

Caledonians Great Record



The Caledonian team which won the Munster Junior Cup this season by defeating St. Mary's (Cork). Back row—Tom Simmington, Sean Carter, Mick Clancy, Vincent Prendergast, Pat McKinniry, Jim O'Rahilly, Patsy Doran. Front row—Ralph Prendergast, Oily Dean, Kieran Sheehan, Dick Butler, Jim Forde.



The Caledonian team which won the Limerick Minor Cup in 1956-57. Back row—Ald. G. E. Russell, President; Pat Nealon, A. Scully, T. Pearse, V. Prendergast, T. O'Connor, W. Caulfield, Tom Rainbow, Tom Simmington, J. Madden. Front row—Ben Barrett, Dick Butler, Tony Quinlivan, Dave Constable, Pat Long.



Caledonians A.F.C., winners Whitaker, Cromer, North Munster, Minor and L.P.Y.M.A. Cups, 1939-40. Standing—J. Nealon, P. Manning, S. Mulcahy, J. Brown, J. Ralph, K. McNulty, O. Brown, J. Simmington (Treas.), D. Healy, L. Dillon, (Hon. Sec.), J. Slattery (President). Sitting—K. O'Callaghan, M. Dillon, M. Henry, D. Quinlivan (capt.), R. Daly, O. Henry, T. Brown.



Caledonians, who acquitted themselves with distinction in the late '50's and early '60's. Back row—Michael Whelan, Billy McKinniry, George Vaughan, Pat Daly, Mick Clancy, Tony McInerney, Larry Casey. Front row—Jim O'Shea, Sean O'Connor, Sam Browne, Tony Lynch, John Curtin.

CALEDONIANS, who made history this season when winning the much sought after Munster Junior Cup for the first time, have the distinction of being Limerick's oldest soccer club. When Caledonians were founded in 1932, little did such founder members as Leo Dillon (R.I.P.), John Flaherty, John Nealon and John Simmington realise that the club would one day become a major force in Irish soccer circles. They have won most trophies on offer to them, and their main ambition now is to annex the glamour trophy of Irish football—the F.A.I. Junior Cup, a trophy that has come to Limerick on only one occasion in the past.

It was outside the Boherbuoy bandroom in Edward Street that Caledonians were first formed. The club members decided to concentrate on minor and juvenile football in the early years and to build future junior sides from their under-age players. Corinthians, a team composed of workers at the Limerick Clothing factory, made a presentation of a set of black and white jerseys to Caledonians in their early years; their schoolboy teams fared reasonably well, but they failed to collect any major trophies. Season 1938 saw the breakthrough to junior football, and it was the following year that they really made their presence felt. In addition to winning the Limerick Minor Cup, Caledonians also made headlines on the junior front when their star-studded side made a clean sweep of local trophies.

Junior Line-Out
The Whittaker, Cromer, North Munster and L.P.Y.M.A. Cups all made their way to the Caledonian dressingroom in what was really a great season for the Edward St. boys. Their junior line out for that season was as follows: S. Mulcahy; J. Browne, Kevin McNulty, Oliver Browne, Dan Healy, Kevin O'Callaghan, M. Dillon, M. Henry, D. Quinlivan (capt.), R. Daly, O. Henry and Tom Browne. Those behind the scenes were John Nealon, Tom Manning, John Ralph, John Simmington, Leo Dillon and J. Slattery. Tommy Browne later distinguished himself as a referee and retired only last season. Caledonians were now on top of the football world. The club was going through a most prosperous time and their most efficient committee spared no effort in trying to make the club one of the most formidable in the city. The City League came their way in 1941/42 and this was followed by the N. Munster Cup in seasons 1944/45. Competition was very keen in the early forties, for with such renowned clubs as Wanderers, a spoils hunt in Park Rangers' hands. Prospect battling for honours it was no easy task to collect a trophy.

Family Ties
Caledonians have always been noted as a family team, because of many family ties down through the seasons. There was John, Thomas and Joe Slattery, Oliver and Michael Henry, John and Mick (Ducker) Dillon, Tom and Patrick O'Brien, Donie and John Healy, Mick and John O'Brien, Sean and Albie Mulcahy, Jack, Tom and David Simington, Jim and Mick Collins, John, Tom and Oliver Browne, Joe and Tommy Burns, Donal, Fonsie and Tony Quinlivan, Kevin and Dermot O'Callaghan, Donie, Liam and Oliver and James Constable, and to bring us up to date there is Mick and Dave Clancy, Vincent and Ralph Prendergast, Ambie and Pat Lawlor, Bob and Joe Kelly. Other family ties were Battie and John Nealon and John and Mick Noonan.
The outbreak of the second World War was a bad blow for Caledonians Club, as most of their players went to England. Cal's, however, kept the ball rolling during the war years, and even though they found it most difficult to field full strength sides—as did most other clubs—they always turned out for their games.
Quite a few local clubs went out of existence during the war years. Most of the credit for Cal's staying in football must go to Leo Dillon (R.I.P.), who also acted as secretary and treasurer to the Limerick District Management Committee for a number of years. Leo was always a great Caledonian man, and nothing would have pleased him better than to see his favourites collect the Munster Junior Cup in Cork some ten weeks ago, when they beat a fancied St. Mary's 3-0. That, incidentally, was the club's fifth appearance in the final since 1948.

Turning Point
Season 1948/49 was the turning point in the history of Caledonians, for that was the season they went into the final of the F.A.I. and Munster Football Association Cups, only to lose both games. Their team that season was: J. Madden, D. Noonan, K. O'Callaghan, Fonsie Quinlivan, Sean Collins, Tom Madigan, Martin Synan, Kevin Cronin, Tom Kelly, Donie Healy, Willie Downes and Tom Clifford. Caledonians held a really great side in 1948/49 when they won the City League for the second time. Tom Clifford, of course, was also well-known on the rugby front, while Tom Madigan was playing soccer up to recently. Sean Collins later turned to refereeing. Perhaps the best-known of all players to grace Caledonians' jerseys was the late Kevin McNulty. He was rated as one of the best players to come out of Limerick and after his playing days were over he took over as a member of the committee. Another great player was Dermot O'Callaghan (R.I.P.).

Honours
Caledonians went back into schoolboy football in 1953. They won the under-14 League on two occasions (under 15 once) and also won the under 15 League and Cup. International honours were also theirs. In 1955 when Ger. Clarke was chosen

Hibernians last season, but returned to local junior football because of domestic reasons. Mick Butler and Jim Forde gave good service to Limerick A.F.C. for a number of seasons.
Caledonians are now recognised as being Limerick's leading side. They have won the junior League for three successive seasons, and present indications are that they are in for another good season in the months ahead. They take their football very seriously and deserve any successes that come their way.

Committee
Their present Committee is: President, Ald. G. E. Russell; Vice-President, J. Simmington; Chairman, S. Madden; Vice-Chairman, T. Simmington; Hon. Treasurer, Larry Casey; trainer, Mick Clancy. Committee: E. Darcy, S. Dean, T. Lynch, J. O'Brien.
Trophies won to date: (1) Munster Junior Cup (1), (2) Sixone Cup (2), (3) North Munster Cup (3), (4) Cromer Cup (4), (5) Lawson Cup (3), (6) City League (9), (7) Leonard Cup (3), (8) Minor Cup (5), (9) Minor League (3) Under-14 League (2), Under-14 Cup (1), Under-15 League (1), Under-15 Cup (2), Under-16 League (1), Whitaker Cup (1), L.P.Y.M.A. Cup (1).
In addition, Caledonians have been beaten on four occasions in the Munster Junior Cup final, and reached the F.A.I. Junior Cup final in season 1948/49, only to be beaten by Rathfarnham (Dublin).
A great record—by a great club.

INTER-FIRM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
"A" League—Cement v. Clover Meats, 7 p.m., Barrack Field; P. Rockett.
"C" League — Mattersons v. S. & McK. Elect. XI, 7.30, Cals. Park; P. Kiely.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8
"B" Cup (2nd round)—Port Workers v. P/O Egns, 7.30, Cals. Park; T. Power.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9
"B" Cup (2nd round)—May Roberts v. S. Chemicals, 7.30, Cals. Park; M. Meagher.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10
"B" Cup (1st round)—P/O Henry St. v. L. Shoes, 7.30 p.m., Shels. Park; T. Kennedy.

NEXT MEETING
Next meeting will be held at the Boherbuoy Bandroom on Monday, August 8, at 9 p.m.

Junior soccer fixtures
Limerick Youth Cup semi-final (replay):
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
Ballynanty Rvs. v. Prospect Ath., Shelbourne Park, 11.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12
Limerick Youth Cup Final, Stadium an Phaisaigh, 7.30.

Greatest Success
Their greatest success was at Turner's Cross, Cork, where they won the Munster Junior Cup for the first time. And the side to do duty this season was: V. Prendergast, S. Killeen, Joe O'Rahilly, Mick Clancy, Jim Forde, Sean Carter, Ed. McKinniry, Oliver Dean, Ralph Prendergast, Dick Butler, Kieran Sheehan (capt.), Patsy Doran, Joe Kelly, Ralph Prendergast won a Munster Senior Hurling Champs. medal with Limerick in 1955 and later went to America. He was given a trial by Cork.

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Church Notices

THE NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

St. Mary's Cathedral — Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Processional Hymn, 365; Praces and Responses (Tallis); Venite; Psalm, 92; Jubilate Deo (Stewart in G); Anthem: "Lord God of Abraham" (Mendelssohn); Kyrie Credo (Stewart in G); Hymn, 229; Preacher, The Vicar. Evening-song, 7 o'clock. Processional Hymn, 460; Praces and Responses (Tallis); Psalm, 54; Magnificat; Nunc Dimittis; Hymns, 597, 498, 357; Preacher, The Vicar. Holy Communion, 8 o'clock.

St. Munchin's Church—Morning Prayer, 10 o'clock. Preacher, The Vicar.

ST. MICHAEL'S AND TRINITY UNIONS
Holy Communion at St. Michael's, 8.30 a.m. Family Communion at St. John's, 10.15 a.m. Preacher, Canon C. J. Price, M.A. Morning Prayer in St. Michael's, 11.30 o'clock. Preacher, Canon C. J. Price, M.A.
There will be no evening services during the months June to August.

Mallow Street Hall—Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Children's Service, 3 p.m. Gospel Service, 8 p.m.