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Pat Nolan and Ray Wilkins exchange pennants before the match, watched by the officials for the game— Pat Walsh (referee) and his linesmen, Tom Kelly and Gerard Keane.

Senior Soccer: Power Limerick's star as . . .

Manchester win a low-key bore

By JOHN Q'SHAUGHNESSY

Limerick 1
Manchester Utd 3

MANCHESTER United, so loved and cherished by thousands of Limerick soccer fans, made their first ever appearance at the Markets Field on Thursday evening in Pat Nolan's Testimonial game, but were never called upon to produce their silken skills, and without even raising a gallop won convincingly by 3-1.

As a spectacle the game disappointed. There was seldom any hint of excitement as the Reds rolled on to a 2-0 lead after 16 minutes and thereafter played in the same low key as their opponents.

Indeed, quite a few in the 5,000 crowd became so bored in the first half that they resorted to chanting insults aimed at the visitors. These things showed up all that is bad in local football.

Considering that the once great Manchester United were at Headquarters the crowd was a trifle disappointing. Later, in the dressing room, Pat Nolan told me he expected a much bigger gathering. "Frankly, I am disappointed", he said.

There was plenty of space on the terraces and for some inexplicable reason the under 16 brigade were not present in their usual high numbers. One would have thought that Wilkins, Robson, Macari, etc., would have had extra special appeal for them.

While Pat Nolan must be complimented on his initiative in

persuading United to play in his Testimonial, I would think that the whole question of such fixtures will have to be looked into. With such a wide gap in standards between the sides on Thursday, it was a no contest situation, with players often just going through the motions. No longer is it sufficient to bring over star players and just put them on parade.

It could also be argued, of course, that local fans have been spoiled in recent years—what with Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton here last year. The competitive element is desirable if supporters are to part with their hard earned few pounds.

Even though Manchester were playing here for the first time, I spotted dozens of people leaving the ground early in the second half. Obviously they were not over impressed by the whole affair.

The opening ten minutes were played in slow motion, with Limerick goalkeeper, John Power, having to deal with a series of shots from Birles, Macari and Robson. The visitors were content to probe Limerick's defensive weaknesses and then pounced twice in the space of two minutes to virtually put an end to the match.

In the 15th minute, Lou Macari juggled his way past two defenders, flicked into the penalty area and Kevin Moran came thundering in to blast the ball to the net.

Limerick didn't even have time to furlough themselves when the Red Devils struck again. Brian

Robson punishing Iat Nolan for an ill timed back pass and shooting low to the net. Rugby international, Tony Ward, brought a few moments of light relief with exciting runs along the right flank. Iat seldom did Limerick look like putting the ball past Bailey.

There were few incidents of note up to the break, with United, in relaxed mood, letting their opponents do all the running.

The second half was a very tedious affair. New signings, Miah Dennehy, Liam Keane and Liam Murphy, were given a run by Eoin Hand, and the former set up a glorious chance for Tony Morris who saw the ball roll narrowly wide.

United, too, altered their side. With the crowd streaming out, Robson made it 3-0 for the visitors, and there was some measure of compensation for Limerick in the last minute when Joe O'Mahony converted a penalty.

Those who were left breathed a sigh of relief when referee Walsh sounded the final whistle.

Limerick: Power, Nolan, Finucane, O'Mahony, Storan, Niswell, Duggan, Holmes, Kennedy, Walsh, Ward. Subs.: Dennehy, Murphy, Keane and Morris for Nolan, Kennedy, Duggan and Ward.

Manchester United: Bailey, Daxbury, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, Biching, Robinson, Birles, Macari, Davies.



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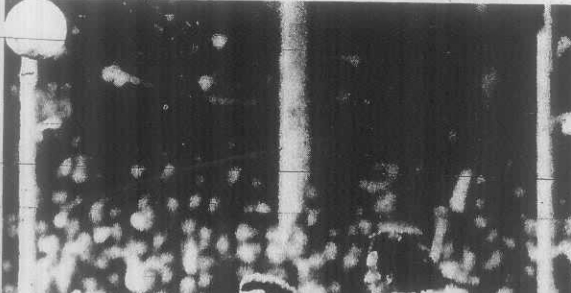
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Bernard Harrington passes to Pat Irwin as Mick Dowling of Park Rangers looks on, with referee James Hartigan close up with play. A scene from the Mungret soccer tournament final.

Horse Racing

Ballydoyle is one to note

By MICHAEL CLOWER

We had occasion to remark before on that promising young rider George Walker of Churchtown, Newcastle West, and I must say I was most impressed by the improvement he has made in recent months when watching him win at Kilbeggan last Friday.

Riding Lady In Red for his father, young George had the good sense to poach a convincing lead well before half-way in the Clara Amateur Handicap Hurdle — on a tight, turning track such as Kilbeggan being in the front can make you very difficult to catch and sure enough George and his father's mare won by no less than eight lengths.

Next Thursday evening's meeting at Limerick Junction sees the seven furlong start brought into action. New manager Frank Smyth says: "We decided to discontinue the nine furlong start and have seven furlong races instead. We believe that this will be a big improvement."

A race worth noting at Limerick Junction is the opening handicap hurdle. It commemorates the late Senator J. J. Parkinson who in 1915 became the first trainer ever to saddle the winners of a hundred races in the season. Eight years later he eclipsed even this amazing feat by sending out no less than 134 winners.

Senator Parkinson, a vet before he became either a trainer or a politician, had two very good amateur riders sons and one of them, Billy, was champion jockey in 1915.

This Saturday the focus of attention is on the Curragh, in particular on the Ballsbridge Tattersalls Anglesy Stakes. Four

times in the last thirteen years the race seven times in the past thirteen years and the two he has declared this time are Caerleon, a colt by Nipinski, who won over six furlongs at the Curragh in impressive style on the day of the Sweep Derby, and Ballydoyle.

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Ballydoyle, named after Vincent O'Brien's home, set a then world record when being bought for 3½ million dollars as a yearling at Keeneland last year and is a full brother to the brilliant, albeit luckless Storm Bird.

If he wins, this will be Ballydoyle's first ever outing and it will be watched, with considerable interest, but for me Caerleon is the one and Vincent O'Brien should complete a notable double by landing the Blandford Stakes with Lordy who has been taken to confirm Royal Whip Stakes running with Patcher.

DIARY
Friday (August 13): Tramore.
Saturday: The Curragh.
Monday: Ballinrobe.
Tuesday: Ballinrobe.
Wednesday: Leopardstown (E.).
Thursday: Limerick Junction (E.) and Laytown.
Friday (August 20): Down Royal (E.).
Saturday: Down Royal and New.

MOTO-CROSS: Irish c'ship

This weekend, Sunday, August 15, the Dakessan Motor Cycle Club will be staging the 2nd last round of Irish National Motor Cycle racing championship at the Windy Gap, near Gallows Hill in Cranlough.

This is a very spectacular course, with many jumps and a top line entry of over 80 riders, many of who will be travelling from Northern Ireland.

Golf

United shone at golf

Limerick golf club hosted the Manchester United soccer party for a most enjoyable golf outing at Ballydoyle on Wednesday.

Peter Bouda and Gordon McQueen tied and in a playoff on the putting green to decide the winners of a beautiful trophy. Bouda proved best and a top line entry of over 80 riders, many of who will be travelling from Northern Ireland.