



The under-13 League winners for 1959-60. Front row (l. to r.)—Stephen Halpin, Christy Cleary, Ollie McCarthy (capt.), Billy Harte, Paddy Coll and John Lynch (Committee). Back row (l. to r.)—George Mitchell (Committee), Christy Wharton, Billy Doran, Bob Devitt, Noel Monaghan, John McCormack, Anthony Mitchell, Pat Wilmott.



The 1963-64 team were winners of the Ingle Cup, Minor League, Minor Cup and semi-finalists of the Munster Minor Cup. Standing (l. to r.)—Pa Wilmott (Chairman), Billy Doran, Liam McMahon, Stephen Halpin, Billy Harte, Nicky McDonnell, Tommy Kiblain, Anthony Mitchell, Patrick Brennan (Hon. Sec.). Front row—Mick Timmons (Asst. Hon. Sec.), Joe O'Mahony, Mick Madigan, Jimmy O'Rahilly (capt.), Ollie McCarthy, Paddy Coll and Geo. Brennan.

# Soccer Scene Dominated By Prospect

LIMERICK sportsmen of all codes will regret the serious loss suffered by Prospect Ath. A.F.C. on Tuesday night last when the Club's premises and dressing rooms were destroyed by fire. The clubhouse was the only one available to players in Caledonian Park, and provided dressing room facilities for the Prospect Club and visiting teams.

Prospect Ath. A.F.C. was originally known as Prospect A.F.C. and was founded in 1947. The club did not meet with much success in the early years, and the one major trophy they did win was the Under 15 Cup in season 1951-52. For a few seasons the club went out of football and came back into the limelight in 1968 under the guidance of Pat Wilmott, J. Lynch, Gerry Mitchell and John Collins. They gathered together a team and had the distinction of winning the under 15 cup for the second time. The team was: D. Cantillon, Henry Bouchier, Stephen O'Shaughnessy, Frank Wharton (capt.), G. Earls, Tom Morrison, Billy Meagher, Mick O'Callaghan, John McCarthy, Mick Sheehan and Patsy Doran. They beat Ballyvaughan 2-0 in a thrilling final.

It is interesting to note that Stephen O'Shaughnessy is now playing hurling and football with the Limerick inter-county side. Frank Wharton is now with Jamesboro' while Patsy Doran helped Caledonians to win the Munster Junior Cup some weeks ago. They also won the under 15 league in the same season. The team was: Billy Harte, Pat Coll, Seamus Halpin, Christy Wharton, Noel Monaghan, Christy Cleary, Mick Brennan, Anthony Mitchell, John McCormack, Oliver McCarthy and Mick O'Donnell.

Ollie McCarthy is now rated one of the most promising inside forwards in the game and was watched recently by Cork Hibernians. He also played with Caledonians, but is now back with Prospect juniors. Prospect enjoyed another successful season in 1959-1960, when they won the under 15 cup by defeating a strong Fairview

## New Record

Prospect created another new record in 1961-62 when they won the under-15 Cup for the fourth year running. They also chalked up successes in the under 15 League and Cup, again going through both competitions unbeaten. The under 16 performed a similar feat in season 1962-63. The Liam Whelan Shield came their way in season 1963-64 when they came through the Limerick area with colours flying high. Their side was: W. Shanahan, W. Moloney, J. Brennan, J. Colbert, M. Constable, R. Collins, P. O'Donnell, John Rooney, A. Healy, J. McGuinness and G. Tuohy.

The same season saw Prospect reach the Limerick Area Final of the Munster Minor Cup, in which they were beaten by Bohemians.

## Minor League

Prospect dropped out of schoolboy football the following season when they concentrated solely on their minor eleven. They won the Limerick Minor League, while the following season they were runners up in the Ingle Cup and Kenneally Cup.

They are enjoying another successful season in minor ranks and are poised to take the Limerick Minor League, having only one game to play—against Limerick C. A draw would suffice to give them the title. Those playing in their minor side this season are: Pat Hartigan, Henry Gavin, Denis McGuinness, Joe O'Mahony, Mick Constable, John Fitzgerald, Ger Noble, Mick Madigan, Ger Brennan, Ray Collins, and Mick O'Donnell.

## Prominent Sportsmen

Among those to distinguish themselves in other sports are

Donal Manning, John Finucane, Stephen O'Shaughnessy (all G.A.A.); Ger Noble, Mick Timmons, Joe O'Mahony and Nick O'Donnell (athletics); Christy Wharton and Ger Noble (rugby); Liam McMahon, Mick Brennan and Tony Hartigan (Munster Senior League); while Paddy Collopy has played with the Limerick senior team.

Ray Collins and Joe O'Mahony have been awarded Sports Star of the Year trophies, while those to earn schoolboy and international minor trials were Patsy Doran, Ollie McCarthy, Christy Cleary, Tony Mitchell, Noel Monaghan, Ger Brennan and John Blake; also Mick Collins, Joe O'Mahony, Ray Collins, Jim O'Rahilly and Mick Constable.

Joseph O'Mahony played two youth international for the Republic this season and had a trial with Everton, the famous English 1st Division Club. He was also selected on the Limerick junior team which went under 2-0 to Cork in the Oscar Travnor Cup recently.

Of the present Committee: Pat Wilmott played for Prospect, Caledonians and senior soccer with Limerick. He is one of the most knowledgeable persons in the game of soccer. He won an Inter-League junior medal with Limerick.

Pat Brennan, who is hon. secretary since 1962, also held the positions of treasurer, chairman and assistant secretary of May Roberts A.F.C. in successive years.

Billy Doran was captain of St. Marys Boys' Club and was awarded the "Boy of the Year" trophy with that club. He won numerous trophies with Prospect.

Jimmy O'Rahilly is on the committee since Prospect Ath. was founded in 1963 (the club changed its name from Prospect to Prospect Ath. in 1968). He won numerous trophies with the club and is at present playing on the very successful Caledonian junior team.

Present committee: Chairman, Pat Wilmott; hon. secretary, Pat Brennan; assistant secretary, Mick Timmons. Committee: Billy Doran, Oliver McCarthy and J. O'Rahilly.

## Minor Titles

It is interesting to note that Prospect Ath. won the Munster Minor Cup (Limerick area) in their first season (1963-64). They also won the Minor League and Limerick Minor Cup. Their minor team was: B. Harte, P. Coll, J. O'Rahilly, S. Halpin, B. Doran, J. O'Mahony, P. Sheehan, A. Mitchell, M. Madigan, O. McCarthy and N. McDonnell.

Mick Madigan was leading goal-scorer in Limerick that year with 27 goals. This season they were beaten 1-0 by Ballynanty in the area final of the P.A.I. Minor Cup. Team: P. Hartigan, J. Colbert, R. Collins, D. McGuinness, M. Constable, J. O'Mahony, J. Fitzgerald, H. Gavin, M. Madigan, G. Brennan and M. O'Donnell. They also finished second in the Barry League and were beaten by Ballynanty in the Limerick area final of the Munster Minor Cup.

Joe O'Mahony was the first player from Prospect to gain international honours. He also turned down an offer to join Cork Celtic this season.

## Dominated

There were many who were sorry to see Prospect go out of schoolboy football two seasons ago, but Pat Brennan told us that it will not be too long until they are back again. There was always great rivalry when Prospect were playing. They dominated the soccer season for many years and had the happy knack of bringing the very best out of their opponents. They came to be regarded as being one of Limerick's most successful sides and seldom, if ever, did a player leave them. They kept such the same sides together throughout the years—a sure sign that everything was well in their camp.

May they soon come back to the schoolboy soccer scene—schoolboy soccer is just not the same without them. In the meantime, they are concentrating on minor football and with such a talented number of players on their books they could do very well in the seasons ahead.

## Soccer Fixtures

SUNDAY, JULY 24  
Limerick Youth League—Prospect Ath. v. Limerick "C" Caledonian Park, 11 a.m. Ref. P. J. Meagher.  
Limerick Youth Cup (1st round):  
A—Hyde Rvs. v. Island Utd. Shelbourne Park, 11.30 a.m. Ref. E. Cleary.  
B—Fairview Rgs. v. Dominic Savio, Fairview Park, 11.30 a.m. Ref. P. Kieley.  
C—Weston Rgs. v. Strand Utd., Caledonian Park, 12.45 p.m. Ref. T. Power.  
Desmond Cup semi-final: Pallaskenry v. Kilfinane, Pallaskenry, 3.30 p.m. Ref. A. Shaw.  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27  
Limerick Youth Cup (2nd round):  
D—Jamesboro' Utd. v. Hyde Rvs. or Island Utd., Stadium at Phiarraigh, 7.30 p.m. Ref. M. Meagher.  
E—Prospect Ath. v. Limerick "C", Caledonian Park, 7.30 p.m. Ref. J. Hartigan.  
F—Pike Rvs. v. Fairview or Dominic Savio, Fairview Park, 7.30 p.m. Ref. A. Shaw.  
G—Ballynanty Rvs. v. Weston Rgs. or Strand Utd., Shelbourne Park, 7.30 p.m. Ref. T. Power.



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Prospect's under-15 League and Cup team for 1960-61. Front row (l. to r.)—Paddy Coll, Christy Cleary, Patsy Doran (capt.), Mick Callaghan, Ollie McCarthy. Back row—Pa Wilmott, Anthony Mitchell, John Collins (Committee), Noel Monaghan, Henry Bouchier, K. O'Neill, Gerry Earls, George Robinson, George Mitchell and Jack Lynch.