

eligible for duty, they have a tremendous force. I also help to keep their peak fitness for the 71-72 season.

Message then appears to ch out for Ballynanty youths. They could well r from Hyde Rovers as is leading outfit.

is a recent picture of ty Rovers under 18 side. w: Ger O'Mahony, John n, Joe Bennis, Mick ll, Ger Payne, Derek Mick Bromell. Front r Naughton, Pat O'Cal-Declan Cusack, Mick and John Daly.

worth mentioning that ve some useful reserves books, and in addition, aid a successful "B"

The truth can be hard to digest at times.

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Willie "Blarney" Keane of the referees' society, invites ex-players to take to the whistle. When asked to comment on recent statements made by Brian Hanrahan he had this to say: "There was a certain amount of truth in what Mr. Hanrahan said about the standard of refereeing, but he seems to be unaware that local referees are appointed by inspectors from Dublin and Cork."

Mr. Keane is hopeful that more ex-players will take up refereeing, and remarked that he would like to see experienced men such as Brian Hanrahan apply for membership of their society.

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telephoned him recently to reserve bedrooms for a party of 18 people. The hotelier reserved

Congratulations from all soccer followers to Limerick A.F.C. on reaching the F.A.I. Cup final.

**Billy Barry.**

This week's prize letter is from 15-years-old Billy Barry, 4 Upper Carey's Road.

He wrote:  
Dear Hotspur,  
"I travelled to watch Limerick play St. Patrick's last Saturday and I was a very happy boy when the final whistle sounded. On this occasion I think Limerick showed why they are recognised as having the best defence in the League.

"I must say that I was surprised by the behaviour of St. Pat's supporters. I feel that St. Pat's would do better than have that kind of following.

"There has been a fair amount of criticism levelled at the referee. This is completely unjustified, because I think that the savage tackles that St. Pat's indulged in should not have gone unnoticed. I am sure John Colrain did not learn those tactics in Glasgow. Still, let this not overshadow the fact that we are into the final, when I am sure Limerick will be i

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### Senior Soccer

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 6**

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No. 2, R. Spain.

The Limerick v. St. Patrick's Cup semi-final was the talk of Dublin last week-end, not so much because of the quality of the football served up, but because of the after match incidents and some of the decisions given by referee Mr. O'Neill.

The referee came in for much criticism from the Dublin public. Reference was also made to Limerick's refusal to play Bohemians under lights, and one person suggested that the provincial clubs were now taking over the F.A.I.

There was much dissatisfaction all round, and St. Pat's manager, John Colrain, certainly didn't hide his feelings on the matter. Overall, the game left a very bad taste, but was summed up most appropriately by Dave Guiney in the "Sunday Mirror."

He wrote: "St. Patrick's manager, John Colrain, promised a few secret weapons for Limerick in this F.A.I. Cup semi-final at Tolka Park.

"On the evidence of what transpired in a most unsavoury game one could be justifiably excused for believing them to be intimidation and aggression. St. Pat's went hard at everything right from the whistle with a brand of tackling that was almost ruthless.

"The unhappy result was a tedious succession of frayed tempers and petty fouling."

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The most disappointed young man in Limerick last week must surely have been Janesboro' United's brilliant half-back, Liam Storan, who was surprisingly omitted from the Limerick D.L. team that played Dublin A.U.L.

Storan, a dedicated and whole-hearted player, was rated by many as a certainty to make the side, especially since he figured prominently in the opening round of the Inter-Counties Cup, and again all last season. He trained diligently, often on his own, and to be left out of the team must have come as a great blow to him.

A bright future is predicted for the 'Boro youth.

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Pike Rovers star winger, John O'Brien, is very much concerned about his club's future. "We will have to introduce some young blood into our ranks if we are to continue to live with Caledonians, Fairview Rgs., etc.," he commented this week.

O'Brien, now aged 31, is even willing to forsake his own position to facilitate any promising youngster. That's what I call clubmanship.

It is most unlikely, however, that the 'Hoops' will dispense with his services for many years to come. There are few wingers in town to compare with John, who played for Limerick in their memorable 3-3 draw with Glasgow Celtic a little over a decade ago.

Followers of the famous



Michael Earls pictured in training with English First Division club, Southampton.

## I've been told that..

- Gerry Vaughn has returned to America.
- Southpark's Seamus Mc Namara is lending a helping hand to Hyde Rovers.
- Caledonians expect to play St. Patrick's (Dublin) in F.A.I. Junior Cup semi-final at Markets Field on Sunday week.
- Tommy Murphy, ex Limerick, had talks with Athlone Town last week-end.
- Ewan Fenton was an interested spectator at the Drogheda v. Hibbs. Cup tie.
- Six local Colleges have entered for All-Ireland Colleges soccer competitions.
- The Haughey Cup got under way in Clare last Sunday.
- Many people disappointed that the "I've Been Told" column was replaced by "Throw Ins".
- So it is back to "I've Been Told" from today.
- Limerick share of the Cup semi-final gates should reach the £800 mark.
- Expect a major upheaval in Janesboro' Sporting and Athletic Club.
- Salesian College, Pallaskenry, beat St. John's 2-0 in a friendly.
- Wembley have signed a couple of new players from Pallaskenry.
- Inter-Class soccer has been staged at Limerick C.E.S.
- The F.A.I. Cup will be shown live on T.V.
- Pat Power is unsettled with Bohemians.
- Rule 27 will not be removed from the G.A.A. Rule Book.
- Tony Hayden has made arrangements to go to the F.A. Cup final.
- Wembley's John Griffin was in the news this week.
- Caledonian Park is in very bad shape.
- 90 teams will participate in schoolboys' soccer this season.
- Declan Prendergast has

## Jimmy Gabriel refers to Mick Earls

A recent copy of the Southampton Evening Echo has come into my possession and it is of special significance in that Southampton's star half-back, Jimmy Gabriel, refers to ex-Ballynanty youth Michael Earls, in his column.

He wrote: "It was interesting to hear that Saints manager, Ted Bates, had added yet another youngster to his already record number of apprentice professionals.

The newest recruit is Michael Earls, a 16-year-old centre-half-cum-centre-forward from Limerick, in Southern Ireland. Hugh Bernard, Southampton's 'A' team manager, not a person to go overboard about a player without very good reason, was extolling the virtues of this boy days before he began his apprenticeship.

"Earls came to the Dell for a trial, and immediately impressed with his strong displays at the centre of defence. Tall and well built, he possessed the physical attributes required to pivot the defence and if his early promise is anything to go by, we could be hearing a lot more of young Earls."

Praise indeed, especially since it comes from ex-Everton star, Jimmy Gabriel. Michael, pictured above in training with the English First Div. club, sends his best wishes to his many friends in Limerick.

Southampton think so highly of him that they have introduced a Michael Earls fan club. For further information, write to Halo Club of Hampshire Souvenir Shop, 164 Milton Rd., Southampton, SO1 2 HW, England.

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