

County Championship Old Christians

— 1972 Feile champions

Old Christians, 1972 Division 1 Feile champions, wrote yet another glorious chapter into their history by defeating Adare in the under 16 hurling county final in Bruff on Wednesday evening last. In doing so they collected the second county championship title for the club as their under 14 hurling team were equally successful some weeks ago against the same opposition.

Both sides produced an excellent game of hurling, notwithstanding the poor weather conditions. Surprisingly enough, the field was in good condition after almost continuous rain for most of the day.

Adare won the toss, and they decided to play with the aid of a very strong wind. They did most of the attacking in the first quarter of the game, but thanks to the excellent display by the Old Christians backline, even their best efforts were brushed aside. After sixteen minutes of play Adare raised their first green flag and they added a point seconds later.

K. Canty set Old Christians on the road to victory with a great goal two minutes later. His rocket-like shot from 35 yards range sent the raindrops scurrying to the ground as it hit the back of the net. Just before half-time Adare added on a further point to bring their first half total to 1-2 as against 1-0 for Old Christians.

Old Christians gave their supporters plenty to shout about seconds after the second half resumed, when T. Kennedy pulled first time on an overhead ball, and he sent it all the way to the net. Five minutes later he did likewise, when he scored another great goal. Ten minutes from time K. Canty scored his second goal of the match.

Adare reduced Old Christians lead two minutes later when they scored a great goal. J. Lillis (who switched from his goal-keeping position to full-forward in the second half), M. Costello and P. Fogarty also added on further scores during the course of the second half to put their victory beyond doubt.

Surely the "star of the game award" must go to R. Browne, whose display at centre-field was a revelation over the entire game. T. Kennedy's display at corner-forward must be rated at his best with the club, as both goals that he scored were absolute gems.

K. Canty, their captain, played up to his usual high standard, scoring 2-1 while playing at centre-field, is certainly a feat rarely achieved at any level. P. Fogarty, playing at right-half for the first time in his hurling career, had the game of his life, and he laid the foundation for many of the scores which his team-mates registered.

C. Flynn played a major role in Old Christians victory with a tremendous display at centre-back. He eluded various opponents that tried to curb his amazing ability to clear his lines.

B. Storan was equally successful at full-back. J. Canty, who took over in goal at half-time had an excellent game and he could not be faulted for the two goals that passed him.

J. Cavanagh, M. Manning, M. Sullivan (their terrier-like half-back), F. Brosnahan, M. Costello (centre-forward), E. Mur-

phy, H. O'Neill and G. Hartigan also played with distinction over the hour.

Finally we must thank the team mentors, parents, supporters and especially the ladies who supported us through our long and arduous campaign.

Scorers for Old Christians were: K. Canty and T. Kennedy, 2-1 each; J. Lillis, P. Fogarty and M. Costello, 0-1 each.

Old Christians line-out — J. Lillis, J. Cavanagh, B. Storan, M. Manning, M. O'Sullivan, C. Flynn, F. Brosnahan, K. Canty, R. Browne, P. Fogarty, M. Costello, E. Murphy, H. O'Neill, G. Hartigan, T. Kennedy. Subs.: J. Canty for G. Hartigan; N. Buckley, R. Fitzgerald, S. Bedford, J. Sargent, E. Lynch, S. Daly, A. Barrett, J. Doyle, J. Davern.

KIERAN CANTY

A special word of praise is due to K. Canty. He not alone fulfilled his role as captain with absolute distinction, but he also trained the team on occasions during the past few weeks when the club officials were engaged with the younger age groups involved in other vital matches.

The club wishes to thank the Fogarty family for the tremendous reception they gave to the team when they arrived back in town.

FIXTURE

S.H. county quarter-final—Old Christians v. Kilmallock, in Bruff, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 15th of September. All players are requested to assemble at C.B.S., Sexton Street, at 1.45 p.m. sharp.

LATE NEWS

Under 13 H. League—Old Christians, 5-5; Treaty Sarsfields, 2-1.

Under 15 H. League—Old Christians, 1-5; Treaty Sarsfields, 2-0.