



### **1976-1977**

01/08/1976	St. Columba's	3 1	Dunkineely Celtic
08/08/1976	Ballybofey United	1 0	St. Columba's
15/08/1976	St. Columba's	1 5	Glenree
22/08/1976	Castle Rovers	3 4	St. Columba's
29/08/1976	St. Columba's	5 1	Gweedore Guilds
05/09/1976	Castlefinn	8 4	St. Columba's
19/09/1976	Cooladerry	1 1	St. Columbas
26/09/1976	St. Columba's	3 1	Lennon United
03/10/1976	St. Columba's	3 6	Cranford United
10/10/1976	Letterbarrow	0 5	St. Columbas
17/10/1976	St. Columba's	4 1	Dunfanaghy
07/11/1976	Dunkineely	2 1	St. Columbas
28/11/1976	St. Columba's	4 2	Ballybofey
12/12/1976	St. Columba's	0 2	Castle Rovers
19/12/1976	St. Columba's	4 6	Gweedore Guilds
09/01/1977	St. Columba's	2 5	Castlefin Celtic
16/01/1977	Killea	0 5	St. Columbas
23/01/1977	St. Columba's	1 2	Glenree
30/01/1977	St. Columba's	4 1	Cooladerry
06/02/1977	Lennon United	6 3	St. Columbas
13/02/1977	Cranford	5 1	St. Columbas
03/04/1977	St. Columba's	3 1	Abbeyvale

01/08/1976

## *Slamming Saints sink Dunkineely*

St. Columba's ..... 3  
Dunkineely ..... 1

St. Columba's hopes of a good season ahead got off to a very good start when they defeated a very strong Dunkineely side at Drumoghill. The Saints were in a tough, determined mood and when Team Manager, Seamus Neely scored from the penalty spot twenty-five minutes into the game they were on their way. Substitute Gabriel Gillen added two goals in the second half. Tom McShane was the Dunkineely marksman.

Referee Pat Crampsie was in fine form in his refereeing debut booking Saints' player Danny Quinn and Denis McCalig of Dunkineely.

08/08/1976

## Saints sank at Ballybofey

The only goal of the match was sufficient to earn the two points for Ballybofey Utd. in their Donegal Div. Times League fixture with St. Columba's at Funn View Park, Ballybofey, on Sunday. It was scored by Brian Doherty, who ran on to a long through ball after 15 minutes. Ballybofey missed a multitude of chances after that, particularly in the second half, where off-target or weak shooting kept them sweating as to the final outcome.

Just before the end Michael Kelly failed to get a boot to a cross and thus lost a point for St. Columba's.

Ballybofey Utd.: Patsy Patton, Pat Hamilton, Philip McCafferty, Benny Patton, Gerald McCafferty, Tony McArdle, Seamus Lafferty, Michael Doherty, Brian Doherty, P. J. McArdle, Harry Laverity. Sub. — Seamus Lynch for P. J. McArdle (injured).

St. Columba's: Eustace McGinty, Seamus Neely, Danny Quinn, Hugh Quinn, John Quinn, Keith Shotton, Sean Dolan, Dease Kelly, Martin Ryan, Michael Kelly, Gabriel Gillen.

Referee — Pat Crampsey (Letterkenny).

**15/08/1976**

## **McClafferty**

**stars for**

**Glenree**

**ST. COLUMBA'S 1  
GLENREE 6**

The introduction of county G.A.A. star, Hugh McClafferty, to the centre forward role proved to be the main feature of this game from a Glenree viewpoint. The Oreslough-based outfit have had problems in this sector for some time since the defection of several key players to other clubs; but the introduction of McClafferty saw things come right again. He was instrumental in setting up many of Glenree's fine moves and after some recent setbacks, his introduction certainly proved a bounty for Glenree.

Glenree's scorers were: John McLaughlin (2), Hugh McClafferty, Michael Herrity and John McBride.

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**22/08/1976**

## **Castle "jinxed" again**

**CASTLE ROVERS 3  
ST. COLUMBA'S 4**

Castle Rovers must wonder what they have to do to beat near neighbours and old rivals St. Columba's. It would appear that the Saints have some jinx over their Newbowncunningham neighbours and even though they may not beat too many other teams they always seem to manage a victory over Castle.

This must have been a strange game for Castle; they were losing by four goals to nil at half-time. The Saints' goals came from Seamus Neely (2), Dolan and Eble's. Castle's goals, all of which came in the second half, were scored by Michael Morrison (2) and P. Martin.

**05/09/1976**

## **Castlefin top Columba's in 12-goal game**

Castlefinn ..... 8  
St. Columba's ..... 4

Goals! There were plenty of them at Castlefinn — a round dozen, and the home side were happy to take two-thirds. It was a lively affair and tremendously well contested all through the first half, which Castlefinn led 5-4 at the break.

They held together better the second half and took a firm grip on the game which continued to produce splendid football, but the excitement of the opening half had gone.

Top-scoring McGee got five of his winners' goals—he has rattled in a remarkable sixteen goals in a fortnight.

Joe Boland held two and S. McLaughlin the other.

St. Columba's scorers were Gabriel G.I.C., H. Tonier, player-manager S. Neely and K. Eblea.

They will defend score less and win.



**19/09/1976**

## **PENALTY MISS IN DRAWN TIE**

**COOLADERRY 1;  
ST. COLUMBAS 1**

St. Columbas got into their stride early and in the 4th minute a cross from winger Keith Shells was finished to the net by D. Quinn. That's how it remained until midway through the second half when the strong F. McAteer got through for the equaliser. Miss of the match was a penalty by J. Quinn.

Columbas were affected by the absence through injury of player-manager Neely.

**26/09/1976**

## **ANOTHER VICTORY FOR ST. COLUMBA'S**

**ST. COLUMBA'S 3;  
LENNON UNITED 1**

After an indifferent start to the season, Drumoghilla side, St. Columba's, seem to be finding their feet and following this victory over a strangely listless Lennon team they now have three very good wins to their credit. For the game the Saints had only ten men after Joe Porter had got his marching orders, but they still proved too able for their Lennonside opponents.

Scorers for St. Columba's were Hugo Toner, Keith Shie's, and Jim Quinn. The Lennon goal came from an o.g. by the Saints' keeper, Brendan McGinty.

10/10/1976

## ST. COLUMBA'S PULL THROUGH

Letterbarrow 0  
St. Columba's 5

The fast improving proved their mettle once again with this highly efficient win over lowly Letterbarrow.

The Saints played the game in their usual determined manner, and the men from the South had no answer in the face of such resolute ness.

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**07/11/1976**

**Dunkineely Celtic 2**  
**St. Columbas 1**

A superb solo display by the diminutive Rory McNelis spared the blushes of Dunkineely Celtic in this game when they were forced to field with no less than seven of their first team absent. The lion-hearted McNelis switched from his normal wing position, and in his new position at mid-field he gave an outstanding exhibition of creative football which inspired his apprehensive team-mates.

Dunkineely scored both their goals early in the second half. McNelis scored the first from the penalty spot, and Michael Rose added the second. John Porter was the Saint's marksman.

Best for Dunkineely were "Man of the Match," Rory McNelis, Michael Rose, John Quigley and Frank Morrow.

Best for St. Columba's were Brendan McGinty, Seamus Neely, J. Porter, D. Kelly and Keith Shiels.

Dunkineely Celtic: E. Gillespie, W. Mackay, D. McBrearty, D. McCallig, P. Dorrian, E. McNem, M. Rose, W. Byrne, J. Quigley, F. Morrow, R. McNelis. Subs.—G. McMenamin, S. Blain.

St. Columba's: B. McGinty, M. Margay, D. Quinn, S. McGinty, S. Neely, K. O'Donnell, D. Kelly, J. Porter, K. Shiels, H. Toner and S. Kelly. Subs. used were A. Quigley and J. Quinn.

**28/11/1976**

***St. Columba's  
too strong for  
Ballybofey***

**ST. COLUMBA'S 4  
BALLYBOFEY UTD. 2**

St. Columba's had another good victory in this Division Three game with Ballybofey Utd. The Saints played good constructive football throughout and despite a fine first half display by the United men they fell away badly in the second moiety and were easily beaten.

Scorers for St. Columba's were Keith Shiel's (2), Seamus Neely and Gerry Quinn.

Scorers for Ballybofey were Charlie Kelly and Pat McLean.

***St. Columba's  
social***

Tomorrow (Saturday, 11th December) the Raymochy Parish Youth Club, better known as the St. Columba's F.C., will hold a sponsored Social Evening in the Three Ways Motel, Letterkenny, for the senior citizens of the Drumoghill area. Great care and attention has gone into the planning of this evening, and the club hope it will be a great success.

Congratulations are extended to St. Columba's on this effort to promote good relations and they deserve great credit for their efforts.

**12/12/1976**

**CASTLE WIN DERBY  
BATTLE**

**St. Columba's 0  
Castle Rovers 2**

Castle Rovers recorded their first win against St. Columba's in a long time when they beat their near neighbours by two goals to one. This was a hard fought contest which Castle just about deserved to win. The visitors harried the home defence throughout and created a number of good chances. However, St. Columba's were always dangerous on the break and they could have scored on a number of occasions.

Castle's scorers were Hugh Lindsay and Danny Bradley.

**09/01/1977**

***Castlefin keep  
promotion hopes  
alive***

St. Columbas ..... 2  
Castlefin ..... 5

Castlefin kept in the running for a possible promotion place with this good away win over St. Columba's. The game was even fought in the first half but the greater scoring power of the Castlefin eleven asserted itself in the second half when they scored three goals without reply. If Dunkineely Celtic slip up in their last few games Castlefin are in a good position to make a dramatic leap to breach the gap.

Scorer for St. Columba's was Keith Shiels (2). Scorers for Castlefin were Paul McGee (3), Patrick McGee and J. Boland.

**16/01/1977**

**SAINTS SCINTILLATE  
AT KILLEA**

**KILLEA 0  
ST. COLUMBA'S 5**

After an indifferent run, St. Columba's came back to form with his very impressive victory over Killea. It was a scintillating performance by the Drumoghilla men—probably their best of the season. Their star performer was Martin Margay.

Scorers for St. Columba's were Anthony Delap, Keith Shields, Joe Porter, Kieran O'Donnell and Patsy Shields.

**23/01/1977**

**Penalty winner  
for Glenree**

<b>ST. COLUMBA'S</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>GLENREE</b>	<b>2</b>

This middle-of-the-table struggle was hotly fought all the way by two sides intent on collecting as many scalps as possible before the end of the season. It was neck and neck for most of the way but with time running out Glenree scored their winner when Brian McLaughlin scored from the penalty spot.

The scorer for St. Columba's was Anthony Delap while Glenree's other marksman was Columba Friel.

**30/01/1977**

**SHEIL'S GOAL HELPS  
ST. COLUMBA'S**

ST. COLUMBA'S ..... 4  
COOLADERRY ..... 1

Scoring his nineteenth goal of the season St. Columba's exciting young striker, Keith Shields got his side off to a very good start in this mid table Third Division clash. It was an exciting game most of the way with action always fast and furious.

St. Columba's other marksmen were Anthony Delap, team captain Seamus Neely and Kieran O'Donnell.

Man of the Match was A. Toner.

**06/02/1977**

**Lennon In top four**

LENNON UNITED ..... 6  
ST. COLUMBAS ..... 3

Lennon United kept their top four placing aspirations very much alive with this clear cut victory over the fighting men of St. Columba's. It was a hard fought battle throughout but the extra scoring edge was

clearly on the Lennon side. The homesters led by two goals to nil at half time and increased this considerably in the second half.

Scorers for Lennon were P. J. Burke (3), Joe McFadden (2), and Joe Gallagher. Scorers for St. Columba's were player manager, Seamus Neely, Sean Dolan and Robert O'Donnell.

**13/02/1977**

**Vaughan scores  
magnificent  
hat-trick**

**CRANFORD ATHLETIC 5  
ST. COLUMBA'S ..... 1**

Cranford's Hugh Vaughan proved once again what a fine player he is with a brilliantly executed hat trick in this game which inches his team nearer

and nearer to that title of Third Division champions.

It was a good victory for the Athletic side. They dominated the match throughout going in at half time leading by two goals to nil, Vaughan scoring both. They increased this with a further Vaughan goal, one from Joe Gallagher, and the fifth and final score from Garret Horkin.

The St. Columba's scorer was player-manager, Seamus Neely who netted from the penalty spot.

Best for Cranford were James Duffy, Hugh Vaughan and Pat McLaughlin.

Best for St. Columba's were Neilly, Martin Margay and Keith Shiels.

**03/04/1977**

**GOOD WIN FOR  
ST. COLUMBA'S**

**ST. COLUMBA'S 3  
ABBEYVALE 1**

After some ill-feeling on both sides, St. Columba's and Abbeyvale settled down to play football on this occasion with the men from Drumoghill proving worthy winners. The game was hard fought throughout with the sides level at half-time, but the greater experience of St. Columba's told in the second half when they scored two fine goals.

Scorers for St. Columba's were: J. Porter (2) and Sean Tourish.

A. McCafferty was the Abbeyvale marksman.

Referee — Pat Crampsie.



## St. Columba's meeting

St. Columba's F.C. recently held their monthly meeting in the Parish Hall, Drumoghill. Particularly prominent on the agenda was a discussion on the promotion of Youth football in the area, and all youths who are interested in playing soccer are asked to attend the training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7.30 p.m. and on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Despite the fact that two local businessmen, Fred Mc Gee and Mr. Paddy Lynch, offered to provide sponsorship for a Summer Cup competition, it was felt that this would not be feasible after Mr. Fred Kane had informed the Committee that repairs were being carried out to the pitch and it might not be ready until mid-August.

Final arrangements were made to hold the annual St. Columba's Supper Dance in the Three Ways Motel on the 21st April. Those interested in purchasing tickets may do so from either Club Secretary, Seamus Neely, or Club Treasurer, Kieran O'Donnell.

And concluding the meeting, the Club Chairman, Mr. Gerard Quinn, extended, on behalf of all the members, sincere thanks to Mr. Mc Gee and Mr. Lynch for their kind assistance to the club over the year, and hoped that the same offer would be forthcoming next year.

## DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cranford Athletic	26	23	1	2	47
Dunkineely Celtic	25	20	1	4	41
Castlefin	24	17	3	4	37
Lennon United	25	17	2	6	36
Ballybofey United	26	14	2	10	30
Castle Rovers	26	10	3	11	26
Gweedore Guilds	24	10	4	10	24
Cooladerry	25	10	3	12	23
St. Columba's	24	11	1	11	23
Killea	23	7	3	13	17
Glenree Athletic	24	5	4	15	14
Abbeyvale	23	5	1	17	11
Dunfanaghy Athletic	23	3	2	18	8
Letterbarrow	25	3	1	21	7



