from play and he blasted home a magnificent goal from a penalty with a blistering hopping shot early in the second half when Kilkenny trailed by

only a single point. Goalkeepers and ex-goalies were certainly the focus of attention at Nowlan Park with long serving substitute Sea-mus O'Sullivan taking over from Quaide as the Limerick custodian, while Noel Skehan watched from the Kilkenny dug-out as his replacement Kevin Fennelly conceded 5

trom 10mmy Quaide, and although Kieran Brennan pointed a side-line puck, Pat McCarthy pounced again with a vengence when he goaled from the edge of the square.

The exchanges now were tough and exciting with Kil-kenny all out, but they could manage only points as the vigilant Limerick defence held out heroicly.

#### Big lead

Limerick went into a very strong position when Pat McCarthy flashed a pass from T. Quaide, P. McCarthy, J. Flanagan. Subs.: E. Meskell for Magnier; P. Howard for

Kilkenny—K. Fennelly; J. Henderson, M. Galway, E. Aylward: J. Marnell, G. Henderson, N. Brennan; D. Hoyne, F. Cummins; K. Brennan, P. Walsh, H. Ryan, L. nan, r. Walsa, McCarthy, J. Lawlor, M. O'Connor. Subs.: D. O'Hara for Aylward; J. Brennan for O'Connor; S. Fennelly for McCarthy.

Referee: J. Moore (Water-

ford).

SENIOR SOCCER: Good win yesterday after . . .

# Shock sack for Fenton

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY AFTER twelve months at the

helm Limerick City manager, Ewan Fenton was relieved of his duties last Friday after-

His dismissal came as a bombshell to players and supporters as there was little indication that the Board had been disappointed with his stewardship.

It appears that the manager went to the offices of chair-

afternoon to discuss plans for the week-end, when he was asked to tender his resigna-

"Yes, I was surprised . when appointed last year, I did not ask for a contract and as far as I am concerned it is now all over and done with," said Fenton, who has bowed out with dignity.

Chairman Grace told me that he had become concerned with recent results-"morale has been low over the past few games and something had to be done.

Fenton's sin it appears, was that City had lost their previous two league matches against Galway and Shamrock

According to Ambrose Malone, the decision to sack Fenton was taken at board

One must sympathise with both parties. Limerick, with an investment of £60,000 plus at Rathbane, seemed to be going in the wrong direction after that 4-1 drubbing by Shamrock Rovers.
The Board was concerned

that if the rot was allowed to set in they would lose favour with their public—and Rath-bane could become a white elephant.

Fenton, a thorough gentleman at all times, fully appreciates that there is a very thin line between failure and suc-

He recalled that after their 3-0 win over Home Farm in

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at No. 8, with Tony Le Brian O'Connor takir majority of the line-out

#### Lead

out-half.

Shannon went into th in the 9th minute with a Fitzgerald penalty. Watchad the opportunity to ise three minutes later, penalty from Aidan Wa the left upright. The visitors were no

ing for the opening. Up front Shannon

rock solid in the set sc

but could never assert

authority in the loose

and a very trim looking

McLoughlin were firm

scrummage with Tom S

most affective in the loc Ger McMahon and

O'Donovan were quic tackle any cracks appeared and helped o

attack.
For Waterpark, who

many new admirers with adventurous style had

player on view in full Gerry Walsh. Scoring his only try Walsh was invol

many superb moves caused all sorts of proble the Shannon defence.

Brian Douglas and Eiffe were speedy wing John O'Neill, who came a substitute, a most

Chris Anderson was s

Eamon Butler, Noel (

line-outs.

denied however, and a passing movement in th minute saw Gerry Wals the line to split the Sh defence and score ne posts. Tony Eiffe miss conversion from a favo position. Aidan Wals wide with another Wat penalty before John restored the Shannoi with a drop-goal prior interval.

Early in the seco John O'Neill missed a penalty opportunit Waterpark before SI increased their lead. I near-in scrum Sh pushed their opponen the line for Niall O'D to get the touchdown



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### SENIOR SOCCER

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the opening series they were tipped in some quarters as potential league champions. "Then we lose two matches,

and look what happened.

Some will argue that City acted rather hastily in asking Fenton for his resignation.
Pat Grace expressed the

view that when things were going badly in any business a change was needed. "That is my philosophy in life and it also applies to my chain of chicken shops."

Joe O'Mahony was

Joe O'Mahony was appointed as caretaker manager on Friday evening and had the satisfaction of seeing his team win 3-1 at Inchicore yesterday. He must be in the running of Fenton's position; so too are Al Finucane and Kevin Fitzpatrick.

Whether City made the correct decision in dismissing Fenton remains to be seen.

Limerick football doesn't have a particularly good re-cord in showing confidence in

their managers.
The record book speaks for The record book speaks for itself: Alan Fox, Paddy Coad, Ewan Fenton, Tommy Anderson, John Herrick, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Al Finucane, Frank Johnson, Eoin Hand, Dave Mahedy, Amby Fogarty and Fenton again have all seen service over the past 15 years. Limerick City...... 3

St. Pat's Ath..... 1 Yesterday at Inchicore, three goals in a six minute spell gave Limerick a deserved win over St. Patrick's Athletic.

This five-star performance was all the more surprising in view of the mid-week upheav-al that resulted in the club parting company with their manager, Ewan Fenton, whose association over many years with Limerick soccer has helped to bring much success to the city.

One cannot measure how important a part caretaker manager Joe O'Mahony had in yesterday's revitalised performance but so much went so right on the pitch that it cannot all have been accidental and Limerick may now be tempted to offer the long-serving winghalf the managerial post on a permanent basis.

Certainly, O'Mahony left Richmond Park last evening a more contented man than Limerick manager, Eoin Hand, who obviously has a lot to do if St. Patrick's are to begin winning matches with sufficient regularity for a championship challenge to be

launched. For all of the home side's

spirited endeavour the result was never in doubt once Limerick went 3-0 ahead by the 25th minute. Yet, St. Patrick's, in an open and exciting match, also had their moments. Indeed they should have opened the scoring in the 10th minute but after a splendid build-up by Eugene Davis and Derek Chubb, Graham Quinn, with his back to the goal attempted to turn on a ball that had drifted away from him and his off-balance effort posed no problem for Alec Ludzic. Had he left the

could have had cause to regret their complacency. Quinn retheir complacency. Quinn reduced the leeway from a penalty award in the 79th minute and had Chubb headed into an open net immediately afterwards instead of back across the goalmouth the visitors would have had a very worsting. have had a very worrying closing ten minutes or so.

St. Patrick's Athletic—

O'Shea; Gregg, Bradley, Gavin Moore; Braddish, Gough, Davis, Kelly, Chubb, Quinn. Subs.: Delaney for Davis (64 minutes); Morrison for Gough (78 minutes).

Limerick City—Ludzic; Coyle, Cowper, Finucane, Storan, Walsh; Nodwell, Mur-phy, Kennedy, Gaynor, Hulmes.

Referee: K. O'Sullivan (Cork).

Ladies' Hockey:

#### Locals on Munster team

There are no new caps on the Munster ladies' hockey team to play in the interprovincial tournament in Limerick on November 23-24. Three more players will be added to the team after the Reserve Tournament on November 10. The Munster XI is: M.

The Munster XI is: M. Geaney (Old Ursulines); D. Deasy (UCC), M. Horgan (Old Ursulines), M. Bartlett (Catholic Institute), M. O'Connor (do.), M. Crawford (do.), B. Heffernan (Waterford), J. Cowhey (Catholic Institute), V. Shannon (Ashton), G. Paul (Old Ursulines), M. O'Sullivan (UCC).

The Reserve Munster panel to play in the Reserve Tourna-

to play in the Reserve Tourna-ment in Dublin on November ment in Dublin on November 10 is: M. Nugent (Waterford), M. Kiely (UCC), L. Sweetman (Ashton), Y. Perrott (C. of I), J. Barrett (Harlequins), L. Harrington (Belvedere), T. Birch (Harlequins), D. Hill (Belvedere), C. Walsh (Old Ursulines), H. Beamish (Ashton), B. Keane (Catholic Institute), R. Nagle (do.), P. McKechnie (C. of I.), M. Morgan (Waterford).

The above were selected following a trial and coaching session at Ashton School Grounds yesterday. Three of the Munster midfield did not play yesterday as they are all

play yesterday as they are all on the injured list, but still Marion Horgan (knee injury), Marie Bartlett (ankle trouble) and Bernie Heffernan (ankle injury) retained their places as did Gwen Paul, who was also an absentee from this day's

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