

Kieran Canty leads Old Christians to victory

—6th title success in 1973

Old Christians 6-4
Patrickswell 0-1

Old Christians defeated Patrickswell in the under 15 hurling final in St. Patrick's Field on Saturday evening last. It was another personal triumph for their captain, Kieran Canty, who now holds the unique distinction of leading Old Christians to success for three successive seasons. The highlight of his very distinguished performance was perhaps the moment he accepted the All-Ireland under 14 Cup from Dr. Morris after the Feile na nGael final in Thurles in 1972. He retains the Cup himself for good.

His latest success was just as spectacular as the other five that preceded it. He played more than a captain's part on this occasion and he emerged as their top scorer once again as he did on many occasions before with a personal tally of 2-1.

It looked as if Old Christians played against the wind in the first half. It was rather difficult to judge as to what direction the wind was actually blowing in, as it changed on numerous occasions throughout the game. The underfoot conditions were extremely soft after almost 12 hours of continuous rain and naturally the players found it rather difficult to accustom themselves to the heavy conditions.

Old Christians were ahead at half-time on the scoreline of Old Christians 1-1, Patrickswell nil. The marking was very close and scores were hard to come by. Old Christians could have been further in front had they availed of all their scoring chances but this they failed to do.

Both sides strove for supremacy right from the start of the second half but they failed to score during the first eight minutes of play. Tommy Kennedy opened the scoring with a great goal from close on 14 yards range for Old Christians. He gave the goalkeeper no chance with his rocket like shot.

Seconds later P. Fogarty put Old Christians further in front with another goal. Half way through the second half Kieran Canty scored his second goal from close on 50 yards range. It went all the way into the corner of the net. Two minutes later he scored a magnificent point from 60 yards range on the far sideline.

The game was as good as over at this particular stage as far as the Well were concerned. K. Darcy scored the Well's only point ten minutes from time. Ger Hartigan scored a further two goals for Old Christians to put their victory beyond doubt. John Lillis and Robert Browne closed Old Christians scoring account by scoring three points between them.

As stated above Kieran Canty was Old Christians chief architect in this victory but there were others too who stole a fair slice of the limelight. Christy Flynn played a tremendous game at centreback. It was his best club display so far. Brendan Storan also enhanced his reputation as a full back displaying excellent ball control.

Up front Tommy Kennedy was their most dangerous forward. He was one of the most improved players on view. Ger Hartigan, on the top of the left, proved more than a handful for one of the best Well backs and he scored two goals.

Others who played well were: Stephen Hayes, Francis Brosnahan, Anthony Mullins and John Lillis.

Scorers for Old Christians were—K. Canty 2-1, G. Hartigan 2-0, T. Kennedy and P. Fogarty 1-0 each, J. Lillis 0-2, R. Browne 0-1.

Old Christians line-out — J. Canty, M. Manning, B. Storan, A. Mullins, S. Hayes, C. Flynn, F. Brosnahan, K. Canty, R. Browne, D. O'Connor, M. Costello, J. Lillis, G. Hartigan, P. Fogarty, T. Kennedy.

Subs: H. O'Neill, R. Dwyer, Fitzgerald, R. Fitzgerald.

Old Christians defeated Corbally in the third round of the u/15 football league in the Munchin's College on Sunday morning last. An exaggeration to say that Corbally were more than outplayed as regards victory as they had a very successful run in the under 15 football league in 1972. Old Christians played against the wind in the first half Corbally went on the attack from the start and they opened their scoring account after ten minutes of play with a very well taken point. Old Christians were not upset and they gradually settled down and took over.

Old Christians' scorers made a number of important scores that paid dividends as the game wore on and they were ahead at half-time on the score line of Old Christians 2-1, Corbally 0-1.

Corbally were again first to score in the second half when they scored a point from 20 yards range. It turned out to be their final score of the game. Old Christians added on a further 1-1 to their first half total to put their ultimate victory beyond doubt.

Tommy Kennedy emerged as one of their top stars with his other great display. Not far behind him in excellence were C. Canty, B. Storan, H. O'Neill and F. Sargent.

Others who played well were: J. Kavanagh, D. Fitzgerald, A. Mullins and D. O'Neill.

Scorers for Old Christians were: B. Storan, T. Kennedy and H. O'Neill 1-0 each, K. Canty and J. Lillis 0-1 each.

Old Christians line-out: A. Collins, F. Sargent, J. Kavanagh, R. Fitzgerald, A. Mullins, B. Fogarty, M. Costello, K. Canty, R. Browne, H. O'Neill, J. Lillis, T. Kennedy, D. O'Neill, B. Storan, D. Fitzgerald.

Substitute: M. Foley.

J. J. KENNELLY (17)

On Monday evening last Mr. J. J. Kennelly presented the under 14 County Football Cup to Hugh O'Neill, captain of Old Christians' under 14 county football champions. Mr. J. J. Kennelly donated both the hurling and football cups to the Bord na nOg. The County club wish to thank him for his kind gesture.

HARTY CUP SCHOOL TEAM

Old Christians Club wish to congratulate twelve of its club members who are on the Harty Cup panel. They are as follows: B. Neumann (goalkeeper), M. Cuthbert (sweeper), F. Broughan (centre-back and capt.), G. Brogan (centre-field), D. Brogan (centre-field), P. Hartigan (centre-forward), K. Canty (left half-forward), B. Sargent (corner-forward), R. Brown, G. Foley, J. Lillis and J. Galhannan.

C.B.S., Sexton Street played against De La Salle, Woodford, in the first round of the Harty Cup competition on Saturday in Cashel.

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