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A new-look Thomond Park

The thousands of spectators at Thomond Park on Saturday next for the Munster v. New Zealand game will see many new features at the famous Limerick ground.

With a view to making Thomond Park one of the most up to date and comfortable in the country, £17,000 was spent recently on a major modernisation scheme. £17,000 was also allocated by the IRFU to the Munster Branch

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for similar work at Musgrave Park because the Union appreciates that Munster is the only province with responsibility for two grounds.

Munster Branch President, Kevin Quilligan, pointed out that the Branch were quite happy with work done at Thomond Park, but expressed regret that, for the present, they had been unable to improve the terracing at the Ballynanty side of the pitch or to put suitable banking at both ends of the ground.

"This will come in time," he said, "and unfortunately the back pitch needs such a massive overhaul that this too has had to be put on the long finger."

Nevertheless, it will be a "new look" Thomond Park next Saturday. The main items seen to over the past few months include:

1. The stand, preserve and paint steel rail and paint and number seating.
2. Complete boundary wall



3. New ladies' and gent's toilets underneath stand.
4. The terracing in front of the stand has been extended the entire length of the pitch.
5. Tarmac and drain at en-

6. New entrance gates and

painting of entrance area.

● Pictured above, quite happy with the work at Thomond Park area, from left: Mr. Steve McDonogh, hon. sec., North Munster Sub-

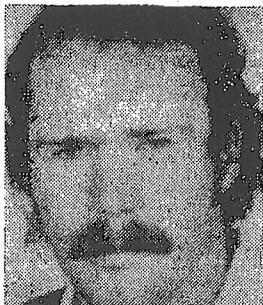
Committee; Mr. Tom Colery, hon. treas., Munster Branch; Mr. Kevin Quilligan, president, Munster Branch; Mr. M. N. Ryan, IRFU Committee, and Mr. Pat Power, Schools Delegate, Munster Branch.

ALL BLACKS ARRIVAL:

"We will play to win, but also to win well"

— Says coach John Stewart

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THE New Zealand and All Blacks are in Ireland. They eventually arrived in Cork at approximately 6.30 last evening after an exhausting 73 hour journey which inclu-

they play their matches. They consider this quite important. Last evening's press conference was attended by top officials of the Irish R.F.U. and the Munster Branch. Mr. Harry McKibben, I.R.F.U. President, welcomed the guests and Mr. Kevin Quilligan, Munster Branch President, also spoke.

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SOCCER:

Limerick can do well against Hibernians

LIMERICK, bidding for their third win in a row, face a very formidable task on Sunday when they meet Cork Hibernians at Flower Lodge. But if the same enthusiasm and attack-oriented display is given in Cork as was shown against Shamrock Rovers and Waterford, then Limerick could come away with two very valuable points.

Beating any Cork team in Cork in any sport is never easy and this is particularly true of Cork Hibernians. They could be doing very poorly one week and then not yet at his best, is coming along well. Ger Duggan looks tremendously promising and has a great flair for trying for goals. Then at the back Kevin Fitzpatrick continues to be one of

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