

# Limerick Messed While Waterford Scored

THE once Blackpool, English Cup medalist Ewan Fenton, who used to put passes on the plate for dribbling wizard Stanley Matthews, did not know whether he was coming or going in the Dublin City Cup at the Markets Field yesterday because of the slapdash form shown by Limerick against Waterford. After all, as League Champions with some ligger fish on the menu in Young Boys (Barne), Limerick should have done a lot better than going down 3-0 to the bogey Kilcohan Parkers.

ONE swallow never made a summer, and it is quite clear from yesterday's unteam-like display against speed-ravaging Waterford that the thinking caps which brought about Fenton's signing will have to be donned again. Even if fully fit, some of the personnel will not do this season. Newcomer Fenton, who came to Limerick via Wrexham, to whom he went midway last season from Blackpool after being originally with Dundee, obviously lacked top fitness, but he shaped well enough to suggest that he will stay put at right or left half. Playing for the first time in what must have appeared to him to be a team of misfits, Fenton was akin to groping in the darkness some of the time. However, he showed something of his Blackpool cleverness. His accurate, skilful passing of the ball was the brightest feature of the game. No wonder he was the ideal "spoon-feeder" to the elegant Stanley.

He showed great skill in executing his passes. More speed is needed, of course, but that should come with training. Once he gets the feel of the League of Ireland stuff he should settle down to a successful season. What a contrast his passing of the ball was with that of some of his new colleagues, who more often directed it to an opponent.

### A GOOD THING

It was a good thing that Waterford exploited the weaknesses in time. A fluky win yesterday might have given the Limerick camp a sense of complacency. Now we know where we stand with the present combination. Pat Skelly again did not inspire confidence in goal. Candidly speaking, the fulls were run off their feet, though Joe Casey was the architect of his own misfortune as he tried to do two men's work—right-back and right-half—in the first half. Crawford is never comfortable against the swift-moving Jack Fitzgerald. We know that from the Cup match last season. Gerry McCarthy was the outstanding man in defence, in which Fenton showed delightful touches and never did one of his passes go astray. Des McNamara, beyond placing a few passes into scoring positions, was disappointing. The attack was very feeble. Wallace was the pick, but his policy of holding on to the ball gave the Waterford backs time to cover up. In attack, Limerick need a few scoring forwards with speed and the ability to flick the ball to a colleague.

### LIMERICK MESSED.

Limerick messed about with the ball and ballooned it wide, while Waterford were methodical with their five senior debutants, who fitted into the general pattern like old hands. Indeed, the woodwork mercifully saved Limerick from being three more down. Unless the overuse of the ball is got rid of and more speed applied, plus shooting power, this side will not do. It will do if there are a number of changes.

As usual O'Reilly showed dynamic energy in the centre spot of the attack but it got him no-

where. His ground play is far from being on a par with his overhead work. Hence, we can expect few tangible results from the smooth, well-directed through passes on the ground from Fenton. Noticeable yesterday was the clever tactics used by the visitors. Coach Paddy Coad knows by now that most of the Limerick players play around with the ball. When a Limerick player was in possession yesterday we saw an opponent rushing in and tapping or pushing or perhaps, kicking, the ball back to a colleague to set Waterford on the move.

Waterford showed great promise, being strong in defence and attack. The star turn was Shamie Coad, who whizz-banged all over the number ten spot and could very easily have added to his brace with a little steadiness when well placed.

### THE PLAY.

Two minutes after the start Jack Fitzgerald snapped up a low corner kick from H. Flynn to steer the ball past Casey, Crawford, McNamara and Skelly for the opening goal. After some grand passing by Waterford's right wing triangle, centre-forward Geoghegan got through for a shot which was brilliantly saved by Skelly. McNamara shot wide for Limerick before O'Connor sent across the goal and outside from a pass by the left-half. Another drive by O'Connor from a McNamara pass was well saved by Dunphy. In another Limerick raid, O'Reilly sent over the bar from Crawford's drive. In a dangerous dribble for Limerick by Geoghegan the little centre-forward saw a home back crash the ball off the woodwork in a moment of desperation. Waterford's second goal came when Skelly threw the ball to Casey in the 36th minute but he was dispossessed by Denny Fitzgerald, who switched the ball to Seamus Coad, who, in turn, again got by Casey before sending beyond Skelly's reach. When Harry Flynn broke clean through and hit an upright, Crawford succeeded in conceding a corner kick to save. Geoghegan next struck the Limerick post, from Jack Fitzgerald's pass.

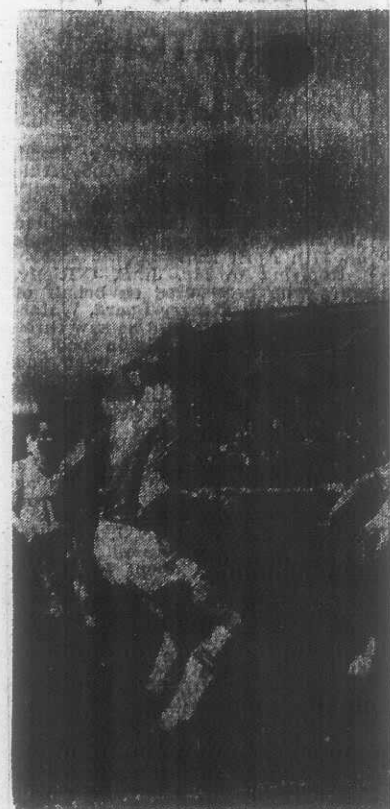
A long clearance up the middle in the third minute of the second half saw Coad chasing the ball as Skelly advanced. Coad's shot glided off the outstretched hands of the keeper to finish in the net for number three goal. From a Fenton free, O'Reilly went near with a fine header which Dunphy saved in great style. From a Lynam centre, O'Connor hit ball over the bar when well placed. Dunphy saved from Lynam, while a cross from Wallace to O'Reilly ended in the hands of the vigilant Dunphy. Jack Fitzgerald missed a sitter when shooting wildly over the bar from close range.

### THE TEAMS.

Limerick—Skelly; Casey, Crawford; Fenton, McCarthy, McNamara; Hackett, O'Connor, O'Reilly, Lynam, Wallace.

Waterford—Dunphy; S. Casey, P. Flynn; Dixon, Nolan, Walsh; J. Fitzgerald, Flynn, Geoghegan, S. Coad, D. Fitzgerald.

Referee, P. Spillane (Cork).



Dunphy, Waterford goalie.

## TO-DAY'S RACING

### LEWES

2.00—FIRLE 2-Y-O S. PLATE—5f. WAGON STAR (5/4)

E. J. Cracknell 1  
Pauline Julia (100/7) J. Shanmar 2  
Mariolana (9/4) A. Breasley 3  
Also ran—Mickey Walker, Quids In, Rhydyfelin, Terre De Fer, Faithful Helen.  
8 ran.

2.30—SOUTHOVER PLATE.

GREEN GABLES (2/1)  
E. J. Cracknell 1  
Westerlands Diver (6/1) D Keith 2  
Claircelanda (33/1) D Greening 3  
Also ran—Hy-Gocean.  
4 ran.

3.0—NEWHAVEN H'CAP.

BUSHBOY (8/13) E Davies 1  
Electric (7/2) E Eldin 2  
Hoola Hoop (10/1) D. Forte 3  
Also ran—Load of Gold.  
4 ran.

3.30—ASHDOWN H'CAP.

DANTE'S INFERNO (5/1)  
A Klynscha 1  
Middle Watch (1/1 f.) A Breasley 2  
Welsh Line (5/1) R P Elliott 3  
Also ran—Independence II, Forestelle., Myrestown Girl.  
6 ran.

4.0—HOUNDEAN 3.Y.O. PLATE.

CANTAB (1/1) A Breasley 1  
Eridolanna (6/4) S Clayton 2  
Ice Carnival (33/1) E Cracknell 3  
Also ran—Light Blue, Senlac Star, Seira.  
6 ran.

4.30—FILES' PLATE

DAYDREAM (11/10 f.)  
A Breasley 1  
Reno (11/4) B. Swift 2  
Kashbag (20/1) P O'Mahony 3  
Also ran—Fantasy, Gilda, Houndean, Khuzistan.  
7 ran.

### WARWICK

2.30—HAMPTON LUCY 2-Y-O

SELLING PLATE  
NO CHARGE (8/1) E. Larkin 1  
Hi-Doll (3/1 f.) P. Thill 2