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## Joe's sights on becoming a full blooded Red Devil

**TWENTY**-one-year-old Joe Hanrahan jets out this Friday to Manchester to begin a soccer career with the "Red Devils" — an ambition held by nearly every young lad who has ever kicked a ball.

"I always supported Man. Utd. since I was a kid, it is really great and it was a great feeling putting on the jersey and representing them," he states with a friendly grin.

Joe, from Ashbrook Gardens,

Ennis Road, won't have too much time to get accustomed to his new surroundings as he plays a game for the reserves against Aston Villa at Old Trafford this Saturday.

Such is the depth of talent in the world's most famous club that most of the players in the reserves on Saturday will probably be internationals.

The start of the fairytale story began as far back as two years ago when United watched him play in the cup final for U.C.D. against

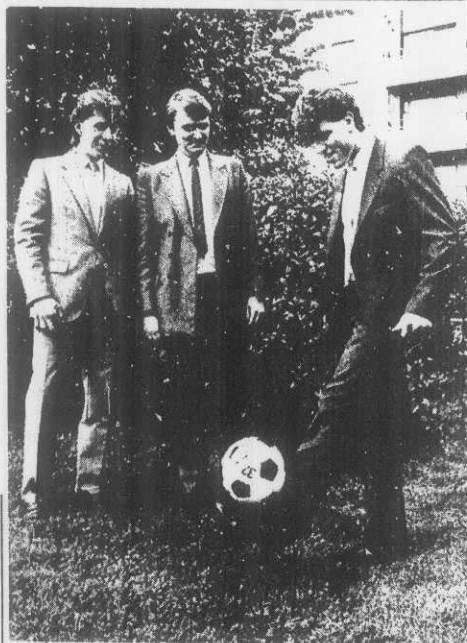
Shamrock Rovers.

He went on a trial this summer, scored five goals in four games and impressed Ron Atkinson enough to fork out £30,000 to the Dublin club.

### Signed

If he did not sign for United Joe admitted: "I would probably have signed for Limerick."

Joe a former member of Vereker Clements takes up digs with Mark  
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Manchester United here I come. Joe Hanrahan, displaying his soccer skills to Jim O'Connor (left), and Don Cameron, sales manager, Cantec, Pery Square, where he worked up to now.  
Pictures: OWEN SOUTH

### Bags packed ready to go



Catherine Delaney, the Limerick Rose of Tralee, packing her suitcases for Tralee, this week.

## Catherine hopes to keep Rose title here

**LIMERICK** Rose, 19-year-old Catherine Delaney, just back from a two week holiday in the Canaries, described her feelings as "nervous but excited" on her departure for Tralee this week, in her bid to keep the Rose of Tralee title in Limerick.

"I'm nervous of the television interview with Gay Byrne, but otherwise I'm looking forward to the week. I believe the crack is very good" Catherine told the Limerick Leader.

One of a family of five, Catherine is daughter of Teresa and the late John Delaney, 14 Fairview Terrace, Garryowen. She has two brothers, Gerard (18) and Joseph (13), and two sisters, Virginia (23) and Mary (16).

Employed in the customer

rial Estate, Catherine was chosen from 16 finalists to represent Limerick. She will be one of 32 contestants in the final in Tralee on Wednesday night.

### Departed

She departed from Shannon on Tuesday on an aer Lingus flight to Dublin — one of the prizes in the Limerick final. There she met with the other contestants before they left for Cork where they overnights on Wednesday before their departure for Tralee.

Catherine admitted to being very busy over the past few weeks, with her preparations which included



Anne Marie Doyle: English Rose with County Limerick roots.

days.

"I purchased all my clothes in Limerick," she added.

Before her departure for Tralee, Catherine contacted Diane Hannegan, 1985 Rose of Tralee, who she said gave her a number of helpful

## Flats plan by Vet angers Corbally residents

AN application by a Limerick vet to the Corporation for outline permission to demolish his house and erect an apartment block and two new houses on the site has angered his neighbours in residential Roseville, Rosendale and Park Gardens, Corbally.

Individual residents and the Residents' Association are planning to lodge objections to the proposal by Mr. John Carroll, M.R.C.V.S., for the development of his property.

The chairman of the Residents' Association, Mr. John Power, said: "We will be objecting strenuously to the plan, but I must point out that Mr. Carroll had the courtesy to acquaint us of his plans".

Several residents are said to be objecting to the opening of a new road entrance to what has been a cul de sac.

Mr. Carroll said that he had no comment to make. He had acquainted the Residents' Association of his intentions and received no official objections.

The plans he said were now with Limerick Corporation. Planning spokesperson Ms. Brid Hayes said that the plans were now being processed. No objections had yet been lodged.

The area she said had been zoned as "primarily residential".

## £1,000 robbery

£1,000 was taken from a car outside Mount St. Laurence Cemetery this Thursday afternoon. Gardai have called on motorists not to leave money

## Escapee held after Garda is stabbed

A **YOUNG** Limerick garda was stabbed in the thigh and hand on Wednesday night, when he was preventing a raid on Ballynanty dispensary.

An escapee from Loughan House was taken to Barrington's Hospital after the incident, where he is now in garda custody.

The victim, John Vaughan (21), a member of the Clare senior football panel went to the scene of the break-in with Garda Martin McHugh in the patrol car, when he was attacked by one of the raiders with a knife.

He defended himself but sustained injuries in the hand and thigh, and received stitches in Barrington's Hospital.

At least two other raiders escaped from the scene.

A spokesperson at Barrington's said that the man detained in Hospital after the incident was "fairly comfortable."

## Weather

Broken weather is forecast for the Limerick region this Friday. Prolonged periods of rain will reach the area this Friday afternoon with gale force gusts to-night. The further outlook according to the Met Office at Shannon this Friday morning is for the broken weather to continue

## Missing person



Gardai at Henry Street are looking for information of the whereabouts of Mr. Pat Curtin, 22 Denmark Street, Limerick, who has been missing from his home since August 16.

Mr. Curtin, single, is 5 foot 1 inches in height, going bald, and when last seen was wearing a sports jacket and