

Pike Rovers' impressive re-entry to minor football

SOME OFFICIALS OF PIKE ROVERS A.F.C.

PIKE ROVERS have had remarkable success in minor football since its revival in the Club last year, and had a glorious re-entry in the ranks with a fine performance in the Barry League. At present the Club are heading the league, and have had an unbeaten record in all their outings.

Members of this season's of '61-62 are Michael Fitzgibbon, Willie Ryan and Joe Fitzgerald. Last season, after a lapse of 12 years, Pike's team went unbeaten for the Breen Shield in the under-16 League. This side was captained by Willie O'Grady, and others of his team who are now heading with the minors are Eddie O'Grady, Barry Cantrell, Gerry Ryan and Pat Collins.

Tadg Horan, who captains the minors, has been with the club for the past nine and a half years, and vice-captain, Denis O'Sullivan, has about seven years service. Other members of the under-13 team

Members of last year's team

who are active again this season are Joe Sheedy, Leonard Fitzgerald, John Rooney, Michael McCarthy and Jack O'Grady. New players to the club are Pat Kirwan of Wembley Rovers, Donal Fitzgerald of Janeshore United, Ray Mulane of Weston, Cyril Tynan of Hyde, and Timothy Donnelly of Revington.

Four men behind the successful minor team are Eddie O'Donovan, who has schoolboys and youths international caps; Brian O'Brien, a junior inter-provincial cap; Maurice McCarthy, an energetic committee man who has been with Pike since his school days, and Leonard Fitzgerald, a member of last year's minor team. The four are also selectors.

Schoolboy teams

This year, Pike Rovers will field schoolboys teams in the under 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 competitions. They will be in the capable hands of Brian Hanrahan, Gerry Casey, Ger Frawley, Sean Sheehan and Donal Howard. The captains and vice-captains (respectively) for the five teams are -- Under-12, Ray Cronin and Dermot Waters; under-13, Jer. Fahy and Pat Fitzgibbon; under-14, Raymond Lowe and Redmond Roche; under-15, Noel Long and Anthony Murphy; under-16, Gerry Ryan and Johnny O'Driscoll. Sean Sheehan is Secretary.

Playing field

During the off-season, Pike Rovers and Fairview Rangers secured a field, which forms part of the Fairgreen, for playing. Both clubs, by voluntary labour, have provided dressing facilities on the field for all grades of football. The field, in some respects, meets the needs of an ever-growing residential area, which includes such districts as Garryowan, Greenhill, St. Laurence Park, Fairgreen, Ballysimon and Parkes Estate.

Over a hundred schoolboys from Pike Rovers use the field during the playing season, and there will be a big demand for it, too, from Fairview, who are making a comeback in school-boy football.

Officers

Officers and Committee of the progressive Pike Rovers Club are: President, Jack Waters; Hon. Chairman, Brian Hanrahan; Vice-Chairman, Richard Penny; Hon. Secretary, E. O'Donovan; Asst. Hon. Secretary, John Greaney; Hon. Treasurer, Donal Howard, and Asst. Hon. Treasurer, Sean Sheehan. Committee -- R. O'Brien, P. Croke, J. Stockil, M. McCarthy, Willie O'Brien, Michael McMahon.

The selectors for the junior team are Ger Frawley, John Stockil and Willie O'Brien; the team secretary is Paddy Woodland, and M. Bennis is captain.

Dress Dance

On the social side, Pike Rvs. will make history on Friday, December 9, when they will be the first soccer club to hold a dress dance. The function will take place in Cruise's Hotel, with music by the ever-popular orchestra of Bud Clancy, who has given wonderful services to clubs in Limerick City.



Front row—S. Sheehan, D. Penny, Vice-Chairman; B. Hanrahan, Chairman; E. O'Donovan, Hon. Sec.; W. O'Brien. Back row—D. O'Brien, L. Fitzgerald, J. Stockil, P. Croke, M. McCarthy, D. Howard, Hon. Treasurer.

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The under-13 Cup team, 1961/62—Back row—Mr. G. O'Sullivan, Committee; John Moloney, Denis O'Sullivan, Denis Sheehan, Mr. D. Howard, Committee; Michael Enright, Joseph Fitzgerald, Patrick O'Dwyer, Mr. D. O'Dwyer, Committee. Middle row—Mr. W. O'Brien, Committee; Gerard O'Connor, Michael Fitzgibbon, Philip Browne, Capt.; Tadg Horan, Peter McNamara, Mr. M. Ryan, Committee. Front row—William Ryan, Patrick Casey. Denis O'Sullivan, Joseph Fitzgerald, Michael Fitzgibbon, Tadg Horan and William Ryan are members of the present minor team.

THREE SELECTORS



Men behind the success of the minor team—left to right—Eddie O'Donovan, Maurice McCarthy, Leonard Fitzgerald, and (not in picture)—Brian O'Brien. The four are team selectors.

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FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS RUN OVER BY LORRY

HOW a four-years-old boy, Anthony Foley, 32, Roxtown Tce., Limerick, was killed when accidentally run over by a truck on August 4 last was related at an inquest in the County Courthouse this week. The Coroner, Mr. J. G. Lyons, solr., sat with a jury.

Dr. W. E. Bennett, pathologist, Barrington's Hospital, said that he performed a post mortem on the deceased on August 5, and in the coroner's court death was due to

about 4.30 p.m. on August 4 she was walking on the footpath when she saw Mr. Joe Dalton coming out of his shop and getting into his truck. As he