

New G.A.A. club in Prospect

G.A.A. club, to be known as St. Brendan's, has been formed in Prospect, Limerick, and its officers for 1965 have been as follows:

President, Rev. Fr. Liam O'Connell; Vice-President, Pat O'Riordan; Chairman, McInerney; Vice-Chairman, Joseph Cantillon; Honorary Secretary, Joseph O'Connell; Secretary, Patrick McInerney; Treasurer, Joe Cantillon; Committee members: Daly, Joseph O'Connell, Cronin, Paul Keane, Pat O'Riordan and Patrick Daly. Captain, hurling, Joseph Cantillon; Vice-captain, Patrick McNamara; Football team, Patrick Daly; Vice-Captain, An-Cantillon.

ST. BRENDAN'S

St. Brendan's, a new G.A.A. club catering for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, was formed at a meeting in the premises of Mr. Paddy O'Riordan, Hyde Road. The first president was Rev. Fr. Liam Kelly, C.C., Our Lady of Lourdes. Other officers were: vice president, Paddy O'Riordan; chairman, David McInerney; vice chairman, Joe Cantillon; secretary, Pat McNamara; treasurer, Joe O'Connell. Committee: Tom Daly, Joe Connell, Paul Keayes, Paddy O'Riordan and Paddy Carmody.

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PROUD WIN FOR ST. BRENDAN'S FOOTBALLERS

At a time when the G.A.A. is reputed to be losing ground in city centre areas, the win by St. Brendan's in the under 21 football championship was a notable achievement. Old Christians were gallant losers but the fact that it was a first success for St. Brendan's and gained with a team drawn exclusively from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish made it an historic day for the Parish.

Tactics played a big part in the St. Brendan's win. Old Christians were by far the taller side and it was expected that this advantage would give them a big dominance. Effective use of the "blockdown", however, countered this. Old Christians were first to attack but thanks to some magnificent defensive work by Pat O'Donnell they never seriously looked like scoring. With wind and sun advantage, though, St. Brendan's were unable to get the necessary, but three minutes before the interval the pattern of the entire game changed. An early point was all St. Brendan's had mustered until Tommy Keane sent the ball goalwards and from a melee Ronnie Thompson shot a great goal. Seconds later Seanie Ryan had a further point to leave St. Brendan's in front 1-2 to nil.

Again on the resumption it was Old Christians who attacked first. A good effort between Aidan Murphy and Michael Fennessy almost brought a goal. It was "Saints" who scored next, though, for Sean Hickey had a fine point.

TEAM

Old Christians, however, put in a tremendous finish, but they had left their effort that little late and St. Brendan's won 1-4 to 1-1.

The winning team was — Thomas McNamara, Pat O'Brien, Martin O'Brien, Sean Hickey, Roy Mullane, Michael

Lee, Sean Hannon, Pat O'Donnell, Paul Timmons, Pat Aherne (Capt.), Sean Hickey, Thomas Keane, Ronnie Thompson, P. Koyce, Cecil Prendergast. Subs. Des O'Brien and Sean Ryan.

May (By S.M.) 1968

St. Brendan's got off to a winning start to the 1968 season when defeating Old Christians 1-5 to 1-1 in the under-15 football final at the Gaelic Grounds. Old Christians opened in great fashion and led by 1-1 at half-time, but St. Brendan's soon levelled on the resumption with a great goal from their captain, Tom McNamara, and tacked on four more points to finish comfortable winners. Best for the winners were Brian Thompson, Michael Mullane, Tom McNamara, Christy Galvin, Frank Elmer and Michael Noonan, while Michael Griffin, David Greaney, Seamus O'Donnell, Liam Storan, Pat Keogh and Michael Costelloe were most prominent for the C.B.S. lads.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL FINAL

The after lunch venue is Dean Punch Park where St. Brendan's, making their first appearance in the final, meet Monaleen in the city junior football championship at 2.30. Monaleen, who have won the crown five times in the past seven years —

the exceptions were 1964 when Patrickswell took the honours, and 1966 when St. Patrick's were victorious, will be all out to regain the Sean MacDiarmada Shield. They had a useful try out last Sunday when they engaged Treaty-Sarsfields — reinforced by some seven seniors — in the Kerryman Cup semi-final and put up a good show before failing 0-6 to 1-1.

Their forwards were very erratic and will have to show vast improvement if they hope to survive the St. Brendan's challenge on Sunday next. St. Brendan's are enjoying much success in the under-age groups and if their junior counterparts display the same skill and spirit Monaleen will be in dire trouble. They looked impressive when ousting Claughaun in a re-play in the semi-final but whether they possess the all-round strength to match Monaleen remains to be seen. Monaleen hope to have ace, Tony McMahon, back in action and his presence in the attack should ensure Monaleen's ticket to the County semi-final.

Nov. 1967

JUVENILE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Brendan's 1-7 Monaleen 1-3

St. Brendan's advanced to the semi-finals of the Juvenile football championship when they defeated Monaleen 1-7 to 1-3 at Claughaun Field. Matters were fairly even in the opening moiety and St. Brendan's led at the interval 1-2 to 3 points. Immediately on the resumption Ger Ryan put Monaleen ahead

with a surprise goal, but they failed to maintain the initiative and gradually St. Brendan's got the upper hand to run out fairly comfortable winners.

SCORES

St. Brendan's — C. Thompson, 1 goal, T. McNamara, 3 pts.; J. Finnucane, 2 pts.; J. Coli, 1 pt., C. O'Donnell, 1 pt.

Monaleen — G. Ryan, 1-1; T. Scanlon, 2 pts.

Best for St. Brendan's were: M. Noonan, J. Ryan, P. Collins, B. Slattery, T. McNamara and D. O'Brien; while T. Scanlon, P. Cosgrave, G. Ryan, E. Coney, J. O'Brien, M. Bresnihan and S. Foley shone for Monaleen.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

A goal from a penalty in the dying minutes took the bare look from the scoreboard for Claughaun in their Junior football championship game with St. Brendan's at C.B.S. Field, which St. Brendan's won on the scoreline 2-10 to 2-1. A lively and well balanced St. Brendan's fifteen were complete masters, and issued a warning to all-comers that they will be a force in junior ranks. Mike Aherne with 1 goal and 3 pts. was their top scorer, and he, with Pat McNamara (1 gl. 2 pts.), Ger South, Mick Timmons, Mick Flaherty, Sean Kihinan, Ray Doran and Pat Aherne were the mainstays of the side, while Bernard Duggan, who has done so much for St. Brendan's N.S. in school ranks, J. Griffin, K. Mannion and W. O'Gorman were most prominent for Claughaun.

ST. BRENDAN'S ADVACNE IN C'SHIP.

St. Brendan's turned in a fine display of attacking football when disposing of a strong Monaleen side by 2-7 to 1-2, in an exciting under-16 championship game at Shelbourne Park. Both sides rose to the occasion in grand style, and on the run of play the Prospect boys just about deserved their victory.

Play was evenly contested in the opening half. Monaleen shaped well in the first quarter, but despite some good work by Paul Cosgrave, Eddie Coffey and Sean Scanlon, they failed to master a rock-solid St. Brendan's rearguard, in which Tom McNamara was outstanding. St. Brendan's jumped into the lead with a well-executed goal from C. Mason after 14 minutes, to which Cyril Galvin added a point before the interval. Monaleen tried desperately hard to reduce arrears and were rewarded when Paul Cosgrave raised a white flag with a well-taken point, to leave the half-time score at 1-1 to 0-1 in favour of St. Brendan's.

The winners began to assert their superiority in the early stages of the second half and a great goal from C. O'Donnell gave them that extra bit of confidence. Tom McNamara added two further points before Paul Cosgrave brought Monaleen back into the game with a goal from Eddie Coffey's well-placed centre. Sean Scanlon added another point for Monaleen, but St. Brendan's staged a comeback in the dying minutes when points from Tom Ryan and B. Thompson gave them a deserved win over a gallant Monaleen side.

SCORES

St. Brendan's: C. Mason (1-0), C. O'Donnell (1-0), T. McNamara, T. Ryan and B. Thompson (0-2 each), C. Galvin (0-1). Monaleen: Paul Cosgrave (1-0), S. Scanlon, E. Coffey (0-1 each).

Kerryman Cup J.F.:

St. Brendan's 2-8 St. Joseph's 0-2

St. Joseph's made their comeback in city competitions after an absence of twelve years at Dean Punch Park last night but their initial outing was a losing one. They went under to a well-equipped St. Brendan's side, 2-8 to 0-2, in the Kerryman Cup junior football series. St. Joseph's had many fine individual performers but they lacked the all-round strength of their opponents.

MATCH OF THE WEEK

3-5-69

In future our Bord na n-Og Spotlight will include a new feature entitled "Match of the Week." The honour of opening the series falls on St. Brendan's and Old Christians who served up great hurling in their Christy Ring Cup (under 15) hurling semi-final at the Gaelic Grounds on Wednesday evening. This game had everything: good, hard play, classy overhead striking, skilful saves, picture scores and above all good sportsmanship.

Old Christians dominated the early exchanges and had a goal from Dessy Kirwan and a point from Pat Keogh before Sean McLoughlin shot a great goal for St. Brendan's to leave the half-time score: Old Christians, 1-1; St. Brendan's, 1 goal.

St. Brendan's re-opened in great style with goals from Stephen McGuane and Liam Goodwin to which Anthony Wallace raised a green flag for C.B.S. Two points by Martin Thompson followed but a goal by Dessy Kirwan left only a point between the teams with five minutes remaining. However, St. Brendan's finished the stronger side and Noel Dawson shot a 30 yards free to the net to clinch the issue three minutes from time.

Best for St. Brendan's were young Joe Roche in goal, Philip Collins, Jackie Ryan, Martin Mullane, Liam Goodwin and Billy Slattery.

Gerry Donovan (goal), Jim

Burke, Michael Costelloe, John Tobin and Dessy Kirwan were most prominent for Old Christians.

Mr. John Naughton (Monaleen) refereed.

Minor F. League for St. Brendan's

20-5-69
St. Brendan's, 5-4; Monaleen, 0-1

St. Brendan's minor footballers gave a classic display when overpowering Monaleen 5-4 to 0-1 in the City Minor League final in the Gaelic Grounds. Conditions were appalling with a continuous downpour falling throughout but both sides made light of the handicap and served up great football. St. Brendan's adapted ground football to perfection and this was the key to their success. They led 4-1 to 0-1 at the interval thanks to goals by Jack Ryan, Christy O'Donnell (2) and Junior Sheehan, plus a point by Thomas McNamara. Monaleen's white flag was raised by Tommy Scanlon for a 50 yards free. Although Monaleen improved steadily on the resumption St. Brendan's continued to dominate the exchanges and with scores from Thomas McNamara, Chick Galvin and Pat Hayes finished convincing winners. They had prominent players Tom Hayes, Martin Mullane, Jackie Ryan, Christy O'Donnell, Philip Collins, Martin Finnan and Liam Goodwin while Sean and Tom Scanlon, Patsy Nicholas, Paul Cosgrave, John Aherne, Sean Foley and Pa Moloney were most impressive for Monaleen. Gleeson Cup S.F.

St. Brendan's and Monaleen were again in opposition at Monaleen on Thursday evening, this time in the Gleeson Cup S.F. competition.

Fielding six of their minor team, St. Brendan's dominated the first half and led 1-4 to 0-3 at half-time. However, in an exciting second half, which saw both sides play fast open football, Monaleen enjoyed territorial advantage, but it was only a last-minute goal which gave them victory. Best for Monaleen were Denis Foley, Noel Bridgeman, Tony McMahon, Eddie Franklin, Noel Moynihan and Johnny Woods, while for St. Brendan's, Paddy Carmody (goal), Bawnie McCormack, Pa Aherne, Frank and Mike Timmons, Thomas McNamara, Jimmy Constable and Harry Ryan were most impressive.

St. Brendan's Win Again!

12-6-69
The high standard set by the club adult and minor teams is being well maintained by the youth of St. Brendan's as they demonstrated at C.B.S. Grounds recently when they beat Young Irelands 2-8 to nil after being ahead 1-5 to nil at the interval. Best of the St. Brendan lads were Liam Goodwin, Billy Slattery, Philip Collins, Jacky Ryan, Martin Mullane, Jimmy Finucane and Eamonn McNamara.

St. Brendan's A.G.M.

25/1/69

A big muster of members assembled at St. Brendan's School last Friday night and reviewed the best year the St. Brendan's Hurling and Football Club has enjoyed since its foundation. The meeting elected the following officers for the coming season:—

President, Very Rev. J. Culhane, P.P.

Chairman, Jimmy O'Brien.

Vice-Chairman, Michael McNamara.

Secretary, Joe O'Connell.

Assistant Secretary, Steve Cronin.

Treasurer, Jimmy Lowe.

Assistant Treasurer, Michael Quigley.

Captain junior hurling team, Pat McNamara.

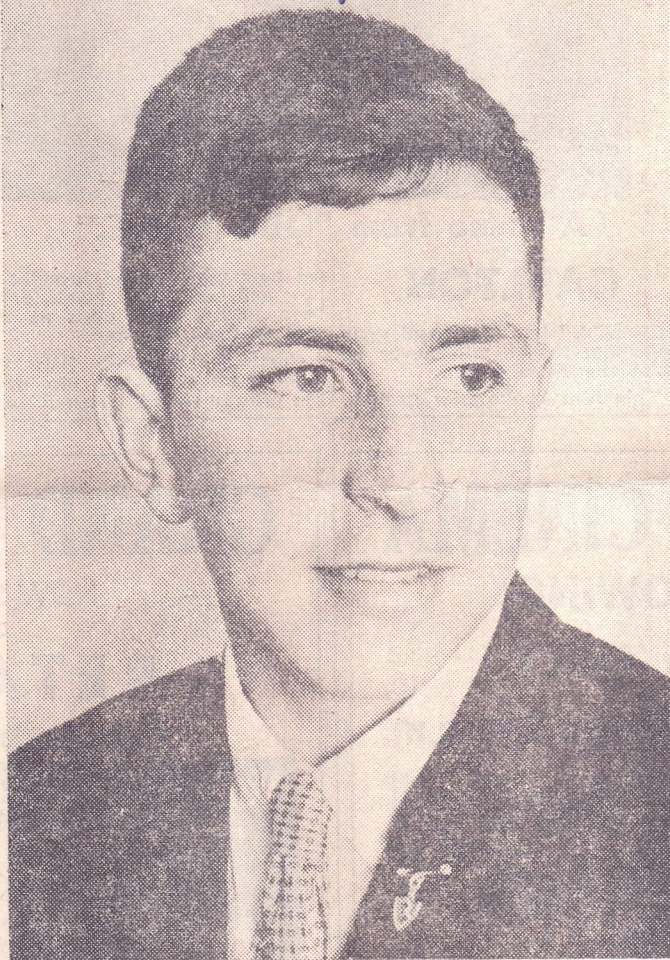
Captain junior Football team, Mike Aherne.

Vice-Captain junior hurling team, Pat Aherne.

Vice-Captain junior football team, Mike Timmons.

Committee members: W. McNamara, P. McNamara, M. Aherne, P. Aherne M. Timmons, P. O'Brien.

Slán agus Beannacht De agaibh go leir, a Chairde Gaedheal!



Liam Goodwin . . . playing with St. Brendan's.

Prominent Player with St. Brendan's

Showing great potential with St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club is the versatile Liam Goodwin, now in his third season with the Black and Ambers. Although he is only 16 years of age, Liam has established a regular place on St. Brendan's juvenile, minor and under 21 teams, and his main ambition is to lead them to their first under 21 hurling championship title this season.

Liam got his introduction to football in season 1967, and fielding at full back he helped his club to notable victories.

But it was the following year that he really made his mark. St. Brendan's put up a brave showing in the under 16 football championship, and thanks to wins over Treaty Sarsfields and Old Christians they qualified for the Co. Championships, Liam contributed handsomely to his club's successful run and was also seen to advantage when St. Brendan's annexed the league title.

Others who shared in the above successes included Martin McLaughlin, Tom McNamara, Phil Collins, Junior Sheehan and Billy Slattery.

This year Liam took part in the under-21 grade for the first time. "I found it difficult in the beginning to play in an age group five years my senior, but I soon settled down

seen this youth in action predict a bright future for him. He usually gives preference to hurling—a game at which his father excelled—but also likes to tog out with the footballers.

Liam played half-back on the St. Brendan's minor team that opposed Commercial in the first round of the minor football championship recently, and was a permanent fixture on the side that won the minor football league.

He is confident that yet another trophy will come his way next month when St. Brendan's play either Treaty-Sarsfields or Ballybrown in the final of the Christy Ring Cup (hurling).

"Great credit is due to our official, 'Chappy' O'Connell and Jim Lowe," added Liam. "They are doing their utmost to promote G.A.A. games in a predominantly soccer area." A winner of several street leagues with St. Brendan's, this ex-C.B.S. pupil has high hopes that Limerick will shock Tipperary in the semi-final of the Munster senior hurling championship at Cork tomorrow.

Liam is son of Mr. William and the late Mrs. Goodwin, 45 Griffith Avenue. He has three brothers, Tony, Paul and Tom, and seven sisters, Ann, Virginia, Geraldine, Mary

Our personality this week is a youth who has been in the forefront of St. Brendan's rise to prominence in G.A.A. circles both in schools' competitions and City Board championships. He is Christy Galvin—popularly known as "Chick"—who has worn the black and amber of the Prospect club in both hurling and football.

An elusive forward, who shows a slight preference for Gaelic football, he is one of the top scorers in Bord na n-Og games so far this season. He was a member of the St. Brendan's team which scored a notable double by winning the City league and championship in minor football and last year won the under-15 Christy Ring Hurling Cup.

Christy learned his hurling and football at St. Brendan's N.S. under the guidance of Mr. Bernard Duggan, N.T., and had a very successful innings in the school's colours, winning trophies in the Olo, Leader, Spillane and Kenneally Cup competitions.

On leaving school he joined St. Brendan's Club and is

delighted with his decision. "There is great spirit in the club," he told me this week, "but our officials, like Joe O'Connell, Jim Lowe, Mickey Quigley, Jimmy O'Brien and Pat McNamara, do not get sufficient praise for their efforts to promote Gaelic games in the Prospect-Weston area.

"The County Board seem to think we don't exist," Christy added, "because despite being city divisional champions not one of our players got even a trial for the minor or junior football team.

"We would be much better if we had a playing pitch of our own," concluded Christy. "I know we have rights in Dean Punch Park but the grounds are in a shameful state and it is high time the governing body decided whether or not they intend to develop it into a first-class enclosure."

Christy, whose grand uncles, Tim and Johnny Murphy, played for Young Irelands and Claughaun in years gone by, is a storeman employed by May Roberts & Co., Bank Place, and lives at 53 Hyde Road, Prospect, Limerick.

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CHRISTY
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OF
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ST. BRENDAN'S

8/11/69

Meet The Champions—St. Brendan's N.S.

(1969 SPILLANE CUP WINNERS)



The St. Brendan's N.S. team which defeated St. Mary's N.S. 3-4 to 1-8 in the final of the Spillane Cup recently.

Billy Slattery (St. Brendan's).

One of the stars of the St. Brendan's team which defeated Monaleen in the city minor football league final at the Gaelic Grounds on Tuesday evening was towering ginger-haired full-back Billy Slattery who handled the greasy ball in amazing fashion and cleared many dangerous raids. But this was no "flash in the pan" performance because Billy has filled the full-back position with distinction for St. Brendan's since 1966 in all grades of hurling and football from under 14 to minor.

15 years old Billy, now a student at St. Munchin's College, got his introduction to Gaelic games at St. Brendan's N.S. at the age of 11 years and later won Spillane and Keyes Cup medals.

On leaving the primary school in 1966 he joined St. Brendan's Club and has won numerous trophies since then.

He captained the under 14 hurling team to win the Tayto Cup in 1967 and also played on

the Kenneally Cup football winning side. He figured on the team which won the city juvenile football championship in 1968 but lost to St. Senan's (Foynes) in the county semi-final. He hopes to win the Christy Ring under 15 title this year.

Billy plays basketball and volleyball with Our Lady of Lourdes Club "to keep fit," he told me. He has two sisters, Betty and Mary, and three brothers, John, who works at Rippen (Shannon); Mark, a miller at Ranks, and Gerard, a pupil of St. Brendan's N.S.

Billy, a staunch G.A.A. player, would like to see the ban on foreign games removed "as more players would then play hurling and football." Likewise Gaelic players could play rugby and soccer in the winter which would only keep them fit."

Billy is son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Slattery and lives at 23 Crecora Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston.

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Another of St. Brendan's promising young stars, John has to date won eight trophies in hurling and football. He is an ex student of C.B.S. where he learned his hurling and football.

The eldest boy of a family of six, he has been a lover of Gaelic games since his childhood, and never fails to see a game when his idol, the supreme master of the art of Gaelic football, Mick O'Connell (Kerry), is playing.

John's father, Peter, played with the famous Ballybricken teams of the late 30's and only for the injury he received then it has been acknowledged that he would have got his place on the winning Limerick All-Ireland team.

John, when he is not on the field, devotes his time to rowing with Athlunkard B.C.. He has won races in Cork, Cappoquin, Galway and Limerick. He is employed as a salesman with Roches Stores and lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Neill, 48 Upper Carey's Road, Limerick.

JOHN O'NEILL, ST. BRENDANS.

13.12.69

Pat McNamara (St. Brendans).

St. Brendan's is a club doing effective work for Gaelic games in the Prospect/Weston area and our personality this week is the Secretary of the club which he helped found 5 years ago—Pat McNamara.

Pat, a clerk employed by I.A.W.S., has given great service to the Association as player and official. He held the post of club secretary for two years and was also Board delegate and an efficient referee. He had to give up the latter position because of pressure of business.

He began his career with Sexton St. C.B.S. and won a medal for hurling with the Technical Institute. Basketball is also a sport in which he has proved his worth.

He plays hurling and football with St. Brendan's but prefers hurling in which his favourite position is centre-field.

Last year he captained the St. Brendan's team which won the city junior football championship for the first time and this year he led the junior hurling team.

Pat has three other brothers prominent with St. Brendan's. Thomas, who has won under 21 and junior football championships; Eamonn, under 15 hurling and under 16 football; and Francis, who won an under 14 hurling league.

His three sisters are Peggy, who is with the Shannon Foundry; Eileen, with United Dominion Trust; and Phyllis, a student at the School of Commerce, Mulgrave St. Pat's father, William McNamara, figured with Adare C.B.S. and fielded with Adare club team in his youth.

Pat is very disappointed that although St. Brendan's won the city juvenile under 21 and junior football championships last year not one of their players got even a trial for the Limerick County teams this year. "It looks as if the selection committee are governed by the clubs," he told me this week; he says a club that is promoting Gaelic games in a predominantly soccer area deserves a break in the matter of recognition—unless of course the authorities would prefer the clubs to die in that particular way.

Pat is the son of Mr. and Mrs. McNamara, 23 Hyde

Stephen McGuane (St. Brendan's)

St. Brendan's suffered a surprise reverse at the hands of Ballybrown in the City Juvenile Hurling Championship at the Gaelic Grounds recently, but one player who cannot be blamed for the defeat of the lads in Black and Amber is Stephen McGuane, who donned the number two jersey in that encounter.

Stephen (15½), like all his club-mates, learned his hurling and football at St. Brendan's N.S. under the supervision of Mr. Bernard Duggan. He first earned his place on a school fifteen at the age of 12 and won the following trophies in school competition: Olo Cup, Leader Cup, Keyes Cup and Spillane Cup. He later joined St. Brendan's Club and figured on their successes in under 14 hurling (Tayto Cup) and under 14 football (Kenneally Cup) and was a reserve on the club's minor football team which won league and championship honours this year. His big ambition is to win the juvenile football cham-

meet Commercials and go on to win the county title in this grade.

Stephen's mother and father take an active interest in Gaelic games. His father, Patrick, who works in the Post Office Engineering Branch, was a well-known cross-country runner when a member of the Army stationed with the 4th Battalion in Cork. He won the Cork county senior c.c. title in 1932 and 1933 and later won the Munster senior c.c. at Greenpark Racecourse and the All-Army championship at the Phoenix Park. He was a member of the Army team which finished 3rd in the All-Ireland c.c. championship at Duhallow, Co. Cork. His team-mates included Jack Behan O'Brien, later to win fame as a trainer of GAA teams, including the Cork county senior side, and Tom Fanning of Thurles, who trained the Tipperary team on many occasions.

Stephen is son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGuane, and lives at 6 Clarina Ave., Ballina-

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Martin Carmody (St. Brendan's N.S.), recent winners of the Spillane Cup.

St. Brendan's ¹⁶⁻⁵⁻⁷⁰

After a slow start, St. Brendan's are beginning to find their true form once more. With Joe O'Connell back at the helm, the juveniles are turning up at full strength and we expect to do well in all under-age grades.

St. Brendan's had six players on the Limerick minor football team defeated by Waterford in last Sunday's Munster Championship game at Dungarvan, namely, P. Sheahan, J. Ryan, P. Collins, J. McNamara, M. Mul-lane and B. Slattery.

On Monday night at the Gaelic Grounds, in the juvenile hurling championship, St. Brendan's defeated a spirited Patrickswell fifteen 7-3 to 1-2. Scorers: J. Stenson, 2 goals; J. Blake, 2 goals; G. Higgins, 2 goals; Buster Hannon, 1 goal; E. McNamara, 2 pts.; C. Mul-lane, 1 pt.



Tom Hayes (St. Brendan's). 22/1/69

G.A.A. PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

One of the stars of the St. Brendan's team which won the 1968 city junior football c'ship was goalkeeper Michael Burns, whose daring saves were an inspiration to the black and amber lads from Prospect.

This 25 years old Post Office clerk is a native of Kilkenny. He resides with his wife and one child at Crecora, Patrickswell.

He began his hurling career at the age of 10 and later lined out with Kilkenny C.B.S. He also played minor and junior hurling championship in his native Kilkenny. Later, he won a Louth minor hurling championship and league medal, whilst working in Dundalk.

He first played with St. Patrick's when he arrived in Limerick, but changed to St. Brendan's three years ago and has been an automatic choice as custodian ever since.

Michael's first love is hurling and for that reason he hopes to join Patrickswell for the coming season.

He thinks the standard of hurling in Limerick is fairly high and would dearly love to see the Shannonsiders win an All-Ireland title in 1970. Michael thinks the Ban has outlived its original purpose and maintains its abolition would be of immense benefit to the whole Association.



MICHAEL BURNS
(St. Brendan's)

24.1.1970

ST. BRENDAN'S retained their City Minor Football League and Championship titles this season with an above-average team. One of the stars of the side was ex-captain Thomas Hayes, who had many fine games at centre-field in the black-and-amber jersey.

Thomas joined St. Brendan's four years ago and has won numerous trophies with them. He is a very versatile sportsman and has annexed trophies for basketball and athletics. He

feels that with 12 of this year's selection again eligible for next season, St. Brendan's will be a formidable force next year.

His father was a well-known footballer in his youth, having seen service with C.B.S., Bridge Street; St. Patrick's and Old Treaty. He is at present foreman at Morgan McMahon's, Mulgrave Street.

Thomas is employed at Stokes and McKiernan's, Sarsfield St., and is son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hayes, 26 Bourke Ave., Edward Street, Limerick.

24.10.70



Very Rev. Fr. Culhane, P.P., Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and President of St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club, presenting the Olo Cup to David Brown, capt. L. to r.: Kenneally Cup, to Francis McNamara, capt.; Spillane Cup, to James Ryan, capt.



The St. Brendan's team which won the Kenneally Cup, under 14, football by defeating Na Piarsaigh in the final. Left to right, front row: Tony Duggan (Committee), Ger Collopy, Ger Collins, David Brown (Francis McNamara, Capt.), James Ryan, Martin Carmody, Michael Sheahan, Ger Molony, Joe O'Connell (Trainer). Back : President, Father Culhane, P.P., Our Lady of Lourdes; Pat McCormack, Michael Hehir, John Walsh, Junior Hannon, Eamonn Madden, Kieran South, Ger Purtill, Pat Cross, Michael Collins (Committee), Mr. McMahon, Principal, St. Brendan's N.S.

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Spotlight

Tony McCormack (left), aged 14, played left-half back on the St. Brendan's N.S. team which won the Spillane and Olo Cups this year. He is also a dedicated member of the St. Brendan's GAA under 14 hurling and football team. Tony reckons his best match was against St. Patrick's, when they drew 7-2 all, but St. Brendan's won the replay, 8-4 to 2 goals. Tony is son of Mr. and Mrs. T. McCormack, 12 Griffith Ave., Ballinacurra Weston. His father is an employee of the Post Office Engineering Branch. Tony's grandfather, Brownie Davern, played football with Ballylanders and trained Young Irelands when he came to Limerick in 1927 and is a life long supporter of the GAA.

Tony Buckley (right) is 14 years old, 5-10 in height and weighs 9 stone. He is a promising full back and helped St. Brendan's N.S. win the Olo and Spillane Cups. He also lines out with St. Brendan's under 14, 15 and 16 hurling and football teams. Tony is son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Buckley, 38 Griffith Ave., Ballinacurra Weston. He gives great praise to Bernard Duggan, N.T., St. Brendan's N.S., for the great work he is doing to promote Gaelic games.



Tony McCormack left, Tony Buckley right (St. Brendans).



Frances McNamara, captain of the St. Brendan's team, which won the Kenneally Cup under 14 football title by defeating Treaty-Sarsfields 3-2 to 0-4 in the final. Frances played a big part in the success, scoring two spectacular goals in the first half. He is one of three brothers who play with St. Brendan's. He is soon of Mr. and Mrs. W. McNamara, 36 Hyde Avenue.

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Captain of the St. Brendan's team which won the Spillane Cup inter-schools football competition recently was 13½-year-old Gerard O'Callaghan who manned the pivot position in the winners defence. Gerard has figured prominently in many of St. Brendan's victories of recent years and his trophies include Olo Cup under-14 hurling, Keyes Cup under-12 football and O'Mahony Cup under-12 hurling. He also lines out with St. Brendan's club in Bord na nOg under 14 and 15 competitions.

Gerard is also a member of the Boy Scouts, attached to Our Lady of Lourdes troop, and is at present doing a first aid course with the Knights of Malta. His brother, Tommy, played with St. Brendan's school teams a few years ago.

Gerard rates David Browne, a team-mate at St. Brendan's, as the best under-14 player he has seen. Other good players he had fielded with include Michael Sheahan and Martin Carmody.

He thinks that Neilus Dawson—a past-pupil of the St. Brendan's team which won the Olo and Leader cups—is a bright prospect, who, if he maintains his present class and ability, will be a strong candidate for the position of centre-back on



Ger O'Callaghan (St. Brendan's).

the Limerick county senior hurling team in a few years. Gerard who lives at 43 Clarina Ave., hopes to win his second Olo cup medal this year.

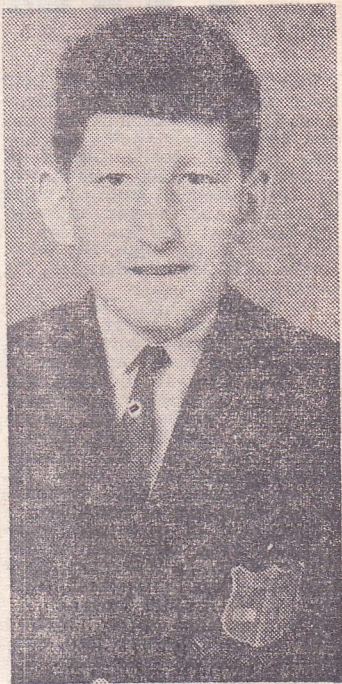
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Son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Collins (St. Brendan's), Gerard is a student at St. Munchin's College, Corbally.

He started his hurling career with the now famous nursery of St. Brendan's N.S. under the watchful eye of Mr. Bernard Duggan, N.T.

With the school teams he won Olo, Spillane, O'Mahony and Keyes Cup medals. He was captain of the latter victorious team.

On leaving school he joined St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club following the promptings of Joe O'Connell and has not regretted his decision to don the black and amber jersey. Last year he won the Christy Ring Cup and hopes to add to his trophy list before the present Bord na nOg season expires.



Gerard Collins (St. Brendan's)

MARTIN CARMODY (St. Brendan's)

One of the stars of the St. Brendan's N.S. team which won the Spillane Cup recently was 12-year-old Martin Carmody.

Martin is a versatile athlete and has won numerous trophies for running as a member of Limerick A.C. Keenly interested in Gaelic games his favourite position in both hurling and football is corner-forward where his perception has earned him many vital goals.

His ambition is to help St. Brendan's win the Olo Cup, and he is looking forward to turning out with St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club in Bord na nOg competitions this year.

Martin's brother, Willie, is a member of the Irish Army and has won an All-Army boxing title in the junior grade, as well as being All-Army gymnastic champion. He also won a Co. Cork junior boxing championship. Another brother, Jim, has won the O'Mahony Cup for snooker.

Martin has six brothers and one sister and all are keen G.A.A. supporters.

He is loud in his praise for his teachers, Mr. McMahon, headmaster; Mr. Bernard Duggan, N.T., and Mr. Christy Keyes, N.T., for the great work they are doing in the promotion of hurling and football in St. Brendan's N.S.

Martin is son of Patrick (Pollo) Carmody, 119 Hyde Rd., Prospect, a dock policeman with the Limerick Harbour Board, and who served with the Irish Army during the Emergency.

Martin Carmody, St. Brendan's

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Des Horgan (St. Brendan's)

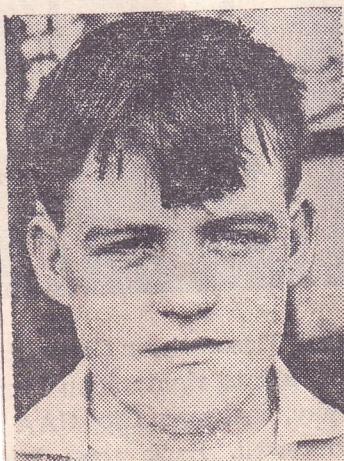
One of the promising footballers with St. Brendan's is 21-year-old Post Office clerk, Des Horgan, a native of Askeaton.

Des began his playing career with his native parish in the early '60's and won West Limerick juvenile and minor football championship medals. Three years ago he won Co. Westmeath minor football honours while working in Mullingar.

On arrival in Limerick City in 1968 he joined St. Brendan's, with whom he plays both hurling and football. He plays in goal for hurling and lines out at mid-field in football for the Prospect club. He won City under 21 and junior football championship medals with St. Brendan's in 1968.

His late father was also a prominent footballer. He won West Limerick J.F.C. with Newcastle West and a Kerry County Championship award with East Kerry. He also played junior inter-county with the Kingdom.

Des would like to see more competition for the under-age groups especially in the county area. He feels the ban should be removed: "it is being violated freely in the city division."



G. Cox, who is on St. Brendan's under 14 hurling panel during the present season. He prefers to play in goal.



Pat Cross, who will line out with St. Brendan's U/16 footballers during the present season. He prefers to play in the forward line.

BORD NA nOG SPOTLIGHT 17/1/70

Although participating in Gaelic games for 3 years, Noel Hannon has yet to win a trophy. However, the 15-year-old C.I.E. employee hopes to rectify this in the very near future: "We have the best under 15 hurling team in the city" he told me this week; "we will be very disappointed if we do not retain the Christy Ring Cup for St. Brendan's".

Noel maintains the team is well balanced all round. "Denis McMahon and Dan Keane are staunch defenders" he says, "and with Pat Walsh a dominant figure at mid-field, and Joe Blake notching scores up front it will take a powerful team to stop us."



Noel Hannon (St. Brendan's)

Noel learned his hurling and football at Sexton St. C.B.S. and joined St. Brendan's at the invitation of Joe O'Connell, whom he rates "one of the hardest working G.A.A. officials in the country."

Noel's brother, Sean, is chairman of St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club and ranks as one of the youngest chairmen in the Association. Noel lives at Hyde Road, Prospect, and has two brothers Gerard and Tony and two sisters, Rose and Marie.

Noel was disappointed that St. Brendan's lost their city juvenile football title to Commercials, who later won the Co. championship, but he is optimistic that they will win the juvenile hurling and football titles this year.

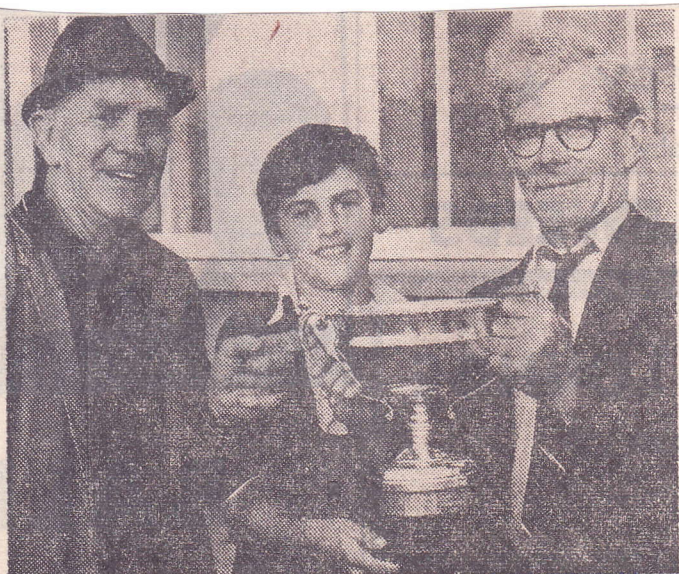
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In the under 15 Football League St. Brendan's travelled out to Mungret and beat them by 2-6 to 1-4 after a hard match. Half-time score: St. Brendan's, 2-1; Mungret, 1 point. Best for Mungret, John Kirby, Tim Treacy, Con and Denis Keating, Jim Walsh, Paddy Duggan.

St. Brendan's team—Gerry Collopy, Michael Hehir, Gerry Moloney, Tony Buckley, Tony McCormack, George Quinlivan, Jamsie Ryan, David Brown, Pat McCormack, Robert Carey, Christy Coll, Martin Carmody, Pat Cross, Richie Dillon, Jerry Jacob, James Walsh.

Under 14 football, at Cloughaun Field: St. Brendan's, 2-11; Cloughaun, 1-8.

Best for St. Brendan's, Jerry Collopy, Eamonn Madden, Christy Coll, Martin Carmody, Jerry Maloney, Paulie Ryan, P. Keating, in goal; Ken Counihan, H. McSweeney, William O'Brien, Birdie Ryan and S. Marsh.



William McNamara, chairman, St. Brendan's G.A.A. club, presenting the Kenneally Cup to Gerard Collopy, captain of the winning team. Also included is Joe O'Connell, trainer of St. Brendan's.

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Christy Hannon (St. Brendan's)

BORD NA nOG SPOTLIGHT

This week it is our pleasure to feature in this column a player from the inter-schools competitions under the auspices of Bord na Scoile. He is 13-year-old Christy Hannon, who scored 1-2 for St. Brendan's N.S. in the Spillane Cup final against St. Mary's recently. St. Brendan's emerged victorious, 3-4 to 1-8, after a thrilling contest.

Christy started hurling with St. Brendan's N.S. two years ago under the direction of Bernard Duggan, N.T., and is showing great promise. To date he has won three hurling medals and is also very interested in, and talented at, Gaelic football.

He is attending St. Brendan's schools and hopes to be on the under 14 teams with St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club as well as the schools teams in the coming season. Christy, who was born in Coventry City in England, lives with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Benson, 1 Byr Avenue, Prospect, Limerick. His older brother, John, plays under 16 hurling and football with Old Christians. Christy's grandfather, Paddy Benson, a well-known dance band leader and is chairman of the Limerick Dockers' Association.

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Bord na nOg

Spotlight



MICHAEL McLAUGHLIN
(St. Brendan's)

14-year-old Michael McLaughlin is one of the most consistent players on the St. Brendan's under age hurling and football teams.

He began his career at St. Brendan's N.S., at the age of 10 and has won Kennelly and Keyes Cup medals with the school. He lined out at mid-field on the St. Brendan's club team which won the Christy Ring Cup last year. His brother, Martin, a student at Sexton St. C.B.S., plays juvenile and minor with St. Brendan's.

Michael is at present attending the Technical Institute. He has five brothers and 3 sisters and lives at 42 Griffith Avenue. His father is a storeman, employed by Cement Ltd.

Michael would like to pay tribute to Mr. Bernard Duggan, trainer of the St. Brendan's School teams, and to Mr. McMahon, Headmaster, and Mr. C. Keyes, N.T., St. Brendan's, and Fr. Culhane, P.P., for their great work and encouragement towards the promotion of Gaelic games. He would dearly like to see Dean Punch Park put into proper shape.

Under 14 Football

7/8/71

ST. BRENDAN'S RETAIN KENNEALLY CUP

At Na Piarsaigh Grounds, Caherdavin, St. Brendan's retained the Kenneally Cup when they defeated Treaty-Sarsfields 1-2 to 0-4 in the final of the Bord na nOg Under-14 Football League.

This was Gaelic football at its best from the moment referee Tom Halpin threw in the ball to the final whistle. Treaty were first to score, but St. Brendan's quickly equalised. Treaty dominated the latter stages of the first half and led 0-3 to 0-1 at the interval.

It was a ding-dong struggle on resuming with scores very hard to get. With ten minutes remaining, St. Brendan's struck the cross-bar, but Jamsie Ryan grabbed the rebound and from 25 yards out crashed the ball to the roof of the net to make the sides level.

The fat was in the fire now and both sides went all out for victory. Eventually George Quinlivan pointed a 25 yards free to give St. Brendan's the lead. Treaty forced three 50s in the

last few minutes but to no avail as a sound St. Brendan's cleared them all to safety to enable their side hold on for a deserved win.

Amidst great excitement, Mr. Paddy O'Donoghue, chairman, Bord na nOg, presented the Kenneally Cup to Gerry Collopy, captain of the victorious St. Brendan's team.

The winning St. Brendan's line-out was: Gerry Collopy, Michael Buckley, George Quinlivan, Larry Clancy, Tommy Murphy, Eamonn Madden, Gerry Moloney, Pat Cross, Jamsie Ryan, Christy Coll, Martin Carmody, Jamsie Walsh, Johnny McCormick, Jerry Jacob, Robert Carey. Sub.: Christy Hannon for Michael Buckley.

Great praise is due to Eddie Carey, Vincent Carey, Boxer McNamara, Mickie Quigley, Ger Collins and Jimmy Lowe for the efficient manner in which they have looked after the under-age lads this year.

St. Brendan's

6-2-71

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St. Brendan's N.S. Under 11 Team



St. Brendan's News

New pitch opened

St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club officially opened their new pitch at Rosbrien on Saturday evening last. The pitch, known as St. Brendan's G.A.A. Park, was blessed by Very Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, P.P., Our Lady of Lourdes, in the presence of a large crowd.

Afterwards, St. Brendan's played Patrickswell in the U/15 hurling league, which the 'Well won on the score 4-9 to 3-5.

Best for St. Brendan's were: David Browne, Tony McCarrick, Pat McCormick, Francis McNamara and Michael Hehir, while Dave Fenton, Jer Hayes, the O'Sullivan twins, Willie Murray, Michael O'Dea and Dom Punch were best for the 'Well.

St. Brendan's made the journey to Patrickswell on Monday evening to engage the home-sters in the U/16 football league, and beat them 2-10 to 1-9. Best for St. Brendan's were Ger Colopy (goalie), Willie Johnson (capt.), Junior Power, Ger Ryan, Michael Sheahan and Mike McAuley, while Mike O'Brien, Sean O'Brien, Gerry Mulqueen and the O'Sullivan twins were best for the 'Well.



Sets of jerseys for the juvenile and junior teams of St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club, together with a football, were presented to the club president, Very Rev. Fr. Martin O'Donnell, P.P., Our Lady of Lourdes parish, by the McNamara family of 36 Hyde Avenue. The gifts were bought from the commission received over the past twelve months from Ciste na Banba pools promoted by Mr. Patrick McNamara (not in picture) and collected by his brothers, Thomas, Eamon and Francis. Also helping were Martin McLoughlin and Liam Goodwin. The thanks of the McNamara family are extended to the people of Our Lady of Lourdes parish who supported the pools over the past twelve months. In the picture (from left are: Eamon McNamara, Thomas McNamara, Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P. Our Lady of Lourdes, president of St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club; William McNamara and Francis McNamara.

Saint Brendan's news

Our under 13 hurlers and footballers are going great guns and look like winning both trophies.

Last week, in football, Stt. Brendan's beat Mungret 4-8 to 2-5 in the under 13 grade. Our team lined out: Ger Cox, Roy McCloskey, Christy Coll, George Clancy, Ray McManus, Frank Hennigar, Peblo Williams, Michael O'Riordan, Ger Carmody, Tommy Ryan, Michael O'Connor, Donal Fennell, Brendan Murphy, Johnny McCormick. Best for Mungret were Gerry Stackpoole, James Kirby, John Keating, Ger O'Brien, Tom Neville and Seamus Colfer. Garryowen, 7-4 to 4-1, afaer leading 4-4 to 2-1 at half-time. The winning side lined out as follows: Gerard Parker, Patrick O'Donoghue, Vincent McCloskey, Noel Buckley, Thomas Egan, Patrick McCoy, John Williams, Paul Ryan, Vincent Brown, Christy Coll, John McCormack, Billy Daly, Roy Meehan, Dessie Clohessy, Frank Hennigan. Subs.—Gerard Cross, Gerry Culhane, Gerard Cox, John Hannon.



The St. Brendan's team, winners of the Kenneally Cup under-14 football league organised by Bord na n-Og.

11-9-71



Christy Coll of St. Brendan's, who had a brilliant game for Limerick in their defeat of Dublin.

ST. BRENDAN'S NEWS:

Treaty Sarsfield's win close game

This Senior Football League tie was played in blustery conditions at Claugahun Field on Sunday last, and the closeness of the scoring kept interest alive to the end. St. Brendan's had wind advantage in the opening period, and led 7 points to 4 points at the interval. This lead didn't seem nearly enough, but they held on tenaciously, until Amby Lawlor shot the only goal of the game just entering the final quarter, to give Treaty the lead for the first time.

St. Brendan's fought back again to level matters, but two pints in the closing stages gave Treaty a hard-earned victory. Best for Treaty were Tom McGarry, Tony Fitzgerald, Phonsie Ryan, Mick O'Donnell, Mick Aherne, Amby Lawlor, Sean

O'Brien, Shamie Keenihan, Ray Collins, Joe O'Mahony, Thomas McNamara and Junior Sheehan played well for St. Brendan's.

Old Christians beat St. Brendan's under 13 football team after a great 40 minutes at Rathbane on Saturday. St. Brendan's lined out short six of their regular team, and they had to give way to a very good Old Christians team. It was the same story versus St. Patrick's in the under 16 football, on the same night, at Our Lady of Lourdes, when, after leading by a goal at the interval, they eventually succumbed to a strong visiting fifteen in an exciting second half. It was disappointing to have to field without five regulars on this occasion, and full teams will have to field if St. Brendan's are to maintain

Junior football

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CITY SEMI-FINALS

Monaleen paid the cost when they fielded an under strength team for their junior football championship game against St. Brendan's at Monaleen on Saturday last. They had high hopes of advancing, but in a rather scrappy game, they failed to score, while their opponents totted up seven goals and seven points.

This evening, at Claughaun, (5.00), St. Brendan's and St. Patrick's meet in the semi-final. Both sides impressed in the quarter finals, and the issue in this game is wide open.

The second semi-final on tomorrow at St. Patrick's Field, (12 noon), sees Mungret and Claughaun in action, with the latter strong favourites to gain a place in the decider.

UNDER 13 FOOTBALL LEAGUE: 15-7-72

Old Christians and St. Brendan's for final

Following victories over Treaty Sarsfields and Monaleen, in the semi-finals, Old Christians and St. Brendan's have qualified for the final of the under 13 football league, under the auspices of Bord na nOg.

This game is scheduled for Claughaun Field, this (Saturday) evening, at 7.30, with Tom Ryan (Claughaun) as referee.

Powered by many of the successful St. Brendan's schools team, Joe O'Connell's charges were in free scoring mood, against a talented Monaleen fifteen, who did not enjoy the best of luck. St. Brendan's led 3-1 to 0-1 at half time, and eventually romped home victors, on the scoresheet, 5-2 to 1-2. They had top-notch players in Christy Coll, Gerry McCarthy, Eamonn Madden, Francis McNamara, Vincent McCloskey and Michael O'Connor; while Ger Leonard, John Crotty, Henry Pond, Wilfred Cremins, Mike Moloney and Sean Cremins starred for Monaleen.

Greater all-round strength, plus slick passing and combin-

ation, were the factors which earned Old Christians their ticket to the decider, over a spirited Treaty Sarsfields side. The CBS boys had outstanding footballers in, captain, F. Brosnahan, H. O'Neill, N. O'Donovan, R. Fitzgerald, J. Davern, S. Lynch and F. Sargent, and on the evidence of this performance must stand a good chance of capturing Old Christians first success in this grade.

The probable line-outs for tonight's final are:-

St. Brendan's — Colm Ryan, Joe Nash, Vincent McCloskey, Noel Buckley; Pa Douglas, Tommy Egan, Billy Daly; Pa O'Brien, Pa McCoy; Christy Coll, Vincent Browne, Michael O'Connor; Pa Liddy, Rusty Cross and George Clancy. Subs: Charlie Sheahan, Ger Cox.

Old Christians — P. Shinnars; R. Fitzgerald, F. Sargent, H. Kelly; P. O'Shea, N. O'Donovan, L. Bourke; F. Brosnahan, H. O'Neill, P. Fitzgerald, S. Lynch D. Fitzgerald, E. O'Doherty, M. Haslam, J. Davern.

St. Brendans win under 21 football title

St. Brendan's raised hopes of bringing their first ever county championship to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, when they beat a fancied St. Patrick's fifteen by 5-6 to 1-4 in a very entertaining and lively game at Pairc na Gael on Saturday last. The final score gives no indication of the closeness of the contest, as there was only four points between the teams entering the last quarter. St. Patrick's dominated matters at mid-field in the first half due mainly to the brilliant fielding and distribution of Liam Lawlor, but St. Brendan's managed to lead by 2-1 to 1-3 at the interval due to two opportunist goals by Tom McElligott and Thomas McNamara.

St. Brendan's started well after the break to stretch their lead to three points, but were lucky to see a rasper from the opposition crash back off the crossbar with the defence beaten. This piece of ill luck seemed to discourage St. Patrick's, and St. Brendan's gradually drew away to win convincingly in the end.

Martin Mullane had an outstanding game at right half-back for St. Brendan's and was given good assistance in defence by "Junior" Sheehan, Jackie Ryan, Clem Mason and Des O'Brien. Martin O'Donnell fetched and carried well at centre-field, as well as scoring several valuable points, both from frees and play. Best in attack, who were inclined to look for goals when points were there for the taking, were Thomas McNamara, Michael Noonan, Tom McElligott and substitute, B. Cosgrave. Best for St. Patrick's were Liam Lawlor, P. Hogan, C. Duggan, R. McSweeney, C. Markham, T. O'Brien and E. Keogh.

St. Brendan's—Dave Aherne, Des O'Brien, Billy Slattery, Steve McGuane, Martin Mullane, Junior Sheehan, Jackie Ryan, Martin O'Donnell, Clem Mason, Ger Coll, Thomas McNamara, Christy O'Donnell, George Prendergast, Michael Noonan, Tom McElligott, Sub.: B. Cosgrave.

It was a proud moment for Clement Mason, St. Brendan's captain, who received the cup from the City Board chairman after the game. Clem has given great service to the club in the past year, both as a player and committee member. Mr. Murphy congratulated the team and said St. Brendan's should be winning Senior Football Championships in three or four years if this team stays together.



Brian Power, captain of Na Rísigh (Sexton Street)

Desmond O'Brien (St. Brendans).

Captain of the St. Brendan's team which retained their city minor football championship by defeating Mungret 1-13 to 1 goal at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last was 16-year-old Desmond O'Brien. He played a real leader's part in a great defensive display at corner-back.

Des, as he is popularly known, is a native of Birr, Co. Offaly, but came to Limerick in April, 1967. During his school days in Birr he won two hurling medals in inter-class leagues. On his arrival in Limerick city he joined Eire Og but transferred to St. Brendan's at the end of the year. He was only four weeks in his new outfit when he won his first trophy. He followed this up with wins in two under 16 leagues and was a sub. on the St. Brendan's under 21 team which won the city title in 1968.

His leadership was immediately recognised by the club mentors and players and he was entrusted with the captaincy of the minor football team early this year. He led his charges to a comfortable win in the city and completed the coveted

double on Sunday last with their Championship success. He is a most dedicated player, who is never easily beaten, and has the happy knack of inspiring his colleagues when things are at their worst.

Desmond's father, Flan, popular owner of the Haven Bar, is also a staunch G.A.A. follower, who in his younger days won four junior hurling championship medals with a South Offaly club called Carrig.

Des was thrilled with the performance of the Offaly senior hurlers in reaching the Leinster final this year. "Lack of big match experience was their downfall against Kilkenny," he told me. He added: "watch them next year."

Des thinks the G.A.A. is well organised in Limerick City but feels St. Brendan's are getting a raw deal from the county selectors in all grades of football. "Imagine players from the Divisional champions not even getting a trial for the county team," he said to me this week.

Des is son of Mr. and Mrs. Flan O'Brien, The Haven Bar, Davis Street.

ST. BRENDAN'S NEWS:

14.4.73

UNDER-14 HURLERS OVERCOME CORBALLY

Corbally, 2-0.
St. Brendan's, 5-0.

Our under 14 hurlers travelled to play Corbally on Saturday last and after an interesting game emerged victorious by 5 goals to 2 goals.

Corbally had the better of matters in the opening quarter, after which they led by a goal to nil. St. Brendan's settled down and led by 2 goals to one at the interval. A hail storm mid-way through the first half made conditions slippery and this seemed to suit St. Brendan's. They had the better of the second half, but the score would have been much closer if Corbally had taken the chances that came their way. Scorers for St. Brendan: A. McCarthy, 2-0; J. Williams, 2-0; and J. O'Connor (1-0), while K. Breslin (1-0) and A. Burke (1-0) replied for Corbally.

Teams:—

St. Brendan's — G. Parker, V. O'Brien, V. McCloskey, T. O'Connor, Jas. O'Connor, E. Murphy, P. Ahern, Ger Cox, John Mulqueen, Joe Lynch, A. McCarthy, A. Hannon, J. Williams, A. Keane, R. Williams.

Corbally — M. McGrath, M. Sargent, T. Connolly, H. McGrath, J. Bailey, D. McGlone, D. McCormack, J. Walsh, C. Ronan, T. Burke, A. Barry, S. Parson, K. Kilbridge, K. Breslin, A. Burke.

Subs.: P. Curtis, T. McInerney.

UNDER 16 HURLING
St. Brendan's, 1-1.
Claughaun, 4-2.

An account of this game is given in the Claughaun column. Scorers for St. Brendan's were: P. McCormack, 1-0, and J. Ryan, 0-1.

St. Brendan's — G. Parker, J. Walsh, E. Murphy, E. Hennigar, E. Madden, J. Ryan, C. Hannon, E. McNamara, P. McCormack, M. Dawson, T. Murphy, V. O'Brien, J. Lynch, J. O'Connor, G. Skehan.

UNDER 13 FOOTBALL
St. Brendan's, 2-4.
Claughaun, 2-2.

This was a very close game all through, the lead changing hands several times before St. Brendan's got the decisive goal near the end. Claughaun had the better of the early play but it was St. Brendan's that got the first score when A. McCarthy shot to the net after some good work by Peter Ahern. Claughaun struck back immediately with a point from G. Kenny and the same player added another point before A. McCarthy increased St. Brendan's lead with another point. Ger Cox was having a tremendous game in goal for St. Brendan's and seemed unfortunate to have been adjudged over the line by the umpire when making one of many fine saves. This left Claughaun leading at half time by 1-2 to 1-1. A. McCarthy had an equalising point for St. Bren-

dan's straight from the throw-in and two further points by Joe Lynch put St. Brendan's into what seemed a safe lead. Claughaun were undaunted and came back for a great goal by P. O'Brien to give them the lead once more. St. Brendan's were not to be denied, however, and after a great solo run by John Williams, Joe Lynch went through for the last score of the game, a goal.

Best for St. Brendan's: Ger Cox, M. O'Riordan, Joe Lynch, Ger Cross, John Mulqueen, Derek O'Connor, John Williams, N. Moloney.

Team — G. Cox, D. Finnan, B. Murphy, N. Moloney, G. Lowe, J. Mulqueen, J. Williams, F. Hennigar, G. Parker, A. McCarthy, G. Cross, P. Ahern, J. Lynch, D. O'Connor. Sub., T. O'Connor.

FIXTURES

Sat., April 14, under 14 hurling: v. Ballybrown, at Clarina; meet 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Sat., April 21, under 14 hurling: v. C.B.S., at Rathbane, 3 p.m.

St. Brendan's News

Our under 14 footballers put in a storming finish to pip Monaleen in a hectic League game at Monaleen. We led by 4 points with 10 minutes to go but Monaleen crashed home two goals to take the lead. However, St. Brendan's came back again to finish deserving winners on the scorline St. Brendan's 2-6, Monaleen 2-1.

Best for Monaleen were Greg Dilger, Henry Pond, Mike Moloney, Richard McCarthy, Sear Cremins and Seamus O'Donnell.

The St. Brendan's line-out was Ray Meehan, Paddy Douglas, Vincent McCloskey, George Clancy, John Hannon, Thomas Egan, Noel Buckley, Christy Coll, Patrick McCoy, Billy Daly, Paul Ryan, John Williams, Charles Sheahan, Dessie Clahessy, Gerard Cox. Subs: Michael Jones, Bernard Jackson, Joe Storan, Tom Collins.

4. Limerick Chronicle, Sat., April 21, 1973.

St. Brendan's qualify for under 13 football final

Readers of these notes last week will recall that our u-13 footballers beat Cloughaun by a last minute goal. That win meant that Na Piarasigh, Cloughaun and St. Brendan's tied for the second qualifying place in their section of the league, behind Old Christians. The draw for the playoff resulted as follows: Na Piarasigh v. St. Brendan's, the winners v. Cloughaun.

The game against Na Piarasigh played at Caherdavin on Sunday morning last was very close in the first half, the sides being level at half-time, 2 points each. The second half proved an anti-climax, however, Na Piarasigh having no answer to St. Brendan's, who finished up winners, 2-7 to 0-2. Episode two took place on Monday night when Cloughaun fell victims to a rampant St. Brendan's by 6-4 to 0-0. It was hard to believe that these were the same two sides that met on the previous Monday although Cloughaun seemed to be short a few of their regulars, while St. Brendan's had improved in a few positions. And so to episode three and semi-final action against St. Mary's on Tuesday night. St. Mary's had qualified for the semi-final as winners of their section and were well fancied. This was a tremendous game of football with the result in doubt until the closing minutes.

St. Brendan's were first to score when Anthony McCarthy shot a good goal.

St. Mary's had the equaliser soon afterwards to leave the half-time scores level at 1-0 each. St. Brendan's took the lead again early in the second half when "Rusty" Cross shot a great goal. St. Mary's were not giving in, however, and not alone did they equalise but took the lead when scoring 1-1 without reply. St. Mary's were having the better of matters territorially but

missed some good scoring chances which cost them dearly as Terry O'Connell, who had come on as a sub, proved his worth when he fisted a goal to put St. Brendan's into the lead once more. Another goal for St. Brendan's by Joe Lynch and a point by Billy Daly finished the scoring and left them hard-earned winners by 4-1 to 2-1. If they can curb their tendency to shoot continuously for goals instead of taking points they must have a good chance of success.

So there it is, three victories in three days and looking forward to the final. The following players took part: Ger Cox, F. Hennigar, John Mulqueen, Noel Moloney, Noel Buckley, Michael O'Riordan, Billy Daly, Ger Lowe, Raymond Williams, Vincent Brown, Joe Lynch, Anthony McCarthy, Gerard Cross, Terry O'Connell, James O'Connor, Peter Ahern, Pat McCoy, Gerard Parker, Anthony Blake, Derek O'Connor, Alan Hannon, J. Nash, Dermot Finnan, W. Hayes.

Our under 14 hurlers travelled out to Clarina to meet Ballybrown on Saturday last at 3 p.m. only to find that the fixture had been changed to 7 p.m. It seemed that Ballybrown had been given permission by Bord na nOg to have all their Saturday matches played at 7 p.m. and our delegates failed to note the change. Out the lads went again at 7 p.m., and after a good game were beaten by 8-1 to 4-1.

FIXTURES

Saturday, 21st, 7 p.m., at Rathbane, under 14 hurling, v. Old Christians.

Saturday, 21st, 3.30 p.m., under 21 football championship, v. Commercial, at Rathbane.

Friday, 27th, at Our Lady or Lourdes, under 16 hurling, v. Treaty Sarsfields, 7 p.m.

Thursday, 26th, at Shelbourne Park, junior football (Kerryman Cup), v. Treaty Sarsfields.

St. Brendan's News

A minor football trial, to help select a county team for the forthcoming Munster Special League has been arranged for Sunday next at the Gaelic Grounds at 12 noon. The following players to meet at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 11.30 a.m.: Dave Ahern, David Browne, Junior Power, Sean O'Callaghan, James Ryan, Christy Mullane, Francis McNamara, Michael Sheehan, Anthony Duggan.

There will be a committee meeting at Garryglass Hall on Monday night next at 7.45 p.m. sharp. Foremost on the agenda will be the cutting of grass at Canon Punch Park and getting the field ready for our home fixtures in the coming season. The senior football team has been drawn against Monaleen in the first round of the county football championship.

St. Brendan's News

In a thrilling game, St. Brendan's defeated Na Piarasigh 5-4 to 4-1 in the under-13 football league. This was Gaelic football at its very best. St. Brendan's led 3-2 to 1-0 at the interval but three great goals brought Na Piarasigh into the reckoning. In a pulsating finish St. Brendan's got the breaks and vital scores to finish worthy winners.

Best for Na Piarasigh were: Brian Guerin, Tony O'Connor, Peter Lawlor, Dermot Coffey, Michael Hyland and Peter Donnelly.

St. Brendan's lined out as follows: Paul Ryan, George Clancy, Vincent McCloskey, Ml. O'Connor, John Hannon, Pat McCoy, Christy Coll, John McCormick, Vincent Brown, Roy Meehan, Pa O'Brien, John Williams, Ger. Carmody, Tommy Egan, Charlie — and substitute Michael O'Riordan.

In the under-13 hurling league, St. Brendan's after leading 3-1 to 0-1 at half-time overwhelmed Ballybrown to the tune of 14-3 to 4-3. The winning team was Ger Parker, Ml. O'Connor, Vincent McCloskey, Terry Dawson, Thomas Egan, Pa O'Brien, John Hannon, Paul Ryan, Vincent Browne, Frank Hennigar, Christy Coll, Johnny McCormick, Pello Williams, Pa McCoy, Johnny Mulqueen, Cha Sheehan, Dessie Clohessy.

St. Brendan's News

Under 13

Footballers win Davin Motors Cup

St. Brendans annexed the first trophy of the year (Davin Motors Cup for u13 football) when they beat Treaty Sarsfields by 3-3 to 1-0 at Rathbane in an exciting contest. This fifteen must rank as one of the best ever put on the field by St. Brendans and all credit to the opposition for staying with them to the very end.

St. Brendans, though well on top territorially in the first half, found scores very hard to come by against a stout defence and it was only by 2-1 to 1-0 that they went in for the half time break. They continued on top in the second half and eventually ran out hard earned winners by 3-3 to 1-0.

This victory should encourage the other age groups in the club to show more enthusiasm for the game and no doubt they will want to emulate their "juniors" by gaining victory in the higher age groups.

Team: Ger Cox, John Mulqueen, Noel Buckley, F. Hennigar, G. Lowe, Vincent Browne, M. Reardon, W. Daly, P. McCoy, G. Cross, Joe Lynch, T. Carmody, D. Finnan, M. McCarthy, R. Williams (captain), Noel Moloney, T. O'Connell. Subs. Peter Ahern, G. Hayes, A. McNamara, A. Blake, Jas. O'Connor, T. O'Sullivan, J. Nash, P. Douglas, Derek O'Connor, D. Collopy, Frank Meade, Ger Parker, Ml. Koyce, A. Hannon.

The under 16 football league got under way last week and to date we have suffered two defeats at the hands of Na Piarasigh and Cloughaun. All is not lost, however, and we hope to be there or thereabouts by the time the league has run its course. Big game this week is v. Na Piarasigh in the semi-final of the u21 football City championship. This game takes place tonight (Saturday) at the Gaelic Grounds at 7.30 p.m. and a good game seems in store. Players to meet at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7 p.m. (sharp).

FIXTURES

Saturday, 12th May, u21 football City championships, v. Na Piarasigh at the Gaelic Grounds, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 19th May, at Rosbrien, u14 football league v. Garyowen, 3 p.m. Players attend at 2.40 p.m.

Monday, 21st May, u15 hurling league v. Cloughaun, at Cloughaun Field, 7.30 p.m. Meet 7 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes.

Friday, 18th May, u16 football championship.



The regretted death of William Dunworth, 25 Clarina Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston, at the age of 23, recalls the great St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club team of the mid-1960s. In that period the school won the O'Mahony, Spillane, Olo, Limerick Leader and Keyes Cups in schools competitions, and with St. Brendan's Club, the Tayto Cup, Kenneally Cup and Christy Ring Cup in Bord na nOg competitions. The late William Dunworth figured in all these teams. Pictured above is the St. Brendan's team. Back row (l. to r.): Bernard Duggan, N.T.; N. Dawson, the late William Dunworth, E. O'Donoghue, P. Dawson, G. Collins, D. Keane, C. Mul-lane, C. Dunne, P. McMahon, N.T. Middle row: S. Fitzgerald, G. O'Callaghan, S. O'Callaghan, J. Roche, D. Stenhenson (capt.), P. Walshe, G. Ryan, G. Higgins. Seated in front: M. Kennedy, G. Considine, E. Smalle, D. Kirwin. The picture was taken after the team won the Olo Cup in 1968.

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4. Limerick Chronicle

Under-14 Hurling

St. Brendan's too strong for Mungret

St. Brendan's 3-2

Mungret 1-3

This u-14 hurling game, played at Our Lady of Lourdes, was lively and entertaining all through. St. Brendan's, playing against a blustery wind, led by 3-2 to 0-2 at half time, but failed to score in the second half and but for some outstanding goal-keeping by Ger Parker would surely have been beaten. Scorers for St. Brendan's were: Pa O'Brien (1-1), Dessie Clohessy (1-0), D. Finnan (1-0) and V. McCluskey (0-1), and for Mungret: C. Hehir (1-0) and N. O'Dwyer (0-3). Best with Parker for St. Brendan's were V. McCluskey, M. O'Riordan, Terry O'Connor, Pa O'Brien and D. Finnan, while Pat O'Brien, L. Malone, Noel O'Dwyer and Pat O'Grady played well for Mungret.

TEAMS

Mungret: T. Neville, S. Colfer, P. O'Grady, P. O'Brien, Liam Malone, J. Fitzgerald, L. Bourke, N. O'Dwyer, N. Doran, G. Toomey, V. O'Donoghue, P. Feely, P. Cusack, C. Hehir, D. Costelloe.

St. Brendan's: G. Parker, M. O'Connor, I. Murphy, M. O'Riordan, T. O'Connor, J. Lynch, J. Mulqueen, P. O'Brien, V. McCluskey, T. Carmody, F. O'Brien, D. Finnan, P. Ahern, D. Clohessy, C. Sheehan.

FIXTURES

Saturday, 7th April, u-14 H. v. Corbally, at Corbally. Attend Our Lady of Lourdes, 2.30 p.m.

Monday, 9th April, u-13 F. v. Cloughaun. At home, attend 6.30 p.m.

Saturday, 14th April v. Ballybrown at Clarina, 3 p.m. Attend at Our Lady of Lourdes 2.30 p.m. sharp.

St. Brendans (1973)

9-6-73

St. Brendan's 1-12
Garryowen 0-2

St. Brendan's got off to a flying start in this, the first game of the Under 14 Football League. Although Garryowen played some nice football, the better finish of St. Brendan's was evident throughout and they were never in danger of defeat.

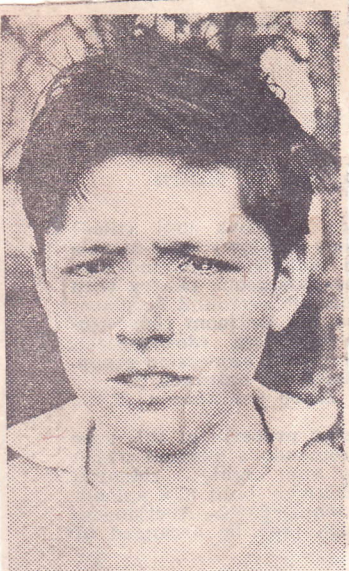
Scorers: J. Lynch, 1-3; N. Buckley, 0-1; J. McCormack, 0-1; M. Reardon, 0-2; R. Williams, 0-1; F. Hennigar, 0-1.

UNDER 13 HURLING

St. Brendan's 5-1
Garryowen 4-0

This was the first game of the Under 13 Hurling League, and the result was in doubt to the very end. There was some good passages of hurling and St. Brendan's just about deserved to win. An improvement is needed, however, if progress is to be made to the semi-final stages. Scorers—M. Koyce, 1-0; R. Williams, 1-0; G. Cross, 1-0; Billy Daly, 1-0; V. Brown, 1-0; Tom Carmody, 0-1.

Team: G. Parker, John Mulqueen, Joe Lynch, Tom Carmody, R. Williams, Billy Daly, V. Brown, M. Koyce, G. Cross, J. Cross, M. Reardon, Paul Reardan, Terry O'Connell, Peter Ahern, Noel Keogh, P. Ryan.



J. Lynch, St. Brendan's, played exceptionally well at right half back against Corbally in the under 14 football league recently in Na Piar-saigh Grounds.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, T. McNamara; vice-chairman, W. Slattery; secretary, L. Collins, 14 The Oval, Gouldavoher Estate; treasurer, J. Lowe; team secretary, Joe O'Connell.

Committee — Sean Moloney, Michael Finnan, E. McNamara, Kevin O'Dwyer, Frances McNamara, P. Timmons, Dan Mullane, Pat McNamara, C. Mason, Colm O'Connor, Christy McNamara.

Under 21 F

Na Piar-saigh 1-8 St. Brendans 2-2
(holders)

St. Brendan's—Francis McNamara, Des O'Brien, Billy Slattery, Steve McGuane, Martin Mullane, Pat Hayes, Jackie Ryan, Tom McElligott, Tom Hayes, Ger Coll, Tom McNamara, Christy O'Donnell, Eamonn McNamara, John Ahern, Dave Ahern.

1972 G. Semi Final

Galbally 2-11 St. Brendans 1-2

Francis McNamara had an outstanding game in goal and but for him the defeat would have been much heavier. Junior Sheahan did a 'T. J. Gilmore' on it when plunging the ball from the centre-back position to crash home a great goal, which helped to make the scoreline more respectable. Other scorers were M. Mullane (0-1) and G. Coll (0-1).

Team: F. McNamara, Donie Ahern, W. Slattery, D. Smalle, J. Ryan, J. Sheehan, M. Mullane, C. Mason (capt.), M. Finnan, T. McElligott, Junior Power, A. Duggan, G. Coll, M. Noonan, P. Collins. Subs.: Dave Ahern, T. McNamara.

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Our under 13 footballers had their first game of the season on Monday night last v. Na Piar-saigh at Caherdavin. Na Piar-saigh had the help of a fairly stiff breeze in the first half and after doing most of the attacking led by 1-2 to 0-0 at half-time. Just after the re-start they took advantage of some loose marking by St. Brendan's to add another goal. St. Brendan's had most of the play subsequently but shot several wides before G. Cross scored a point. J. Lynch had a good goal near the end to leave the final score: Na Piar-saigh, 2-2; St. Brendan's, 1-1. Best for St. Brendan's were P. Ahern, J. Mulqueen, J. Cross, F. Hennigar, J. Lynch, B. Murphy, G. Lowe and T. O'Connell.

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Cloughaun, 2-9; St. Brendan's, 0-6.

Under 13 F Best —
goalie Peter Ahern, full back
John Mulqueen, for Frank
Hennigar, Joe Lynch, Ger
Lowe, Rusty Cross

St. Brendans.