

FINALS AT THE GAELIC GROUNDS

Despite the lateness of the season, there is much activity on the G.A.A. front this week-end. On tomorrow (Sunday) a very attractive double county cup final attraction is scheduled for the Gaelic Grounds. Both are deciders of the 1966 competitions with St. Patrick's facing Askeaton in the football game and Claughaun and Ahane clashing in hurling.

The big ball game will be a repeat of the county championship semi-final when St. Patrick's created a big shock by eliminating fancied Askeaton, 1-7 to 0-7. Unfortunately "Saints" failed to maintain their form and were eventually beaten by Claughaun in the final. They have, however, the nucleus of a good side with Brendan Crossie, Wally Moloney, John Frost, Michael Collopy, Noel Phelan, John McDonogh, Pat Doherty and Vivian Cobbe their shining lights. Askeaton will be very keen to compensate for their championship failure and with such stalwarts as Liam O'Shaughnessy, Donie Nestor, Basil Fitzgibbon, Tony Fitzerald, Thomas Sheahan and Mickey Ranahan on their panel, will be a tough side to beat.

Both Claughaun and Ahane could be termed the big failures of this year's senior hurling championship, both being eliminated by South Liberties. Claughaun seemed to have struck an "off day" on that occasion, but their defeat by Patrickswell in the Duggan Cup final last Sunday showed that they are on over rated side. Ahane will be fit from their football activity in the East, but even allowing for this will hardly be able to match Claughaun.

MONALEEN v. CROOM

Monaleen will be making their seventh attempt to win county junior football honours when they line out against Croom in the semi-final at Bruff. They were impressive when winning the city title and in the intervening period have kept in trim by playing several challenge games. They have good footballers in Tony McMahon, Denis Foley, Basil Cosgrave, Mick Fitzpatrick, J. J. Lyaught, Noel Moynihan and Eddie Frank and must set the vote to advance to meet the winners of the Glin v. Ahane tie.

UNDER-21 REPLAY

Old Christians will be missing the services of full-forward Neilus O'Neill, who injured his collar-bone last Sunday, when they line-out against Ballylanders in the replay of the county under-21 football semi-final at Kilmallock, 2.30, tomorrow. The game last week was hard and exciting with both sides squandering numerous scoring chances. If the replay provides the same fare it should be worth seeing. A bus for the game leaves Sexton Street C.B.S. at 12.45 (sharp).