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CITY IN CRISIS AS HAMILTON RESIGNS

BY John O'Shaughnessy

LIMERICK CITY were thrown into crisis on Saturday when player-manager Billy Hamilton told his board of directors that he was resigning his position. Hamilton's decision, on the eve of the crucial League game against Bohemians at Dalymount Park, took the club by surprise.

The former Northern Ireland international stressed that he had no disagreement with the directors and spoke highly of their efforts to promote the game. But those close to the scene say he was irked by an irresponsible piece of

journalism at the week-end. He was also known to have been disillusioned by the state of pitches in the LOI and with the standard of refereeing. According to himself, he has had no approaches from any other club. During the pre-season his name was linked with Derry City and Glentoran, but that was pure speculation.

It is known that Hamilton was disappointed with City's start to the League campaign, in which they had collected three points from three starts prior to his departure.

They were beaten 2-1 by Bohemians on Sunday.

He joined Limerick two years ago with Brian Flynn, the former Wales international. They had asked for three years to get the club into a challenging position for honours. Flynn's tenure was short; he quit Rathbane after about six weeks.

Hamilton went on to win the respect of the local soccer populace, and was one of the club's most popular managers in its short history.

He has not yet decided on his future, or whether he will leave the Limerick area. He resides in Castleconnell, and is known to be a keen fisherman.

So City must now search for a new manager. Dave Mahedy had charge of the team at Dalymount Park and is likely to continue in that capacity for a few more weeks.

He has inherited a promising squad of young players, all of whom have benefited from Hamilton's wealth of experience.

Money

With money in short supply at Rathbane, City may have difficulty in filling the position with an experienced man.

Potential candidates will not be too impressed with the club's high turnover of managers. It must be stated, however, that Hamilton's departure from the scene was not anticipated by the board.

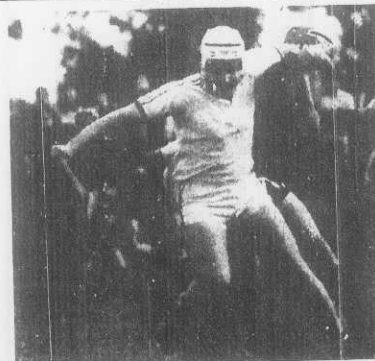
Joe Hanrahan, Hamilton's most expensive signing, paid glowing tribute to him and regretted his departure.

Limerick's chances of making up ground on joint league leaders Bohemians and Derry City are seen as remote.

On next Sunday they travel to Athlone Town. In his first season Hamilton guided City clear of relegation. Last season they finished in the top four and the player-manager emerged as the leading scorer in the country.

A strict disciplinarian, he was held in high regard by all with whom he came in contact. He had plans to make City one of the leading teams in the League but with poor attendances and little cash in the kitty, he was unable to achieve his goal. One can only speculate that he felt he was in a dead-end situation, and that the time had come to move on. Defeat by non-league side Tramore Athletic in the Munster Cup in mid-week could have contributed to his decision to opt out.

See week-end soccer on inside pages.



J. O'Riordan, Bruff, breaks away from an Old Christians player.

BRUFF SNATCHES LATE DRAW

Bruff
Old Christians

A draw was a fitting result to a hard fought and sporting intermediate hurling championship final at Cappamore yesterday between Bruff and Old Christians.

Old Christians led 1-3 to 0-3 at half-time after playing with the assistance of a fresh breeze. Bruff looked to be in a good position at this stage, but found the opposition tough as they were hard to come by and it was in the closing seconds when Paul Moloney snatched the equaliser for Bruff.

Pat Howard, home from USA, played a storming game at centre back for Old Christians and won the man of the

match award pres Patsy Coffey, Cappamore.
Bruff scorers: R. O'4, D. Kieley 0-2, C. nell, P. Barrett, P. O-1 each.

Old Christians scorers: Heggarty 0-4, J. Gogarty 0-1.

Full report in issue.

CANOE CLUB

Limerick Canoe Club is holding a beginner canoeing course at Thomond College, on October 11 for five days. There are only a few places available, so if you are interested in taking part contact Pat at 42542 or 31521, or Duhag at 330703.

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