



"The Groove", from Limerick, which has taken the Irish scene by storm.

Blue Blue Monday a bright note for city group

LIMERICK'S answer to U 2 — that's "The Groove," the local five-piece band which has taken the Irish scene by storm.

EMI, one of the world's leading recording companies, have shown faith in the group and are prepared to back them the distance.

Only last week The Groove released their first single, "Blue, Blue Monday." Better still, they achieved international recognition at Slane Castle last Saturday when they played before the David Bowie concert. Upwards of 60,000 were present for this gig.

Daunting

Thanks to their association with EMI, The Groove face a daunting schedule over the next few months. They are at the moment in the throes of bringing to fruition the fantastic talent and ability which lies within the band.

It is also to their advantage that they won the HMV/EMI/Borderline band of 1987, which included three very successful television appearances.

The current line-up has been together for 18 months and prior to that the band had been in existence for about a year during which time they concentrated extensively on writing material and gigging around Limerick.

Varied

All the members of the band have, at one time or another, played with other Limerick groups and this fact enhances the theory that The Grooves professionalism is borne of an in-depth and varied collection of musical influences and experience.

The line-up is: Bryan Healy, bass and vocals; Brendan Wallace, drums; Charlie Smith, trumpet; Paul Healy, guitar and vocals, and Alan Cheevers, guitar and vocals.

Said Alan: "This line-up created a sound which inspired the band with regard to writing new material and performing live, and gave a definite direction to our musical ambitions."

The single, "Blue, Blue Monday," which is selling well nationwide, was recorded by Denis Woods and was engineered by Tim Martin who, among others, worked with Phil Lynott.

The song was penned by the band. With a full backup service from EMI, The Groove are afforded a great opportunity to establish themselves, not alone in Ireland but throughout the world.



They're off . . . the start of one of the childrens races at the Plassey Regatta.

Returned for trial

Wong Ho, 2 Madona House, Dublin Road, Nenagh, was returned for trial to the next sitting of Limerick Circuit Court, by Justice Joseph Mangan at Limerick City Court on a charge of assaulting San Leong Chan, occasioning him actual bodily harm, at Ellen Street on November 10 last.

Mr. Ted McCarthy, solr., appeared for the defendant.

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County Cork at Ballycotton, Whitegate, Cuil Aodha and Youghal.

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