

Old Christians

Our under 14 hurlers re-gained the coveted Tayto Cup by defeating a gallant Patrickswell fifteen in the under 14 hurling League final played at the Gaelic Grounds last Saturday.

Old Christians dominated most of the game but the opposition never ceased trying, thus keeping interest alive to the final whistle. For the most part, the game was open, entertaining, with fine bouts of hurling from both sides.

On many occasions Patrickswell threatened danger, but their approach work was curtailed by the close marking by our well drilled defence, in which Kevin Comerford at half-back, Gerard Craughan, Billy Naughton and Finbarr Brougham at centre-back starred.

Much of the credit for this success must go to Finbarr Brougham at centre-back, whose striking, catching and lengthy clearances were invaluable assets. Liam Tuohy at centre-field had his best game in the Old Christians colours to date, and with his partner, Nesson O'Connor, dominated the mid-field area.

In attack, Michael Stokes was the real hero with well-taken scores, always a menace to the Patrickswell defence. Patrick Hanrahan, Sean O'Grady (captain), Gerry Brosnihan, C. Daly also left a clear imprint on the victory by exhibiting the weaknesses of the opposing defence.

The Old Christians team lined out as follows: Michael Quinlivan, Gerald Craughan, Kevin Comerford, Declan Brougham, Billy Naughton, Finbarr Brougham, Patrick Quinlan, Liam Tuohy, Nesson O'Connor, Michael Hanley, Michael Stokes, Patrick Hanrahan, Charles Daly, Gerard Brosnihan, Sean O'Grady (captain).

Subs.: Kieran Canty, Matthew Kelly, Brendan Skelly, Patrick O'Callaghan.

After the game Mr. J. McInerney presented the Tayto Cup to the captain of the Old Christians team, Sean O'Grady.

For the record the 1966 winning Tayto Cup team read as follows: J. Lynch, P. Ryan, D. Greaney, A. Ford, D. Ryan, L. Storan, J. Waters, L. Hurley, M. Griffin, J. Waters, G. Cantwell, J. Daly, P. Tobin, S. O'Donnell, H. Scialcia.

That year the Old Christians team defeated Treaty in the Tayto Cup final played at the Gaelic Grounds on Thursday, 15th of July, 1966.