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# Reds almighty!



The 26,000 strong Thomond Park crowd goes wild as Barry Murphy touches down for Munster's try in the unforgettable match against the All Blacks last night. See pages 2, 3, 10 and Evening Echo Sport for more. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

## Heads up Munster - there really **IS** such a thing as a glorious defeat

By MAURICE GUBBINS

**THE** thousands who hit the road for Limerick yesterday afternoon travelled in hope rather than expectation.

Munster were going to try to beat the All Blacks, as they did in 1978, but this time without 11 front-liners who were tied up with the Ireland squad.

It was going to be a largely ceremonial occasion, marking the opening of the new Thomond Park by wallowing in nostalgia for the 'Alone It Stands' team. Secretly, many expected a walkover for the New Zealanders.

How Munster's rugby warriors blew such notions away!

The tone was set immediately when the All Blacks lined up for the haka.

Out stepped Munster's four Kiwis, Rua Tipoki, Lifemi Mafi, Doug Howlett and Jeremi Manning, who delivered a ferocious haka of their own.

The crowd went ballistic!

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## Tax payers may face €10bn bank bill Three hurt in Mallow Road crash

TAXPAYERS could have to provide €10 billion to bail out troubled Irish banks as the Government edges closer to coming up with a rescue plan to stem the country's escalating financial crisis.

By BRIAN WINDERS  
Business Reporter

Even though bank share prices rebounded sharply upwards on the Irish Stock Exchange when it opened this morning, most

financial experts now say that the Taoiseach, Brian Cowen, and Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan, will soon announce a multi-billion euro deal to shore up the banks, which are all now

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A WOMAN had to be cut from her car this morning after a crash on the Mallow Road. She was one of three people taken to Cork University Hospital after the three-vehicle accident, which took place near the Waterloo junction on the main Cork-Mallow road. The emergency services were called to the

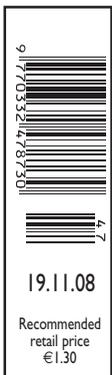
By ANN MURPHY

Security Correspondent

scene just before 9am.

The other vehicles involved were vans. Fire officers from Cork City Fire Brigade

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