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LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, 1

## SCHOOLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL FINALISTS



Scoil Mhuire C.B.S., who beat St. Joseph C.B.S., in Junior Football Final, 3-4 to 0-4. (Na seasamh, left to right)—S. O Loinnsigh, C. O Cionnaigh, T. O Conchubhair, T. O Fionnain, D. Mac An Aircinnigh, P. O Cathain, S. Fionn, S. O Mordha. ('na suidhe)—C. O Flannagain, S. O Duibhir, P. De Bhailis, B. O Briain (Capt.), B. O Creimin, M. Mac Fhlannchu, P. O Raghallaigh. (Ar an dtalamh)—S. O h-Annrachain, T. O Donnchu.

(L.L. Photo)

## New Sports Club for St. Mary's Parish

**L**IMERICK has a new sports club. It is in the heart of the parish of St. Mary and it will cater for men and women. This is the first time that such a body has been set up in the city and their efforts are to be warmly commended. It will be called St. Mary's Sporting Club.

The ultimate aim of the organisers is to provide a field, or fields, which can cater for such things as tennis, netball, football, hurling, rounders, swings, slides, water - skating, pitch and putt and croquet.

But while this is the ultimate aim, the committee have commenced their activities by renting a field—the former Wembley Park—which this year will cater for hurling, football and rounders.

### SUB-COMMITTEES

There is a committee of 20—representative of all walks of life—and the first meeting was held on February 2. On that occasion there was but a handful of people present, but by the time the second meeting took place there were many offering their services.

Though there is one primary committee, there are several sub-committees set up to deal with the various aspects that may arise.

Led by the very enthusiastic chairman, Mr. Patrick J. O'Sullivan, vice-chairman Mr.

suror, Mr. Nicholas P. Caesar, and hon. secretary Mr. Anthony O'Dea, the club are more than anxious to make the venture a great success.

But, like all bodies, they cannot carry on without finance and with this in mind they have decided to run a weekly non-stop draw. In the near future a call will be made to each householder and it is confidently expected that all parishioners will join. In addition, there is a membership fee of 5/- and it is to be hoped that as many as possible will enrol.

This is, indeed, a very progressive step and perhaps will lead to the setting up of other such bodies in the various areas of the city. As this committee says in its circular: "It would be encouraging to know that our children were playing not on the public roads but inside a supervised playing field."

Congratulations are due to the very progressive committee and it is to be hoped that their



## St. Mary's Notes:

# Under 13 hurlers <sup>24</sup>/<sub>8</sub>/<sub>74</sub> in training

Our under 13 hurlers are now training for the forthcoming semi-final against either Cloughaun or Garryowen. This semi-final was due to be played this Saturday, but it now looks as if it will not take place as some of the other teams involved have now all their league matches played. We qualified by topping our division of the league. The other team to qualify from this section will be either Treaty or Old Christians, who have yet to play.

Since our last notes appeared many of our club players have been very busy representing their area in the Community Games competitions. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the St. Mary's hurling and Gaelic football teams who brought off a unique double in the Limerick finals. The final scores were—Gaelic football: St. Mary's 2-8; Our Lady of Lourdes, 1-6; Hurling: St. Mary's 4-3; Garryowen, 2-2.

To become champions of Limerick the hurlers had to beat Kilmallock, Kiltelly, Cappamore, Adare and Garryowen.

The footballers scored 29 goals 28 points and conceded only 2 goals 6 points, when beating Bruff, Kennedy Park, Regional, Kilmallock and Our Lady of Lourdes. The boys who represented St. Mary's in these competitions were:

Hurling—G. Butler, B. Johnson, S. O'Reilly, S. Hehir, K. Tracey, G. Morgan, B. McCormack, E. Peters, P. Boland, M. Walsh, N. Kelliher (capt.), C. Tobin, J. Fitzgerald, J. O'Brien, D. Flannery, N. Clancy, S. Shinnors, Pat Whelan, D. O'Leary, D. Tobin.

Football—J. Ryan, D. O'Leary, R. Mulcahy, G. Butler, D. Tobin, K. Tracey (capt.), P. Whelan, M. Walsh, T. Flanagan, K. Lyons, S. Finucane, Brendan McCormack, P. Kirwan, Joe Keogh, T. Healy, D. Hickey, F. Stapleton, M. Peters, M. Flannery.

On Sunday week last these boys represented Limerick and though they played well the hurlers were beaten by 2 pts. by Cork. The footballers beat Kerry in the first round but we were disappointed to see them go down to Waterford. It was the third match in a row for St. Mary's and it proved too much against a fresher and stronger Waterford team. Better luck next time, St. Mary's! g5Joe!!

6.4.74

## St. Mary's have good win

On last Monday night we played Southill in the U 13 league. St. Mary's had a fine win, the score being 7-6 to 1-1. The boys played a great game and Southill didn't seem to be their match. Many of their boys were young and inexperienced but full credit is due to them for their efforts. We had our stars in J. Ryan, S. O'Reilly, Ger Butler, K. Treacy, M. Walsh, P. Boland, K. Lyons, G. Morgan.

Team—J. Ryan, S. Shinnors, S. O'Reilly, G. Butler, P. Whelan, K. Treacy, R. Mulcahy, M. Walsh, P. Boland, K. Lyons, F. Flanagan, J. Cusack, B. McCormack, J. O'Brien, G. Morgan, Subs, D. Tobin, J. Keogh, M. Peters, M. Flannery, P. Kirwan, N. Clancy.

I would like to mention that our tickets for our dance to be held in the Ark on 20th April, are now on sale and can be had from any committee member. So hurry as there is only a limited number available.

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## St. Mary's Club GAA notes

We are happy to announce that we are in the final of the under 13 football league against Monaleen. This match will be played in the Gaelic Grounds on Tuesday next, May 14th. There will be two buses leaving from St. Senan's school for the match and we are looking forward to all your support. These two teams have already played in the early stages of the league with St. Mary's clear winners but we expect a much closer game in the final.

The under 14 hurling championship started last Saturday. We played Cloughaun in St. Munchins College. A fine game of hurling was witnessed and Cloughaun won by a goal. Our boys put on a great display and played with great spirit.



St. Mary's G.A.A. Club u-13 football team that won the Davin Motors Cup recently. They defeated Monaleen in the final.

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## St. Mary's Club GAA notes 22/4/74

On last Saturday we received a walk-over from St. Patrick's in the under 14 football.

On Monday night at Pa Healy's field we played Na Piar-saigh in under 13 football. In the first half Na Piar-saigh scored three goals with St. Mary's behind with 2 goals, but in the second half St. Mary's forwards got stuck in and we had some very good scores with Gary Morgan scoring 6 goals. St. Mary's outplayed Na Piar-saigh, leaving the score at then 10 goals, 7 pts., to 3 goals, 3 pts.

I would like to thank all the people who supported our dance last Saturday night at the Ark, which was a great success. I hope you all enjoyed yourself.

Team, under 13 Football: N. Clancy, S. O'Reilly, Des O'Leary, Ger Butler, Pat Whelan, Kieran Treacy, Declan Tobin, M. Walsh, Pat Boland, R. Mulcahy, J. O'Brien, John Cusack, G. Morgan, Brendan McCormack, K. Lyons, M. Flannery, F. Stapleton, J. Keogh, P. Kirwan, J. Ryan.



E. Peters is captain of St. Mary's G.A.A. club under 14 football team.



J. O'Brien, St. Mary's Club, u/13 hurling and football teams.

## St. Mary's Notes 1/11/75

St. Mary's play Cloughaun at St. Patrick's Field on Sunday next at 2.00 p.m. in the semi-final of the under 15 hurling league. This promises to be a good game and since both teams finished at top of their respective groups they will be hoping to continue further in the competition. We wish our boys the best of luck. Bus leaves St. Senan's at 1.15 p.m. sharp. Fare: adults, 10p; children 5p.

Tickets will be available next week for our trophy presentation social at the Glentworth Hotel. This is not a fund-raising social, but a get-together for players and their parents. We hope all players and parents will be present. You will get a 4-course meal for £1.50 (children, 11). So make a date for November 22nd all you parents and players.

### U-14 Football Final:

## St. Mary's capture title

A brilliant display of football by St. Mary's (Limerick) at Caherconlish on Tuesday evening enabled them to capture their first county under 14 title at the expense of the Southern champions, Kilmallock.

Better versed in the basics of the game, they gave their opponents a lesson in the art of football in the opening half and led at the break 5-4 to 0-0. Full-forward, Tom Butler, slammed home four of these goals and the fifth came from a close in free by John Cusack. Kilmallock were more aggressive in the second half and for long periods they exerted severe pressure on the St. Mary's defence. They made desperate efforts to score the vital goals, but when they did succeed in piercing the full-back line it was too late.

Anthony Stapleton, Ger Butler, Declan Tobin, Martin Lyons, John Cusack, Michael Walsh, Seamus Finucane and Tom Butler were the St. Mary's stars. Kilmallock were best served by Sean Riordan, John Cleary, Barra O'Dwyer, Eddie Wiley, Tom Tobin and Maurice Nelligan.

St. Mary's: Anthony Stapleton, Noel Walters, Ger Butler, Thomas Healy, Declan Tobin, Martin Lyons, Tony Kelly, John Cusack (capt.), Michael Walsh, Paul Kirwin, Seamus Finucane, Kieran Kilbridge, Martin Flannery, Tom Butler, Richard Flanagan.

Kilmallock: Mick Donegan, Sean Riordan, John Sullivan, John Cleary, Liam Mulcahy, Barra O'Dwyer, Donal Barry, Tom Mulcahy, Eddie Wiley, Tom Tobin, Eamonn Riordan, Maurice Nelligan, John Leahy, Liam Tobin.

Referee: Pat Wade (South Liberties).

28.8.76

## St. Mary's win tournament Monaleen 22/5/76

This past week was most successful for the club. Following their big win in the Under 14 League final last week, the club had six successes out of six during the past seven days. These were as follows:

Monaleen Tournament — 1st round, St. Mary's 2-6, Treaty Sarsfields 0-2; semi-final, St. Mary's 2-4, Cloughaun 0-1; final, St. Mary's 2-1, Na Piar-saigh 1-0.

Under 13 F. League — St. Mary's 1-3, Old Christians 0-4.

Under 16 H. League — St. Mary's 2-1, Ballybrown 0-1.

Under 16 F. Championship — St. Mary's 1-9, Na Piar-saigh 0-3.

In the Monaleen tournament there were many fine individual performances in bad weather conditions. However, better team work made the difference in the final analysis. Tom Butler scored many great goals over the weekend.

In the under 13 football league, St. Mary's now have four points and lead the table with Na Piar-saigh, whom they meet at Pa Healy's on Wednesday 26th, at 7.30 p.m.

Our under 16 footballers played their best football this year when accounting for Na Piar-saigh. If they continue this type of play they should go far.

Under 14 hurlers play Garryowen on Saturday at 7.30 p.m.

Congratulations to Paul Kirwan, Niall McNamara, Richard Flanagan, Michael Whelan, Pat Butler and Ger McNerney on being selected on Limerick team.



## St. Mary's News

St. Mary's ... 1-4  
Old Christians ... 1-2

St. Mary's Under-14 footballers scored a 2-point win over Old Christians in the final of the Limerickmen's Association Cup. It was the first championship win for St. Mary's since the club was founded 30 months ago, bringing their tally of cups for this season to four.

The victory was hard earned. Old Christians were first to score but this point was quickly cancelled out by St. Mary's, who were very unfortunate to lose star forward, Garry Morgan, with an injury. Old Christians were further spurred on by a goal which was misjudged by N. Clancy in goal. However, he made up for this with many good saves later on. St. Mary's got back a point before half time to leave the score 1-1 to 0-2 at the break.

Old Christians again started the second half with great spirit and never allowed St. Mary's to settle down. They increased their lead to three points but St. Mary's launched attack after attack and Garry Morgan, though injured, was now back on the field. He was going through when he was pulled down in the square. The youngest player on the field was asked to come up and take this vital penalty kick. Richard Mulcahy did not hesitate but beat Paul Heneghan in the Old Christian goal with a good shot to equalise for St. Mary's. Pat Boland and Michael Walsh added 2 more points to leave St. Mary's winners by 1-4 to 1-2.

Besides those already mentioned, there were good performances by Declan Tobin, Des O'Leary, S. O'Reilly, Ger Butler, Kieran Treacy and Pat Whelan in the backs. John Cusack was outstanding at centre-field, while up front Frank McCormack and Gerry Morgan were also outstanding. Best for Old Christians were Joe McNamara, Aidan Barrett, Plunkett O'Doherty and Michael Lynch.

### UNDER 15 FOOTBALL

St. Mary's had a good win over Na Piarsaigh on Monday night, the score being 6-8 to 3-2. There were some fine performances from, to mention a few, Pat Boland, John Cusack, Christy Tobin and Teddy O'Connor. The scorers were John Graham (2 goals), J. O'Brien, E. Peters, and we had points from D. Wallace (3), G. Butler, J. McNamara and E. Peters. Over all, this was a good team effort over a very weak Na Piarsaigh team. Best for St. Mary's besides those already mentioned were Garry Morgan, S. O'Reilly and Des O'Leary.

### U/13 HURLING SEMI-FINAL

St. Mary's ... 4-6

Claughton ... 0-3

This was an evenly contested game until about 10 minutes from the end when Michael (Buller) Walsh took over and really gave a first class show. He scored 2-3 of our total, and one of his goals from a penalty would have done credit to E. Keher. Not far behind was captain, G. Butler. St. Mary's led by 1-3 to 0-2 at half time. Mid-way through the second half we took over. Scorers: M. Walsh (2-3), T. Stapleton and R. Mulcahy, and we had points from N. Waters, T. Kelly and M. Lyons. Best for St. Mary's: J. Cusack, B. Mc-

## ST. MARY'S CLUB NOTES

Our under 13 footballers will be presented with their trophies on Saturday, 30th. All players are invited to this function, which will be held at the Parish Centre in Bridge Street, at 8 p.m. Only players from our under 13 and under 14 teams, 1974, will be allowed in.

Congratulations to Pat Boland—captain of our under 13 team—who was recently picked as the Bord na nOg Sports Star of 1974, for under 13 football. Pat has been playing football and hurling for St. Mary's for the past two years, and always gave of his best. He also played for St. Mary's Community Games at hurling and football, with much success, and won a Spillane Cup medal with St. Senan's C.B.S. in 1972. Continued success to you, Pat.

Finally, a word of congratulations to St. Senan's C.B.S. on winning the Spillane Cup. They defeated Sexton Street by the score, 2-5 to 2-1. Many of these boys are already club members, and we hope many more will join them in the near future. Well done boys. See you on Saturday, at 8 p.m., at Parish Centre.

mittee, I would like to thank our youths and juniors for their efforts during the season.

## St. Mary's GAA News

St. Mary's ... 3-2  
Ballybrown ... 2-2

This under-14 hurling championship match turned out to be a very close affair with early goals proving the decisive factor.

Outstanding for St. Mary's were Declan Tobin, Tom Healy, Ger Butler, Martin Lyons and Richard Mulcahy with wing-back, Tony Kelly and Kieran Kilbridge also prominent.

We entertained Nemo Rangers of Cork on Sunday and hope to go to Cork soon for the return match.

Our flag day was a great success so thank you all who contributed to this, both by selling flags and giving money.

### Coming fixtures:

Saturday, June 19 v. Monaleen, under-14 H.C.

Monday, 21, under-12 H., St. Pat's. v. St. Mary's, Pa Healy's, 8.30.

Under-16 F. St. Mary Park and Assumpta Park v. Rest.

Wed., 23, under-13 H. v. Treaty, Shelbourne Park.

Friday, 25, under-16 F. v. Old Christians, St. Pat's. Field, 7.00 p.m.

## St. Mary's take county title

ST. MARY'S, 5-5;

KILMALLOCK, 1-1

St. Mary's won the under 14 county championship at Caherconlish when they beat Kilmallock, 5-5 to 1-1. This was their greatest win in their four years in Bord na nOg as it was their first ever county final. St. Mary's started at a very fast pace and notched a goal, scored by Tom Butler and a point by Paul Kirwan after 3 minutes, and before half time were in front 5-4 to 0-0. The scorers were Tom Butler 4-0, John Cusack 1-3, Paul Kirwan 0-1.

The second half was dominated by Kilmallock, but the St. Mary's defence held up well.

### TEAM

This was a great team victory in view of the fact "Saints" were without two of their best players in Brendan McCormack and Richard Mulcahy. There were also some fine individual

performances from Tony Stapleton, Ger Butler, Declan Tobin, Michael Walsh, Martin Flannery, Richard Flanagan and the man of the match Thomas Healy. Others to play their parts were N. Waters, T. Kelly, K. Kilbridge, M. Lyons and S. Finucane.

After the game Mr. J. Kirby, chairman of the county board, presented the Kenneally Cup to the capt., John Cusack amidst great scenes of excitement. The only sad note amongst it all was that founder member Rev. Bro. M. J. Kean had to miss it as he had taken up his new appointment in Naas.



## St. Mary's G.A.A. news

Na Piarsaigh ... .. 0-7  
St. Mary's ... .. 0-2

Our under 13 footballers failed to maintain their successful run when they were convincingly beaten by a strong Na Piarsaigh team in the Davin Motor Cup. They played gallantly but the big pitch proved too much for them and Na Piarsaigh revelled in the open spaces. Best for St. Mary's were Tony Stapleton, Declan Tobin, Richard Mulcahy, Gerard McInerney and Pat Butler. Joe Cleary also played well when introduced. For Na Piarsaigh, Tom Callaghan, Craig and Warren Guinnane, Pat Murray and Ger Moylan were outstanding in a good team performance.

St. Mary's ... .. 2-2  
Monaleen ... .. 2-1

Monaleen made a good fight back in this entertaining game at Rathbane and showed good form. Michael Walsh made a successful return for St. Mary's scoring the best goal of the match. Best for Saints: D. Tobin, P. Kirwan, J. Cusack, T. Kelly, G. Butler, M. Lyons, M. Walsh and K. Mulcahy. For Monaleen, C. Kelly, G. Enright, J. Hyde, J. Hanley and J. Naughton were outstanding. Tayto Cup Final: St. Mary's v. Old Christians, Rathbane, Tuesday, 7.30.

## St. Mary's G.A.A. Notes

After the successes of 1975, the hurlers and footballers of St. Mary's Parish are looking forward to the commencement of the 1976 season.

At the recent AGM, over 50 players were addressed by Mr. Christy Tobin (chairman) and Bro. Keane (sec.). They were urged to try to keep up the same high standard of game manship as 1975. The new members were welcomed and it was encouraging to see so many new faces at under 13 age group. Players were reminded that taking part was more important than winning. Players should always strive to win without being covetous.

The captains and vice-captains for 1976 season were then elected as follows:—

Under 13 F: Captain, Richard Mulcahy; vice-captain, Michael Whelan;

Under 13 hurling: captain, Declan Tobin; vice-captain, Brian Flynn.

Under 14 football: captain, John Cusack; vice-captain, Brendan McCormack.

Under 14 hurling: captain, Martin Lyons; vice-captain, Gerard Butler.

Under 15 football: captain, Pat Boland; vice-captain, Garry Morgan.

Under 15 hurling: captain, John O'Brien; vice-captain, Sean O'Reilly.

Under 16 football: captain, Teddy O'Connor; vice-captain, A. N. Other.

Under 16 hurling: captain, A. N. Other; vice-captain, Dermot McNamara.

The committee was unchanged except for the election of Rev. Fr. Crawford as president and Mr. A. O'Donnell as vice-chairman in succession to Mr. Mick Hehir.

A dance, with soup and roll, will be held at the Glentworth Hotel on Saturday, March 20th.

## St. Mary's Notes

St. Mary's ... .. 1-2  
Garryowen ... .. 1-0

This semi-final match proved to be a very close affair, with both sides missing good scoring opportunities, but St. Mary's experience carried them to the final step towards retaining the Tayto Cup. However, they will have to show a big improvement if they are to overcome Old Christians in the final.

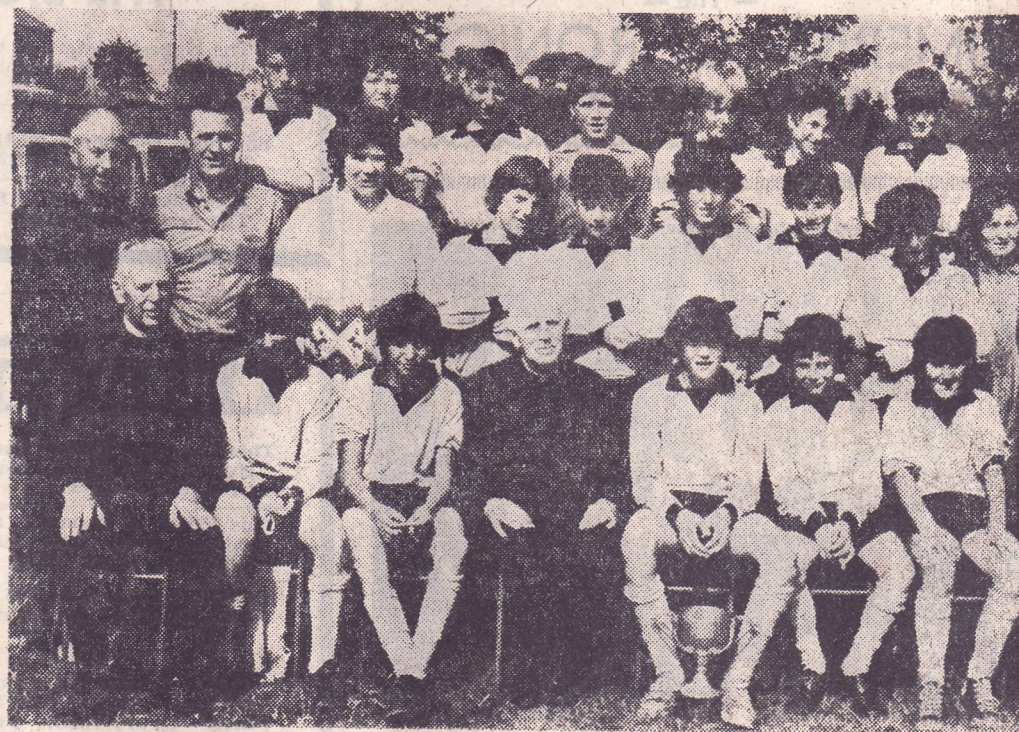
The principal difference between the two teams in this semi-final was the brilliance of Gerard Butler and Tony Kelly in the half-back line for St. Mary's. Most of the Garryowen counter-attacks floundered when it reached these players. Martin Lyons also did his job well at centre-field, but his partner, Michael Walsh, tried to do too much and killed himself out in the long pitch. The latter did, however, do a lot of good work and scored a good point as well. The forwards in both teams were poor, but Richard Mulcahy had a great goal for St. Mary's and was unlucky in other attempts. Tom Butler showed promise on his debut and will improve after a few more games. Seamus Finnucane had Saint's other score.

St. Mary's ... .. 2-5  
Garryowen ... .. 0-1

St. Mary's continued their unbeaten run in the under 13 football league with this win over Garryowen. They played good football, but their forwards will have to show more determination if they are to retain the Davin Motors Cup. The panel was: A. Stapleton, G. Mulqueen, R. Flanagan, G. O'Brien, D. Tobin, R. Mulcahy, M. Whelan, D. Benn, P. Kirwan, N. McNamara, D. Tracey, R. Stewart, D. Duggan, N. Desmond, R. O'Carroll, P. Butler, G. McInerney, K. Blake, J. Murnane, P. Kelleher, J. Cleary, K. O'Reilly.

St. Mary's ... .. 2-3  
Adare ... .. 1-2

This Feile na nGael match proved a very close affair. It was a reward for the courage of team captain, Martin Lyons, who came back on field with a badly bruised shin. Others to shine were Declan Tobin, John Cusack, Gerard Butler, Tony Kelly, Michael Walsh, Richard Mulcahy and Tom Butler.



The first county championship for the 'parish'—our photo shows St. Mary's under 14 football team, which won the under 14 county football championship. Included in the group are Monsignor Lee, Br. Murray and Br. Leonard, principal of St. Senan's School.



## St. Mary G.A.A. Club Notes:

# RETAIN COUNTY UNDER 14 TITLE

St. Mary's retained their under 14 football county title by defeating Galbally on the score 1-4 to 1-1.

This was a really exciting game but what a pity that Galbally team mentors and a small section of their supporters saw fit to enter the field of play on a few occasions.

St. Mary's started slowly but soon got on top of their much bigger and more physical opponents. They were first to score with a point from Richard Mulcahy. Paul Kerwin was next with a similar score from play and Gay Hayes scored a great point from way out on the touchline. As it was nearing the half time whistle and the wind at our backs it looked as if the city boys would have to be content with a 3 point lead when up stepped our 4 goal hero of the semi-final, Neilly Desmond, and scored a goal from close range to give us a lead of 1-3 to no score at half-time. The second half started in a welter of excitement with Galbally throwing everything at us but St. Mary's stood firm due mainly to our brilliant half back line of Declan Tobin, who really played a captain's part; Rich-

ard Mulcahy and Colm Kelly. With time running out for the county lads they were awarded a penalty and S. Cremin goaled from this. St. Mary's had another point from Niall McNamara but the south boys never stopped trying and were rewarded with a point from Noel Ryan. But time had run out on them and the city boys marched on to yet another great victory. With those already mentioned others to do well were Tom Ryan, Conor McDermott, Richard Flanagan, John Airey and Kieran Barry. After the game Mr. M. Weeks presented the J. J. Kenneally Cup to the St. Mary's captain, Declan Tobin, amid scenes of great excitement. Mr. T. Lyons of Caherline is to be complimented on his stern handling of this game. Team: Tony Stapleton, Tommy Griffin, Kieran Barry, Ger Mulqueen, Declan Tobin, Richard Mulcahy, Colm Kelly, Tom Ryan, Conor McDermott, Gay Hayes, Paul Kerwin, Richard Flanagan, Neilly Desmond, John Airey and Niall McNamara.

Subs., G. McInerney, P. Butler, D. Duggan, K. Blake, D. of Declan Tobin, who really played a captain's part; Rich-

## U-14 Football Final:

# St. Mary's retain title

St. Mary's ..... 1-4  
Galbally ..... 1-1

St. Mary's of Limerick retained their county under-14 football title at Caherconlish on Sunday by defeating Galbally 1-4 to 1-1 in a thrilling decider.

In one of the finest under-age football games seen for many a day the city boys were always that little bit better and there can be no doubt that their latest achievement was richly deserved.

Centre half-back Richard Mulcahy opened the scoring for the winners with a point from a free in the fourth minute. With the assistance of the wind in the first half St. Mary's found it difficult to break down the Galbally defence and it was obvious that the latter would put up a stubborn fight after the turn-over.

Galbally did not disappoint their legion of supporters in the second half and on a few occasions went very near equalising. The South Limerick representatives fought to the bitter finish, but in the end were forced to yield to the sheer splendour of St. Mary's.

Tom Stapleton, Richard Mulcahy, Tom Ryan, Paul Kirwin, John Airey and Colm McDermott were the St. Mary's stars. Best for Galbally were Joe Cunningham, Martin Kearney, Tom Quinlan, Pat McCarthy, John Cummins, John Morrissey and Michael Cussen.

Galbally — Joe Cunningham, Martin Kearney, Tom Quinlan, Ger Carew, Liam O'Donovan, Pat McCarthy, John Cummins, Vincent Martin, Pat Martin, Paddy Cronin, Seamus Morrissey, John Morrissey, Michael Cussen, Brendan English.

St. Mary's — Tom Stapleton, Tommy Griffin, Kieran Barry, Ger Mulqueen, Declan Tobin (capt.), Richard Mulcahy, Colm Kelly, Colm McDermott, Tom Ryan, Richard Flanagan, Paul Kirwin, Gay Hayes, Neil Desmond, John Airey, Niall McNamara.

Referee — Tim Lyons, Caherline.

## ST. MARY'S GAA NOTES:

# Officers elected

The above held their A.G.M. on January 19, 1978. The following officers and committee were elected: chairman, Christy Tobin; secretary, Bro. P. Collings; vice-chairman, Anthony O'Donnell; treasurer, John O'Reilly; president, Fr. O'Keeffe. committee: M. Hehir, M. Kelly, J. Cross, J. Naughton, P. Naughton, J. Airey, C. Keogh, F. Ahern, J. English, T. Kerley. Ladies committee: T. Tobin, R. Butler, D. Morgan, N. Cusack, R. O'Donnell, L. Stapleton, Maura Boland, F. McNamara, N. McInerney, M. McNamara, J. Desmond, M. Mulcahy.

Team captains and vice-captains: u-13 hurling, D. Mulcahy, P. Butler; u-13 football, P. Butler, D. Keane; u-14 hurling, C. Keogh, J. Airey; u-14 football, K. Barry, R. Flanagan; u-15 hurling, R. Mulcahy, D. Tobin; u-15 football, D. Tobin, R. Mulcahy; u-16 hurling, G. Butler, M. Lyons; u-16 football, J. Cusack, G. Butler.

Br. Keane has invited us to Naas on the 4th March to play in a tournament the u-14, u-12, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who sponsored the team. Also on the 25th March at the Ark Tavern we are having our adult social. Three of our players are receiving sports star awards from Bord na nOg. They are, u-13, Connor McDermott; u-14, Declan Tobin; u-16, Sean O'Reilly. I would like to take this opportunity to convey our deepest sympathy to Mrs. L. Stapleton on the recent death of her aunt, Mrs. Leeson.



St. Mary's Gaelic football team, winners of the gold medals at the Community Games final at Plassey. Back: Jimmy Donoghue, Michael Hehir, Donal Keane, Pat Butler, Ger McInerney. Second: Joe Keane, Noel Stewart, Donal Mulcahy, Brian O'Brien, Tommy Griffin, Dermot Lyons. Front: Christy Stewart, Martin Fitzgerald, Kevin Radcliffe, Tim Airey, Gerard O'Keeffe.

St. Marys of Limerick defeated Kilmallock 1-2 to 1-0 in the county under 16 football final at the Gaelic Grounds although scoring a narrow win, it was a thoroughly deserved one.

Kilmallock came near securing victory in the final minutes, but a superb defence held out.

Best for St. Marys were Aidan Barrett, Neilus Clancy, John Cusack, John O'Brien, Richard Mulcahy, Garry Morgan and Kevin Lyons. The losers were best served by Billy Mulcahy, P.J. Moore, Sean Landers, Donal Barry and Mossy Lynch.

St. Marys: N. Clancy, A. Barrett, S. O'Reilly, P. O'Doherty, D. Tobin, R. Mulcahy, K. Tracey, J. Cusack, J. O'Brien, P. Boland, G. Morgan, T. Ryan, M.

Lyons, T. Butler, K. Lyons. Kilmallock: B. Mulcahy, M. Mulvihill, P.J. Moore, J.J. Riordan, J. Cleary, M. Brazill, J.J. Dongan, S. Landers, B. O'Dwyer, D. Barry, E. Wiley, G. Flaherty, G. O'Brien, M.





*THE St. Mary's Under-14 City Hurling Champions: Back row, G. Butler, C. Tobin, G. Morgan, S. O'Reilly, N. Clancy, B. Johnson, S. Shinnors, J. O'Brien. Second row, N. Walters, N. Desmond, R. Flanagan, P. Kirwan, D. Tobin, A. Stapleton, F. Stapleton, Third row, M. Lyons, K. Tracey, T. Healy, R. Mulcahy, D. Ryan, P. Boland, J. Cusack, K. Lyons. Front row: D. O'Leary, D. Tracey, A. Kelly, S. Finnucane, B. McCormack.*



*St. Mary's*

*City Under 15 F. Final*

*6-11-78*





# A GREAT YEAR FOR ST. MARY'S

Sunday the 13th of November St. Mary's ended their seasons campaigning in style by snatching the under sixteen finish to an almost unbelievable run of success by the city club. Narrow though their victory was over the strong Kilmallock challenge few could argue that it was not a merited win. Tom Butler's goal after fifteen minutes proved a most valuable score as Mary's came out on top with the score 1-2 to 1-0. The players can now throw up their feet for a well deserved rest and look back with pride on an almost fairytale season of success.

This has been a most memorable year for all concerned. It was a year full of thrills and excitement for officials and supporters as

much as for the players themselves. A club still in its infancy relatively speaking must be almost a first reaching the heights of success in such a short space of time. (Being only six years in existence). For many years to come the club will look back on 1977 with happy memories.

First and foremost these players must be congratulated each and every one for their dedication to the games. Keep it up lads — one day you'll don the Limerick senior colours. These teams at all juvenile levels from U/12 to under sixteen have set themselves as the front runners in the city — for Saint Mary's are now the club in the city that

everyone aims to beat.

The 'Dubs' have been heralded for their amazing feats on the fields of play. The performance of the 'Dubs' has even been put to song and verse.

"For hill sixteen has never seen

The likes of Heffo's army".

The "parish boys" have by now not only equalled the Dublin performance but bettered. These boys played no less than 56 away matches this year plus thirty six at home matches. Quite a programme, and add to that the fact that they remained unbeaten in all league matches.

Between city and county Bord na nOg there are seventeen competitions from under 12 to under 16. Of these Mary's have won nine outright including two county titles. One was the under fourteen county football championship and more recently the under 16 title. This is by far the best club performance in the county. They achieved the distinction of collecting every football trophy the city had to offer this year, under thirteen fourteen, fifteen and sixteen, league and championship at 14 and 16 level. These boys carry a spirit of determination within them to be envied by many a county team in the land. Long may they play these games — but more important long may this fire and zest within them.

This success comes to few clubs in such measures and certainly no club achieves it overnight. Marys is no exception to the latter. These teams had to be nursed — and so they were. To attribute it all to one man might be an over-simplification but to a very large extent one man is

deserving of special mention. That man was Br. Keane. I say 'was' for Br. Keane's announcement of his change to Naas in the summer of '76 came as a blow to many in the club. His dedicated and generous self-giving of his time had brought Marys much success and promise of a brighter future. For Br. Keane was a founder also of this club. Many felt that his departure would coincide with the downfall of the club. These it must be said were outsiders of the club — But few knew that Br. Keane had taken the time also to ensure the continuity of the club — for he had built up a strong supportive group fired with enthusiasm interest and skill to ensure that the club was no one man performance. To be added to that were the staunch supporters who had turned out week after week to support the "boys in blue" through sunshine and rain. People like these were not one's to let a club die for the loss of one man — great though he be.

So to the autumn of '76 with the 'bit in their teeth' they captured a county title in under fourteen title in under fourteen hurling against Old Christians who had been Feile na nGael champs that year. Later they realized their long cherished dream of winning a first ever county title for the parish at under fourteen football with grace and style. And as if they had not proved their point they added on the under fifteen hurling league title for good measure before winter set in.

Having issued their warning they now approached the task of a year ahead. But what a year this proved to be. This was no club with its back to the wall but one only blossoming and coming to life under the ever watch eye of chairman Mr. Christy Tobin aided by his staunch officials — Mr. Anthony

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**ST MARY'S UNDER-14 COUNTY CHAMPIONS:**

*Front (L to R): Tommy Griffin, Pat Butler, Kieran Barry, Declan Tobin (capt.), Gay Hayes, John Airey.*

*Centre: Richard Mulcachy, Tony Stapleton, Denis Duggan, Christy Keogh, Ger McInerney, Paul Kerwin, Donal Mulcachy, Declan Tracey, Neilly Desmond.*

*Back: Colm Kelly, Niall McNamara, Ger Mulqueen, Christy Morgan, Kieran Blake, Mick Hehir, Brian Flynn.*

*(Missing from photo): Conor McDermot, Tom Ryan, Richie Flanagan.*



**ST MARY'S UNDER-16 COUNTY CHAMPIONS:**

*Front (L to R): Kevin Lyons, John Cusack, Gary Morgan (capt), Declan Tobin, Noel Walters, Tony Kelly.*

*Centre: Kieran Kilbridge, Colm Kelly, Paul Kerwin, Des O'Leary, Finbar Stapleton, Martin Lyons, Richard Mulcachy, Christy Tobin (trainer),*

*Back: Pat Boland, Kieran Tracey, Sean O'Reilly, Plunkett O'Doherty, Neillies Clancy, Aidan Barrett, John O'Brien.*

*(Missing from photo): Ger Butler, Frank Flanagan, Tom Ryan, Tom Butler, Michael Walsh and Michael McInerney.*



# There is an (GAA) Isle

## ST. MARY'S IN "THE PARISH"

1949

by Br. P. COLLINGS

Club supporters got plenty to cheer about this year as the club entered the record books. History was made for the Parish on Sunday 7th of October at Askeaton when our minors lifted the county football crown in style defeating old rivals Newcastle West with the final score of — to — It must have been a proud day for the many founder members present on the day. None more proud, I suppose, than Chairman and manager of the team Mr. C. Tobin. The final whistle heralded the coming to manhood of a relatively young Gaelic Club. St. Mary's have only been in existence since the summer of '72 and yet in such a short time have established themselves as one of the finest juvenile clubs in the county. Nineteen seventy nine will be remembered as the year when the club realised one of its dreams i.e. winning a minor title. This, one hopes, will give sufficient boost to players and officials to go forward with confidence to under 21 level.

St. Marys achievements over the last number of years must rate second to none. Not least in its long list of successes is the gaining of three county under 14 football titles in a row. The winning of an U/16 County football championship and several city titles. in leagues and championships gives the club a very proud record.

Our under 12 footballers did very well to get as far as the under 12 football final in which they were beaten by a very strong Claughaun side by five points. This was a disappointment for the boys concerned but nevertheless they can safely say that they were the second best under 12 team in the county for Claughaun won their



**ST. MARYS CITY UNDER 16 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**  
FRONT ROW: Gerard McInerney, Niall McNamara, John Airey, Declan Tobin, Richard Flanagan, Tommy Griffin, Anthony Stapleton, Donal Mulcahy.  
BACK ROW: Pat Butler, Noel Stewart, Richard Mulcahy, Thomas Ryan, Colm Kelly, Kieran Barry, Paul Kirwan, Christy Keogh, Denis Duggan, Gay Hayes, Conor McDermott.

county title convincingly.

Our under 13 footballers were disappointed and rather unlucky not to have reached the semi-final stages of the league. They were beaten on two occasions by the narrowest of margins — one point. Our under fourteen team showed great promise in their league football matches but went under to old rivals Na Piersaigh in the final. However the same team showed great character and fighting spirit when they won the "Limerickmans Association in London" Cup by defeating Na Piersaigh at the Gaelic Grounds. This really gave the club the much-needed lift and the confidence to raise their game. Our under 16 footballers collected two trophies subsequently when they won the under 16 League and championship. This brought the club out to the county bidding for county honours. Our under 14's were defeated by a much better prepared side Abbeyfeale in the County semi-final at Askeaton.

Like Cork hurlers we had to forget about an historic four-in-a-row. Our under 16's on the other hand thanks to sparkling performances from Kieron Barry, Tom Ryan, Declan Tobin, Conor McDermott and hard-working Christy Keogh, defeated a very fine St. Marys Rathkeale side. This earned the boys a place in the final against Galbally. Galbally and ourselves were no strangers for we had won our first county under 14 title by defeating this same team two years previously. The stage was set then for a most interesting encounter with Caherconlish providing the venue. Galbally, on the day however made sure that history would not repeat itself and ran out deserving winners.

So to our minors who at this stage seemed to have been taking league and championship matches in their stride, in both grades. Rival club, Claughaun provided their best opposition in the city before contesting county football

honours. Claughaun keenly contested the minor city football crown which served as a most beneficial test of the teams ability. The score on that occasion was — St. Marys 2-2, Claughaun 1-1. The team accounted for Knockaderry in the County semi-final at Bruff with a winning margin of twenty points. So to the last hurdle — Newcastle West in Askeaton on Sunday Oct. 7th. It was a story of missed chances for Newcastle while 'Mary's' took their chances. Gary Morgan, Pat Boland, Michael McInerney, John Cusack and Richard Mulcahy gave the team the leadership that day.

Having being defeated by Doon in the minor county hurling semi-final, our hurlers were somewhat deflated. This was one competition that the team were very eager to win. However, the manner in which they won the city hurling final against Ballybrown seemed to compensate for the loss. From the many games played during the year this must surely go down as one of the most satisfying. The team was behind twice in the last three minutes. When many another team would have died the parish boys rose Phoenix-like to the occasion and their efforts were rewarded when John Cusack scrambled home the most memorable score of the season, a goal. This left the final score as St. Marys 6-4, Ballybrown 4-8. Claughaun once again provided the opposition on the occasion of our winning the city minor football league. This was a game that was certainly there for the taking up to the final whistle. The final score was St. Marys 6 points, Claughaun 5 points. Pat Boland provided the masters touch on the day in



O'Donnell, Mr. Pa Naughton, Mr. John O'Reilly, Mr. Sean O'Reilly, Mr. Michael Hehir, Mr. Pa Hogan, Mr. John English, Mr. Tim Kerley, Br. Leonard, and Br. Collings. These were ably backed up by a tireless ladies committee comprised of Mrs. C. Tobin, Mrs. Stapleton, Mrs. Cusack, Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Keane, Maura Boland and Mrs. Duggan. Their unity of purpose had to be seen to be believed for not only did they attend meetings and raise funds but also lent their vocal support at the matches. The boys success became theirs. For as long as so many people are prepared to give of their talents and time above all — any club is assured of growth and prosperity.

Limerick's under sixteen team showed much promise this year and brought honour and pride to the hearts of many by reaching the Tailteann Games Final.

They were unlucky not to have beaten Cork in the drawn game in Thurles and were defeated by the Cork boys in the replay in Killarney. However some of these players gave cause for hope of better days for Limerick hurling. St. Marys were much to the fore with this team and could boast of seven players on the selection. These were John O'Reilly at full back, Plunkett O'Doherty at left corner back, Ger Butler at left half back, Gary Morgan at centre back, Pat Boland at left half forward, John O'Brien at full forward and Michael Walshe who was to make his debut at Killarney as a forward. These players merited their places among Limerick's best as much for their skills as their whole-heartedness. Many of these players may now rightfully set their sights on achieving a minor berth with Limerick.

This club is not short of stars for no less than three have been so acclaimed.

These were; Conor McDermott chosen under 13 footballer of the year, Gary Tobin chosen under 14 footballer of the Year; John O'Reilly chosen under 16 footballer of the Year.

Almost at all levels Marys succeeded in having a player in contention for an award. Just rewards these for the ninety nine per cent perspiration it takes to succeed. Many drops of the latter were shed on many a field this year.

Many will look back to the under fourteen league football final as just one of the classic games of seventy seven when a goal in the last thirty seconds brought its first triumph of the year against a very spirited Na Piarasaigh side. This was but one of the spectacular scores of the year from the devastating left boot of Richard Flanagan.

But lest one get the impression that this club are merely a footballing club — it should be recalled that no team at any age group got

an easy passage against its hurlers. Their triumph at under sixteen against Monaleen in the league final left one wondering how they were ever beaten in the championship. With players of the calibre of Sean O'Reilly, Gary Morgan, Ger Butler, Martin Lyons, Pat Boland, John O'Brien to mention but a few the future would indeed seem bright. The clubs sights must now be set on minor level and it will be watched with interest how they succeed. How will such players as Sean Hehir, Noel Kelleher, Eugene Peters, Morgan, Boland, O'Reilly and O'Brien figure at this grade?

The club wishes to its players and supporters a happy recess and look forward to the year ahead with much promise and hope. They congratulate the boys for their years endeavour and success and can only wish them a happy and healthy maturity in the year ahead.

## St. Mary's <sup>12</sup>/<sub>2</sub>/<sub>80</sub> GAA Club

On Thursday, the 14th of February, the above club held its AGM in St. Senan's CBS, Island Road.

The following are the officers and committee for 1980:

Chairman, C. Tobin; vice-chairman, A. O'Donnell; secretary, Br. P. Collings; asst. secretary, G. Morgan; treasurer, J. O'Reilly; P.R.O., G. Morgan.

Ladies' committee: Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Stapleton, Mrs. McNamara, Moira McNamara, Mrs. Cusack, Mrs. Tobin, Mrs. Mulcahy, Mrs. McNerney.

Men's committee: Mr. Jim Aiery, Mr. C. Keogh, Mr. J. Cross, Mr. H. Finnin, Mr. P. Ryan, Mr. P. Boland, Mr. G. Hogan.

Matches will be arranged for our u. 21 hurlers and junior footballers in the coming weeks and anybody who would like to play are asked to give their names to any of the committee.

Arrangements are being made for the training of all teams and a full turnout is expected to attend these training sessions.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, 25th February.

Best of luck for the coming year.



D. Galvin, St. Senan's under 10 hurling team

## St. Mary's GAA Club Notes

Our first Street League match last Saturday ended in a big win for the "All Stars" who defeated Assumpta Park by 5-5 to 3-1. Both teams provided a very lively 40 minutes of football, with "All Stars" finishing much stronger. The "All Stars" had their outstanding players in P. Kirwan, John McNamara, John Cusack, Pat Boland and John Fitzgerald, while E. Peters, N. Clancy, D. Wallace shone for Assumpta Park.

J. O'Brien scored 2-1, Pat Boland (1-3), John McNamara (1-1), and John Cusack (1-0) for the "All Stars".

Scorers for Assumpta Park were E. Peters (2-1) and N. Dillon (1-0).

We hope to have another Street League match next week-end and we are looking forward to another fine display of football.

Our dance last week-end was very successful and we were so pleased with the support that we hope to hold another one in the near future. I would like to thank the management of the Ark, the people who gave spot prizes and all the people who supported us. We hope you enjoyed yourself.



## St. Mary's Notes

St. Mary's GAA Club will be starting a Street League shortly. This league will cater for about 60 boys between the age of 10 and 13, and will give an opportunity to those who do not get on the Bord na nOg team to play hurling or football.

As the nights are getting shorter and boys will be eager to play games, we hope to get a good response. We are sure it will prove a very exciting competition, so boys, get your hurleys ready.

We are happy to announce that we have sold all our tickets for our dance to be held in the Ark on Saturday, March 2. We thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all there and we hope that it will be a most enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, at St. Senan's School.



D. Wallace, St. Mary's Club under 14 football team.



T. O'Connor, St. Mary's G.A.A. Club under 14 football team.



Pat Boland (St. Mary's Club), a versatile centre-field player in both hurling and football. He played extremely well against St. Patrick's on Monday evening last in the third round of the under 13 football league.



G. Butler, St. Mary's Club, who enhanced his reputation as a goal-keeper in his semi-final debut against Patrickswell recently in under 13 hurling league.

## St. Mary's Community Games

The second round of the Community Games has ended with St. Mary's in a very strong position. Of the eleven teams entered at the start of the competitions, nine have got through to the third round. Great credit is due to the very hard working committee and the various trainers and coaches for the vast amount of time and effort put in in the preparation of the teams and to the children themselves for the sporting manner in which they accepted victory and defeat — they are indeed worthy representatives of the "parish."

**Hurling.** One of the biggest upsets of the second round was the elimination of last year's winners, Garryowen, by St. Mary's in a very exciting and sporting game.

**Gaelic Football:** St. Mary's had a very convincing win over Dromcollogher and now meet Janesboro' in the next round.

**Rugby:** Having beaten Kilmallock in the first round, St. Mary's next entertained Highfield and won a rather one-sided game. The way is now clear for an all-parish encounter with Corbally in what promises to be a "rip-roaring" classic.

**Camogie:** Although camogie is still in its infancy in St. Mary's the team played exceedingly well when disposing of Thomond. However, in the next round they meet Garryowen, one of the favourites for the title.

**Handball:** St. Mary's had a clear-cut victory over Janesboro in both grades, and now meet Hospital in the semi-finals. This is sure to be an exciting and close contest.

**Table Tennis:** This is the first time that St. Mary's entered a table tennis team in the games, and both boys and girls gave a very creditable performance in gaining hard earned victories over Hospital. The boys now meet Ahane and the girls Southill in the next round.

**Chess:** St. Mary's and Kennedy Park played a very close and exciting contest, with victory going to St. Mary's by 3½ points to 1½ points.

**Basketball:** St. Mary's received a walk-over in the second round and now meet Greystones—the girls are looking forward to making their initial appearance.

**Volleyball:** Having defeated Garryowen in the first round, St. Mary's travelled to Castleconnell and were beaten 2-0 by a much bigger and better home team.

**Soccer:** In a very exciting tussle, Greystones beat St. Mary's 2-1 — the winning score coming in the second period of extra time.

The committee of St. Mary's would like to thank those who provided transport for away games, and the teachers and parents for their encouragement and support.



## St. Mary's News

### U/13 HURLING FINAL

The final of the Br. Burke Cup will take place next Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m., probably at the Gaelic Grounds. Hopes are high that we can bring off another double here, having won the football title earlier in the year. However, Old Christians have a good team and so this game should be a thriller.

Meanwhile, our under 14 footballers are waiting for the winners of the West championship to play them in the county semi-final. This match is on Sunday, 17th, at 7.30 in Askeaton. A bus will leave St. Senan's at 6.15. Adults 25p. Children 15p.

Best of luck to both teams.

## St. Mary's G.A.A. A.G.M.

### Sucessful A.G.M.

Despite the very bad weather on Tuesday last, there was a good turnout of players for the first A.G.M. of the club. The number of adults present was disappointing enough though many sent in apologies and have offered their services during the year. We thank them for this. Those adults who were present were very enthusiastic and urged the players to be dedicated to helping one another not just for the sake of winning trophies but to enjoy themselves and help others to enjoy themselves. The importance of unselfishness was also stressed.

The following officers were elected: chairman, C. Tobin; vice-chairman, M. Hehir; secretary, M. Keane; treasurer, J. O'Reilly.

Captain under 14 F., Eugene Peters; vice-captain, Sean Hehir. Captain under 14 H., John Sheehan; vice-captain, John Graham.

Captain under 13 F., Pat Boland; vice-captain, Gary Morgan.

Captain under 13 H., Gerard Butler; vice-captain, Sean O'Reilly.

Ladies' committee: Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Shinnors, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Tobin.

Others will be added to the ladies' committee later. The other committee will be finalised during the coming weeks.

It was decided to hold street leagues in hurling and football—more about that later.

It was also decided to organise a few dances during the coming year to raise funds. Be on the lookout for these. It will give you an opportunity of helping the club and enjoying yourself at the same time.

## St. Mary's Notes

A meeting of St. Mary's Club G.A.A. was held in St. Senan's School on Tuesday, 26th February. Final plans for the Street League have been made and the first game will take place between "The All-Stars" and "Assumpta Park" on Saturday at 11.30 a.m. at Pa Healy's Field. We expect this League to be very successful and we hope for a lot of support.

The women's committee have also finalised plans in their preparations of refreshments for our dance in the Ark on Saturday, 2nd March, and they promise that it will be a great night.

It was announced that we have been granted permission to hold a flag day on 23rd May and we hope all who are interested in G.A.A. activities will give generously.

Our next meeting will take place on the 11th March.

Two teams for their street league:

"All Stars": J. Graham, G. Butler, J. McNamara, K. O'Connell, J. Fitzgerald, P. Whelan, P. Kirwan, A. Hogan, F. Flanagan, D. Hickey, P. Boland, J. Cusack. "Assumpta Park": T. O'Connor, D. McNamara, D. Wallace, E. Peters, J. Dillon, J. McDonauld, M. Clancy, S. Finucane, S. Shinnors, J. H. Ryan, K. McNamara, M. Peters, D. Flynn.

All players of the above two teams requested to meet at Pa Healy's Field at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday morning, March 2.

## St. Mary's GAA Club:

The men's committee was finalised at last Tuesday night's meeting. It was very heartening to see so many adults present. There are now 24 adult members, and over 50 juvenile members of the club.

The following is the men's committee: P. Hogan, P. Treacey, W. Kirwan, T. Griffin, T. Graham, S. Shinnors, C. Mohally, F. McGee, B. Leonard, J. Morgan, N. O'Brien and J. Fitzgerald.

The following were added to the ladies' committee: Misses, Griffin, Guerin, Boland, Morgan and Tracey.

A new P.R.O. was appointed. He is Tony Griffin. Mr. John O'Reilly will represent the club at Bord na nOg meetings.

The first dance in aid of the club will be held at the Ark Tavern, on Saturday, March 2. There is only a limited supply of tickets available, so, if you are interested, you should get yours immediately. Each member of the committee will have some, and also the officers of the club.

It is hoped that the Street League will begin around the beginning of March.

## St. Mary's Notes

St. Mary's, ..... 3-3  
Monaleen ..... 0-2

With St. Mary's playing with a very strong wind in the first half we had not long to wait for the first score with a fine point from Gary Morgan. The next score, which was a fine movement between 3 players, Kieran Tracey sending a long clearance to Kevin Lyons, who passed to John Cusack, who goaled. Monaleen came fighting back to score a great point against a very strong wind.

On the changeover Monaleen's attack took a very good save by Ger Butler. Our lads came back

with a very neat point from Richard Mulcahy, and with P. Boland and Michael Walsh dictating matters in midfield, our forwards got a good supply of the ball. They made full use of it, with further scores coming from F. Flanagan, J. O'Brien. Monaleen scored another point, and from the kick out Des O'Leary sent a long ball down the centre of the field to the waiting Gary Morgan, who burst his way through the Monaleen defence to score a goal. With Monaleen scoring another point and St. Mary's doing likewise the final whistle went with St. Mary's clear winners. Our lads really deserved this trophy. Throughout the year they gave us nothing less than 100% effort. Played eight, won eight, that is our record. I would like to mention eight lads who contributed to this victory. They are our substitutes, B. McCormack, D. Tobin, D. Kirwan, M. Peter, J. Ryan, F. Stapleton, J. Keogh, M. Flannery, S. Finucane, who, when called upon, each and every one of them played their part. It is great to see so many parents taking an interest in the boys games and it must be a great incentive to the lads to have their mams and dads to cheer them on. Full marks to Brother Keane, who did such a splendid job in training the lads for this competition.

I would like on behalf of St. Mary's to thank the Na Piar-saigh Club for making their very fine grounds available to us on such short notice.

Team: Neilus Clancy, Seamus Shinnors, Sean O'Reilly, Gerard Butler, Pat Whelan, Kieran Tracey, Des O'Leary, Pat Boland, Michael Walsh, Frank Flanagan, John O'Brien, John Cusack, Kevin Lyons, Gary Morgan, Richard Mulcahy.

Subs: Brendan McCormack, Declan Tobin, Paul Kirwan, Martin Peters, John Ryan, Finbar Stapleton, Joe Keogh, Martin Flannery, Seamus Finucane.



## HURLING:

# St. Mary's Win Tayto Cup for First Time

St. Mary's G.A.A. Club which was founded only 3 years ago won the Tayto Cup for the first time. They beat Monaleen in the final at the Gaelic Grounds after a very exciting game on the score: St. Mary's 3-2; Monaleen, 3-0.

St. Mary's were looking for the double having already won the under-14 football league with much the same team so they took the field against the same opposition confident of doing well. They received a setback when Tim Farrell put Monaleen ahead with a good goal. However, St. Mary's hit back and after great work by John Cusack, John O'Brien levelled the scores with a brilliant goal. He collected John Cusack's pass and ran through to hand pass the ball to the roof of the net as he fell. Pat Boland put St. Mary's in the lead when he pointed a free.

Frank Flanagan put them further ahead with an opportunist goal and so, the score at half-time was 2-1 to 1-0 in favour of St. Mary's.

St. Mary's were again in control as the second half began, but it was Monaleen who scored. This goal left only a point between the teams. The boys from the Parish hit back and with Gerry Morgan playing a captain's part at centre-back and ably assisted by Ger Butler and Kieran Tracey, this line of defence sent the forwards on many an attack, from one of which Richard Mulcahy goalied. They continued to attack, with Pat Boland now dominant at centre-field and Martin Lyons marking Monaleen dangerman, Tom O'Connor, out of the game, and Michael Walsh chasing everything, they looked dangerous and there was great excitement when John O'Brien again had the ball in the net but this time it was disallowed.

From the resultant free, Monaleen broke upfield to snap a good goal that put them back in the game. There was now only a point between them but St. Mary's came back again after a spirited attack, O'Brien palmed the ball over the bar for the final score

leaving St. Mary's ahead by 2 pts.: 3-2 tot 3-0.

Besides those already mentioned there were other good individuals in what was essentially a team effort. Declan Tobin made some good saves in goal. He was well protected by Billy Johnson, Sean O'Reilly and Des O'Leary.

The half-back line, as already mentioned, played very well, as did centre-field. Besides the forwards already mentioned, Brendan McCormack also got in some good balls and contributed much to the victory.

Other members of this winning panel were: A. Kelly, F. Stapleton, M. Clancy, P. Kirwan, S. Finucane and P. Whelan.

Unfortunately, after winning the Tayto Cup it was a big disappointment for St. Mary's when Croom knocked them out of the Feile na nGael competition. Best of luck to Croom. They now meet our old friends from Monaleen in the final. We hope to meet both these fine teams in the championship later on.

## St. Mary's GAA

St. Mary's ..... 2-4  
Na Piarsaigh ..... 0-0

On last Saturday, we started the season well by winning our first match of the U/14 League against Na Piarsaigh. In the first half it was a close game with the wind against us, but we managed to score two points, the only scores of the game in the first half. In the second half we didn't take long to settle down. Gary Morgan, who came on in the second half, played a great game and scored 1-1. We also had good performances from S. O'Reilly, S. Hehir, C. Tobin, D. Price, P. Boland and N. Kelliher.

Team: S. O'Reilly, D. McNamara, S. Hehir, J. Graham, K. Tracey, C. Tobin, J. McNamara, P. Boland, D. Price, E. Peters (capt.), R. Kelliher, J. Sheehan, J. O'Brien, D. Wallace, R. McNamara. Subs.: G. Morgan, J. Fitzgerald, G. Butler, M. Walsh.

### U/13 FOOTBALL

St. Mary's ..... 5-4  
Monaleen ..... 0-2

On Monday night, at Healy's Field, the U/13 Football got off to a flying start with a win over Monaleen. The boys were in great form and they played a great game. Both teams put on a good display of football and they never gave up. Each player played his best, being encouraged by the supporters of whom we hope to see more next time. I must say a special word of praise to the Monaleen lads who never gave up even when the odds were against them. They played with great spirit and enthusiasm for sport even though they didn't win. Special word of thanks to Br. Keane who did tremendous work in training the boys, and they have showed it in their play.

## St. Mary's reach under 13 final

St. Mary's ..... 3-2  
Claughton ..... 0-1

At St. Patrick's Field last Friday, St. Mary's under-13 football team continued their bid to retain the Davin Motors Cup when they defeated Claughton. They meet Na Piarsaigh in the final.

There was not much between the teams for most of the match. However, two good goals immediately after half-time by Seamus Finucane gave St. Mary's the upperhand. Outstanding in the backs for St. Mary's were: Ger Butler, Richard Mulcahy, Thomas Healy and Declan Tobin. John Cusack and Martin Lyons were outstanding at centre-field while the best of the forwards were Brendan McCormack, Des Fitzgerald, M. Walsh and Seamus Finucane.

Claughton's best were Eoin O'Brien, Con Fennell, Anthony Blake and Pat Mullane.

St. Mary's took their under-15 hurling and under-12 football teams to Thurles recently. The hurlers were narrowly beaten but the footballers won comfortably.

## St. Mary's Club News

### Under 13 hurling:

#### ST. MARY'S v. GARRYOWEN

St. Mary's had an easy win over Garryowen on Wednesday at Healy's Field on the score: goals and 6 points to 3 goals. This was a good team effort but there were some good individual displays by Martin Flannery, who scored 3 goals and F. Mulcahy, who got 2 goals. Other scorers were: M. Walsh, 4 pts. G. Butler, 1 pt.; M. Lyons, 1 pt. while J. Cusack, B. Flynn and T. Stapleton also did well.

#### TEAM

D. Tobin; T. Healy, J. Cusack, B. Flynn; B. McCormack, C. Butler, D. Fitzgerald, M. Lyons, M. Walsh, P. Kirwan; R. Mulcahy, A. Kelly, D. Treacy; M. Flannery, S. Finucane. Subs.: M. Desmond for M. Lyons; T. Stapleton for R. Mulcahy.

Our under 15 footballers played Treaty on Saturday at Shelbourne Park.

## St. Mary's Notes

We held two more street league matches last week. The first between Assumpta Park and Island Road turned out to be a thriller with Assumpta Park 6 goals, Island Road, 3 goals 9 pts. For Assumpta Park, John Dillon put on a great performance by scoring 5 of the 6 goals, with the other goal coming from N. Clancy. For Island Road, Gary Morgan accounted for 7 of their points, with John Sheehan scoring 1 goal and 2 points, Des O'Leary 1 goal and R. Mulcahy 1 goal.

The second match had to be called off mid-way into the second half, as the "All-Stars" had only 7 players — they were no match for St. Ita's Street. The score being 7 goals, 7 points to 1 goal and 1 point in the match. Players who shone for St. Ita's Street were, C. Tobin, D. Tobin, G. Walsh, N. Kelleher and D. Price. With the odds against them, J. Cusack, P. Whelan, John Fitzgerald and P. Boland played valiantly for the "All Stars." There will be no Street League match this Saturday due to schools' 7-a-side under 14 football.

We start our Bord na nOg competitions with a match against Na Piarsaigh, at their Ennis Road grounds on Saturday week. We will have a bus going from the school for this match. Our next meeting will take place on the 8th April, at 8 p.m.



J. Graham, St. Mary's Club, played exceptionally well against Treaty Sarsfields in the under 13 football league recently.





## St. Mary's G.A.A. Club

Another year's activity is about to begin and this is a time to look back and a time to look back and a time to look ahead. The past year was quiet successful even though no trophy was won. The club, in its first year of existence, played 8 matches, winning 6, and even though this is not a bad record hopes are high that in 12 months time the results will be even better.

In the coming year St. Mary's have entered teams in the following Bord na nOg competitions. U13 football and hurling leagues and u.14 hurling and football championships.

Training will begin for these teams soon but before this a very important meeting takes place, namely, the first A.G.M. of the club. The meeting will be held at St. Senan's School on Tuesday next at 7.45 p.m. All members or intending members should be present. Additional workers are welcome.



J. O'Reilly, St. Mary's GAA Club. He plays at full-back in both hurling and football.



J. McNamara (St. Mary's Club), who played extremely well at right half forward against St. Patrick's in the under 13 football league recently. He is also on the hurling team.

## St. Mary's elect officers

At the A.G.M. of St. Mary's G.A.A. Club, the following officers and committees were elected: Chairman, Mr. C. Tobin; vice-chairman, Mr. M. Hehir; secretary, Br. M. Keane; treasurer, Mr. J. O'Reilly.

Men's committee: Mr. P. Treacy, Mr. J. O'Brien, Mr. A. O'Donnell, Mr. W. Kirwan, Mr. Pat Vaughan, Br. Mohally, Br. Leonard, plus above officers.

Ladies' committee: Mrs. Tobin, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Boland, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. Stapleton.

The following were elected to manage the various teams:—

Under 13, Br. Keane; under 14, Mr. Tobin; under 15 Br. Mohally.

Next week we hope to announce names of the fixtures for

## Schools GAA

St. Mary's ..... 3-0  
Old Christians ..... 2-1

In the unded 14 hurling league semi final played at the Gaelic Grounds last Saturday, the boys from the parish knocked out the fancied C.B.S. team from the Tayto Cup.

Again this was a team effort essentially though there were also some good individual performances.

St. Mary's now play Monaleen in the final of the Tayto Cup. They also qualify for the last eight in the Feile na nGael competition. In this competition they play Ballingarry on Saturday at Gaelic Grounds, 3.30.

St. Mary's ..... 3-6  
Southill ..... 0-1

In the under 13 football St. Mary's continued their winning way with an easy win in this second round game. They now have four points in their bid to retain the Davin Motors Cup.

Thank you to all who sup-

## St. Mary's retain Davin Motors Cup

St. Mary's ..... 3-2  
Na Piarasigh ..... 2-3  
There was great excitement at the final moment of this u-13 football league final when gallant St. Mary's team held out for a deserved 2 point victory over a strong Na Piarasigh team.

St. Mary's had the wind in the first-half. Seamus Finucane goaled after a good shot by John Cusack was partially blocked. Then Ml. Walsh collected the ball after good work by Paul Kirwan and Des Fitzgerald and round the full-back before placing the ball in the left corner of the net.

Na Piarasigh recovered and scored a good point for Paul Cahalane. This was more than cancelled by St. Mary's third goal. Credit for this must go to Brendan McCormack. St. Mary's were again on the attack soon afterwards and Seamus Finucane fielded and looked like making it goal No. 4. However, he was held up and John Cusack tapped it over the bar to leave it St. Mary's 3-1 to 0-3. Just before half-time Na Piarasigh got a goal per John Mulcahy.

Na Piarasigh were now firm favourites but St. Mary's were not overawed. Towering Ger Torpey goaled after a clearance.

Na Piarasigh scored again with a fine shot over off the crossbar.

After good work by Declan Treacy and Des Fitzgerald, St. Mary's were awarded a free about 25 yards out. John Cusack hit a great free against the wind to increase St. Mary's advantage to three points. Na Piarasigh hit back, but time was running out and St. Mary's defence was brilliantly marshalled by Richard Mulcahy and Gerard Butler. The final score was: St. Mary's 3-2, Na Piarasigh 2-3.

Besides those already mentioned, there were many other heroes for St. Mary's. Tony Stapleton could not be blamed for either of the two balls that beat him. He had a fairly easy time, and thanks for this must go to all six backs who played very well. Noel Walters was marking one of Na Piarasigh's dangermen and he held him scoreless. Both he and Tom Healy were always in command and with Ger Butler in brilliant form they formed a good full-back line. In the half line little Declan Tobin was a revelation. He controlled every ball that came his way and, like Richard Mulcahy, sent St. Mary's back in the attack.

Tony Kelly as usual played his heart out in defence. John Cusack played a captain's part and he was well supported by Martin Lyons, who had the job of marking Ger Torpey. He stuck manfully to the job and found time to set up attack as well. The forwards did well with a limited supply of ball. Paul Kirwan was back to his best. Des Fitzgerald was always working hard and many of the attacks began with Brendan McCormack's run down the left. Michael Walsh and Seamus Finucane were our chief scorers and many of their efforts were helped by Declan Treacy's play in the corner. Other players who helped during the league were R. Flanagan, R. Carroll, M. Sheehy, M. Flannery, J. Sheehan, J. Tobin, N. Desmond and G. O'Brien.

## St. Mary's Club News

St. Mary's ..... 2-2  
Old Christians ..... 1-2

St. Mary's under-13 hurlers are all set to equal the record of their under-14 by adding the Burke Cup to the football title. Their latest win puts them in line for this achievement.

Their match against Old Christians was closer than the score suggests, with Old Christians having many near misses and Declan Tobin making many fine saves. The backs were outstanding especially Ger Butler, playing a captain's part. John Cusack was outstanding at the back and these were well supported by M. Flannery, D. Tracey, B. McCormack and B. Flynn. Michael Walsh and Martin Lyons played well at midfield, while up front the forwards made good use of the ball. Richard Mulcahy, Seamus Finucane and Paul Kirwan tried hard in the half line and all three full-forwards scored. A. Kelly, 1-0; A. Stapleton, 1-0, and N. Desmond, 0-1. The latter was playing his first game of hurling.

St. Mary's meet Garryowen next Wednesday night, 7.30, at Pa Healy's Field.

St. Mary's ..... 2-5  
Crecora ..... 0-0

Our under-14 footballers improved on their display against Cloughaun and were worthy winners over Crecora to reach the championship final. The team meet either Monaleen or Old Christians in the final.