

Please find below details of those who played on the Boys' 1st XI Hockey team at Limavady Grammar School.

As with the other sports featured in this archive, the number preceding the pupil name is the school registration number of that particular pupil. If the number does not appear then that is either because there is no surviving school report in school detailing that pupil's activities or the activity is not recorded on their report. The only other information we have therefore is from the school magazine, Roesian.

If the reader has photographs or other relevant information to add to this archive we would be very pleased to hear from you. Thank you.

Words in italics are drawn directly from Roesian.

**Boys
1st XI**

Hockey

1936-37 (photograph by kind permission of Mr Nelson McGonagle)

Edgar Acheson
Hal Allison
George Brown
William (Willie) Hamilton
K Love
C Lowry
George McCartney
Steve P McGushin
W McIlmoyle
W C McReynolds (Captain)
M Semple (Maurice?)

'We started hockey after the Christmas holidays with a heavy defeat. Since then the side has come into its own, largely through the support of players from the town who have strengthened our practices by joining in on Wednesday afternoons. All the league matches have not been played, but if the forwards will concentrate on attack, there is a strong chance of our winning the league.'



Boys' 1st XI Hockey 1936-37

Mr H Gough Steve McGushin George Brown K Love Hal Allison
Willie Hamilton Edgar Acheson W McReynolds (Captain) W McIlmoyle George McCartney
C Lowry M Semple

1937-38

C G Lowry (Captain)

George McCartney possibly played this season

Stephen McGushin

'Although many of last year's team left us at the end of the year there still remained, at the beginning of this season, a strong foundation on which to build our new team. Many of our players were inexperienced, but by their enthusiasm and by the support of players from the town who joined the practices, the team has reached the final of the North West Boys' Challenge Cup. ... A bus was chartered on 1st May to carry all the hockey supporters to the Boys' Match at Duncreggan in the final of the North-West Challenge Cup, in which we were successful, after a keen struggle, in retaining the cup by four goals to three. Our thanks are due to Magee University College for the loan of their ground and for the kindness of Mrs Finnegan in presenting the cup.'

1938-39 (photograph Roesian 1939, page 30)

K B Black
E Crockett
William (Willie) D Hamilton
Derek R Murphy
M N Murphy
G McCartney (Captain)
William (Billy) A McCully
John M McCunn
J F McIlmoyle
W L Riley
Victor H Ryan
W M M Semple

'We had good attendances at our practices, and fought our way well up the League Table. We finished a very successful season by reaching the semi-final of the North-West Boys' Challenge Cup.'



BOYS' HOCKEY 1st XI —1938-39.

H. Gough, Esq., W. A. McCully, D. R. Murphy, W. L. Riley, E. Crockett, J. M. McCunn, K. B. Black,
J. F. M'Ilmoyle, M. N. Murphy, G. W. McCartney (Capt.), W. M. M. Semple, W. D. Hamilton, V. H. Ryan.

1939-40

1940-41

1941-42

V Ryan (Captain)

1942-43 (photograph by kind permission of Mr Nelson McGonagle)

Derek Allen
Jack Austin
Ernest Caskie
Glenn Caskie
Harvey Earl
Eli Lucas
Ted Maxwell
Tony Murphy
Billy McCully
Obie Smyth
Brice Walker

'The difficulty of obtaining a hockey field has been temporarily overcome by the kindness of Mrs MacManaway and Mr Sam Moore, and there is a strong probability that we shall be able to complete the season on the field opposite Greystone Hall.'



Boys' Hockey 1st XI 1942-43

Back Row: Tony Murphy Jack Austin Harvey Earl Eli Lucas Derek Allen Obie Smyth
Front Row: Ted Maxwell Earnest Caskie Glenn Caskie Billy McCully Brice Walker

1943-44

1944-45 (photograph by kind permission of Mr Nelson McGonagle)

Derek Allen
Ernest Caskie
Tom Caskie
Harvey Earl
Cecil Gibson
Gerald Hutchinson
Ted Maxwell (Captain)
Desmond Moffat
Joe McGushin
E Nicholl
David Riley

'We have broken new ground this year by entering a team for the Ulster Schools' Cup, and the new venture has created a surge of enthusiasm, which is reflected in the play of every member of the team. We have not been beaten in school games up to the present, a record we hope to maintain.

We have had more matches than usual and would like to thank the players from the town, who joined in our practice games, giving us the benefit of their experience.

Our team all play a very keen game, ... Our goal-keeper is very safe and has saved the record of this year's team on many occasions.'



Boys' Hockey 1st XI 1944-45

David Riley Ernest Caskie Harvey Earl Cecil Gibson Derek Allen Desmond Moffatt
E Nicholl Gerald Hutchinson Ted Maxwell (Captain) Tom Caskie Joe McGushin

1945-46 (photograph Roesian 1946, page 40)

Billy Biggerstaff
T Crawford
Gerald Hutchinson
Albert Lucas
J Martin
Desmond Moffat
George McClelland
Joe McGushin
E Nicholl
David Riley (Captain)
M Stevenson

'After the departure of last year's seniors we looked among the younger forms and soon found good material to fill the gaps. We entered for the Schools' Cup and the teams proved most enthusiastic and regular in attendance at practices. The draw for the Cup gave us Campbell College in the first round but they withdrew, and we reached the semi-finals by defeating Bushmills 4-2. In the semi-final Omagh proved to be the better team and in Derry they won 2-1. Goodbye, "Cup 1946." Better luck next year! D Riley and B Biggerstaff have been chosen to play for the Belfast and District School side against a North-West side at Omagh on Saturday 16th March.'



BOYS' HOCKEY XI. — 1945 - '46.

(Photo by Connolly)

J. Martin A. Lucas E. Nicholl J. M'Gushin G. M'Clelland M. Stevenson
B. Biggerstaff T. Crawford D. Riley (Captain) D. Moffatt G. Hutchinson

