

Tristar D. & D. Youth Team of Year

Tristar's summer season ended on a high note at the D. & D. F.A. Youth Council's annual presentation of awards when the club was awarded the Team of the Year trophy. This accolade was a tribute to Tristar's strength in depth. In every age group the club was in the hunt for honours and they provided all-Tristar finals in the deciders of both the under-13 and under-15 League Cups.

All told, the club had a fine year in D. & D. competitions. The following is a list of their successes — under-13 Milanda Trophy winners and runners-up; under-13 Bap McKinney Cup; under-13 Hugh McLaughlin Trophy; under-15 League Cup winners and runners-up; under-15 Lynch Cup; under-17 Milanda Trophy runners-up; under-17 runners-up in "Derry Journal" Cup.

At the presentation star striker John Fleming shared the award for under-13 Player of the Year with Damien Curran, of Athletic.

Last week-end the club was the winners of another trophy when the under-13 side defeated Pennyburn in the final of the Shantallow-Ballyarnett Cup at Belmont.

In the under-15 cup at Belmont the club have already one team in the final. In the other semi-final, to be played this week, Tristar Brooklyn will meet Derry Rovers.

D. & D. UNDER-15 LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Tristar 2, Bligh's Celtic 1 — This was a hard-fought

game full of good football from both teams. Both sides missed several chances in the first half. Celtic took the lead just before half-time when Eamon Moore forced the ball over the line in a goal-mouth scramble. With the slope to their advantage in the second half Tristar began to get on top. Owen Boyle equalised and within a minute Tristar were in front, Dessie O'Donnell scoring with a lovely chip shot from twenty yards. Celtic tried hard but never looked like getting back into the game. Tristar's stars were Jim Roddy, John O'Connell and Gerry Kelly (who deputised in goal for the injured Michael Bradley).

BELMONT UNDER-13

FINAL

Tristar 5, Pennyburn Y.C. 1 — Both teams deserve every credit for making this a game full of entertaining football despite the wet and windy conditions. Tristar had most of the play in the first half and ten minutes from half-time George Lafferty put them ahead with a well-taken goal. Charlie Meehan, George Lafferty and Colm McAnaney had further goals for Tristar in the second half and then Lafferty rounded off the scoring with the goal of the match. He picked up the ball at the half-way line and beat five players before stroking the ball past the keeper to complete his hat-trick. In the closing minutes Pennyburn got a deserved consolation goal.

Tristar's best players were George Lafferty, Colm McAnaney and

Brendan Morrison. The Tristar team was: A. Donnell; B. Morrison, C. Herron; P. Taggart (capt.), P. Murray, P. Moran; D. Stewart, C. McAnaney, G. Lafferty, J. McGowan, C. Meehan.

D. & D. LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Tristar 3, Tristar Colts 2 (after extra time) — This D. & D. League Cup final was a clash between the rugged all-round team work of the A side and the individual skills of the much younger Colts. The Colts attacked from the whistle and in the opening minutes they struck the woodwork twice. The A side came back strongly and began to find their rhythm. The Colts, however, still created chances and five minutes from half-time John Fleming gave them the lead. The score stood at 1-0 until midway through the second half when two quick goals from Loughlin Morris gave the A team a lead they scarcely deserved. The Colts attacked in search of an equaliser and with only minutes to go John Fleming levelled the scores. In the first period of extra time Owen Boyle rose high above the Colts' defenders to head to the back of the net what proved to be the winning goal.

This was a very good performance from the Colts, with every player going flat out. Those who deserve a special mention are Rory O'Boyle, Gary Matthewson and John Fleming. The A side never settled down and but for good displays by Gerry Kelly and Loughlin Morris they might well have finished up losers.

The teams were —

Tristar A — M. Bradley, J. O'Connell, C. Cassidy, D. Sharkey, J. Roddy, O. Boyle, D. Doherty, C. Mullan, L. Morris, P. Rogan, D. O'Donnell, T. McKeever, L. O'Reilly, G. Kelly.

Tristar Colts — G. Matthewson, D. Coyle, S. Morris, C. McKeever, R. O'Boyle (capt.), J. McClin tock, G. Drummond, J. Parlour, I. Parkhill, T. Morrison, J. Fleming, R. McFarland, D. McCorrison.

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LYNCH CUP FINAL

Tristar 2, Oxford United

1 — The first half of this Lynch Cup final was a dull affair, with both teams cancelling each other out in midfield. The game opened up in the second half after Michael Sharkey had put Tristar ahead. Oxford equalised when their centre-forward was left unmarked from a corner-kick. In the dying seconds Loughlin Morris scored the winner for Tristar, with a neatly placed header.

Tristar's man of the match was Thomas McDaid, who was well supported by Jim Roddy and John McCool. The Tristar team was — N. Coyle, T. McDaid, J. Deeney, S. Campbell, O. Boyle, B. McKeever (capt.), J. Duffy, M. Sharkey, J. Roddy, L. Morris, J. McCool, P. Taggart, J. Doherty.

FOOTBALL MARATHON

This weekend the Tristar club have organised a 10-hour marathon at Bull Park. The teams, which will be finalised today, will consist of seven players and the marathon will last from 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Any money raised will go to the funds for the club's annual presentation.

TRAINING

The club training sessions have resumed and most of the players in the 13-17 age group will be starting serious training in the next few weeks. At the moment the sessions are operating from Rosemount school on Wednesday nights. All players are asked to report at 6.50 p.m. with their training gear. In a few weeks it is hoped to introduce a second night at a different venue.

FRIENDLIES

In response to an appeal in the "Journal" a few weeks back the club have been offered friendly games from various clubs including Park, Co. Derry, Strabane and Letterkenny, as well as several local clubs. The club are particularly interested in games in the under-13 bracket as manager Jon Clifford is working hard to get the team ready for next season's competitions.

NEW PLAYERS

In the past few weeks Tristar have signed a number of new players and in the coming friendly games they will be given a

chance to prove themselves. Already four new players have been tried out in the under-13 panel and all have played well in their first games. Patrick Francis and Martin Bradley are two promising forwards and Kevin McKeever and Martin Callaghan are good additions to the defence. Any other young player who wishes to join the club should contact any member or come along to one of the practice sessions on Wednesday nights.

TOP STAR

This month's top star is 13-years-old Garry Matthewson, who is rated by many to be a goalkeeper with a bright future. Tall and strong, Garry has the ideal build for a goalkeeper. He handles the ball confidently and is very agile. His record speaks for itself. During the entire season he conceded only three goals, one of which was a penalty.