

Denis Wallace has the honour of being the first Don Bosco player to receive a Limerick Leader and Chronicle Sports Star of the Year Award. Those who have seen him perform over the past few months will certainly agree with our choice. Denis, who lives at 20 Assumpta Park, is rated highly in under-age circles and has returned in some magnificent performances between the posts for the League's newcomers. He claims Leeds Utd. to be his favourite club, and is an ardent admirer of England international, Alan Clarke. Denis (11) predicts a bright future for the Don Bosco club and hopes to play his part in helping them to a major trophy in '73.



### UNDER-12 'C'



**BRENDAN McKEOWN**  
(Caherdavin)

The quiet-spoken Brendan McKeown helped Caherdavin attain a respectable position in the under 12 C League. He is quite a talented performer and was a big hit in only his first season in competitive ranks. Brendan, rated as one of the most wholehearted players in schoolboys soccer, rarely misses a game in which his club is involved. A great trier at all times, the Caherdavin utility player takes his football seriously and is fully deserving of this award. His future progress will be watched with interest, and he could be a target for one of our more successful clubs in the new season.

Christy Coll, with 40 goals to his credit, was probably the highest scorer in under-age football this season. The fast-raiding Ballyclough inside forward tore gaps in some of the best organised defences and helped the South City club to two major prizes. Christy, who lives in Prospect, follows the fortunes of English First Div. club Everton. In three seasons with Ballyclough he has collected Top Four honours in the under-12 and under-13 grades, as well as League medals in both age groups. His aim is to help Ballyclough to further glory—and, of course, to help himself to many more goals. This versatile performer is certainly one to watch.



### UNDER-14



**JOHN WALSH**  
(Wembley Rovers)

Of the many outstanding performers on Wembley Rovers books, John Walsh is the one who shines brightest. The Garryowen youth certainly caught the eye in the under 14 and 15 grades, and must surely follow in the footsteps of another Wembley player, Joe Waters, now with Leicester. Walsh has carved a big reputation for himself on the local scene and seems destined to reach the top. He possesses many fine attributes. John is most consistent, and guided the Blue and Whites to many noteworthy victories this season. I am convinced that we have yet to see the very best from this youngster. Few will argue with me when I say that he is the best prospect in Limerick. Enough said.



**GER DUGGAN**  
(Fairview Rgs.)

A brilliant all-rounder, Gerry is long overdue a sports star of the year award. He first came into prominence with Wembley as an under-12, and in the past five years has maintained a very high standard. At present playing Junior football with Fairview, Gerry was an automatic choice for the under-16 award. The Garryowen youth has turned in some impeccable displays at inside-forward, and it cannot be too long until the shy and unassuming Duggan carves a name for himself. He plays an orthodox type of game, and those who are aware of his true capabilities will agree that he has all the qualities that go into the making of an outstanding striker. Ger is a true sportsman both on and off the field.



**PETER DONNELLY**  
(Mayorstone)

That Mayorstone had a successful season in the 12 and 13 grades was a big way to the efforts of 'keeper, Peter Donnelly. He has a style all his own teamed up with May Clements. Over the last months he has collected 12 'B' League and Top honours. Peter, who lives Coleraine Estate, is an alumnus of Tottenham Hotspur, Jennings, and praised by clubmates Ernie Heron and Gary Hoctor. He has strength and is mobile to make the grade in top soccer.

### UNDER-17



**SHAY KEARNEY**  
(Hyde Rovers)

Croom based Shay Kearney was a leading figure in Hyde Rovers excellent run in the under-17 grade. The ex-Leicester City trialist was also in training with Limerick for a spell and is rated highly at the Markets Field. It speaks well of Kearney that he made the journey from Croom for Hyde's matches and seldom failed to put in an appearance at training. With the proper coaching he could certainly make the grade as a top class netminder. He is fearless and never shirks his many responsibilities. Shay, a fine sportsman, is always first to congratulate the opposing side when Hyde are beaten. He also had a spell with Janesboro.



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