

HYDE ROVERS

—A Sportsman's Club

ALTHOUGH founded as late as 1961, Hyde Rovers has established a tradition in sportsmanship of which any club might well be proud, and their record of successes in competitive soccer gives promise of even greater things to come.

The club's first committee consisted of such prominent sportsmen as Pat Sheehan, Frank Doran and D. McGuinness. Frank is presently studying to be a member of woodwork. Pat Sheehan, better known as "Bomber," played soccer in his younger days with Wanderers A.F.C. and later on the teams which won the Minor Leagues, two Croagh Cups and a North Munster Cup. In addition to successes in local competitions, other teams registered by the club in the area final of the State Cup and the final of the Munster Junior Cup.

"Bomber" played with some of the "greats" in Limerick and he names among his team-mates Tom Clifford, Jerry Keane, "Podger" Healy, Christopher Egan, Dan McShane, Kevin and Michael Neill, Joseph Galvin and the "Blackie" Frawley.

FIRST SEASON

The team to field for Hyde in its club's first season was: Patrick Joseph McGuinness, John Hannon, John Rooney, Shael Constable, Ronald Constable, Patrick O'Donnell, Scott Younger, Michael Sheehan, John O'Brien and Raymond Collins.

In their first year the club stood the top of the League and before going under to Riverside A.F.C. reached the quarter-final stages of the Cup. Riverside at that time boasted of great side and were under the guidance of Niall Fitzgerald.

UNDER 13s

For the 1962/63 season, Hyde

performance was also registered by the under-15s, who finished in the upper part of the League and beat Ballynanty in the Cup Final.

Last season this progressive club entered six teams—under 13 "A" and "B," 14's, 15's, 16's and minor. They won the Evans Cup Area Final and were beaten subsequently by Bolton (Dublin), 2-0.

SPORTS STARS

"Sports Star of the Year" awards have been made by club members for the following seasons: 1963/64, Donald Fitzgerald; 1964/65, Joseph Keogh and 1965/66, Patrick Sheehan. A further honour came with the selection of John Dillon for Limerick in the inter-city competition against Cork.

PERSONALITIES

The club has many outstanding sporting personalities and among them we may number Liam Ahern, whose father was a prominent player with Limerick A.F.C., and whose uncle, Bud Ahern, also played with Limerick A.F.C. and with Luton Town F.C. Another uncle of Liam's played with St. Ita's and Limerick A.F.C. Liam is at present a member of the under-16 team.

Kieran Casey, also a very popular player, is a member of a well-known sporting family. His brothers, Christy and Noel, got Youth International caps with Ireland. Noel, who is a captain in the Irish army, played with Bohemians A.F.C. in Dublin and with a number of Army teams. Christy is a helicopter pilot, and is stationed with the Air Corps in Baldonnel. The two were also members of Young Munster R.F.C.

Another member of the club who has strong sporting ties is



The under-15 Lawson Cup presentation—front row (l. to r.)—Liam Lawlor, Joseph McCarthy (capt.), Michael O'Shea, Daniel Howard (Hon. Sec., L.S.L.), Christopher Sheehan. Back row—George Prendergast, Kieran Carey, "Bomber" Sheehan, Leonard Moore, Patrick Mulqueen, John Brosnahan (Treasurer), Gerard McNamara, John Dillon.

Joseph McCarthy. Among the other members of the family are Seamus who plays with Celtic A.F.C. and had a leading part with them in the 1964-65 season before receiving a leg injury, and Eddie, who played with Limerick before emigrating to England and later got a trial with a leading First Division club.

Anthony O'Connell is a brother of "Fats" O'Connell (Fair View). "Bomber" Sheehan, who

acts on the Committee, has three sons playing a leading part in the success of the club. Chairman and founder-member, 23-year-old David McGuinness, was a prominent hurler with Sexton Street G.S. David has one brother and five sisters, two of whom are nuns on the English mission. He is employed with M.J. Roberts and Company, with whom he plays Inter-firm competitions.

OFFICERS

The present officers and committee of the club are: Chairman, David McGuinness; Secretary, John Moloney; Joint Treasurers, Henry Boucher and John Dillon. Committee—John Brosnahan, Thomas McCarthy, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Fitzgerald, Joseph McCarthy and Joseph Kitland. The club has a special word of thanks for their President, Very Rev. Fr. Cuihane, P.P., whose help and advice is deeply appreciated by the members.

Fedamore win

Fedamore 3-9
Ballyhea 2-1

Continuing to show improved form, Fedamore won the Kilmallock Festival junior hurling tournament when they defeated Ballyhea (Cork) in the final at Kilmallock by 3 goals and 9 points to 2 goals and 1 point.

Fedamore showed better combination throughout and at half-time they led by 2 goals and 6 points to 1 goal and 1 point. In the second half Fedamore continued in winning vein, and held the upper hand to win well.

Scorers: Fedamore—T. Clonessy (2-3), A. Clonessy (1-0), R. Burton and G. Gleeson (0-2 each), J. McManon and M. Carey (0-1 each).
Ballyhea—E. O'Donoghue and P. Behan (1-0 each), C. Behan (0-1).

J. Quaid, Feohanagh, refereed. The cup and trophies were presented to Mr. G. Gleeson

Bruff all the way

Bruff 12-10
Dromin-Athlaca 1-1

Bruff coasted to an easy win over Dromin-Athlaca in the quarter-final of the South Limerick minor hurling championship, winning by 12 goals and 10 points to 1 goal and 1 point.

From an early stage it was obvious that Bruff, displaying the better combination and showing much more strength, would win more readily. They led at half-time by 8 goals and 3 points to 1 goal and 1 point, and in the second half continued in winning vein to add 4 goals and 7 points to their interval total without reply from Dromin-Athlaca.

W. O'Brien, Kilmallock, refereed.

captain of the winning team, by Mr. S. Fitzgerald, Secretary of the Kilmallock Sportsfield Committee.

Eastern

G.A.A.

Roundabout

By "SETANTA"

FIXTURES MEETING

At a meeting of the Eastern Board at Caherconlish on last Thursday night, the following fixtures were made:—

Sunday, July 17—At Caherconlish, Junior Hurling Cup: 2.30—Pallas v. South Liberties; referee, M. O'Keefe. Under 21 Football—Doon v. Fedamore; referee, E. Dooley.

Monday, July 18—At Caherconlish at 8.30, M.H.—South Liberties v. Caherline; referee, W. Coffey.

Tuesday, July 19—At Lismagry, Juvenile Hurling—Murrue v. Ahane. At Pallas, Juvenile Hurling—Oola v. Cappamore. Friday, July 22—At Knockree, Juvenile Hurling—South Liberties v. Caherline.

Most local championship games have fallen behind schedule, but as Limerick are now out of the reckoning, as inter-county games, the divisional boards can now go ahead with their fixture lists. There will be no further delays through inter-county players being unavailable for their clubs and an early finish to this year's championship is now possible.

SENIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The first semi-final of the Oola senior football tournament was played on last Tuesday evening. Oola reached the final by defeating Eire Og, Annacorney, by 1-10 to 1-4.

Eire Og, with wind and hill advantage in the first half, led at the interval by 1-4 to 0-5.

It was only a matter of time before Oola had wiped away this lead, and then piled on six more points without reply from Eire Og.

Kieran Bourke, Tom Fitzgerald, John O'Connell, Davy Quirk, Seamus Cunningham and Tom Ryan played well for Oola. Henry Cummins, John Cummins, Paddy Corbett and D. J. Gleeson were most in the picture for Eire Og.

Oola have failed to win a championship game for the past three years. They play Eire Og in the first round at Bruff on Sunday next, and this should be their best chance of advancing for some time.

For the past few years they have been rather unlucky in the draw, having to face teams like Claughaun and Ballyvaughan in the opening rounds. The opposition does not look to be as strong on Sunday, and Oola should reach the second round.

DOON SENIOR HURLING TOURNAMENT

Arrangements have been completed for this year's Doon tournament. The first semi-final will be played on next Friday evening, between Doon and Cappawhite, and the second semi-final will be played on the following Wednesday evening, between Pallasgreen and Killeely.

The Doon tournament has by now won the reputation of providing top-class hurling and large crowds are expected to turn out again this year to see some thrilling games.

EXCURSION TO KNOCK

On Sunday, 17th instant, in connection with Limerick Union of Prayer Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, a special bus will operate as follows:—

Combined fares to Knock	Adult	Child
Dep.	8.50	4.25
Foynea	7.30	3.65
Askeaton	7.50	3.75
Limerick arr.	8.45	

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The 1964-65 under-14 team. Front row (l. to r.)—Michael Grace, Patrick Sheehan, George Prendergast, Joseph Fitzgerald, Leonard Moore, Thomas McNamara. Back row—David McGuinness (Chairman), Liam Lawlor (vice-capt.), Kieran Carey, Desmond Kelly (capt.), Christopher Sheehan, Patrick Mulqueen, Patrick "Bomber" Sheehan (trainer).



The under-13 league winners and Cup finalists, 1965. Front row (l. to r.)—Eamonn Constable, John Ryan, Patrick Sheehan (capt.), John Waters, Martin Holmes, Patrick O'Connor. Back row (l. to r.)—Gerard McNamara, Kieran Carey (vice-capt.), William Slattery, Maurice Ircin, Thomas McNamara.