

Summerville Rovers Proud Record

SUMMERVILLE ROVERS may be one of the "babes" of local Schoolboy soccer, but their record to date is a proud one indeed, and they have accomplished enough on the playing field over the past couple of seasons to suggest that a very bright future lies ahead of them. They are at present fielding three teams in the Schoolboy leagues, and team managers, Aidan Corr and Charlie Elliott, who have done so much to put Summerville on the map, are contemplating entering a second under 13 side for the 1967 season.

Schoolboy football is at a very high level in this city and clubs such as Summerville, who have learned to accept appointments as well as sporting honours, that have helped to put the standard on a high plane. Summerville, whose players hail mostly from the South Circular Road area, are one of the most ambitious sides envisaged for the future. They have earned a high reputation both on the field and are one of the most feared sides in the under-13, 14, and 15 age brackets. They play a most attractive brand of football and their dedication to the game has earned them a high respect, and this dedication must surely reap rewards for the club in the months ahead.

The Summerville Rovers Club was founded in 1957 and originally consisted of the off-season members of the Ashburne Cricket Club, who were a force in the South Circular Road. Well-known personalities Mr. Frank Corr and Mr. Cormac Liddy were entrusted with the task of looking after the club and, while it took them some time to get into the gear, they certainly let their presence be felt when they reached their peak.

The club held their own in the Under-13 League in the 1957 season and they came more into prominence when Cup-time came around. They registered a strong Wolfe Tone Rangers by 3-1 in the opening round and created a first-class surprise when trouncing a fancied Wembley Rovers 2-0 in round two. Summerville were now through to the semi-finals and they had a huge following at Caledonian Park when they lined out against Weston Rgs, who emerged victorious by 8-0.

The side to do duty for Summerville in 1957 was: Ken Quin, John O'Grady, Bernard Duggan, Timmy Murphy, David Huddle, Brendan Bradshaw, Charlie Elliott, Aidan Corr, Tony Moran, Jim Quin and Brendan Staunton. Ken Quin later distinguished himself as a rugby player, in which code he won schoolboy representative honours. Timmy Murphy and Brendan Bradshaw later took up hockey, while Aidan Corr and Charlie Elliott concentrated on soccer and are now making the club; David Huddle is now playing rugby with Glontarf, Dublin.

Second Year

Summerville continued in football the following year, finishing in the top half of the League table and making history by qualifying for their first ever final. Their under-13 side recorded some very impressive victories on the way to the final, but there their luck ended, as they were beaten 2-0 by a strong Reds United eleven, who

were then under the management of Mr. Jack Tuohy, now a Director of Limerick A.F.C. The Summerville side was: Ivan Morris, Brendan Ross, Tim Murphy, Ger Lowe, Eric Daly, Michael Ryan, Brendan Bradshaw, Aidan Corr, Brian Conway, Brian Reddan, Humphrey Murphy. Ivan Morris gained a schoolboy international cap some three seasons later, and then turned his attentions to golf and rugby. Tim Murphy is now the well-known Lansdowne hockey player, while Brian Reddan is active in rugby circles.

Under-16

A feature of the 1958 season was the entry of Summerville Rovers into under-16 ranks, which included most of the club's officials. Highlight of their season in schoolboys league football was their cup campaign, and local followers still recall the big surprise Summerville brought about when conquering hot favourites, Fairview Rangers, by 1-0 in a first round game. Summerville gave a fine exhibition of football on that occasion, and one of the most memorable moments came in the last minute when Cormac Liddy saved a penalty from Fairview's Christy Carey. Carey, incidentally, is now a helicopter pilot, and is well-known on the rugby front.

Summerville experienced little difficulty in defeating St. Brigid's Boys Club in the second round, but made their exit from the competition when beaten 3-1 by Ballynanty in the semi-final. A most energetic member of the Committee that season was Mr. Dan Cleary, who mooted several money spinning campaigns to put the club on its feet.

Mr. Tony Hayden, now Manager to Wembley Rovers, joined the Summerville Committee in 1958, and it was he who helped to secure the services of Sean Carroll, John Fitzgerald, Michael Moane and John Ryan, players who gave good assistance to the club. Fitzgerald is now playing rugby with Young Munster, and also finds time to assist Ballynanty Rovers soccer team.

Revived

In 1959 Frank Corr and C. Liddy, due to business reasons, resigned from the club and Summerville withdrew from all competitions. The club was missed from the schoolboy scene but along came Mr. Charlie Elliott and Mr. Aidan Corr to revive the club in 1963. These energetic young men set about their task in a

business-like fashion and were not long in gathering 11 players to figure in the under 13 League. The team had their teething troubles in the League campaign but they were a rully matured side when the Cup got under way.

Such strong sides as Weston, Geraldines and Hyde fell to Summerville in the opening rounds and their prospects of collecting a trophy looked very bright when they held Wembley to a draw in the final game. Wembley, who fielded a crack side, were strong favourites to win first time out, and while they did succeed in the re-play, Summerville's reputation had grown enormously.

The Summerville team was: Dermot McKeown, Jim McMahon, John Browne, Brian Morris, Mick O'Grady, Michael Kelly, Martin Sheehan, Pat Pratt, Con Sheehan, Eugene O'Shea and Gerard Leahy. Most of these players are still with the Summerville Club. Dermot McKeown is younger brother of Limerick C.B.S. hurling star, Maxie McKeown, who acquitted himself with distinction in the Catholic Youth Games in Belgium earlier this week. Brian Morris is a brother to Ivan, who played with the club in 1957-58, while Con and Martin Sheehan are regular members of the Garryowen under age rugby side.

Season 1965 saw Summerville pipped for honours in the under 14 League. After leading for most of the way they had to settle for a play-off with Wembley Rvs. and were just pipped

INTER-FIRM

Saturday, August 13—E. Cup, 2nd round—L.G.O. v. Rippen, 3 p.m., Pearse Stadium; P. J. Meagher. C. League—Mattersons v. S.P.S. B., 3.45 p.m., Barrack Field; M. Meagher. A. League—Cement v. Ranks, 7 p.m., Barrack Field; P. Kiely.

Wednesday, August 17—C. Cup, 1st round—S.P.S. B. v. Crescent Clothes, 7.30 p.m., Cal's Park; T. Power.

Schoolboys Soccer

Saturday, August 13: Second round Under 12 Cup: No. 1 Pitch—Dominic S. v. New-castle West, 6.45; W. O'Brien. Second round Under 13 Cup: No. 1 Pitch—Pike R. v. Prospect, 8.00; S. Dean. No. 2 Pitch—Wembley R. "B" v. Dominic S., 3.30, T. Power; Hyde Rvs. v. Summerville, 4.30, M. Kelly; Wembley R. "A" v. Ballynanty, 7.00, C. Barry.

Sunday, August 14: Final Under 10 League (play-off): No. 2 Pitch—Dominic S. v. Hyde R., 11 a.m.; S. Collins. Final Under 16 Cup—Ballynanty v. Geraldines, 12.15; S. Dean.

Tuesday, August 16: Semi-final Under 14 Cup: No. 2 Pitch—Wembley R. v. Dominic S. or Summerville, 7.00; S. Dean.

for honours by Anthony Hayden's charges. Indeed, Summerville looked all set for victory with a few minutes to go, but injury time saw Wembley come out on top. The Summerville team was: Evan Buckley, Sean McNamara, Tom McDonagh, Martin Sheehan, Con Sheehan, Tony Leddin, John Browne, Pat Casey, Eugene O'Shea, Ger Healy, Jim McMahon.

Successful Season

Summerville are at present enjoying a most successful season. Their under 13s annexed the League title some three weeks ago with the impressive goal

City G.A.A. fixtures

Friday, August 12: At Patrickswell, J.H. Semi-Final Dean Punch Tournament: Ballybrown v. Kildimo-Pallas-kenry, 8 o'clock. Ref., C. McNamara. At the Gaelic Grounds, Minor Football Championship: Claug-haun v. Old C.B.S., 8 o'clock. Ref., J. Byrnes.

Tuesday, August 16: At Dean Punch Park, Minor Football Championship: Patrickswell v. Monaleen, 8 o'clock. Ref., Pat O'Dwyer. At the Gaelic Grounds, Minor Football Championship semi-final: St. Patrick's v. St. Brendan's, 8 o'clock. Ref., B. Slavin.

Wednesday, August 17: At Patrickswell, Under-21 Hurling Championship: Claug-haun v. Ballybrown, 8 o'clock. Ref., Pat Carey.

Thursday, August 18: At the Gaelic Grounds, Minor Hurling Championship semi-final: Old C.B.S. v. Treaty-Sars-fields, 8 o'clock. Ref., M. Tynan. At Dean Punch Park, Junior Football Championship: St. Patrick's v. Monaleen, 8 o'clock. Ref., S. O'Connor.

Friday, August 19: At the Gaelic Grounds, Minor Hurling Championship semi-final: Mungret-Crecora or St. Patrick's v. Ballybrown or Patrickswell, 7.45 p.m. Ref., B. Slavin. At Dean Punch Park, Junior Football Kerryman Cup: Claug-haun v. Commercial's, 8 o'clock. Ref., Jack Sheehan.

Sunday, August 21: At the Gaelic Grounds, Under-21 Hurling Championship: Old C.B.S. v. Mungret-Crecora, 7 o'clock. Ref., J. Byrnes.

Trouser suits for nurses?

Should Britain's nurses abandon skirts and take to the more practical trouser suit? Some 50 years ago, when the first London Nursing Exhibition was held, such a suggestion would no doubt have raised eyebrows, questions in the "House" or, even a riot. To-day, the Exhibition, which takes place every year at Seymour Hall, London, is regarded



The Summerville Rovers under 13 side of 1958. Back row: Aidan Corr, Brendan Bradshaw, K. O'Neill, Brian Reddin, B. Ross, Frank Corr. Front row: Jimmy Nolan, Eric Daly, Ger Lowe, M.K. Naughton, Tim Murphy, Ivan Morris.



Summerville Rovers who finished runners-up in the 14 league. Back row: Charlie Elliott, Evan Buckley, Sean McNamara, Tom McDonagh, Martin Sheehan, Con Sheehan, Tony Leddin, Aidan Corr. Front row: John Browne, Pat Casey, Eugene O'Shea, Ger Leahy, Jim McMahon.

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