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SOCCER PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK



DISPUTING league leadership with Wembley Rovers are the holders of the title, Hyde Rovers, who, after 10 series of games, are but one point behind their great rivals. With only a few games remaining to be played, the Prospect club are fighting against time in their struggle to dethrone Wembley, but the big showdown is due next week when the clubs clash in what could well be the league decider.

Hyde Rovers had to be satisfied with only one league title last season, whereas the Blues collected four—and, no matter how they fare in other grades, it is Hyde's main ambition to retain the Under-16 League pennant, especially since the majority of their panel of players will be assisting the club in their bid to win the F.A.I. Minor Cup next season.

Hyde still maintain that they were unlucky to lose valuable ground to Wembley when the sides met in the first round of the league. Revenge is sweet, they say, and nothing but a win over Wembley next Friday will satisfy the Reds, whose only

defeat was their lot on each occasion.

Formerly a student at St. John's N.S., Patrick is now attending Sexton St. C.B.S. He plays hurling and football for St. Patrick's in the under 14, 15 and juvenile grades, and is full-back in both codes. He rates Martin McLoughlin (St. Brendan's) as the best player he has yet encountered.

A keen student of Irish music, Patrick plays the accordion and

other reverse this season was the dropping of a point to Dominic Savio.

And the players Hyde will be depending upon to help them get over Wembley are: Back row (left to right)—Denis McGuinness (trainer), Christopher Duggan, Michael Costelloe, Denis Keehan, David Power, Phillip Collins, Michael Lynch (masseur), Pat Sheehan (manager). Front row — Gerard O'Donnell, Matthew O'Donnell, Anthony Wallace, Gerard Caulfield, Jack Ryan and Michael Thompson.

Hyde are also well served as regards reserves and can call upon such established players as Kevin Meehan, Martin Mullane and "Chick" Galvin, all of whom figured in the club's great Evans Cup run last season.

It is worth relating that the present Hyde under-16 team have won trophies in all other grades in past years, and will not bow out of schoolboy soccer without collecting a major award in this age-group.

Captain of the team is David Power, who gave what was perhaps his best-ever display in last year's Evans Cup final. Leading goalscorer is Jack Ryan who, after many years as a half-back, now operates in the forward line. Fourteen-year-old Matt O'Donnell, voted the "most outstanding under-13 player of the year" in 1968, is leader of the attack, and behind him Hyde have two industrious half-backs in Anthony Wallace and Ger O'Donnell.

Keeper Denis Keehan came to his present club via Dominic Savio. Philip Collins is now in his fifth year with the club, as also is full-back Christopher



Brendan Storan, Janesboro.

ENJOYING a successful season in schoolboys soccer with Janesboro' is their 11-year-old goalkeeper Brendan Storan, who has been beaten only three times in his club's five league outings to date.

Now in his second year with the Black-and-Whites, Brendan is following in the footsteps of his brother, Liam, who last week climaxed a seven-year spell with 'Boro' by helping them to win the coveted Munster Minor Cup for the first time.

Although he is better known for his performances as a goalkeeper, Brendan has also worn the No. 8 jersey with distinction on a few occasions, and it was from that position that he scored two vital goals in 'Boro's' success over near challengers St. Augustine's. With 9 points out of a possible 10, the 'Boro' custodian is hopeful that his colleagues will keep up the good work and annex the league title.

"We have already disposed of such strong opponents as Savio, St. Augustine's and Pike and if we can salvage 3 points from our games with top-notchers Hyde Rovers and Wembley there will be no stopping us," he stated.

He has high regard for team manager Tony Murphy and foresees promising futures for such players as Eugene Murphy, Don

Donovan, Tom Kiely and Damien Brazier.

He enjoys his game best when Corbally provide the opposition and he singled out Brendan Barry — Corbally's inside forward — as the most dangerous striker in the 12 grade.

Brendan has shown such promise this year that 'Boro's' under-13 team also claim his services as an inside-forward. He has contributed his part to 'Boro's' respectable league position and is now looking forward to a good cup run with them.

A keen student of the fortunes of Manchester United and their brilliant England forward, Bobby Charlton, Brendan likes to brush up on his knowledge of the game whenever possible and is a frequent visitor to Limerick's home League of Ireland games. Needless to say, his ambition is to play for the Blues.

Brendan's father, William Storan, gave many seasons to Pike Rovers, as did his uncle, Pa Storan, who was prominent in soccer up to a few years ago.

A pupil of Limerick C.B.S., Brendan won a medal for Gaelic football with his class last year. His other hobbies are golf, reading and films.

Brendan is son of Mr. and Mrs. William Storan, 25 Rathbane Road. He has two brothers, Liam and James, and three sisters, Marie, Rita and Patricia.