

MINOR HURLING:

Old Christians outclass Claughaun

—P. J. Quinlan and J. Lillis excel

Old Christians 5-3
Claughaun 1-4

Our confidence was perhaps the keynote to Claughaun's downfall in this very exciting minor hurling semi-final played in Rathbane on Tuesday evening last. Claughaun were pre-match favourites as they had two county minors on show, both of whom failed to make any worthwhile impact on the game as they were outclassed and outwitted by P. J. Quinlan and G. Brosnahan of Old Christians.

Old Christians played against a rather strong wind in the first half, but they were first to settle down and they were also first to score. They ended up with a first half total of 3-1. Claughaun scored a point after nine minutes of play and it turned out to be their only first half score.

Old Christians began the second half on a confident note as they were three goals ahead and they also had the aid of a strong wind as well. They registered two early goals, one scored by P. Fogarty and K. Canty scored the other. From then on the match was as good as over as Claughaun's challenge failed to materialise, consequently, Old Christians added on further scores to put their ultimate victory beyond doubt.

J. Lillis had one of his best games in goal for Old Christians to date and he made a number of brilliant saves throughout the game.

The backline, led by P. J. Quinlan (one of the most effective half-backs in the game), G. Brosnahan (now known as the "Tony Wall" of the side), G. Craughan (who had one of his best games to date for Old Christians), played extremely well. M. Corbett and P. McGuigan also enhanced their reputations with excellent displays. As a result, Claughaun never succeeded in breaking through Old Christians' defence.

The half-forward line, led by S. O'Grady, P. Hanrahan and D. Brougham, were in sparkling form, and they split open Claughaun's defence on numerous occasions. Kieran Canty once again emerged as the star forward of the evening, and he must now be reckoned as one of the greatest opportunists in the game. He is also captain of Old Christians under 15 hurling team, and he will still be eligible to play minor hurling in 1976!

G. Foley and P. O'Reilly also played well. P. Fogarty played extremely well when he



F. Brosnahan, Old Christian's, has played exceptionally well in both hurling and football this season. He is captain of Old Christian's Féile na nGael team. They are due to play Waterford in the first round.

came on as substitute in the second half. He scored a goal within a minute of his entry into the game.

Basically it was a team effort, with every player playing his part. Their dedication to training over the past few weeks paid dividends on this occasion. It was a very encouraging display all-round. A number of these players would be a definite asset to the county minor team, but perhaps they may be overcrowded with talent already!

Scorers for Old Christians were: K. Canty, 3-0; P. Fogarty, 1-1; P. O'Reilly, 1-0; G. Foley, 0-1.

Old Christians line-out—J. Lillis, G. Craughan, M. Corbett, P. McGuigan, K. Commerford, G. Brosnahan, P. J. Quinlan, M. Kelly, F. Brougham, S. O'Grady, P. Hanrahan, D. Brougham, K. Canty, P. O'Reilly, G. Foley. Substitutes: B. Naughton, P. Fogarty, K. Reale.

Old Christians 9-3
St. Brendan's 0-0

Old Christians defeated St. Brendan's in the under 14 football semi-final in Rathbane on Friday evening last. It was a very one-sided affair, as the scoreboard suggests.

Old Christians were never really extended by a young St. Brendan's fifteen. They scored four goals, within the first eight minutes of play. From then on the game was as good as over as Old Christians scored at will.

F. Brosnahan, R. Benson, D. Fitzgerald, N. O'Donovan, played best for Old Christians. Others who played well were E. O'Doherty, H. O'Neill, D. McNamara and M. Boland.

Scorers for Old Christians were: D. Fitzgerald, 3-0; E. O'Doherty, 2-0; F. Brosnahan, 1-1; H. O'Neill, M. Foley and D. McNamara, 1-0 each; R. Fitzgerald and M. Boland, 0-1 each.

Old Christians line-out—P. Ryan, P. O'Shea, N. O'Donovan, D. McNamara, M. Boland, F. Brosnahan, D. Fitzgerald, R. Benson, G. Griffin, P. Shinnors, H. O'Neill, E. Fitzgerald, M. Foley, A. Rainbow, E. O'Doherty. Substitutes: T. Bowen, J. Canty, M. Kelly,



J. Canty, Old Christian's, played extremely well in goal against Monaleen in the Gaelic Grounds recently. He is a younger brother of Kieran Canty. He will play in goal for Old Christian's Féile na nGael team later this month.