

Old Christians Fancied

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Old Christians and St. Patrick's, clubs who are noted for their interest and achievements in under-age competitions, clash in the 1967 Juvenile hurling final at the Gaelic Grounds on Monday evening next (7.30). These two sides are worthy finalists, and should provide some exciting hurling in what promises to be a rip-roaring decider.

C.B.S., who have a wealth of talent at their disposal, must start slight favourites, but they will certainly have to improve on the form they showed against Young Ireland some weeks ago, if they are to collect the title. St. Patrick's played some attractive hurling when I saw them in action against Patrickswell in the semi-final, and it is not beyond them to bring about a surprise result on this occasion. Lack of match practice could, however, prove to be their downfall. The majority of the C.B.S. boys have been active in recent months and will not be found wanting in fitness and stamina. They expect to have Dr. Harty hurler, Liam Moynihan, at centre field, and with other promising players in Gay Jones, Noel Fitzgibbon, Tony O'Connell, Jos McCarthy, Dave Greaney and Mick Halpin also ticked off for duty, they will be a difficult side to overcome. They disappointed when beating Young Ireland, but showed marked improvement when accounting for a strong Treaty Sarsfields side in the semi-final.

St. Patrick's, despite a shortage of match practice, are confident that they will emerge victorious. They played exceptionally well in the semi-final game with Patrickswell, and such players as Mick O'Halloran and Mick Keyes could help them to rise to even greater heights on Monday. If they can repeat their semi-final form then they must stand a fifty-fifty chance of success, but knowing the C.B.S. great staying power I will be surprised if they fail to annex the trophy.

— J. O'S.