



Eyeing the FAI cup action at the Demense.

# City cup floweth over in county

By MARTIN BYRNES

**SOCCER HISTORY** was made on Sunday with the first All-Limerick FAI cup clash. But for Newcastle West it was a bitter experience in terms of the result.

There wasn't much pre-match revelry. Why should there be? Supporters from Limerick and Newcastle West live close enough to the Demense to be able to finish a leisurely lunch before setting off.

So at 2.30 there were about 2,000 people lining the pitch, with a steady stream of other supporters marching up past the other sporting facilities in the park. More than one city dweller, for whom the trip to Newcastle West had been preconceived as a leap back into the mists of the Celtic twilight, commented favourably on the facilities for indoor football, basketball, squash, GAA, tennis and coursing.

## Fox-cover

Had they ventured further into the town park, they would have come across the fox-cover, an area once overgrown with brush and bracken, to be flushed out by terriers in the days when the farmers rode to Mass and gentry rode to hounds.

The little stand at the soccer field is adequate for most small matches, but not for a Limerick City-Newcastle West clash. In any event, most of the stand was commandeered at an early stage by an unsteady and raucous group of un-angelic choristers who bawled innane unparliamentary chants, even calling into question the ancestry of a Newcastle official and the moral proclivities of another.

"That's the last thing we need," said Ger Cusack, lifetime Limerick soccer buff, apologetically. However, as soon as the match got under way, the howling stopped, to be replaced by the more civilised cheering of



Watching Limerick and Newcastle clash.

an attentive crowd. Unfortunately, the match stopped almost as soon as it began. Peter Coyle was involved in a solid mid-air clash, and lay on the ground, stunned and bleeding, his lip and cheek cut.

## No doctor

Players and officials went to have a look, and an appeal went out for a doctor. But, of the 2,500 people present, none had done medicine. A second call was as futile as the first, so Peter was carted away on a stretcher to the dressing rooms, and, a little later, was taken by club bosses Pat Grace, Haymen Harris and others to a car for transportation to a local surgery.

Then the match started again. It was a cold, windy day, with the ever-present threat of rain in the scudding winter clouds. The warmest place to be was under the shelter of the stand, but the most exciting place from which to view proceedings was through the netting of the Newcastle West goal.

One, two, half-time, three, four. Newcastle West played well, and the Limerick crowd were magnanimous enough to applaud some of their more dramatic efforts, but they were outclassed from the start. At the end, only the spirited youngsters like Seanie Gleeson and

Feohanagh's "White Pele", Eamon Walsh, kept up the pace.

The crowd, which had ringed the pitch three-deep on average in the early stages, dissipated to a

led the perished congregation to the local temples of Bacchus down town. The favoured libation was hot whiskey, for medicinal purposes only.

By teatime, the pubs were still fairly full, and the Limerick City supporters, jovial and happy, made their way home as their stools were taken by the other crowd of the day — the Sunday night disco revellers.

## Politely

"Aha", said one City man, as he sank the dregs of his pint, "we beat ye well, so we did." The young fellow to whom this remark was directed politely inquired as to what he was talking about.

"Ye'd like to forget it, but ye can't", was the only reply. The young man, who had spent much of the afternoon canvassing in the election campaign in a nearby parish, turned to his girlfriend and said simply: "There you are; I told you it'd get dirty before it's over."

● More about the match: see sports pages.

## Supporting the home side: Gabriel and Brian Hunt, Newcastle West.

gapped scattering long before full time. Alec Ludzic's colourful turn of phrase travelled as far as his clearances in the hushed gathering gloom. Only two of the four gardai stayed to the end.

At the final whistle, the chorists in the stand struck up a Sousa march, although they probably wouldn't know a Sousa march from "Three Blind Mice", and



# NO WAY FOR £3m BY-PASS AT ADARE

By LEADER REPORTER

**DEMANDS** by members of Limerick County Council that picturesque Adare should not have a by-pass, will involve not only a full examination of the present road, but of all possible alternatives.

Several councillors expressed their apprehension of the effects of such a proposed by-pass-part of the Patrickswell-Killarney route-when they held their monthly meeting.

## Proposed

Cllr. Michael Brennan, who proposed a motion to delete a by-pass, said that Adare was very dependant on tourism and the proposed by-pass had serious implications.

"The be-pass itself would cost £3 million", he declared, "better spent on developing tourism attractions in the village".

Cllr. Michael Collins, also expressing reservations, said: "If money were spent on the bridge going into Adare, we might save ourselves a lot of money", he remarked.



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# Recession 'really hitting the town'

by LEADER REPORTER

"THERE IS a number of very big businesses closing down in Newcastle West," said Cllr. John Kelly in support of a call for a reduction in rates being levied on businesses.

As a businessman in the town, he told the County Council at a meeting: "It seems the recession is really hitting the town now."

He was backing an appeal by Cllr. Michael Healy to "consider sympathetically appeals for rates remissions," bearing in mind that "many businesses in the town are struggling."

County Manager, Mr. R. B. Haslain, assured them that the council would give any consideration they could to those struggling and accept payment by instalments instead. But, he added, he could not see any way of giving a reduction, given the council's finances.

"We have to get every penny due," he added.

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