

## Old Christians

Last Monday night, at Saint Patrick's Field, Treaty Harolds defeated our U13 football team in the semi-final of the league. This was a good and evenly contested game, with Treaty leading winning by four points. A most discouraging feature of this fixture was the condition of the playing surface. Anybody who witnessed this match must have wondered how those young lads were able to play Gaelic football under these atrocious conditions at all. Another notable feature was the lack of dressingroom facilities, and the lighting of the field.

So I maintain that if Gaelic games are to be fostered in this city and county, the clubs that stage important under age fixtures such as the one above, should have their respective fields in perfect condition. It is about high time that many inter-county players and matured senior officials in the city and county woke up and gave some of their time to their respective under age members. For too long a high proportion of senior members are only in the Association for the glory they can get out of it; and this applies to officials as well.

Our best players went: Kevin Comerford at full back; Declan Broughnan, at left half back; G. Craughan, at centre back; Liam Tuohy, capt; and Sean O'Grady, at midfield; Pat O'Donoghue, at left half forward; and Tommy Shaughnessy at right half back.

The Old Christians line-out was: P. Hanlon, P. O'Callaghan, K. Comerford, P. Quinn, B. Naughton, G. Craughan, D. Broughnan, L. Tuohy (capt.), J. O'Grady, T. Shaughnessy, M. Stokes, P. O'Donoghue, C. Daly, D. O'Callaghan, M. Quinnlan.

The final score was: Treaty Harolds, 1-1; Old Christians, nil.

Our under 14 hurlers will be hoping for better luck when they meet St. Patrick's in the "Turo Cup" semi-final. There is no doubt that St. Patrick's always provide our under age teams with stiff opposition, and this fixture is no exception.

The under 14 hurling team is captained by Sean O'Grady, who resides at 18 Bowman Street. The under 15 hurling panel have great confidence in Sean as their captain, and the enthusiasm and drive that Sean possesses will be watched with great interest in this competition.

Other prominent players on the under 14 team are: Eibhear Broughnan, Liam Tuohy, Gerald Craughan, Neenan O'Donnor, Gerard Brownham, Michael Stokes, Pat Quinn, Kevin Crawford, Charles Daly, Declan Broughnan and Michael Quinnlan.

This under 14 hurling league semi-final took place last night, Friday, August 14, at the Gaelic Grounds, and an account of the match will appear in next Saturday's edition.

The juvenile hurling championship final between Treaty Harolds and Old Christians takes place at the Gaelic Grounds on Monday night next, August 17. In winning the city feeder cup, the first time in the four years, the under 16 victors have been very encouraging.

On the path to the final, our under 16 hurlers had a good win over Claugham in the first round. St. Patrick's provided the opposition in the second round, which went to a replay, which we won by a narrow margin. In the semi-finals we were victors over Young Ireland, and thus qualified for the final.

The under 16 hurling team is captained by dual player Eugene Tuohy, who resides at Fairview Cottages, Muirgrave St. Although a regular on the Old Christians under-age team in the back line for a number of years Eugene has found a new lease of life in the forward line in which he demonstrated against St. Patrick's in the juvenile championship.

Other prominent members on our under 16 hurling team are: James Burke, Michael Corbett, Paul McCaughan, Joe Daly, Michael Lacey, Sean Hanlon, Dermot Tuohy, Gerry Quinnavee and Eibhear Broughnan.

The under 16 panel are requested to attend at the Gaelic Grounds on Monday, 17th, at 7 p.m.

The other fixture for the coming week is the St. McManus Cup under 15 hurling league semi-final in which Patrick's will provide the opposition on Friday night next, 21st of August, at the CBS Field.

The next Board meeting takes place on Tuesday, 18th of August, at 6 p.m. Members of the respective age group teams are requested to attend.