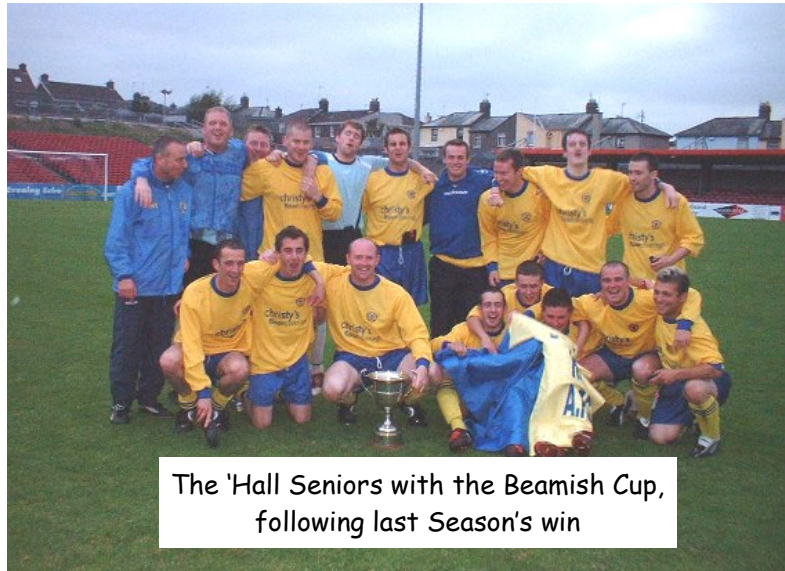


Douglas Hall 2005/06

The 2005/06 season to date has been progressing reasonably well for all our adult sides on the league front, but with the exception of the Seniors, we have exited all cup competitions.

The Seniors faced the very unusual early season fixture v. Shamrock Rovers in the FAI Senior Cup. There now seems no doubt that this impacted our early

season league form, losing both of our opening league games. Since then, the Seniors are unbeaten in the league, but seem to find it difficult to win matches. Our record of 2 wins and 6



The 'Hall Seniors with the Beamish Cup, following last Season's win

draws since early September would bear out this summary of league form. Their form in the Intermediate cup has been very positive, with wins over Crosshaven and Liffey Wanderers bringing us into the 4th Round. We are, for a change, at home to Fanad Utd from Donegal and we'll surely give them a fine Moneygourney welcome.

The panel for Sunday will be: Adrian O'Donovan, Gary Aherne, Joe McSorley, Brian Wilkinson, Albert Clarke, John Healy, Gavin Roche, Robbie Bermingham, Paddy O'Keeffe, David Moore, Keith Stanton, Steve Barry, Decky O'Connell, John McCarthy, Jason Martin, Leonard O'Donovan, Kevin Mulcahy, Damien O'Callaghan, Shane Kennedy.

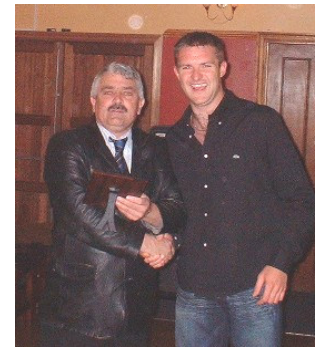
Tiny and Jack have kept the side playing good football, creating plenty of chances. However, defensively, we have not been as solid this season. There is room for improvement in this area of the team—we will be hoping to see more progress in the remainder of the season.

The **MSL Juniors** are under the management of Andrew Fealy and Anthony O'Sullivan and have been involved in the league challenge throughout this season. They are showing all the signs of a team which will challenge right to the end. They have had some bad luck with injuries—LOD, Strachan, Gavin Draper, Dave O'Connell



have all suffered injuries at different times. As well, the unluckiest player in the club, Stephen O'Connell, also suffered a serious injury. Stephen had just returned to football, and was developing a pivotal defensive role in the side when he was injured. Let's hope we'll see him back in a 'Hall jersey soon again.

The **AUL Juniors** have built on their success last season in the Corinthians Cup, mounting a very serious challenge in the League, under Joe Harris's astute management. They have played most of the other challengers in the league already and have more than held their own in these fixtures.



Last season's Player of the Year, Brendan Crowne is maintaining his form this season, scoring regularly. Rory O'Sullivan has also contributed handsomely on the score sheets. Defensively the team is also very sound, with Diarmuid Moynihan, Rory Browne and James O'Brien, the goalie, all giving great performance at the moment.

The **Youths** seem to be suffering with the re-structuring of the leagues this season. The net result of switching the Under 17 league to Sunday afternoon and the Youths league to Saturday afternoon seems to be a strengthening of the Under 17 league at the expense of Youths. Certainly, in our case, our team is suffering badly because of Saturday matches. League form has been reasonably good, driven on by Austin Twomey, Killian Murphy, Patrick Carroll and John Harris. New blood on the team like Philip Holland and Pat McKee is also helping. A sustained series of results in the league would improve matters considerably—perhaps kickstarted by the recent 4-0 win over Macroom.