

Under-16 league final: Young Munster 4, Old Crescent 0.  
 Under-14 league final: Shannon Old Crescent off.  
 North Munster League: Richmond 6, Bohemians 3.  
 Junior friendlies: Shannon 12, Old Crescent 0; Young Munster 12, Old Crescent 12.  
 Junior schools: St. Munchin's 4, P.B.C. 4.

planned: We are not really worried about the rain, because of the excellent new drainage system, it is the frost we are afraid of", she admitted.

And when most of us are enjoying our Christmas turkey, Colette will be working hard preparing for the four day festival.

St. Stephen's Day is always glamour day and a huge crowd is almost certainly guaranteed. The big race on the 26th is the Tattersalls Novice Chase over two miles and six furlongs with £10,000 sponsorship.

On Saturday, December 27th the Michael Morrissey

followed by A. J. Keane with 23 points and local trainer Michael Hourigan one further back.

All these trainers will have runners at Limerick with the consolation of an exercise saddle presented by Mr. Tom Wallace Saddlery of Limerick to the runner-up.

Paddy Mullins after winning the Kerry track championship and £5,000 for the third year in a row will be the favourite this time to lift the Limerick prize for the first time.

Incidentally the scoring system is: five for a win, three for second and two for third.

In the contest for the

"We hope to start next year subject to the grant from the Racing board", she confirmed.

Having spent £160,000 on the drainage to get the track right, the directors now feel that they should turn their attention to the patrons with a new diningroom, bar and along with weigh room and other facilities.

This would seem to knock on the head any fears that the track—a prime site—might fall to the hands of developers.

It is hoped that subject to finance that they will be able to start work in the new year.

Pike supporters. Shortly afterwards, the homesters were 2-0 up when Star, in trying to run the ball out of defence, lost possession and Christy Coll's cross from the left was forced home on the far upright by Greg Moloney.

Though Star were reduced to ten men, they scored a consolation goal through Pat Byrnes in the dying minutes.

**FAI Youth Cup**  
**THIRD ROUND**

Vereker Cl. .... 3  
 Ballynanty Rvs. .... 2

Played at St. Enda's, this FAI Youth Cup third round turned out to be a right tie. Ballynanty dominated the early exchanges and were unlucky not to have scored on a number of occasions. Vereker, however, opened the scoring ten minutes from the break when Ken Barrett beat Brian Fitzgerald in the Balla goals with a fine shot.

Five minutes into the second half Clements looked to have the game sewn up when they added No. two when a perfectly taken Ken Barrett free was met beautifully by Brian Silke who volleyed to the roof of the net. Such was not the case, however, as Ballynanty pulled one back when Ken Morgan beat Pat Buckley in the Clements goal from close range. Ten minutes later the game was really in the melting pot when the blues levelled the tie, again through the reliable boot of Ken Morgan.

Disaster struck shortly after for Vereker when one of their key players was dispatched for an early shower and with Ballynanty in dominant mood at that stage it looked the end for Vereker, but they battled back to score the all-important winner when Barrett chipped a long-range shot to the back of the net. Ballynanty surged forward in search of the equaliser but failed to penetrate a solid and massed Vereker rearguard.

**FAI U-17 Cup**

Geraldines ..... 0  
 Caherdavin ..... 2

Caherdavin booked their fourth round ticket with a well-deserved win over Geraldines at the Garryowen Green over the weekend. Brian Swords put them into a first



Karl Finucane (left) chairman, Limerick Racing Supporters Club with Limerick Race Company chairman, Kevin Frost (centre) and Willie O'Rourke, managing director, Tattersalls (Ireland) discussing the forthcoming four-day festival at Limerick Racecourse.

**SENIOR SOCCER . . .**

**City can continue winning!**

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

The new change in management certainly worked wonders for Limerick City on their visit to Athlone Town at the weekend, and the likelihood is that the Nolan/Walsh combination will guide the locals to yet another win at Rathbane over Bray Wanderers next Sunday.

With the New Year just around the corner, City will in all probability have a new face at the helm by the time they renew hostilities with the seaisiders in the second round of the championship a week later.

The new favourite for the post is former Northern Ireland international Martin O'Neill, who was an interested spectator at St. Mel's Park. Later O'Neill had talks with chairman Pat Grace, and there could be developments shortly after Christmas.

It hasn't helped Limerick's cause in finding a new manager that they have dispensed with so many in the past. Financially, Limerick are known to treat managers well, but it is that lack of job security which might frighten

off potential candidates. How encouraging it was to see Nolan and Walsh guide their side to a rare win over Athlone Town. Not since the 'seventies had Limerick managed a league win over them at St. Mel's.

It might be argued by some that Athlone are bottom of the table at the moment, but they had every incentive to succeed on Sunday in that they had a new manager in Jimmy Jackson, and had Pdraig O'Connor back in defence.

And since Limerick were in the news for all the wrong reasons the previous week, it was quite an achievement to pick up full points.

They have the nucleus of a good side but what they do need is strong management and a couple of seasoned

players in their ranks. Things had become a little lax at headquarters, and now that the directors have learned their lesson they must be expected to lend their full weight to their new manager, whoever he might be.

Now that Limerick have sampled their first away win in the league, let's hope they can follow up with a rare home success.

Certainly, Bray Wanderers shouldn't pose any real threat to them, but all will depend on City's frame of mind on the day. The incentive is there to get away from the tail end section of the league and I have confidence in them to add to Bray Wanderers problems and at the same time ease their own by taking full points.

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**WEEKEND**

Games Fixed	Games Played	Games Off	Ho W
30	17	13	

Results at end of 90  
 Penalty shot

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