony, Denis Lymer, Sean Corr, Des Kennedy, John Murray and Sean Byrne.

Tony Fitzgerald has been contacted with a view to settling his differences with the club, and no decision has been reached as yet regarding a Eamonn Hefferan, who was sidelined for most of last season.

PLEGDED

Limerick have pledged that

they will give local talent its first chance in 1973-74, and there is a strong possibility that they will extend an open invitation to promising young players to join in training sessions at the Markets Field in summer.

"That will be up to Mr. Fogarty's successor," added Mr. Coughlan.

When I questioned the hon. secretary if there was any truth in the rumour that they were thinking of selling Shay Doyle, he replied:

DENIED

He denied that they were negotiating with Derby County to have Ricky Marlowe on loan for next season. Limerick are fully aware of

the many problems facing them and of their obligation to their fans.

I have been assured by vice-chairman Billy Higgins that the board will be active during the off-season and that they will release their plans in the near future.

"We are not going to get into anything without first giving careful consideration," was his final remark.

Of the four cross-Channel players who joined the club at the beginning of the 1972 campaign, full-back Denis Lymer is the sole survivor. Lymer and Mathier have returned home, while Billy Byrne is with Cork Hijeriniats.

Former Limerick player, Des Barrett, was yesterday given free release by St. Patrick's Athletic, as also was Carl Donohue, who had a sport with the Blues earlier this season.

DO YOU RECALL . . .

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Lilian Moran, for long a leading light in Irish hockey circles, is manager of the Irish ladies team which is currently playing a series of games in the United States. The Irish team has won the majority of their matches. Lilian is also President of the I.L.H.U.

Limerick are playing Cork in an inter-city game at Thurrock Park on Saturday. The team is F. O'Connell (Old Crescent), R. Duncovich (Garryowen), B. O'Brien (Shannon), Jim O'Shea (Young Munster), M. Arthur (Shannon), W. Foley (Old Crescent), W. Leahy (Old Crescent), M. N. Ryan (Shannon), P. Linn (Old Crescent), M. McElahan (Old Crescent), T. Nesdale (Garryowen), M. Spillane (Old Crescent), S. Gibbins (Old Crescent), J. Gallagher (Shannon), J. Ryan (Cobbe).

Limerick, apart from the first 20 minutes when Bohemians were going well with the wind at their backs, were not troubled to beat the minnows, 3-0, at the Markets Field. This was their biggest win of the season. Mick Dooley scored twice, and Joe O'Brien was also on target. Limerick: K. Fitzpatrick, J. Ryan, Casey, McN-

O'Brien. Sean Hackett, whose last appearance was some ten years ago, when he started for Lansdowne in the Irish Senior Cup final against Three Rock Rovers, made a comeback for his club against L.P.V.M.A. on Saturday. But the return of this great player was not a happy occasion for his club. They lost to Young Men's for the first time in 10 years.

Caledonians swamped Aster Athletic 9-0. Dick Butler (3), P. Doran (2), Fred McNamara (2), Pat Kirby and Jimmy Ford were on the mark for the winners. Island United, thanks to goals from Pat Phayer (3) and Clem Moore, trounced Rangers 1-0, while Six Rovers scrapped Juniors 6-2. The winners' marksmen were Tony Hayes (2), Sean Fitzgerald (2), John King and Noel Timmons.

The following is the Limerick team to play Westford in the N.H.L.: Jim Hogan, John McDonagh, J. J. Bresnahan, Eamonn Rea, S. Quaid, A. O'Brien, K. Long, P. J. Keane, L. Hogan, P. Cobbe, E. Carey, D. Hartigan, D. Flynn, T. Bluet, M. Rainford, Subs: L. O'Shea, M. Heelan, P. Lyons, P. Con-

crowd were under the impression that the teams had finished level.

A fine hat-trick by centre-forward Paul McDonagh helped Catholic Institute to a good 2-0 win over the College of Surgeons. Jimmy Meenan, Cyril Stockil, Tom O'Donoghue, Tony O'Shea and Jim Geany were prominent for the winners.

The Co. Novice 20 miles cycling championship was held over 4 laps of the Ballysheedy Course in pleasant, sunny conditions. A dozen riders from the straiter in the event and the pace from the word "go" was a crackle. John Egan was placed first, with John Hickey coming in second. Hard luck rider of the day was 16-year-old Mick McMoray, a schoolboy from Castleconnell, who was charged with comedy in the beginning. Face when he mis-judged a sharp bend and collided with a bridge, completely wrecking his machine.

St. Patrick's beat Galbally 5-11 to 2-3, to take their second minor hurling title. They had their scorers in G. Joyce (2-2), S. Tuohy (1-5), N. Hennessy (1-0), V. Phelan (1-0), T. O'Sullivan and Mick Collopy

JUNIOR SOCCER:

Fike entertain Newcastle West

Geraldines must beware of Ballynanty Rovers

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

PREMIER LEAGUE champions Geraldines will display their wares at Priory Park this evening when they take on inconsistent Ballynanty Rovers in the Saxone Cup. Pike Rovers have a date with Newcastle West in the same competition on Sunday, while St. Michael's can carry on their merry way at the expense of Shannon Diamond.

Geraldines, crowned Premier League champions for the first time since 1957 after that no ordinary 2-1 win over close challengers, Jamesboro, at Priory Park, a fortnight ago, don't altogether relish their task against Ballynanty Rovers. They are always a tricky team to beat, and while our kids are over-3-the-hill at the moment, there is never a certainty in soccer," said Dines' caretaker manager, Paddy Fitzgerald, who is looking forward to a hard task.

Ballynanty Rovers have had a most disappointing season and are still searching for their first trophy. They have registered an

Bits in Brief

The Na Piarsaigh Club "round the mountains" walk, originally arranged for next Sunday, has been postponed a week to Sunday, May 6. Prizes will be awarded to young and old participants for endurance feats.

Andy Dunworth scored 1-11 of the 2-12 totted up by Faughs, Dublin, against Rathnure, Wexford, in the Leinster Club Senior Hurling Championship semifinal at Nowlan Park last Sunday.

Jack Moynihan (Cloughan), named as left corner forward on the Limerick Co. under 21 hurling team is a son of Mick Moynihan, one of the great Abane workers in the heyday of that club and its long serving secretary.

I got involved in a discussion last week on the Limerick team that beat Carr 2-16 to 2-6 in the 1953 Munster senior hurling final. I don't think any of us recalled it correctly from memory, so here to settle that bet is the actual line-out: Paddy Cunningham, St. Patrick's; Donald Broderick, Dromocherry; Paddy Enright, Clonsilla; Hugh, Jim Keogh, Cloughan; Eugene O'Sullivan, Dromocherry; Seamus Ryan, Cappamore; Jack Quaid, Fohanagh; Tom Casey, Abane; Jim Quaid, Fohanagh; Liam Lyons, Cappamore; Dermot Kelly, Cloughan; Ralph Fitzgerald, Cloughan; Gerry Fitzgerald, Rathkeale; Sean Leonard, Abane; Vivian Cobbe, St. Patrick's.

Church of Ireland visit Institute

Season drawing to a close—another "cap" for Marie

BY CORMAC LIDDY

THE FACT THAT the Munster schoolgirls' team could manage to score only one goal in their four matches in the recent tremendously successful inter-provincial championships at Foynes is clear indication of the lack of forward material at all levels of the game in the province.

I doubt if any inter-provincial championships series in recent years can have been so efficiently organised, or have been so enjoyable, as that held over three days in magnificent weather at Foynes.

The prizes and tributes meted out by all at the conclusion of the tournament to the organising North Munster Committee were fully deserved, for certainly they did a superb job.

That Munster had such a poor record in the competition is certainly no fault of the Limerick girls chosen. Sylvia Harding of Villiers did well in goal in the games for which she was

chairman. Mrs. Pat O'Leary acted as secretary and the tributes were paid to the staff and Mrs. P. O'Leary was hon. treasurer and Mrs. Lillian Moran, and Mrs. M. O'Leary were wonderful sponsors on all the most enjoyable tributes which were handed in.

Particular tributes were by Mrs. Reid to Rosalind for their generous staff, St. Laurence of Mount Convent, Foynes, the staff and the girls at the convent, St. L. for her excellent coaching.

