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### CLUB HONOURS

**North West Charity Cup Winners 1907**  
**North West Junior Cup Winners 1911, 1966, 1968**  
**North West Junior League Winners 1934, 1966, 1968, 1978, 1980**  
**North West City Cup Winners 1963, 1966, 1970, 1971, 1975, 1977, 1980**  
**Irish Junior Cup Winners 1969**  
**Smirnoff Cup Winners 1997**  
**North West Senior Cup Winners 1998, 2003**  
**Billy Craig Memorial Cup Winners 1999**  
**Irish Youth League Winners 2002**



Billy Smallwoods

I am delighted to be Chairman of the Club at this special time in its long history. My association with the Club began as a player in 1970. After a spell with Ballymena Utd, I joined 'Stute in August 1970 and spent three years on the playing staff, during which we reached the final of the City Cup. The final against Limavady went to a replay but although I played in the initial match, I got married on the day of the replay so missing the celebrations arising from our victory. I later returned to the Club in 1994 to take my place on the management committee after giving approximately twenty years service as manager of Churchill. I have been here ever since, holding posts of Secretary,

Vice Chairman and now Chairman.

We have had many highs and lows during that period, but I believe that the Club have made remarkable progress in latter years to our present position. While many challenges still prevail, I am confident that the Club will continue its long tradition of serving the local community, providing opportunities for all and bringing top flight football back to the City.

We have had tremendous backing from our local community through sponsorship etc, and I would like to thank everyone for their support and in particular our main sponsor Coolkeeragh ESB, without whose help and financial assistance none of this would have been possible.

A special word of thanks must go to all those who have put so much time and effort into the publication of this book which I trust you agree is an excellent record of the first 100 years of Institute Football Club.

Yours in Sport

*Billy Smallwoods*

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Roy Stewart - Robert Burnett - Stanley Hamilton - Trevor Porter

Jimmy Wallace - Alex Birney

Mrs Helen McKinney - Mrs Rae Kee - Mrs Ruby McLaughlin

Rev. John Noble BD BA

Coolkeeragh ESB and The Honourable The Irish Society

Derry City Council



# ORIGIN OF THE P.W.M.I.



It was in the year 1882 that a number of well known Presbyterian business men in the City reached a definite decision to establish a Club for the purpose of promoting the moral, social and intellectual well being of the Presbyterian community, and particularly those who by the nature of their employment were deprived of advantages that were enjoyed by the more fortunately circumstanced classes who could afford to pay liberally for such privileges.

The need was undeniable. Hundreds of young Presbyterians were coming annually to the City from country districts to begin business careers. They had little enough time for recreation, for a century ago work started earlier and finished later than is now the case; still they had a few hours each day they could call their own, but few, if any facilities for spending them profitably. Nor was the case of the Derry born resident much more enviable, except that he had greater home comforts. It was realised that the provision of a Club was long overdue in order that the members of the Presbyterian community might have the inestimable advantages such an institution was already affording in Belfast and in towns much smaller in population than Derry, such as Coleraine.

The Maiden City, in which Presbyterianism was so deeply rooted, and which was so closely bound up with the history of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland was not, it was felt, keeping pace with other centres in this respect. What steps, therefore, could be taken to set matters right? Fortunately there were in Derry commercial circles at that period, Presbyterian's who had at heart the welfare of their young men, and amongst them were two of the stoutest pillars of Presbyterianism that have ever supported the Church in the City, Mr. James McNeil and Mr. Robert James Black. We may rightfully regard them as the founders of the Institute.



**Mr James McNeil**



**Mr Robert J Black**



# ORIGIN OF INSTITUTE FOOTBALL CLUB



INSTITUTE FC

The PWMI or Institute's association with football goes back to the month of October 1905 when a number of players and supporters of North End Olympic F.C. which had lapsed, conceived the idea of organising a soccer team. A meeting was accordingly held in the rooms, Mr William Buchanan of the Diamond Hotel, acting as chairman. It was thereupon decided to form a Junior Football Club in connection with the P.W.M.I. to be known as 'Institute Football Club' to affiliate with the North West Football Association and to play only friendly matches during the season 1905 - 06.

The following Officers were elected for that season - Chairman, Mr D. Gillespie; Secretary, Mr J. Holland; Treasurer, Mr G. Orr; Committee, Messrs. W. M. Wilton, J. Andrews, J. Gilfillan, and J. Campbell. The first friendly match arranged was against St Columb's Court at Magee College grounds the Committee having received permission to use their field when not occupied by the Magee College Rugby Club. Those who had the honour of playing Institute's first match were

J.Parkhill, D.Patton, Wm. Neely, R.A.Bogle, W.M.Wilton, D.Gillespie, J.Holland, D.McCleery, D.Gilfillan, G. Young, A. Doherty.

It was a promising start, for the Institute won a spirited match by 2 goals to 1. Many other friendly matches were arranged during the season and the club whose strength was gradually increasing by the addition of new players, held its own against the leading junior teams in the North-West district.

At the beginning of the season 1906-07 the club entered for the several competitions connected with the N.W.F.A. The first junior league tie was against Farm Wanderers, at the Farm, the following Institute team drawing a match in which each side scored four goals - J Douglas, D Patton, W Neely, R A Bogle, D Gillespie, G Eicks, J Holland, D McCleery, D Gilfillian, W Maultsaid and A Doherty. A successful season was enjoyed although no trophies were won.

Under the same management the club started the season 1907-08 and it was then that Billy Gillespie became associated with Institute. His first match was against the famous Idlers FC at Brandywell, in a junior league tie, which Institute won 2-1. Two weeks later Gillespie was considered too young to play against Derry Celtic Wanderers in the final of the North-West Charity Cup. This match took place at Celtic Park on Boxing Day 1907, and although Wanderers were composed chiefly of senior players, Institute emerged the victors by 4 goals to 1. They were the first junior team to win this coveted trophy. During the season the name of Gillespie became known throughout the whole district.

In representative matches North-West FA against Belfast, Mid-Ulster and Enniskillen districts the following Institute players gained their places on many occasions - Gillespie, Maultsaid, Eaton, Wallace, Wright and Boyd. Gillespie, Wright and Boyd also won International caps. Mr William Logue, Chairman of the North-West Football Association was now chairman of Institute FC, a position he held until the end of the season 1914. Mr Andrew Marshall was Secretary and Mr D Gillespie, Treasurer.

At the start of the season 1910-11 the Institute with great regret parted with Billy Gillespie, who had got a tempting offer from Leeds City. In the season 1912-13 Institute fought their way to the semi-final of the Irish Junior Cup, being defeated by Broadway United at Brandywell by 2 goals to 1. Elisha Scott, who went on to fame with Liverpool and Ireland kept goals for Broadway United on that occasion.

In the following season Institute went a step further, entering the final against Brantwood FC at Grosvenor Park, Belfast. They were unluckily beaten by 2 goals to 1.



Institute Football Club - Winners of North West Junior Cup 1911 - 1912

Back: J. Burnside - A. Miller - R. J. McCandless - A. Lyndsay - R. Finlay - W. H. Platt - J. Graham - T. Wright - D. Rutherford - J. Douglas - D. Simm  
 Centre: R. McClelland - J. Dunlop - R. McBride - J. Wood - J. McHugh - R. A. Bogle - T. Eaton - D. Gillespie - J. Mitchell  
 Front: J. McCleery - A. Marshall - A. McHugh - C. McGahey - R. Wright - W. Maultsaid - G. Wood - C. Brown - W. Logue



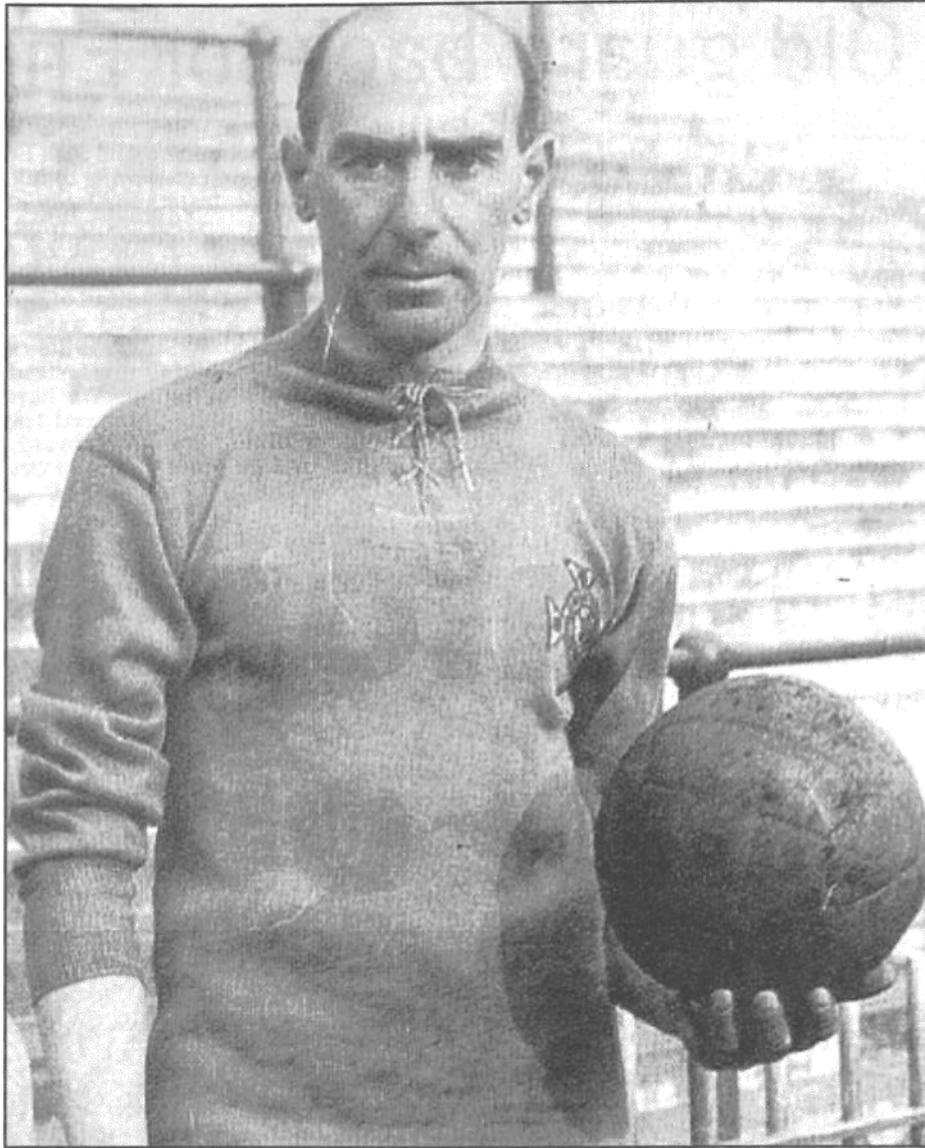
FINAL OF NORTH-WEST JUNIOR CUP (4TH RE-PLAY).

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 INSTITUTE (Londonderry) v. COLERAINE OLYMPIC,

At Coleraine, 18th May, 1912.

Result—Institute 3; Olympic 2.





In the 100 year history of Institute Football Club undoubtedly the most famous player ever to wear the Institute shirt was William Ballintrae Gillespie (born Kerrykeel, Donegal - died Bexley, Kent 1981.) He went on to international fame with Northern Ireland and was recognised as Northern Ireland's joint leading goal scorer until just recently.

Billy Gillespie began his career with Institute in 1907 - 08. His first match was against the famous Idlers F.C. at Brandywell in a junior league tie which Institute won 2 -1.

It was with great regret that Institute parted with Gillespie at the start of the 1910 - 11 season when he received a tempting offer from Leeds City. He remained with Leeds for two seasons and then in 1912 transferred to the team with which his name will always be remembered - Sheffield United.

After finishing his playing career he came back to Londonderry to manage Derry City in 1932.

A final postscript to Billy Gillespie and Institute took place in the Stute's highly successful 1965 /66 season (Junior League - City Cup - N.W. Junior Cup winners), when he was invited to present the winners medals in the City Hotel. He brought along his F. A. Cup winning medal, received when Sheffield Utd. beat Cardiff City in 1925. And, unknown to each other, by an astounding coincidence, at another function in the City hotel at the same time was Jimmy Nelson, a Cardiff City player on that same day in 1925.

In August 1914, when the players were again preparing to don the Royal Blue for another season, another and greater campaign supervened, and the best manhood of the club adopted instead the popular colours of the 10th Inniskillen Fusiliers - the Orange and Purple.

On 1st July, 1916, those young members of the Institute who had played the game so manfully at home on many a football ground, added greater glory to their name on another field in France, when they hurled themselves upon the German hosts in a tragic endeavour to reach a goal which they could not then attain. Of eight of the playing team who joined up, three bequeathed their lives to the Empire - Lieut. Maultsaid, Lieut. Bogle, and Serg. George Woods - whilst amongst the Institute's supporters many others also found a resting place under the Flanders Poppies or in far-off Gallipoli.

Little is known about the Stute between the World Wars, but it is a sad fact that after the 2nd World War the famous name of Institute disappeared from fixture lists as the club failed to reorganise.

It was to lie dormant for sixteen years, until ironically the closure of another club brought about it's resurrection.



BACK ROW :- M. STOTT J. GALLAGHER D. ALLEN R. ELDER W. J. M'NULTY W. MILLS A. EMERY  
MIDDLE ROW :- R. SMITH A. JACKSON W. CAMPBELL J. FINLAY (CAPT) W. FALCONER W. J. GALLAGHER J. ROOKS (SECTY)  
FRONT ROW :- W. M'CLELLAND T. M'LAUGHLIN

WINNERS OF THE N. W. F. A. JUNIOR LEAGUE .  
1933/34

This photograph of the 1934 N.W.F.A. League winning team shows the Stute was still prominent between the Wars

# Reform and Remembrance

Robert Burnett

I was delighted when Charlie Ferguson asked me to reminisce on the re-formation of the Institute football team - the embryo of the successful Irish League team of today.

It was a mispent youth in a snooker hall, coupled with sweaty nights in a table tennis room, that was the catalyst for the 'Stute' re-emerging as a potent force in North - West soccer.

Around the late 1950s - early 1960s a group of about sixteen footballers found themselves with nowhere to go. They were the squad which had reached the pinnacle of soccer success by winning the Northern Ireland Boys Club Championship.

As members of the Londonderry Boys Club in Ferryquay Street we were searching desperately for a new base, as we all had to leave the Boys Club on reaching the age of eighteen.

As a member of both the P.W.M.I. and the Boys Club at the time I was asked to enquire about the possibility of the 'Stute' adopting us en-bloc.

We didn't have too long to fret. On the wise advice of the then caretaker - but in reality an astute general administrator - Eric Harley, and with the unanimous backing of the Council, spearheaded by Hon. Secretary Victor Gallick, and supported fully by elder statesmen Johnny Wallace, Jim Denning and Alec Connor, we were welcomed heartily into the fold. It was the first step towards a remarkable soccer rejuvenation.

Within a few years a re-formed 'Stute' had won the North-West League, North-West Cup, culminating with a never - to - be forgotten Irish Junior Cup win in 1969, albeit with the thoughtful requisition of a few new players, who brought their own flair, skill and strength - in - depth to the original squad.

It was an era of great fun, true friendship, serious soccer and in-depth analysis of our games in the cloisters of the Mourne Bar. This unlikely blend of soccer seriousness and enjoyable camaraderie helped set Institute on the long-term road to football glory. Indeed it was somewhat fortuitous that the Boys Club team survived to re-establish Institute.

We can all remember vividly a Boys Club trip to a game in Coleraine, when 11 players



The re-formed Institute Team of 1961 who beat Fountain Arsenal 2 - 1 in Meenan Park  
Back: T. Lewis (Ref) - B. Simpson - R. Stewart - C. Ferguson - C. Miller - B. Begley - G. McLaughlin  
Front: J. Begley - J. McClements - B. Jackson - J. Simpson - D. Hanna



travelled in a battered Wosley. Avoiding the main mountain road, we travelled via Limavady and Benone. We were stopped by a policeman who told us "There are fewer people in that bus ahead of you. Drive carefully and play well." On the return journey the car broke down at Myroe. Resourceful as always, a telephone call to Boys Club Warden John B. Chapman, helped organise us all home safely.

The early fitness was honed by jogging runs around the City Walls. Stamina was enhanced at the Y.M.C.A. under the disciplined eye of talented gymnast, Sammy Hamilton. All this was supplemented by tactic talks in the cosy 'Institute' room at John McDaid's Mourne Bar.

Soccer skills were developed in the Londonderry Schools League. The Model School, Derry Cathedral Schools at London Street and Lower Bishop Street, and Christ Church were the principal football nurseries. Other North-West clubs such as Northland Villa and Radiac, enhanced that soccer know - how.

The competitive instinct was generated by almost daily challenge matches on the cinder banking at Maureen Avenue, the cement pad at Abercorn Park and on the grassy slopes at the Boys Club playing fields at Springtown.

Perhaps Devine providence guided Institute to football success. Maybe it was given a helping hand by the ritual rousing rendering of our adopted team anthem "JERUSALEM" - a must-do on homeward journeys, whether in celebrating victory or consoling us in defeat.

The firm foundation laid by that initial squad under the captaincy, general managership and inspiration of the late Gilbert McLaughlin was quickly built upon and greatly improved by the many talented players of later years.



**Institute Football Club 1962 /63**

**Back: B. Long - C. Ferguson - D. Hegarty - B. Johnson - J. McNeil - V. Wilson**  
**Front: A. Warke - A. McCorkell - G. McLaughlin - R. Smyth - B. Begley**

# PRESBYTERIAN INSTITUTE

## Secretary's Review of Past Year

### FOOTBALL CLUB

The Institute football team has had a remarkable run of success in its first season in the North-West Junior League. As well as having a good run in the local cup competitions and reaching the third round of the Irish Junior Cup, the team is presently challenging strongly for the Derry Section League honours. With three matches in hand over joint league leaders, Feeny and Limavady Utd., Institute are only five points in arrears. Club captain Billy Begley and the selection Committee comprises Charlie Ferguson, Gilbert McLoughlin and Con Miller. Hon. Treasurer is Robert Burnett.

## Newspaper Archives from 1961

### INSTITUTE WILL MISS JIM BEGLEY

NORTH-WEST junior football has now got under way again following an extended Christmas break. Because of weather conditions—severe frost accompanied by snow and sleet—the league programme had to be interrupted for a couple of weeks.

This extended rest period could well have an adverse effect on the fortunes of at least one local club.

Next week Institute's talented wing-half, Jim Begley, leaves for Chesterfield, and the club is going to have difficulty in finding a suitable replacement.

A skilful ball-player, Begley's mid-field play has been one of the principle reasons for Institute's run of success in their first season in junior football circles—they are presently one of the top five teams in the running for the Derry section honours, and on Saturday, January 27, make the trip to Belfast to meet 44th Old Boys in the third round of the Irish Junior Cup.

As well as supplying his forwards with a steady flow of through passes, Begley has found time in recent matches to get his own name on the score sheet.

### CLUB TRAINER

Accompanying Begley to Chesterfield is club trainer, Christie McCrory.

Both men have said they will miss the Saturday afternoon matches, and the happy team spirit existing in the Institute club. "But," commented McCrory, "business must come before pleasure."

Begley, however, is not making a premature retirement from the game. Tucked away in his suitcase when he leaves on Monday will be his boots, socks and pants.

"I hope to get a place on some of the works' teams in the Sheffield area," he told me.

He should have no difficulty in doing this if he produces the form which attracted the attention of Derry City and Coleraine.

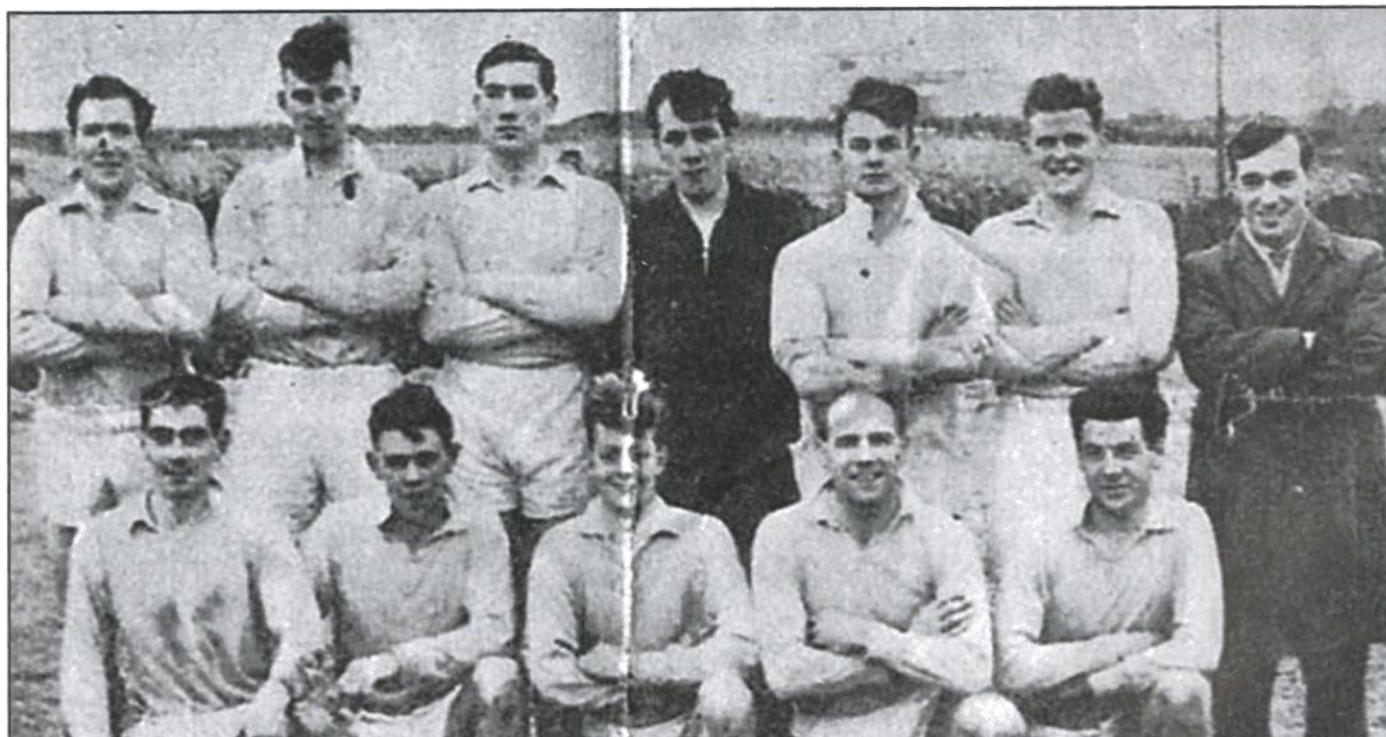
Club captain, Con Miller, says: "Begley's departure has come at an unfortunate time—just when we are in the middle of a neck-and-neck struggle for Derry Section honours and have an outside chance of success in the Irish Junior Cup. I know it will be difficult to find a ready-made replacement, but I am sure the other team members will produce that little bit of extra fight required to keep us on the victory path."





**Institute Football Club Squad - N.W. Junior Cup Winners 1963/64**

**Back:** B. Jackson - L. Wilson - H. Lindsay - B. Johnson - I. Archibald - A. McCorkill - R. Burnett  
**Centre:** J. O'Neil - R. Smyth - A. Warke - G. McLaughlin - R. Warke - B. Begley - B. Long  
**Front:** A. Halliday - B. Jackson



Institute Football Club. From left, front row—A. Halliday, R. Smyth, C. Miller, A. Warke and T. Lynch; back row—N. Boyd, C. Ferguson, J. Johnston, D. Hegarty, B. Begley, A. McCorkell, H. Robinson.

**Institute Football Club 1964**



# ACTION FROM 1964/65 SEASON



Wallace, the Limavady 'keeper making one of his many fine saves during the N.W. City Cup semi-final against Institute. 50TSL19



Lindsay, the Institute goalkeeper, goes up to collect a high cross during the North-West 'City Cup semi-final against Limavady United. 50TSL18



**Institute Football Club 1965/66 N.W. Junior League - N.W. City Cup - N.W. Junior Cup Winners**  
**Back: C. Ferguson - A. McCorkell - H. Lindsay - B. Johnson - M. Wells**  
**Centre: B. Begley - R. Smyth - G. McLaughlin - B. Boyd - B. Long**  
**Front: B. Hazlett - H. Kirk - B. Jackson - S. Hamilton - R. Stewart**



**Institute Football Club -1966 North West Junior Cup Winners**  
**Back: B. Begley -M. Wells - B. Johnson - H. Lindsay - B. Hazlett - B. Jackson - B. Long - G. McLaughlin**  
**Front: A. McCorkell - H. Kirk - R. Stewart - C. Ferguson - S. Hamilton - B. Boyd - J. Noble (senior)**



**Institute Football Club 1967**

**Back: G. McLaughlin - V. Wilson - B. Begley - B. Johnson - H. Lindsay - M. Wells - B. Long - A. McCorkell**  
**Front: B. Hazlett - C. Ferguson - B. Boyd - H. Kirk - S. Hamilton - R. Stewart - B. Jackson**



**Institute Football Club - 1970**

**Back: G. McLaughlin - A. McCorkill - B. Johnson - C. Ferguson - H. Lindsay - B. Boyd - C. Nicholl**  
**B. Jackson - B. Begley**  
**Front: D. Creighton - B. Kee - S. Hamilton - H. Kirk - B. Blair - B. Long**



# Memorable Days

Roy Stewart - Guernsey - December 2004



Stute captain Billy Jackson receiving the N.W. Junior Cup from Jack Doherty of Coleraine in 1966

Firstly, congratulations to 'Stute' on their centenary.

Playing for them for 11 years from their re-formation in 1961 was my happiest sporting memory, and I believe our great success was largely because we all treasured wearing the light blue jersey. Who can forget our 8 - 2 victory at Coleraine in the 1969 Irish Junior Cup Final, a record score, when incidentally I was the only forward not to score.

My special memories are of the many fine players and great people I played alongside. Charlie Ferguson, Billy Jackson, Bertie Long, Stanley Hamilton, Billy Boyd, Hugh Lindsay, Billy Johnson, the little genius that was Howard Kirk, Billy Begley and Andy McCorkell to mention just a few that are still with us. Then of course there was our great manager Gilbert McLaughlin, Billy Kee, Clarkie Nicholl, supporters John Noble Snr and more recently Ivan Loughlin, all of whom have sadly passed on. All are remembered with great

affection as contributing much to the distinguished history of Institute Football Club.

I still try to take in a game at Drumahoe when I go back home, and catch up with as many of the older players as possible. Great credit is due to the hard working band at 'Stute' who have brought them a long way. My sincere wish is that today's players finish their careers with the same memories and affection for the club that I will always have. To use an old cricketing term I hope 'Stute' can 'take guard' and go on to notch up another hundred.



Institute Football Club 1967

Back: B. Begley - G. McLaughlin - B. Johnson - B. Boyd - C. Ferguson - H. Lindsay - M. Wells - B. Long  
A. McCorkell

Front: L. Wilson - R. Stewart - B. Jackson - S. Hamilton - B. Hazlett - V. Wilson - H. Kirk - K. Hazlett

# Saturday 17th May 1969

**Morris McCarter**

The above date is without question one of the most memorable in the annals of Institute Football Club, for on that day took place one of the club's greatest football achievements in their long history, winning the most prestigious and sought after trophy in Junior Soccer - The Irish Junior Cup.

**The Irish Junior Cup Final  
Institute v Queens Park Swifts  
Coleraine Showgrounds  
Saturday 17th May 1969**

The Teams that day were;

Institute: Raymond Fitzsimmons, David Creighton , Billy Johnston,  
Stanley Hamilton, Clarke Nicholl , Bertie Long , Howard Kirk  
Billy Kee, Charlie Ferguson, Roy Stewart, Billy Boyd  
Substitute Mickey Wells.

Manager: Gilbert McLaughlin.

Other well known Players from that Historic 1968 /69 Season's League and Cup Side at that time were: Hugh Lindsay, Billy Begley and Andy McCorkell.

Queens Park Swifts (Lurgan) Barr, Doak, Ruddell, Furphy, Finnigan, Houston, Twinem, Brown, Kerr, Drury and Morrison.

Referee Mr P. Artt from Belfast.

The Swifts took the lead after only six minutes through Kerr who capitalised on an error by David Creighton and hit a hard grounder past Raymond Fitzsimmons. Their one goal lead lasted only three minutes for Billy Boyd, for Institute with the Swifts defence split wide open, hit a great shot into the roof of the net. Institute took the lead in the 23 rd minute when Charlie Ferguson hit a good shot high into the net, and four minutes from half- time, Howard Kirk made it 3 - 1 when he slammed home the re-bounce after his penalty had been pushed against a post by Barr.

Eight minutes into the second half, Charlie Ferguson headed home a Howard Kirk cross and seven minutes later it was Howard Kirk again running onto a long kick from Raymond Fitzsimmons, hit the ball into the Swifts net from twenty yards to make it 5 - 1

In the 79th minute Houston scored the Swifts' second goal with a low hard drive after some very good team work.

Billy Boyd got his second for Institute after 84 minutes and two minutes later, Mickey Wells, who came on as substitute for Charlie Ferguson, got number seven, and with two minutes to go Billy Kee headed home to complete the scoring.

Final Score: Institute 8, Queens Park Swifts 2

**The six goal winning margin was the highest ever in the history of the competition.**

# Saturday 17th May 1969

Institute had won for the first time the Prestigious Irish Junior Cup.

The Institute goals were scored as follows:

Billy Boyd (9 and 84 )  
Charlie Ferguson (23 and 53)  
Howard Kirk (41 and 60)  
Mickey Wells (86)  
Billy Kee (88)

It is sad that Clarke Nicholl, Gilbert McLaughlin and Billy Kee are no longer with us. All made their personal contribution to the World of Sport in Londonderry and further afield.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM OF '69



**Institute Football Club Squad - 1969 Irish Junior Cup Winners**

**Back: B. Johnson - B. Boyd - C. Ferguson - H. Lindsay - C. Nicholl - A. McCorkell**  
**Centre: D. Creighton - R. Stewart - G. McLaughlin (Manager) - B. Kee - B. Begley**  
**Front: S. Hamilton - B. Long - H. Kirk**

**Missing : R. Fitzsimmons - M. Wells**





The 1969 Irish Junior Cup Winners taken in 2002

**Back:** B. Kee - A. McCorkell - B. Johnson - R. Fitzsimmons - C. Ferguson - B. Boyd - D. Creighton  
**Front:** B. Begley - H. Kirk - B. Long - S. Hamilton  
**Missing:** M. Wells - R. Stewart - H. Lindsay

# Gilbert McLaughlin

Robert Burnett



## STUTE'S GREATEST MANAGER

Gilbert McLaughlin was the mentor of the Institute Football team.

Along with Charlie Ferguson, Andy McCorkell and myself, he was a key figure in the approach which led to the P.W.M.I. adopting, as members the old Londonderry Boys Club squad.

Gilbert was player, team manager and sole selector for many years. He also represented Institute on the North West branch of the I.F.A., and for a period was North West Treasurer.

Gilbert brought to Institute that vital blend of administrative knowledge, an unflinching will to succeed and, most importantly an infectious spirit of fun.

These were skills developed along a varied and highly successful career as a financial expert with several local shirt factories and eventually as General Manager of I.A.W .S. based at Newbuildings.

As a bustling centre forward, he had a Jimmy Greaves knack of goal scoring.

Gilbert had his playing career cut short by a cartilage operation - and many of us recall visits to the hospital huts at Waterside to help ease his pain with nips of whiskey.

Perhaps the lasting memory of Gilbert to all of us will be his hearty rendering of 'JERUSALEM'.

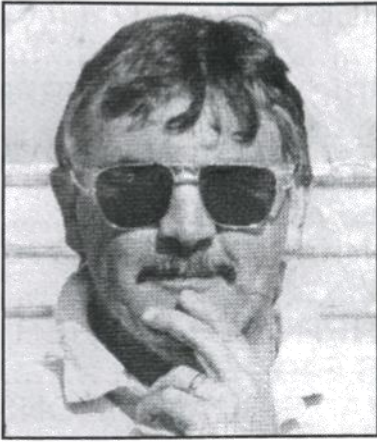
He was the personality who welded Institute into a winning soccer unit.



Gilbert McLaughlin visited by friends and playing colleagues after the cartilage operation in 1964 which finished his football career.

L-R Connie Miller - Gilbert - Billy Begley - Charlie Ferguson





# Clarke Nicholl

**Jimmy Wallace**

Clarke Nicholl was brought up in the Benvardeen Ave. area of the Waterside.

Without the modern day facilities (TV's etc) he learned his early sport in the back lanes of the Benvardeen area, with his good pals Ron Collins, Ken McCormack, the Faulkner boys, John and Davy Watson.

His first love was cricket, where he displayed his ability around the North West, Northern Cricket Union and Ireland. Such was his talent, he was unfortunate not to be capped by the Irish Cricket Union, a decision which amazed many people.

With the enthusiasm for football very evident, Ken McCormack built a side from around the area (Benvardeen F.C.), which entered the North West Junior League. As a member of Benvardeen, Clarkie turned out to be such a versatile player he could have played in any position, though he excelled in goal, mid-field, and also what is known today as a striker.

He played a lot for Gransha in the Saturday Morning League, but eventually moved to Institute to play alongside Roy Torrens, Billy Kee, Gilbert McLaughlin, Stanley Hamilton, Charlie Ferguson, to name but a few.

He gave excellent service to Institute Football Club, his highlight, like many other Institute players was as a member of the side that won the Irish Junior Cup so memorably in May 1969.

Unfortunately Clarkie's health caused him concern and he reluctantly retired from both football and cricket much earlier than he would have liked. He was much missed by both sports.

His death at 46 years of age was a great tragedy and the large crowd at his funeral was a fitting tribute to a fine sportsman and to a very unique guy.



The Institute team which defeated Strabane United in the North-West Junior League 'A' Section game at Wilton Park on Saturday (40TLS18)

**Institute Football Club 1972**

**Back: B. Kee - B. Hazlett - I. Mowbray - A. Hamilton - C. Nicholl - H. Kirk**  
**Front: B. Moore - B. Curry - B. Johnson - S. Hamilton - B. Jackson**



**Institute Football Club - North West League Winners 1977**

**Back: D. Wells - T. Thompson - P. O'Keefe - R. Torrens - S. McArthur - J. Burnside - P. Lyttle - B. Kee**  
**Front: J. Edgar - I. Crown - G. Curry - R. Woods - C. Nicholl - H. Kirk - K. Stewart - M. Blair**



# Bonanza day in City Cup

THE NORTH WEST City Cup Final between Benvardeen and Institute attracted one of the largest attendances seen at Wilton Park for many years. And typical of most finals this one turned out to be a game tense and full of incident while the standard of play remained disappointing. The final score was 1-1.

As expected Institute's cup experience was apparent from the start. They looked confident up front and had the Benvardeen defence in constant trouble but hard work from Birnie, MCMNally and Doherty kept the scoreline blank.

The first 20 minutes of play went to Institute. They looked confident up front and had the Benvardeen defence in constant trouble but hard work from Birnie, MCMNally and Doherty kept the scoreline blank.

Controversy came in the 40th minute when centre forward Des Wells was fouled in the penalty area. Wells stepped up to take the penalty and hammered the ball hard and left at the Benvardeen net but keeper Paddy McColgan pulled off a magnificent save. This revitalised the Benvardeen forwards and two minutes later a move up the left wing gave them a goal. Their inside forward Golm O'Neill picked up a through ball and his snap shot from 20 yards be-

keeper Nicholl leaving Institute one goal down.

Just on half time Benvardeen nearly had their second goal but Clarke Nicholl pulled off a fine save by diving to the left.

The second half started with some rather scrappy football. Most moves seemed to break down in midfield. As the half progressed Benvardeen started to produce some fine football but most of their raids up the right wing were well cut off by long serving left back Billy Johnston.

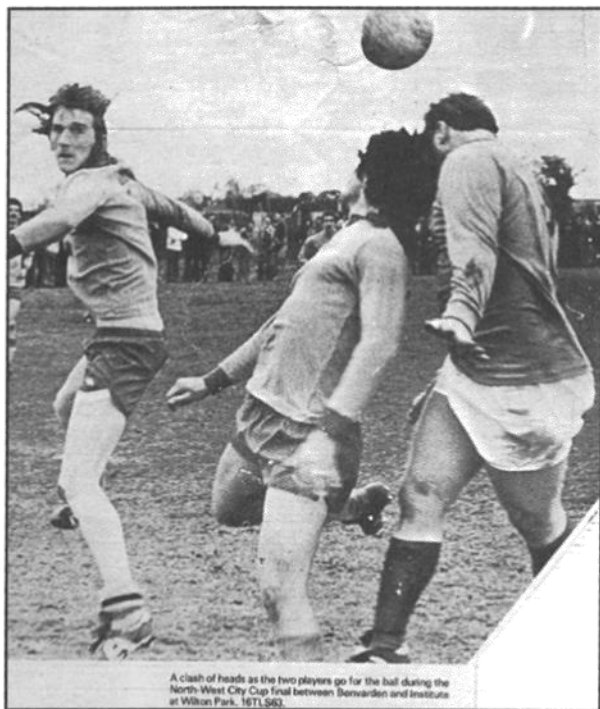
On the 60th minute Benvardeen nearly had a second goal when keeper Nicholl mishandled the ball but his clearance upfield found Des Wells who pushed the ball to the left and when the cross came over he stabbed the ball into the Benvardeen net to equalise.

The last ten minutes were again dominated by Institute attacks on the Benvardeen goal but they held on gamely to the final whistle. The game now goes to a replay on Wednesday evening at Wilton Park. Kick off 6.30 and a large turn out of supporters is expected.

A draw was a fair result for this game in which McColgan, McNally, Birnie and Carlin were best for Benvardeen while Nicholl, Wells, O'Keefe and Torrents starred for Institute.



Benvardeen defender Alex Birnie (left) and Institute centre-forward Des Wells stretch for the ball during the North-West City Cup final on Saturday. 167LS62



A clash of heads as the two players go for the ball during the North-West City Cup final between Benvardeen and Institute at Wilton Park. 167LS63



The Institute centre forward Des Wells scoring the equaliser against Benvardeen in the North-West City Cup final at Wilton Park. 167LS61



# NORTH WEST CITY CUP WINNERS 1977



Jubilant dressing room scenes for the Institute footballers, winners of the North - West City Cup when they beat

Benvardeen 1-0 in a re-play on Wednesday, at Wilton Park, Londonderry. 177LS55.

## INSTITUTE WON BY A LATE GOAL

Institute won the first North-West trophy of the season to be decided when they defeated Benvardeen by the only goal of the match at Wilton Park on Wednesday in the replayed final of the North-West City Cup.

As was predicted, the tie produced much better fare than the first

encounter and, although conditions were against good football, both teams managed to play attractive football with plenty of exciting moments.

### UNLUCKY

Overall, Benvardeen must count themselves very unlucky not to have

won the trophy; they were in command for a good amount of the play.

Their finishing, however, let them down badly and, when they did find the target, the 'Stute' keeper, Clarke Nicholl, was in excellent form.

One second-half save from a Richard Woods pile-driver was right in

the top bracket.

### NO CHANCE

With only minutes remaining, Institute scored, and who else should be the marksman than Dessie Wells. He found himself free of the shackles of big Alex Birnie for, perhaps, the first time in the match;

he took the opportunity in style, and gave Benvardeen 'keeper Paddy McColgan no chance. Then there really wasn't time for Benvardeen to fight back.

The cup was presented to Institute captain, Billy Kee, by Mr. J. Cunningham, of 'Golden Crust', the sponsors.



Mr. Ronnie Cunningham, director of Golden Crust, the sponsors, presenting the North - West City Cup to the winners, Billy Kee, captain of Institute, on Wednesday, with the finalists Benvardeen. Included from left are John Robb and Billy Guthrie, linesmen, Charles Ferguson, Secretary of the North - West Junior League; Shaun Rodgers, referee; Michael Carlin, Benvardeen captain; Claude Wilton, President of the League; George Rankin, chairman and William Heaney. 177LS54

## CUP WIN

# P.W.M.I. and Y.M.C.A.

## Destruction - and new beginnings

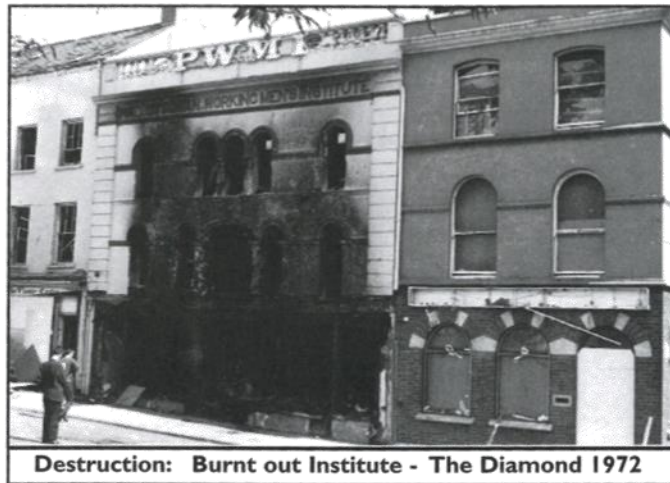
During 1972 the P.W.M.I. premises in the Diamond were destroyed in two bomb attacks, suffering the same fate as the Y.M.C.A. in East Wall. Both clubs were 'out of action'.

Though 'out of action', both clubs were determined to flourish once again. This led to a meeting of representatives of the two associations held in the Northern Counties Club on the 18th October 1978, where it was resolved to amalgamate in their best interests

It was also resolved that in recognition of their joining the Y.M.C.A. the P.W.M.I. would preserve their identity by having some part of the proposed new building named the The 'Stute Room' and the football team would retain the name of Institute Football Team.

The P.W.M.I. site in the Diamond was sold in October 1979 and in July 1980 the twenty acre site at Drumahoe was jointly purchased by the P.W.M.I. and the Y.M.C.A.

Though the official opening of the new premises and grounds did not take place until the 22nd of January 1985, Institute were fortunate in being able to begin playing at Drumahoe in 1980.



**Destruction: Burnt out Institute - The Diamond 1972**



**New Beginnings: Laying of foundation stone - Y.M.C.A. New Building  
Drumahoe 22nd September 1984**

**Back: A. Meenagh - G. McLaughlin - H. Burns**

**Front: Rev. McWhirter - J. Canning - S. Jack - Canon Moore - T. Burns**





Andy McCorkell (left) treasurer of Institute, presenting an inscribed silver salver to Gilbert McLaughlin (second right) in recognition of his services to the club. (C early 1980s)  
Included are Billy Kee, manager, and Ricky Woods, club captain.

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# Intermediate Days

**Trevor Porter**



Trevor Porter

It was 1981 when Institute decided to join the Intermediate League. There didn't seem to be an option for them, because they were winning everything in the North-West League. The players thought this was a big step as the Intermediate League hosted a lot of good teams. The move was a good one, because our first year proved to be our best ever in the League.

Our first match was against Roe Valley, who had seven ex Irish League players in their team. We won that game 8-1, Ricky Woods scoring the first goal in our Intermediate start. That same season we had to play our Intermediate Cup games away from home which proved costly. We were to get half the gate money at those games, after expenses had been taken out. I remember playing Tandragee Rovers near Portadown and our gate return was £3-50. We had paid £80 for a coach that day. Our incentive for a good cup run was to reach the semi-finals which meant the four semi-finalists would reach the first round proper of the Irish Cup. Oddly enough our first round opponents were Roe Valley, which we won 2-1. After that we defeated Killyleagh Youth Club 5-1 - Post Office Social Club 4-2 - Tandragee 5-3 and our quarter-final opponents were Ballymoney Utd. We started this game very confidently and Peter Love scored after ten minutes. We then had eighty minutes of constant Ballymoney pressure, but held on to win 1-0 and reached our aim.

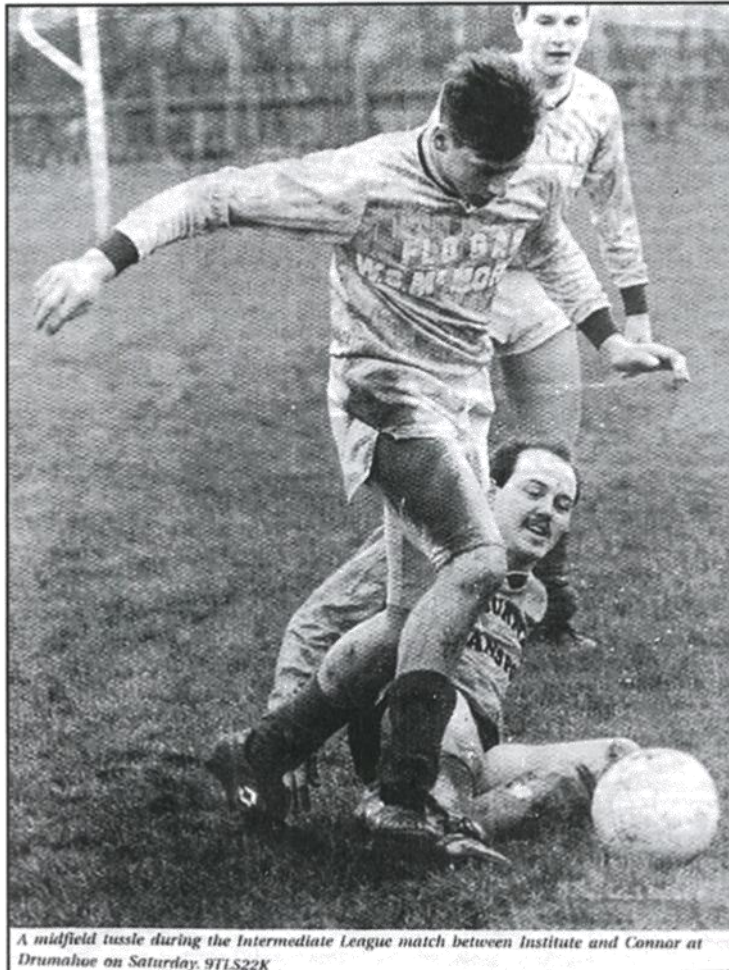
I remember after the game, the scenes of joy on the pitch and in the changing rooms. Billy Kee the manager was sitting crying his eyes out - he also came to the shower to talk to us, but must have forgotten he was fully dressed or he didn't care.

Our semi-final opponents were the RUC at Coleraine Showgrounds. This was to be the best game of football I ever had the pleasure to take part in. The match was end to end stuff and the full time score was 2-2. Extra time saw Institute go into a 3-2 lead, but the RUC equalised, taking the match into penalties. Each team scored their five penalties, taking the game into sudden death. RUC missed their sixth, so we needed Alan Dunn to put us through - he'd had a splendid game, so we all felt confident. He missed and so did the next RUC player, and it was left to Jim Hamilton to put us through to play Chimney Corner in the Intermediate Cup Final at the Coleraine Showgrounds.

We did not do ourselves justice in the final and Chimney Corner deserved their 2-0 victory. We had a good boost after the game when we drew Coleraine at the Showgrounds in the Irish Cup. Though beaten 2-1 we played very well. As the years went on, we never could quite emulate that first year, although we reached finals, we always came off second best.



**First Game In Intermediate League --- Institute v Roe Valley 1981  
Paul Little (Institute) ---- Brian Alcorn (Roe Valley)**



*A midfield tussle during the Intermediate League match between Institute and Connor at Drumahoe on Saturday. 9T1S22K*





## Institute Football Club 1981

Back: J. Allen - T. Porter - R. Torrens - J. Hamilton - A. Pomeroy - C. Nutt  
S. McArthur  
Front: A. Dunne - P. Crawford - P. Love - A. Heaney - J. Edgar - G. Curry



Institute Football Club 1982  
Back: C. King - P. Love - L. Wells - A. Birney - T. Martin - P. Crawford - B. Kee  
Front: T. Neely - S. King - R. Woods - G. Robinson - D. Dougherty - S. Hamilton

## Institute Football Club 1983



Back: S. King - D. Harper - L. Wells - A. Birney - P. Crawford - S. McConnell  
C. King - S. Hamilton  
Front: C. Nutt - P. Love - R. Woods - G. Curry - B. Harper





**Institute Football Club 1985**

**Back:** B. Kee - O. Dunne - R. Woods - T. Dixon - I. Crown - T. Martin  
**Front:** S. Hamilton - R. Thompson - P. Crawford - T. Porter - J. Foster - C. King



**Institute Football Club 1987**

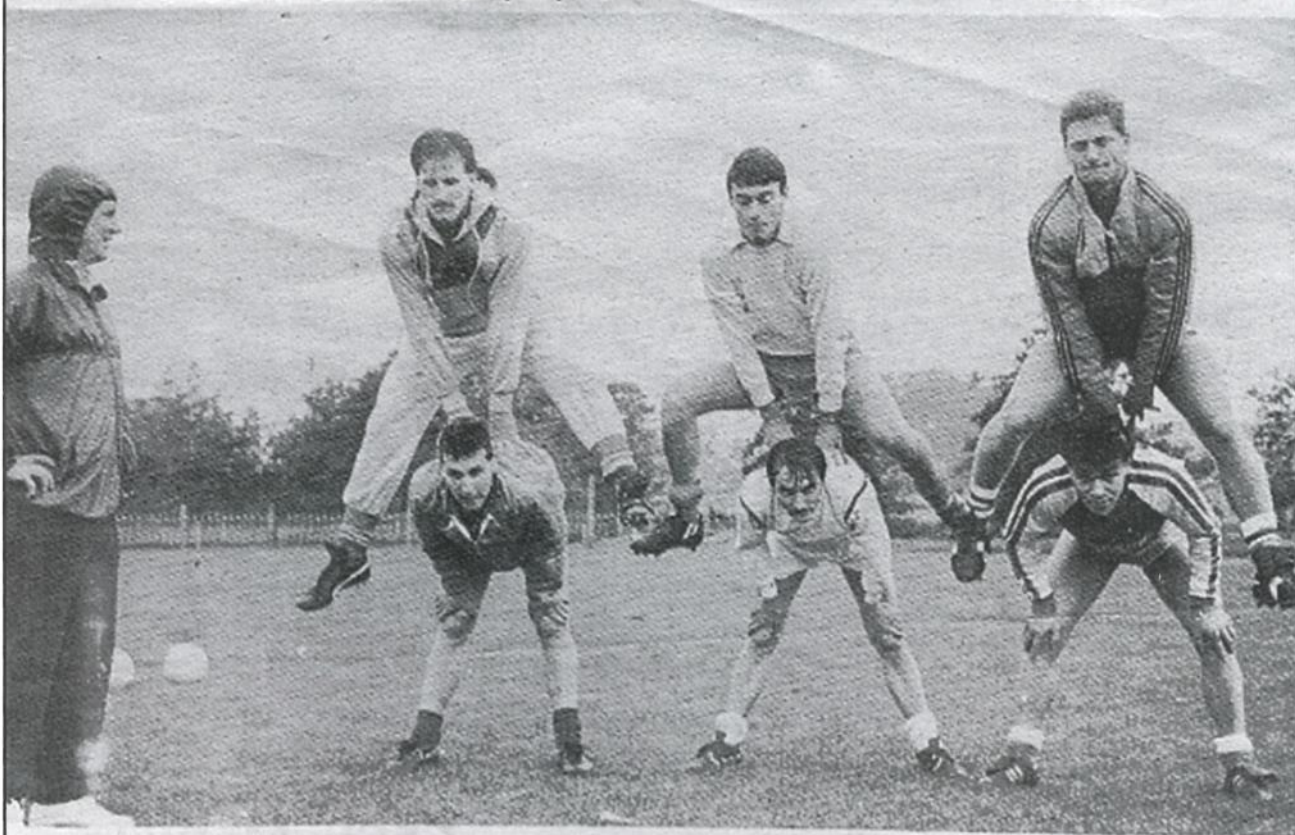
**Back:** T. Porter - G. Robinson - S. McConnell - B. Miller - A. Birney - A. Heaney - T. Mills - S. Miller  
**Front:** R. Woods - F. McCarter - P. Crawford - S. King - E. Leonard - C. Nutt



# STUTE TRAINING 1986



Team coach, Dessie Wells, puts the Institute F.C. players through their training schedule in preparation for the Derry City F.C. match. (23/8/B3)



Institute F.C. team manager, Billy Kee, pictured with squad members at the training session... (23/8/B4)





# Paul Kee

Paul Kee is an ex-Northern Ireland U.18 captain, who had spells with Mansfield Town, Nottingham Forest, Southampton and Charlton Athletic. Spells in the Irish League followed with Linfield, Coleraine and Crusaders, then after a serious car accident which effectively ended his playing career, he turned to coaching and had a spell coaching and managing Omagh Town at the ripe old age of 26.

Since returning to Institute in 1985, Paul has become the Irish Football Association County Coach for L'Derry, developing players from the age of 12-16 years. Current U.F.F.A Grade A Coach also holds an English F.A Coaching Badge.

Paul guided Institute from the bottom of the Northern Ireland intermediate league to the Irish League Premier Division in the space of five years. 'Stute' won a trophy in the last three years of being a 'B' Division club, Northwest Senior, Smirnoff Cup and Craig Memorial. In 1998 he also guided them to the quarter finals of the Bass Irish Cup when still a junior club and was rewarded with a piece of Tyrone Crystal for the most successful junior side in the competition.



Paul Kee and colleagues in anxious support

Since Institute FC became a senior club they got to the quarter final stages of the Bass Irish Cup in 2001 and to the semi final of the Gold Cup in the same year only to be beaten over 2 legs by Linfield. In the 2001/02 season 'Stute really asserted themselves as a senior club. With the turn of the new year they sat proudly at the top of the first division and by March were promoted to the Premier Division, a remarkable achievement for such a small club. Paul was also rewarded with the Manager of the Month award for December and Manager of the Year for the First Division.

Paul Kee joined Carlisle United as Youth Development Officer on 16th September 2002.

Paul is currently manager of Omagh Town F.C.



# Match From The Past

## Bass Irish Cup First Round

### Institute v Ballymena United

### Ballymena Showgrounds Feb. 1986

The teams that day were:

**Institute:** Terry Campbell, Colin Nutt , Ian Crowne , Trevor Porter, Alec Birney  
Allen Heaney, David Doherty, Ricky Woods , Gordon Robinson,  
Sam McConnell, John Tinney and the substitute was Martin Jeffrey.  
The Managerial team was Stanley Hamilton and Billy Kee

**Ballymena United:** Rickey Adair, Stephen Conville, Michael Smyth, Ronnie Burns,  
Brian Crockard, John Sloan, Colin O'Neill, David Dugan,  
Jonathon Speake , Davy McAlinden, Jeff Wright  
and the substitute was Terry Tennyson.  
Their Manager was Mr Jim Brown.

The referee was Mr. Norman Cowie from Belfast



**Institute Team v Ballymena United**

**Back:** S. Hamilton - A. Heaney - S. McConnell - R. Woods - T. Campbell - C. Nutt - A. Birney  
I. Crown - B. Kee

**Front:** J. Tinney - D. Doherty - T. Porter - M. Jeffrey - G. Robinson



# Match From The Past

A large group of enthusiastic Institute supporters had travelled to the Ballymena Showgrounds and we had clearly come to enjoy ourselves. The thought was there that our red shirted (borrowed from the BBOB ) heroes might overcome the opposition.

For 45 minutes Institute (who played in The Intermediate League) held onto the dream of forcing an Irish League side out of the Bass Irish Cup. After Gordon 'Pop' Robinson had given Institute the lead we all began to sense that maybe we could?

Unfortunately that was not to be, Institute ran out of steam in the second - half and as a result Ballymena United scored five times.

Institute had several good chances in the first - half, but unfortunately only one found the back of the Ballymena United net, that was in the 37th minute when from Terry Campbell the Institute goalkeeper's kick the ball bounced over the head of Brian Crockard, the Ballymena United centre half and Gordon Robinson headed the ball backwards towards the Ballymena United goal. The Ballymena United goalkeeper Ricky Adair saved the ball at his first attempt but then allowed it to drop from his hands as he and all of us watched it slowly roll over the line:

"A GOAL" "A GOAL" BALLYMENA UNITED 0 INSTITUTE 1

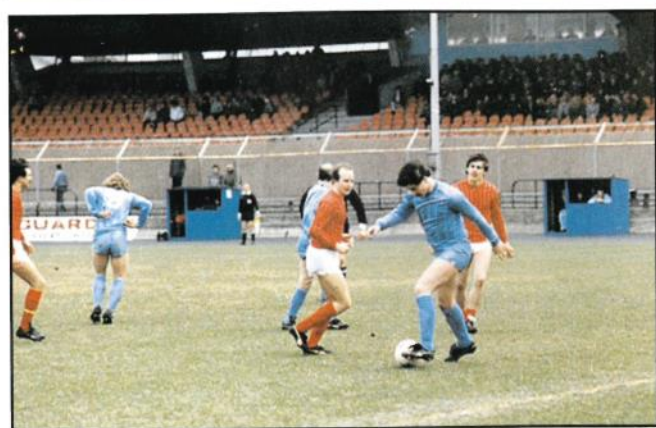
Tremendous celebrations took place on the field as well as in the Stand as we cheered and cheered and hugged and hugged complete strangers and friends who had made the trip down from Londonderry and further afield.

The Match finally ended: Ballymena United 5 Institute 1

I remember it to be a very cold and windy day, but all who had travelled to support 'The 'Stute.' apart from the result went home happy and were able to say ; "We were there

Morris McCarter

Action from Bass Irish Cup - Institute v Ballymena United

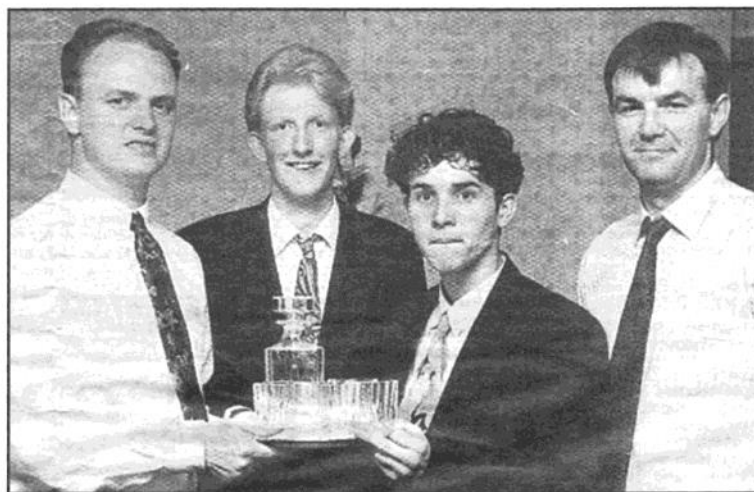






**Institute Youth Team 1992**

**Back: S. McCobb - G. Ross - A. Russell - F. O'Carroll - J. Wray - J. Adams - G. Nash - E. Harvey - J. Kee  
B. Gillard (Manager)**  
**Front: D. Forbes - S. Mowbray - M. Keys - J. Ramsay - G. Philson - B. Devine**



**Presentation in 1991 to Paul Kee on behalf of Institute Youth Team as he leaves the club to take up a post as assistant manager of Omagh Town**



**Billy Gillard, youth team manager, and Paul Kee, first team manager, at the annual presentation dinner in 1991 with members of the Institute Youth team which won the North West Youth Championship,**

# North-West Youth League: Institute crowned champions

INSTITUTE F.C. have regained the North West Youth League with an impressive unbeaten league campaign. The title was secured on Saturday last at the Y.M.C.A. grounds, after their scoreless draw with Derry Colts, the defending champions.

Stute have led the league throughout the season, this position being ensured by victories in every match. In the process they have scored an incredible 55 goals and conceded just 6.

Only Derry have come close to matching Stute's dominance. Their only defeat came when the two sides met earlier in the season, also at the Y.M.C.A. On that occasion the home side came out on top by four goals to one.

Therefore if the holders were going to retain their title they had to win Saturday's match by a substantial margin, a task which had been well beyond the capabilities of all Stute's other opponents this season.

Before the match began the visitors were presented with the league trophy for their 1991/92

success, but the common opinion was that this would soon have to be handed over to their opponents.

And this proved to be the case. In the first half both sides played some neat, attractive football. The better chances fell to Stute, only for Parke and then Bates to be denied by the Derry keeper.

As Quigley and Sweeney began to control proceedings in midfield for the home team, chances fell to Semple and Freeman who both narrowly missed the target.

When Derry did manage to attack the home side they found both the defence and keeper Wray in fine form, leaving it goalless at the half-time interval.

## Well organised

This well organised defending by Stute continued in the second

period until gradually they began to dominate the game more and more. They created a number of chances, the best of which substitute Kee put wide, and at the final whistle they were perhaps the more disappointed of the two sides. Although they had secured the title, the draw was the first time they had failed to win all season.

With one more league match still to play — away to Foyle Wanderers, Stute now look set to finish this season's league campaign undefeated. That would be a magnificent achievement for both the players and for coaches Paul McColgan and Nigel Curry, who are in their first season in charge.

They are now hoping that their team, already in the semi-finals, can add the North West Knockout Cup to their league success and clinch a tremendous double.

Institute: J.Wray, D.Coll; K.King(capt.), C.McCarthy, G.Nash, J.Quigley, R.Semple, D.Sweeney, S.Freeman, T.Parke, R.Bates

Subs: J.Kee for R.Bates (45 mins.); M.Doherty not used



Institute Youth team which won the 1992 / 93 North West Youth League

Back: N. Curry - B. Gillard - D. Sweeney - G. Nash - J. Quigley - J. Wray - S. Freeman - M. Doherty  
K. King - P. McColgan

Front: R. Bates - T. Parks - R. Semple - C. McArthur - J. Kee - D. Coll



# B DIVISION

## Trevor Porter

In 1996 we made our boldest move, to enter the B Division of the Irish League. The League informed us as to what was required to bring our ground to the standard of B Division football. We would have to build changing rooms at the ground (the changing rooms at the YM building were reckoned to be too far from the pitch) - a fence would have to be built around the ground and turnstiles erected. We would obviously need help to raise the capital needed so we asked Robert Ferris, Charlie Ferguson and Ivan Loughlin to advise. These three became involved in the Ground Development Committee, along with myself, Billy Smallwoods, Jackie Hiscox and Shirley Smallwoods (Secretary). They were able to advise and do the necessary paperwork to apply for National Lottery and Council Grants. This was phase one of the operation to enter the B Division, a phase eventually completed at a cost of £130,000.

It was very fitting that in our first season in the B Division we would win the Smirnoff Cup, beating Chimney Corner 4-2. We would also be defeated in the Craig Memorial Cup 3-2 by Drummond Utd. We also finished 7th in the League to make it a good season.

The season '97-'98 saw us have a good run in the Irish Cup, eventually falling 4-0 to Crusaders at the quarter-final stage. On the way to the quarter-finals we defeated Ards 2-0 at Ards and at Dungannon we beat Dungannon Swifts 1-0. In the Wilkinson Sword Cup we again reached the quarter-finals, beating Omagh Town 6-1, only to be defeated by Glentoran at the Oval 3-2.



INSTITUTE FOOTBALL CLUB  
WINNERS 'B' DIVISION SMIRNOFF CUP 1997

**Back Row:** P. McColgan, A. Calvin, C. Deery, M. Blair, K. Maloney, D. Browae, F. O'Donnell, G. Blair, J. Cunningham, D. Adair, P. Kee (Coach).  
**Middle Row (Seated):** D. Ross, B. Cuning, G. Loughlin (Captain), A. Creane, J. McGarvey, T. Colhoun.  
**Front Row:** C. Moran, R. Dunlop.



# THE RIVERSIDE STADIUM

**Robert Ferris J.P.,F.N.A.E.A** Chairman of Development Committee

## Institute Football Development Committee

### Ground Developments 1995 - 2004

A major step was taken by the Club in 1995 to set up a special development committee to plan the “way ahead” to gain entry to the Irish League; this included the upgrading of the football grounds which included facilities required under the I.F.A. regulations.

This resulted in a three-year plan and the following was agreed and implemented in 1995:

Phase 1 New security fence to enclose the ground, new changing rooms, toilets, also facilities for disabled, the purchase of two former school classrooms for hospitality and supporter’s shop, two new turnstiles - this resulted in the entry to the “B” division of the Irish League in 1998.

Phase 2 In 1998 we embarked on providing a new 300-seater stand and floodlights. The Club gained promotion to the Premier Division of the Irish League.

Phase 3 It was decided to bring the grounds up to new Health & Safety standards and advice was sought from Derry City Council. This resulted in providing new access for disabled, additional toilets, Public address system, emergency lighting and a new covered stand for 200 people.

“The Riverside Stadium” had emerged from a Greenfield site.

“**Thinking beyond the box**” - Irish League plans for the future.

#### Phase 4 - 2005/6/7 three-year plan

The Club has decided to proceed with new plans to develop, upgrade and replace all temporary buildings within the stadium to bring the grounds up to UEFA standard - providing facilities not only for senior and reserve teams but for our Youth Academy and our Ladies.

The grounds will meet the Irish Football Associations recommendations for facilities to be provided within all soccer grounds, spectator facilities have always been the last thought, this has changed because as well as providing good conditions for player’s training, the facilities for those attending games must provide good access, comfortable seats, pleasant conditions to enjoy the game.

We are keen to encourage and increase the attendance at games, provide a family atmosphere and relaxing afternoon watching the game of soccer. To achieve this the Club have to improve access to the grounds, additional car parking especially for the disabled, the refurbishment of the north stand from 200 seats to 800 seats, new covered stand for 750 people, 300 seats at the south side increased to 600 seats, new media and TV facilities, additional turnstiles, emergency generator and other Health & Safety improvements as well as the new Centre of sport

The improvement to “The Riverside Stadium” has only and will only be achieved with the support of the Irish Football Association, the North-West Football Association, Sports Council for Northern Ireland, local businesses and Club funds.

Derry City Council has played a major role in supporting the Club for many years with grants for our new developments and in many other ways, long may this continue.



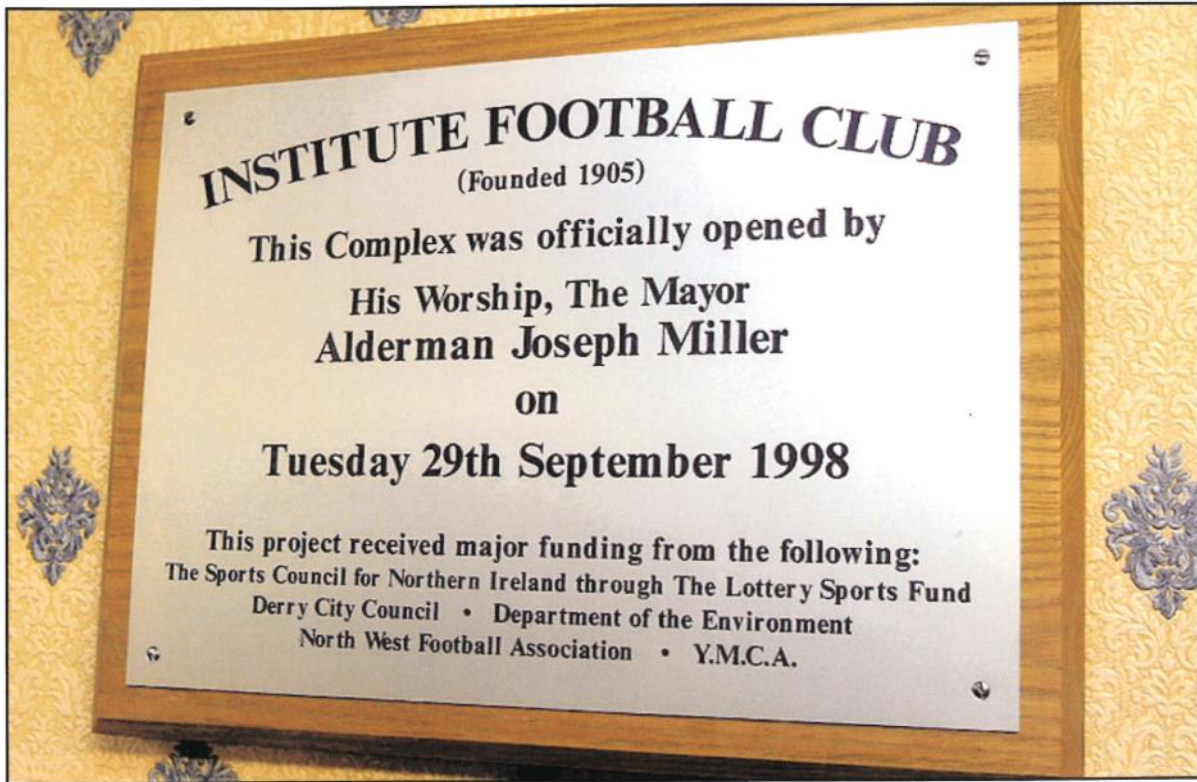
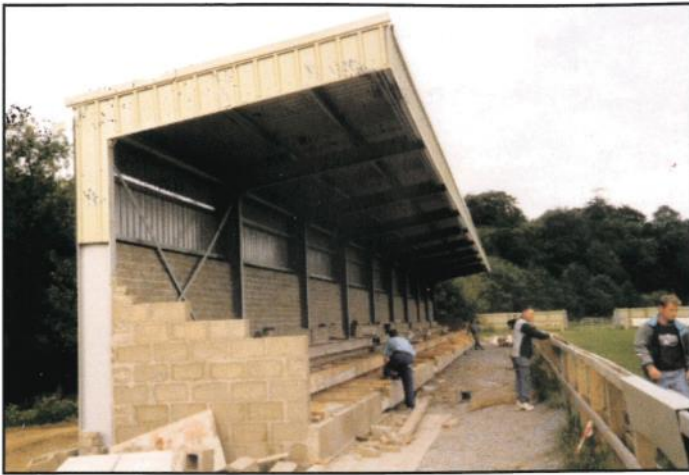
## Ground Developments 1995 - 2004



**Charlie Ferguson, Billy Smallwoods, Ivan Loughlin, Craig Jefferson and Trevor Porter keep eagle eyes as building work develops.**



# Ground Developments 1995 - 2004



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**The Mayor Councillor John Kerr, pictured with Committee members, sponsors and guests at the launch of the new development by Institute F.C. at the YMCA grounds at Drumahoe in 1996**



*The Mayor, Councillor John Kerr, and Claude Wilton, chairman of the North West Football Association, pictured cutting the first sod to mark the start of the new development at Institute FC, Drumahoe. Included are, from left, Alderman William Hay; Tony Carlin, Northern Ireland Sports Council; Charlie Ferguson, project chairman; Jeffrey Templeton, Northern Bank Ltd; and Mitchell Caldwell, Green Gate Dairies. 10TSL47X*



*Pictured at a reception held at the YMCA, Drumahoe, to mark the start of work on the new development by Institute FC are, from left, William Lamrock, chairman, YMCA; Ivan Loughlin, architect; Billy Smallwoods; Charlie Ferguson; Shirley Smallwoods, secretary; Claude Wilton, chairman, North West Football Association; Trevor Porter, chairman, Institute FC; Geoffrey Hiscox and Robert Ferris. 10TSL46K*





The man who keeps the YMCA grounds and the Riverside Stadium looking so well.  
Groundsman Phillip Biggar



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offer congratulations to Institute Football Club

on reaching their centenary year





**Rev. John Noble**

## INSTITUTE THEN AND NOW

**Rev. John Noble BD, BA - Chaplain Institute F.C.**

One of the roles that parents have in life is to pass on things of value to their children. For fathers with sons, in particular, there is always the inclination to encourage their male heirs to be interested in activities that they themselves enjoy. I am very thankful that my late father shared with and encouraged in me a support for Institute Football Club. From an early age he would have taken me to Wilton Park in the Waterside area of Londonderry to watch local junior football on a Saturday afternoon. As an uninspiring footballer in my own right - and that's being kind to myself - my earliest enjoyment of the beautiful game was all Institute.

How far the 'Stute have come since those days of forty years ago! My memories of the period are many but still very clear. They include sheltering from the fierce winter elements along a hedge or a corrugated tin fence. Acting as an unofficial ball boy and having to climb through the hedge or over the fence to retrieve a wayward shot or header from Charlie Ferguson. Calling the goalkeeper, Hugh Lindsay, 'Sir' because he had taught me in primary school. Being 'sent off' by the recently deceased referee Matt Morrison for refusing to move away from the opposition goal post because my support for 'Stute was distracting the goalkeeper! Waiting in anticipation for the team to emerge for a big game from a Second World War corrugated iron hut dressing room which had no electricity or water. The excitement of near misses, crucial goals and famous victories. The tension of tight games against clubs like Limavady United (the same), Derry Guilds, Roe Valley, Churchill United, Coleraine Crusaders and Benvarden. Away trips also to places like Strabane, Lisnarick in County Fermanagh and Rathfriland in County Down, an Irish Junior Cup quarter final on a hillside pitch in Ligoniel, North Belfast. My 'heroes' were players like those I have mentioned already plus others like Stanley Hamilton, Bertie Long, Roy Stewart, David Creighton, the Billy boys - Begley, Boyd, Jackson and Johnston - and the George Best of North West football, Howard Kirk. Two other players who are no longer with us but who made a valuable contribution to the Institute success of those days were Billy Kee and Clarke Nicholl. The late Gilbert McLaughlin was the 'Stute manager then, he always watched the game by himself, moving around the pitch to observe his team's play from different areas.

My fondest memory of that era must be the winning Irish Junior Cup campaign of 1969. Ligoniel were brought back to Wilton Park for a tension filled replay. The semi-final and final were both played at Coleraine Showground, the latter an 8-2 victory over Queens Park Swifts from Lurgan with a late afternoon kick-off on the same day that Manchester City beat Leicester City in the F.A. Cup final. The blue riband trophy of junior football returned amidst great excitement to the North West for the fourth time in ten seasons following the victories of Derry Guilds in 1967, Limavady United in 1964 and Churchill United in 1960. How much Institute have progressed since then.

The lost years of senior football in Londonderry, forced many football fans - myself included - to follow the fortunes of distant Irish League clubs. That, and ten years away from the city of my birth due to employment, meant that I watched the meteoric rise of Institute from a distance. I spent almost twenty years following the fortunes of Linfield to every ground in the league but now I am back close to home and have returned to actively and enthusiastically



supporting my first love in football. We are now a fully fledged senior club with a developing ground, a dedicated management committee consisting mainly of 'Stute stalwarts with long club connections, a support with a wide age profile and, of course, a team of which we can be proud.

The memories of the modern era continue for me, and what better or more exciting than the 5-0 North West Cup final success against Omagh Town in September 2002 and our treble against the mighty Linfield during the 2002/03 season? Gary Woods late goal at Drumahoe in August 2002 was the result of dreams, our 2-0 victory at a cold Riverside in January 2003 was well-deserved against a poorly performing Linfield side. But 9 November 2002 at Windsor Park will live long in the memory with Paul 'Snowy' McLaughlin's double elevating him to folk hero status in the hearts of Institute supporters. A superb 3-1 victory in November 2003 against league champions Glentoran at The Riverside was also particularly sweet for someone with a soft spot for the Blues. Notable victories in the first half of the 2004/05 season included 2-1 and 3-1 successes against Portadown and Coleraine respectively. The 'junior' club, Institute, playing and winning against such teams - what a transformation, what a journey!

I am so grateful for the memories that Institute F. C. has provided for me, stretching back over almost forty years. We have a new, younger breed of fan following the team these days, perhaps some of them have been introduced to the club by their dad. I just hope that when, in the future, they look back over a lifetime of following the 'Stute that they too will have many wonderful memories. I have much to thank my father for but my keen interest in - and support for - Institute Football Club sits high on the list.



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**Friday 23rd April 1999**  
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**INSTITUTE  
FOOTBALL CLUB**



Smirnoff Irish League  
First Division

**Institute F.C.**  
v.  
**Armagh City**

Saturday, 30th October, 1999  
Kick-Off: 3.00 pm


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**INSTITUTE  
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Irish Football Association  
First Division

**Institute F.C.**  
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# Institute Flame Ladies F.C.A.

**Helen McKinney**

Institute Flame Ladies F.C. have been involved in NIWFA League Soccer since 2001, but it was the amalgamation with Tamnavale Ladies and Culmore Girls in 2004 that saw the push forward, for the club, towards hopefully more league and cup honours over the next few years

With UEFA B qualified coaches on board, the 80+ girls and ladies who train and play for Institute have raised their skill levels considerably, so much in fact that a number of the girls have represented N.I. at International level. Ashleen Kealey at senior level, Julie McLaughlin and Leanne Doak at U- 17 level, Terri Magee at U- 15 level and Megan Deery, Sinead Logue, Aine McKeever and Avilla Bergin at U-13 level.

The demand for girls football at the Riverside has resulted in an all girls Academy being set up for the growing number of girls and this season sees Institute Flame represented by a Senior Ladies, U-16 girls, U-14 girls, and 3 U-12 girls teams and 1 U-10 team

The 2004 season has been a tremendously successful one for the Senior Ladies who won the North West Divisional Cup and finished second in the League. The spoils of success has been shared throughout the Club with the U-16's winning the West of the Bann League, The U-14's and the U-10's both winning the N.I Cups, in their respective groups.

With more girls joining every week the future looks bright for the Stute Flames L.F.C



**Entire Institute Flame Football Club Ladies**





**Institute U - 16 ..... West of Bann League Champions with coach Kevin McKinney**  
**Back:** K. McKinney - K. McKinney - C. Cooke - L. Craig - D. Bonner - C. Taylor  
 A. McKillop  
**Front:** K. Rafferty - E. Toland - K. Canavan - T. McGee - C. Davies - D. Duffy



**Institute U -10 Girls ---- N.I. U 10 Cup Winners**  
**Back:** H. McKinney - J. McKinney  
**Centre:** D. Harkin - V. Crawford - T. MCreagh - R. Gillard  
**Front:** N. McLaughlin - L. Reilly - B. Irvine





**Institute Flame Football Club Senior Ladies**



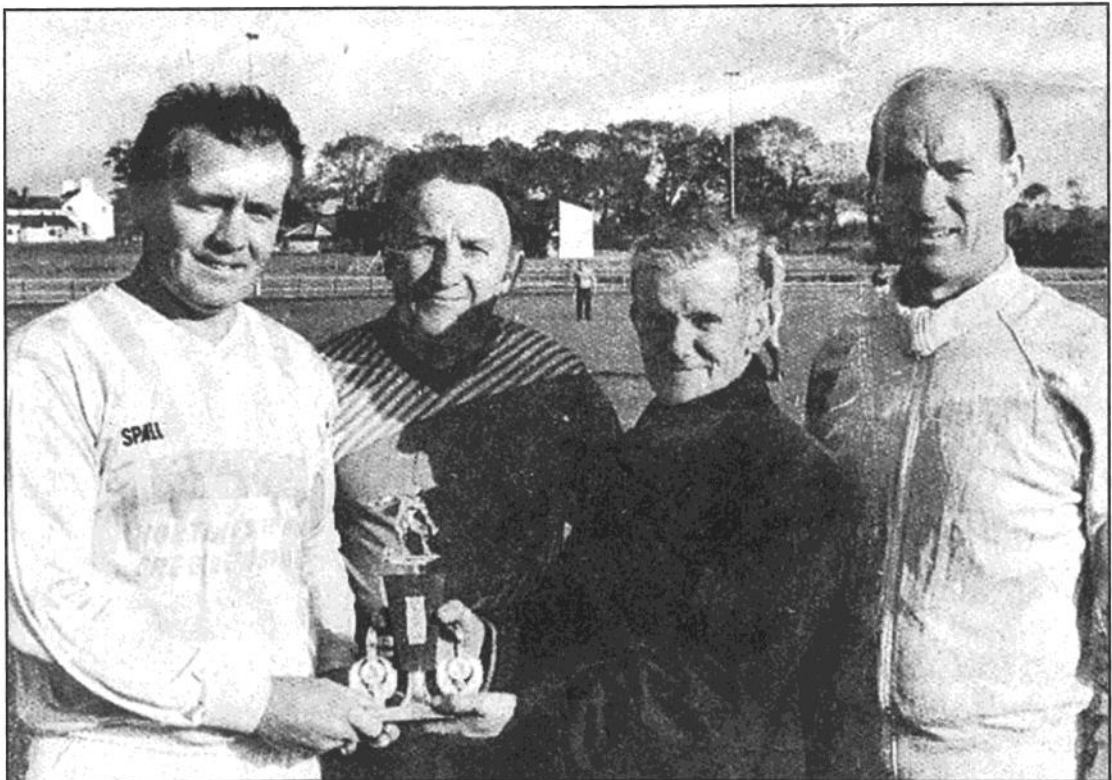
**Institute U -14 Girls ---- N.I. U -14 Cup Winners**

**Back: L. McKinney - M. Deery - A. McKeever - A. Bergin - C. McSheffrey - C. Cooke**  
**Front: N. McKinney - A. Cruickshank - T. Magee - J. Devine - C. Taylor**





**Institute Football Club - winners of the North West 'Old Boys' (over 40s) Football Tournament by four goals to two against Long Tower 'Old Boys' played at Swilly Stadium in 1991**



**Mr Patrick "Pash" Doherty presenting the 'Old Boys' Trophy to Johnny Burnside, captain of Institute 'Old Boys'. Centre is Andy Hegarty, captain of Long Tower 'Old Boys'. On the right is Liam Bradley the tournament organiser.**



# BILLY KEE

The local community, and Institute Football Club in particular, was stunned in May 2002 by the terrible news of the death of Billy Kee at the young age of 55 years.

Billy Kee was known by many in his early years as a dedicated footballer who plied his trade as a hard-working midfielder for Derry City and Limavady United. However, his true footballing love was Institute and as a player he was a member of the famous 'Stute' team which won the Irish Junior Cup in 1969 and he then later went on to manage the club. As a committee member in later years he used his great footballing knowledge to help guide the club, both on and off the field, from Intermediate football to the dizzy heights of the Premier Division in six short years.

Billy Kee's friends and colleagues at Institute spoke from the heart. Club Chairman Trevor Porter: "Billy was a great help to me in my role as Chairman, he had a great knowledge of football and was always willing to offer me greatly appreciated advice. Billy was a good friend and a good person and the loss will be felt greatly by the club".

Club President, Charlie Ferguson, who was a team-mate of Billy in his playing days: "Any attempt by me to chronicle the phenomenal career within the service to soccer and Institute in particular of Billy Kee could in no way do justice to his memory. It is not an exaggeration to claim that with others he was the guiding light of Institute FC over the past 30 years. Billy epitomised all that is good about Institute, both on and off the field of play. I believe, however, that the most poignant testimony to his endeavours can be seen in the development of the Institute Stadium at the YMCA Grounds, Drumahoe. Our loss is great, but we at Institute are heartened by the well-known sentiments of the poet Campbell, **"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die"** At Institute Football Club Billy Kee will forever live in our hearts. He has not died; he will always be with us."

Club captain in 2002 Adrian Creane summed up the affection all felt for Billy Kee: "Billy had it all, he was a gentleman. He was a true Institute man - he played, managed and when both were finished he supported us, he never missed a match, rain, hail or snow."





### ***Institute Football Club Management Committee 2002***

**Front Row:** (Left to Right) Trevor Hewitt, Ann Porter (Minutes Secretary), Billy Smallwoods (Vice Chairman), Trevor Porter (Chairman), Charles Ferguson (President), Billy Gillard, Stephen Spratt.

**Back Row:** (Left to Right) Dean McGonigle, Derek Coll (Secretary), Ralph McClements, Johnny Burnside, Keith McElhinney (Accountant), Raymond Smyth, Noel Moore, Robert Ferris (Chairman Ground Development Committee), Billy Kee (In-set)

The Club were promoted to the Irish League Premier Division for the 2002/ 2003 season.



### **Ground Development Committee 2002**

**Standing:** J. Hiscox - B. Smallwoods - I. Loughlin - R. Ferris  
**Seated:** T. Porter - C. Ferguson





**Institute Youths 1998/99**



**INSTITUTE FOOTBALL CLUB  
WINNERS 'B' DIVISION SMIRNOFF CUP 1997**

**Row:** P. McColgan, A. Calvin, C. Deery, M. Blair, K. Maloney, D. Browne, F. O'Donnell, G. Blair, J. Cunningham, D. Adair, P. Kee (Coach)  
**Back Row (Seated):** D. Ross, B. Cuning, G. Loughlin (Captain), A. Creane, J. McGarvey, T. Colhoun.  
**Row:** C. Moran, R. Dunlop.





**Institute Youth Squad 1998/99**

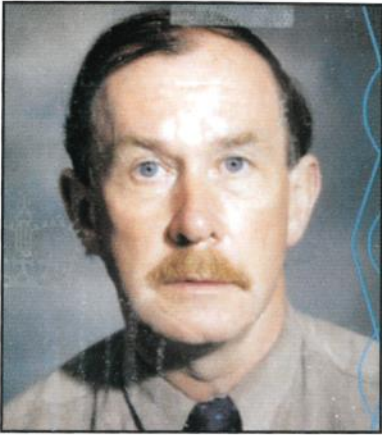


**Institute Youth Squad 1998/99**



# Ivan Loughlin

**Jimmy Wallace**



I really only got to know Ivan Loughlin in later years, and became very friendly when he moved to Clearwater beside us.

Ivan started his first job with an architect called Gerry Colhoun and then he moved to the Planning Dept. and eventually to the Housing Executive.

Always a thinking man he decided to start his own business and became a successful business man in a short time. His approach to people and his very pleasant manner was of the highest order.

Nothing seemed to be a problem to Ivan.

His passion for music was highlighted by the success of his band 'The Woodlanders' and in later years 'Spice'.

A more than useful competitor, he was a regular member of Gransha Football Club, playing in practically every position on the field with a reasonable amount of success. He then played for Institute in the North West League and gave valuable service to the club over the years.

Ivan was involved in the movement from the Diamond to Drumahoe amalgamating with Y.M.C.A.

In 1984 he was Chairman of the YMCA House Committee and it was during this time he became involved with Institute Football Club. He became very influential in the Ground Committee and a lasting testimony to his efforts can be seen in the development of the Riverside Stadium at the Y.M.C.A. grounds at Drumahoe.

Ivan's eldest son Gregory played a major part as a player in helping Institute from Intermediate League status to present day membership of the Premier League.

A very popular member of Brigade Cricket Club, Ivan worked tirelessly both as a player and committee member and his efforts have made Brigade a club to be envied in cricket circles.

His death at a comparatively early age, after a short illness borne with courage and dignity, and the attendance at his funeral service paid tribute to a very special person.



# Players - Spectators - Friends at Drumahoe







**INSTITUTE FOOTBALL CLUB  
WINNERS NORTH WEST SENIOR CUP 1998 - (CUP CENTENARY YEAR)**

Back Row: C. Deery, D. Reddin, S. Campbell.  
Middle Row: V. Pollock, J. McGarvey, G. Blair, D. Ross, J. Quigg, J. Wray, D. Brown, F. O'Donnell, M. Blair, P. Kee, D. Addair.  
Front Row: G. Cassidy, J. Cunningham, K. Maloney, A. Creane, B. Devine.  
Sitting: R. Dunlop, A. Blair.



**All ready for action - The Stewards at Drumahoe  
Philip Kincaid - Gary Garfield - John Smyth - Mervyn Johnston - Ken Donaghey**





**A row of loyal supporters**



**Institute Football Club Ladies Committee 2005**

**Standing: Marcia Coll - Ruth Spratt**

**Seated: Violet McClements - Annie Smallwoods - Anne Porter - Paula Hewitt**



## INSTITUTE / FOYLE HOSPICE

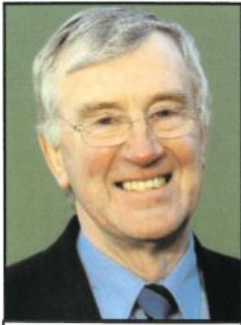


Teri Sythes, of the Foyle Hospice, pictured with directors and playing staff at a reception held before Institute v Ards on Saturday 26th February 2005 at the Riverside Stadium to reaffirm the partnership between Institute FC and the Foyle Hospice for 2005. Included are, from left - right. Billy Gillard, Robert Ferris, Russell Porter, Pascal Vaudequin, Ryan Coyle, Alwyn Hogg.



Institute Premier League Football Squad - February 2005





**Charlie Ferguson**

## INTO THE FUTURE

**Charlie Ferguson MCIWM, MRSH - President Institute Football Club**

Having reached this distinguished centenary landmark, what of the future for Institute Football Club?

Many years ago, the Board at Institute came to the conclusion that, in terms of good community practice, and equally, in terms of 'enlightened self-interest' as an ambitious football club, the best prospect for success lay in ensuring that the whole community participated in, and experienced pride in Institute Football Club.

Once that conclusion was reached, there was a natural dynamo driving the Club on to a greater and greater cross-community effort, a stronger and stronger ethos of equal opportunities for all and a determination to achieve maximum success through the deployment of the best human and other resources available, regardless of which side of the River Foyle, which side of the Community or which side of the Border those resources originated.

This vision of inclusivity has borne fruit in the family atmosphere which pervades the Riverside Stadium on match days. Many Premier Clubs visiting Drumahoe have been pleasantly surprised by the set-up and the welcome they receive. Indeed, the Glentoran Chairman in his after match speech described it as the best welcome and friendliest Club that he had visited in his 30 or so years in visiting Clubs around the Irish League.

An essential part of this development is to continually improve the facilities at the Ground to provide a safe and comfortable environment in which Premier Division football can be enjoyed by the whole community.



**The Team For The Future - Institute Football Club Full Committee 2005**

**Standing:** R. McClements - J. Burnside - S. Spratt - D. McGonigle - N. Moore - R. McGonigle - T. Porter  
 J. Hiscox - B. Gillard - A. Hogg - R. Ferris (Chairman Development Committee)

**Seated:** Rev. J. Noble (Chaplain) - D. Coll (Secretary) - B. Smallwoods (Chairman)  
 C. Ferguson (President) - R. Smyth (Vice Chairman) - T. Hewitt (Treasurer)  
 K. McElhinney (Accountant)



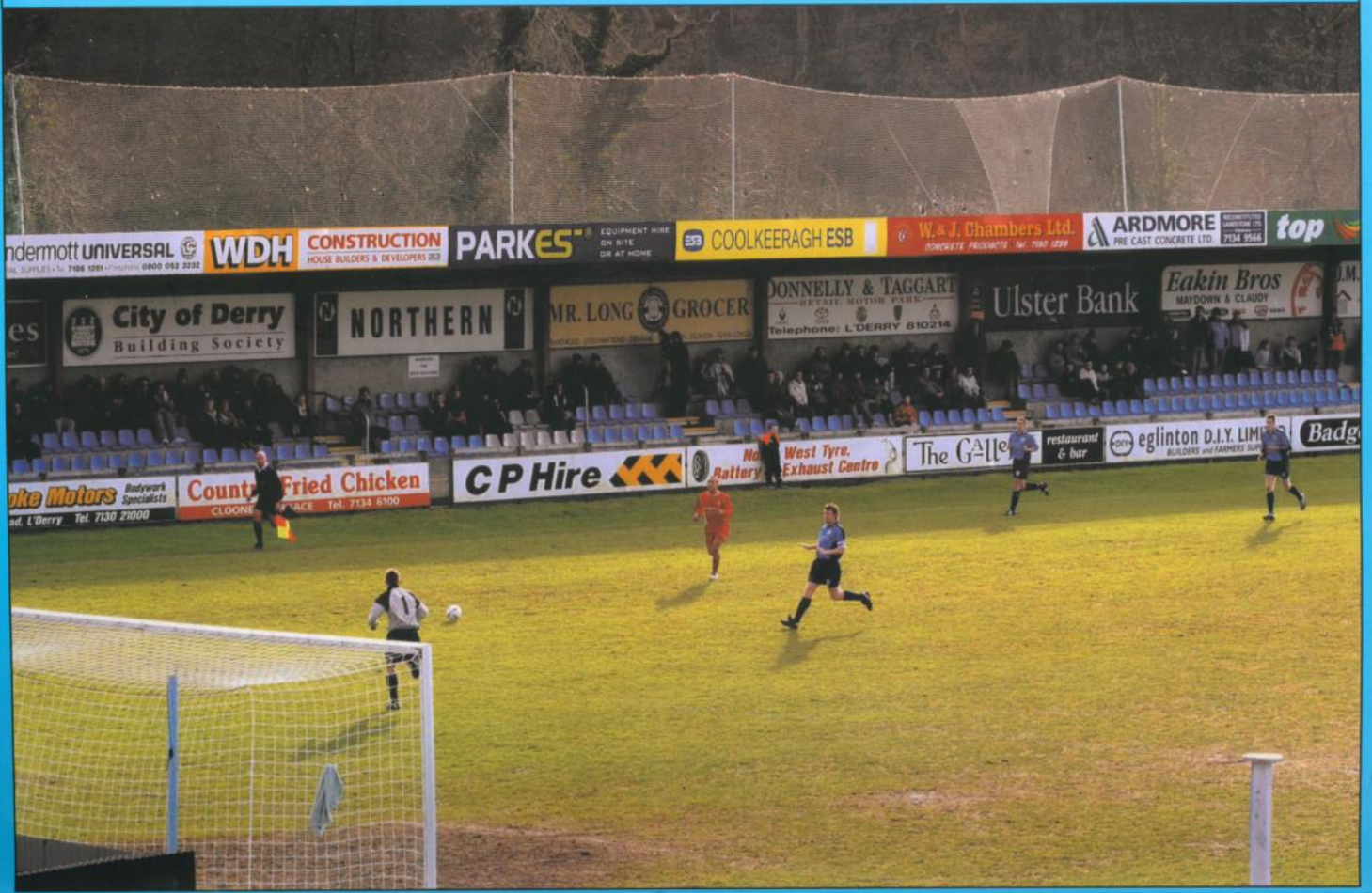


## The Honourable The Irish Society

The Honourable The Irish Society are proud to be associated with Institute Football Club and offer their warmest congratulations to them on reaching this unique stage in their long history



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