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SENIOR SOCCER:

**UNITED
 BACK IN
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By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

SPECULATION continues to grow in Limerick that it is possible the city may not be represented in the League of Ireland for the first time since the club was founded way back in 1937.

The High Court ruled in Dublin at the weekend that Limerick United and not Limerick City were the rightful members of the league.

The League of Ireland had accepted last season the application from Mr. Pat Grace to change the name of the club to Limerick City, who had already played two games in the League-Cup.

Though United have now been recognised by the league, the question is, have they sufficient time to prepare.

First fixture is against Bohemians in the league at Dalymount Park next Sunday.

Limerick United are now entitled to be represented at tomorrow's Management Committee meeting in Dublin. It is anticipated that John McNamara, one of the principals in the High Court application, will attend the meeting.

The Management Committee are likely to insist that United are in a sound financial position and are in a position to meet their commitments over the next nine months.

The question uppermost on people's lips at the moment is, what type of panel will the club have. It is possible that the majority of players with City will sign if the terms are right; suggestions have already been made that some of the old timers might now decide to stand down and call an end to their careers.

In view of their High Court action, the league could very well

make things difficult for United. But had they acted properly in the first instance all this aggro might have been eliminated.

It was their responsibility to carry out their own investigation into Limerick's internal problems. Instead, they preferred to turn a blind eye.

The next forty-eight hours should determine United's future.

For one thing, Limerick City must go into the Guinness Book of Records as the club having the shortest life in professional football. Their season ticket holders hardly got value for money!

"The war is only starting" - they were Pat Grace's words this morning when asked to comment on last Friday's High Court decision to allow Limerick United to compete in the League of Ireland this season.

The chairman of the now defunct Limerick City said that he would be back in football in the not too distant future.

"And I would also bet that Limerick United will not be in football this season."

He claims that he was owed a substantial sum by the board of directors of Limerick United and would be taking action against them this week.

"The League of Ireland will be made aware of the situation before they meet on Tuesday night, and when they know the facts they can hardly look upon Limerick United in favourable light."

Cork United, he added, were removed from football because of a debt owed to Manchester City.

Mr. Grace added that in no way would he become involved with the board of Limerick United.

He said that he had the interest of Limerick football very much at heart - "but I will be back," he signed off.



The Bohemians team that beat Limerick

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To-night's

By CORMAC LIDDY

**BOHEMIANS 13
 LIMERICK COUNTIES 0**

Thanks to the accuracy of Mark Walsh with his penalty kicking Bohemians qualified for the Charity cup final against Thomond when they beat Limerick Counties in a poor semi-final at Thomond Park on Saturday.

Compared to the other semi-final this game lacked the spirit and competitiveness of the Thomond-Garryowen tie as Bohemians, after having an escape in the opening minutes, were always on top but it was only in the final minute that they managed a try... a well-taken effort by winger Rudi Rupert.

The Counties side lacked teamwork and cohesion although for

525 yards-Shifting Sam, E Tallyho, Doonaha Daisy, Gi Work, Granada Prince, Noble, Secret Belinda (reserve)

525 yards-Real Lassie, T Fifty, Some Hope, Finure L Sands Dash, The Client, O Coast (reserve).

300 yards-Quiet Spec, Ye No, Dooma Prince, Holy C Flash, Blue Picture, Uncatch Ross Monarch (reserve).

525 yards-Arctic Flyer, De Best, Little Thurelle, Lad Pr Detties Best, Evening Best, S Tonic (reserve).

525 yards-Lone Passenger, sane Cross, That's Why, Fried, True Blend, Echo Portland Sam (reserve).

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