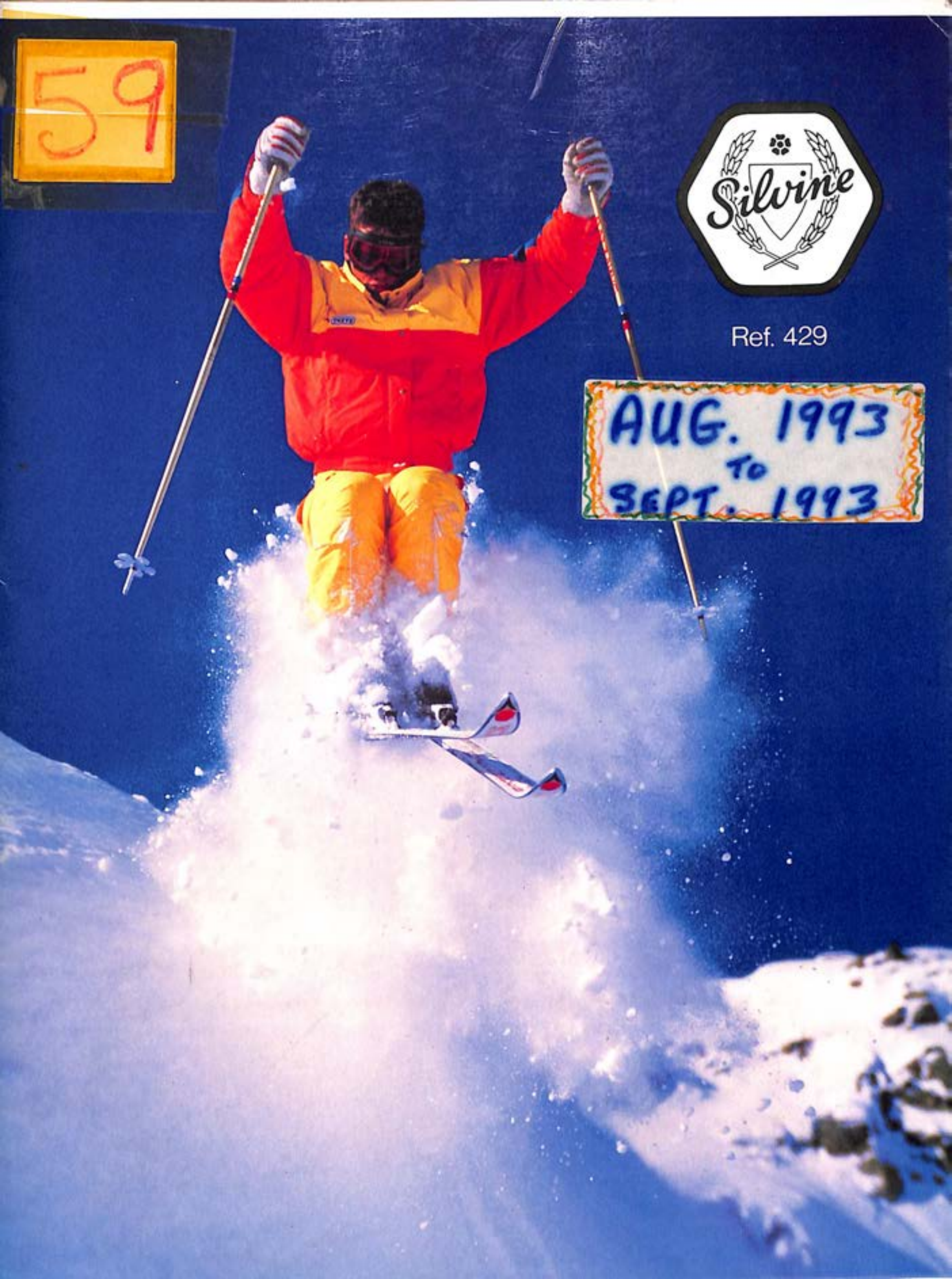


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Tipperary became the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Champions for the second year in succession, when they got the better of Galway in this final replay played at Ballinasloe. The score, 3-10 to 2-9. Scorers: Tipperary: Clara Gaynor 2-4, Anne Barry 1-1, Nicola Kennedy 0-2, Gillian O'Neill, Sharon Lawton and Mandy Quigley 0-1 each. Galway: Colleen Crowe 1-4, Denise Gilligan 1-1, Veronica Curtin 0-2, Anne Hardiman and Aolfe Tannian 0-1 each. Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

Clare are through to the final of the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship when they overcame a strong challenge from Kildare at Ennis, 2-9 to 2-3. Scores: Clare: Moria McMahon 1-2, Frances Phelan 0-4, Maura McNicholas 1-0, Catherine O'Loughlin 0-2, Sinead O'Brien 0-1. Kildare: Miriam Malone 1-2, Nora Egan 1-1. Referee: Collette Kennedy, Galway.

Tipperary got an easy passage to the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship semi final when they coasted to victory over Down 5-12 to 3-7 at Portaferry. Scores: Tipperary: Deirdre Hughes 3-2, Noelle Kennedy 1-3, Helan Kealy 1-2, Anne Gleeson 0-3, Helan O'Leary and Triona Bonner 0-1 each. Down: Mairin McAllenan 1-6, Veronica McCreevy 1-1, Brigen Sands 1-0. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Armagh proved too strong for London in the quarter final of the All-Ireland Junior Championship at Portmore, 5-12 to 0-4. Scores: Armagh: Mary Donnelly 3-2, Patricia McEvoy 1-2, Mary Black 1-1, Bernie McBride and Ursula McGivern 0-3 each, Anne Lennon 0-1. London: Breda Kelly, Margaret Camphill, Susan Weir and Deirdre Daly 0-1 each. Referee: Geraldine Clarke, Monaghan.

Carlow took their first ever Leinster Junior Championship title when they defeated Kilkenny 2-11 to 1-5 at Myshall. Scores: Carlow: Nuala Quirke 2-1, Margaret Hogan and Valerie Crean 0-4 each, Marie Sheehan 0-2. Kilkenny: Hilda Butler 1-1, Sinead Costello 0-2, Imelda Kennedy and Mary McGrath 0-1 each. Referee: Mary Connor, Louth.

Sunday next is a busy day with four All-Ireland

Championship semi finals down for decision. In Senior, old rivals Cork and Kilkenny cross swords at Nowlan Park. At this stage of the competition last year, Cork knocked out Kilkenny who were chasing their eighth All-Ireland in a row. The Leesiders went on to take the title. In a preliminary round of the National League Cork recorded a 2-20 to 2-5 victory over the Noreiders. When they met in the final, Kilkenny turned the tables and took the title 4-7 to 1-13. Kilkenny have proven that they will be a force to reckon with and are sure to give everything they have got to overcome their opponents. When those two sides meet they always give a good exhibition. It should be a close affair and should attract a large crowd to Nowlan Park. Cork panel: Kathleen Costine, Breda Kenny, Paula Goggins, Therese O'Callaghan, Liz Towler, Linda Mellerick, Sandra Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin, Irene O'Keefe, Liz O'Neill, Colette O'Mahony, Fiona O'Driscoll, Rose Desmond, Liz Dunphy, Irene O'Leary, Claire McCarthy. Kilkenny: Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Brigid Barnaville, Deirdre Malone, Una Murphy, Tracy Millea, Sinead Millea, Gillian Dillon, Bridie McGarry, Anne Downey, Angela Downey, Marina Downey, Brigid Mullaly, Breda Holmes, Kay Dunphy, Joan Aylward.

In the other semi final Galway host Wexford at Ballinasloe. This should be a power packed tussle. Last year when the sides met in the semi final, Wexford had three points to spare, 2-11 to 1-11. Galway are a young side, trained by Cyril Farrell, they had a great run in the National League, beaten by Kilkenny in the semi final by the minimum score, 4-8 to 4-7. Wexford's best performance this year was in the Leinster Championship semi final when they ran Kilkenny to one point, 3-13 to 4-9. They have experienced players in Catherine Murphy, Angie Hearn, Fiona Dunne, Anne Reddy, Geraldine Codd, Stella Synott and Paula Rankin. Galway have fine performers, most of whom have come up through the Colleges, they include: Sheila Cone, Deirdre Costello, Sharon Glynn, Claire Lynch, Emer Hardiman and Imelda Hobbins. Galway may just shade it on home ground.

In the All-Ireland Intermediate semi final Dublin and Tipperary come face to face at a Dublin venue. This competition was inaugurated last year and has created great interest. Dublin are the reigning champions and lost out to Wexford in the Senior



Armagh stars ready for action against Carlow on Sunday:
Left to right: Patricia McEvoy, Celine McCreary,
Ursula McGivern (Capt.), Mary Black

Championship. They commenced their Intermediate campaign with a convincing win over Antrim 4-12 to 1-8.

Tipperary are the All-Ireland Junior champions and are a very useful side. They had a good win over a fancied Down squad, who were last year's beaten Intermediate finalists, 5-12 to 3-7. Dublin's experience may see them through, but 'The Premier County' is sure to fight all the way. Dublin panel: Louise Curry, Catherine O'Boyle, Geraldine Dunne, Carmel Gray, Cheryl Whittaker, Veronica Trehy, Patsy Murphy, Denise O'Leary, Patricia Clinton, Carmel O'Byrne, Cathy Walshe, Una Crowley, Sinead Caulfield, Nora Maguire, Marie Connell, Irene Kirwan, Paula Carroll. Tipperary Panel: Ailish Delaney, Anne Marie Fitzgerald, Regina O'Meara, Cora Kennedy, Clare Madden, Triona Bonner, Kaiffe Maloney, Maeve Stokes, Deirdre Hughes, Joan Tobin, Sinead Neilan, Jovite Delaney, Helan O'Leary, Anne Gleeson, Noella Kennedy.

In the All-Ireland Junior semi final, Carlow have the Ulster Champions Armagh on home ground. This should be an entertaining encounter. Carlow will be contesting their first All-Ireland semi final and will meet with stiff opposition in Armagh, who are the National League Champions. However, Carlow are cock-a-hoop from their recent victory and home venue will be advantageous. Carlow Panel: Helan Lawlor, Sheila Ryan, Catherine Crookes, Olivia O'Neill, Charmaine Gibson, Mary Smyth, Valerie Crean, Nuala Quirke, Anne Marie Ryan, Agnes Harkins, Marie Sheehan, Margaret Dermody, Mary Coady, Aine Murphy, Mary Abbey, Joanne Lawlor, Kathleen Brennan.

Fixtures

Sunday, August 15th

All-Ireland S.C. Semi Finals:
At Nowlan Park: Kilkenny v Cork, 3 p.m.
At Ballinasloe: Galway v Wexford 3 p.m.
All-Ireland I.C. Semi Final:
At St. Anne's Bohernabreena:
Dublin v Tipperary 3 p.m.
All-Ireland J.C. Semi Final:
At Myshall: Carlow v Armagh 11 a.m.
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Cork players that Kilkenny will need to watch on Sunday. Left to right: Linda Mellerick (Capt.), Lynn Dunlea and Irene O'Leary

TIPP RETAIN MINOR CAMOGIE TITLE



THE Cork camogie team who have qualified to meet Galway in the All-Ireland final following a thrilling victory over Kilkenny on Sunday

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Melodrama of the very highest order

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ON the most scenic route — to wit, that route proffering fewest dog turds — from my wee abode to my wee office, is a schizoid little laneway which introduces itself as Gardiner's Hill Avenue at one extremity and proclaims itself to be Stream Hill at the other. Do not hurling events, and all their ensuing deductions and determinations and declamations about standards, often make you feel that you have as little notion where you are as Cork Corporation?

Latest big hurling results: Cork 5-10 Kilkenny 2-18 (Women); Galway 1-16 Tipp 1-14 (Men). The first: "greatest game of the decade" and "high drama" and "classic" etc. The other: "dour" and "not an edifying spectacle" and "forgettable" etc. Is it all really that clear cut?

Notwithstanding all the — perfectly pardonable — ejaculative effusions we've heard all week, the camogie match was not classic, nor was it drama. But it was melodrama of the very highest order: replete with frenzy and sensation, and a climax of apoplectic tension. And condign, symmetrical, gorgeous irony: The Cats on the wrong side of a one point margin!

The hurling match was drama, in the true, Greek sense: destiny ineluctably unfolding. The presages of Tipp's destiny were long manifest; Galway were the instrument of that destiny's accomplishment.

The camogie was *Witness For The Prosecution*; the hurling was *Antigone*.

When, if ever, the celebrations abate, Cork women will ponder how their sprightly, intelligent running and strokeplay evaporated with the half time whistle. They got one goal — out of 4-2 — from play in the second half.

Colette O'Mahony's 3-5 was probably the greatest display of free taking ever recorded in senior championship — although a twitch of memory suggests that Padge Keogh achieved something similar in a Leinster final in the late 50s. (Letters re free taking records — senior intercounty championship only, please — to Sports Ed)

The point is that, by exerting experience and raising the temperature a bit, The Cats contrived disjunction in Cork's ranks. And only for Kilkenny's concession of frees in innocuous attacks, and the new planet, Denise Cronin, swimming into our ken, Cork would have been creaked with 15 minutes to go. It was a structured — and formidable apart from finishing — performance, worthy of Keating's Tipp at their best, in the first half; a few individuals won it in the second.

Comparisons with the immortal replay confrontation of 12 September 1982 — Cork 5-4 Kilkenny 3-10; Cork 7-8 Kilkenny 3-13, after extra time — are inevitable and quite valid. It is hard to know: high though the stakes were in Nowlan Park last Sunday, looking back from the high hill of one's old age, it seems they were higher that shimmering afternoon in Ballinlough: The Cats had drubbed Cork's hurlers a week before — the camogie match was more than a camogie match.

These and those amongst Cork's men had allowed themselves to be thrown around a bit. Cathy Landers and Valerie

Fitzpatrick wondered why? and soon provided retribution — and, thereby, leadership. We're not talking about dirt here: they hadn't a dirty stroke in their personae, any more than had, say, Frank Cummins or Peter Finnerty. But they were strong, and strong minded, women; voracious to discover just how the enemy would like it when the going got tougher — just like that brace of males we mentioned.

Last Sunday, the Downey twins and Biddy O'Sullivan were still there, eleven years, and myriad honours, after that titanic battle long ago. They do not grow old, as we that are less grow old; age does not weary them, nor the years condemn. Sandie Fitzgibbon, too, played in 1982 — but, sure, Sandie is only starting.

MAYBE the standard of the hurling semi-final wasn't as bad as decriers allege. If Galway had scored eight or nine more points, as they should have, would not everybody have been lauding a smooth and irresistible team performance? Thence, is it not true to say that the opulence of their hurling throughout most of the field was distorted or devalued by the poverty of their finishing? Did they not, in fact, play competent and effective hurling until it came to the shot for the point?

And — we forgot to mention this, last week — should any less have been expected from the county which is home to the last two club champion teams? Was not Tipp's revival founded, in considerable measure, upon Borris Ileigh's champion side and the change of approach their triumph demanded? Were not Loughgiel the heralds of Antrim's accession to centre stage? Verily it is written: persons who cannot understand and appreciate the club championships should shut to hell up about hurling.

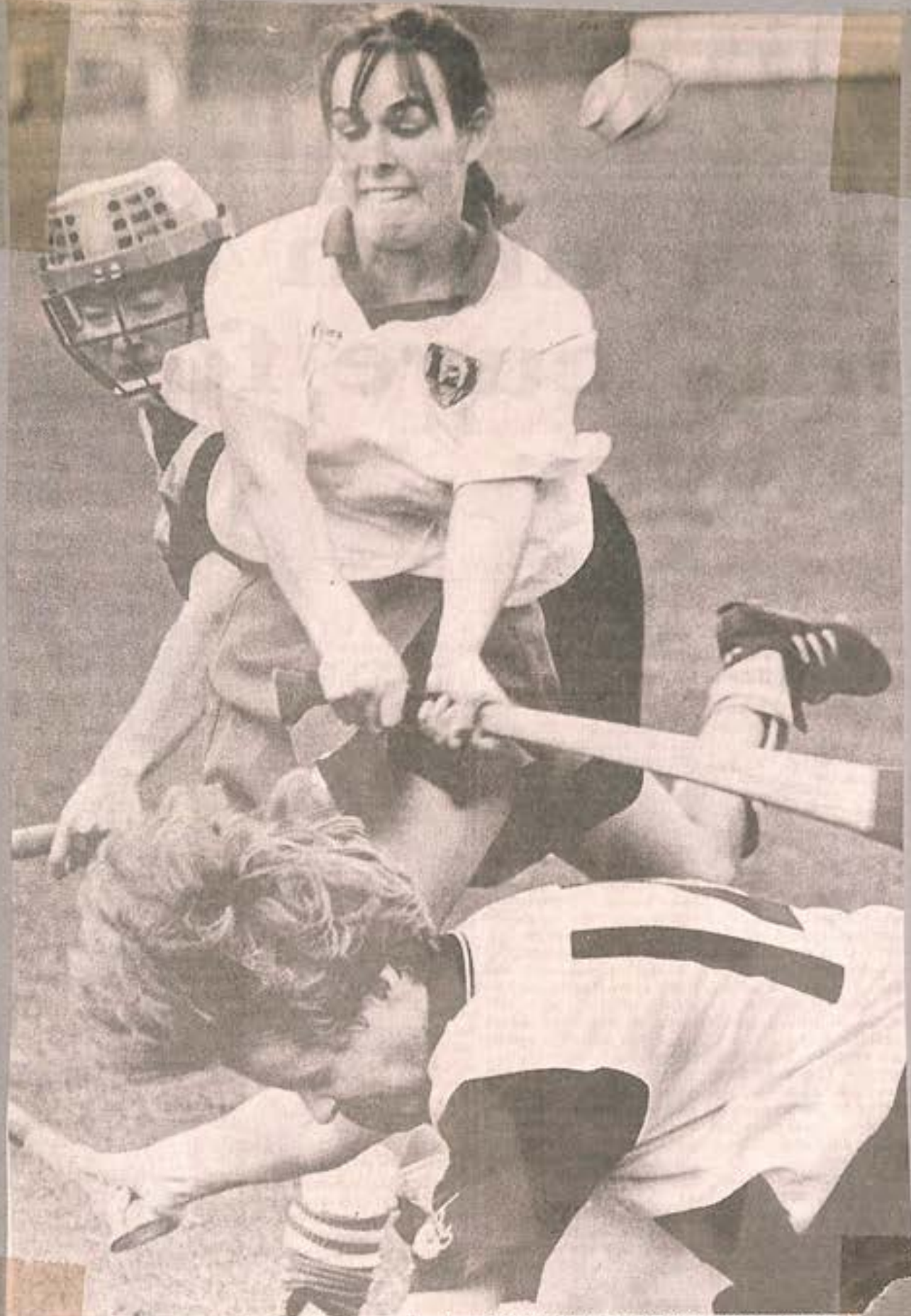
None of that should be taken as implying that Galway are some sort of Springboks, requiring nothing but patience to collect the greatest prize. They're not. The corner backs, for all their good hurling and wit and enterprise, evince alarming symptoms of greenness, now and again. Remember Murt Killilea belting the sliotar from the 21 towards his own corner flag, thus reviving a Tipp assault which had looked moribund? Remember Paul Cooney's lovely smooth covering arc — and then belting the sliotar heedlessly, needlessly into touch? Jarlath Cloonan's hands are not empty.

Fair enough, it wasn't a great hurling match — but neither was it a bad one.

Fine hurling matches are comprised of every skill and ploy, and every counter-skill and counter-plot, of the game being performed with maximum acuity and basic fairness. And, when occasion or rivalry or primal pride so possess men or women that they transcend their familiar norms, we get great hurling matches.

This potential for "going on fire" is immanent — and the reality of being "on fire" is contagious — in hurling, the most fluid and impressible of field games, to a far greater degree than in the more structured ones. And a match, which has a deal of so-called spoiling and/or aggression, can be much nearer to greatness than many a so-called flowing match, for often indeed "flow" springs from neglectful marking.

Anyway, "spoiling" — hook, block, parry, tackle — is a pejorative term for hard won and essential skills. And the sooner "spoiling" is dropped from the vocabulary of the game the better.



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Brave save . . . Kilkeny defender Bridie McGarry makes a brave bid to block the shot of Cork forward Lynn Dunlea at Nowlan Park on Sunday. The other Kilkeny player is Una Murphy. (Photo: Tom Ryan)



1993 League Champions and All-Ireland Senior Semi-Finalists . . . the Kilkeny team played Cork in the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Nowlan Park on Sunday. Seated (from left) - Una Murphy, Sinead Millea, Tracey Millea, Marian Downey (captain), Angela Downey, Claire Jones. Behind: Tom Ryan (coach), Ann Downey, Deirdre Malone, Brigid Mullally, Biddy O'Sullivan, Gillian Dillon, Marie Fitzpatrick. (Photo: Tom Ryan)

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Wexford girls lose out To goal-happy Galway

GALWAY5-7 WEXFORD2-13

Wexford's senior camogie side lost out to a goal-happy Galway outfit in a high-scoring All-Ireland semi-final at Ballinasloe on Sunday.

Seeking to clinch another place in the prestigious decider, Wexford knew that they would get nothing easy from the Connaught girls - in the end, it was Galway's ability to surge through for goals at crucial times that won the game.

Galway opened strongly with a goal and a point inside three minutes of play. Corner-forward Ann Ryan pounced for the goal, though Wexford fought back thanks to the accuracy of Siobhan and Fiona Dunne. Following a great build-up from Angie Hearne, Fiona Dunne pointed mid-way through the half to leave it 1-3 to 0-4.

Minutes later, Catherine Murphy embarked on a powerful run that ended with Siobhan Dunne lofting the sliotar over the bar. Wexford then equalised with another white from the reliable Oulart star, following an inch-perfect pass from Ann Reddy.

Galway replied almost immediately with a string of fine scores. The Connaught kingpins went on a rampage that brought them a timely tally of 2-2 before the break. This purple patch for the 'maroons' gave the Galway girls a half-time lead of 3-5 to 0-7. Seven points down at the interval, Wexford faced an almighty struggle in the new half if they were to snatch a place in the All-Ireland Final.

To their credit, Wexford never gave in and began a sterling fight back. Again it was the pin-point accuracy of the inimitable Siobhan Dunne that reduced the arrears. Her two points came at a time when Wexford were getting back into the game and had virtually all the play.

Galway's knack of popping up to grab goal chances when they showed themselves proved vital once more as the Connaught kingpins snatched their

fourth goal with twelve minutes remaining on the clock.

Despite this set-back, the Wexford girls hurred with all their might and began to make in-roads into their opponents' lead. The Dunne sisters were on target again as the Slaneysiders turned in a determined late display.

A fifth and final goal came for Galway with little less than six minutes to go. Wexford looked well beaten at this stage, but still they refused to give in.

In a stirring final five minutes, the girls from the south-east blasted in two tonic goals and came close to snatching victory. Having

replaced Marita Bailey, Marian O'Leary fired in Wexford's first goal, while Siobhan Dunne raised another green flag with a minute left in the match.

With time ticking away, Wexford trailed by four points. A close-range free was awarded to the Slaneysiders and the whole crowd silenced as Geraldine Codd stepped up to strike the sliotar. Her venomous shot was deflected over the bar by the alert Galway defenders to leave a goal between the teams at the final whistle.

An entertaining encounter, Wexford could have won this All-Ireland semi-final. Dominating the play for long

spells, the Slaneysiders lost out due to the fact that Galway forwards were repeatedly allowed to solo through for killer goals at crucial stages.

WEXFORD: Terri Butler, Paula Rankin, Stella Sinnott, Catherine Murphy, Deirdre Heame, Marita O'Neill, Fiona Dunne (0-5), Angie Hearne, Geraldine O'Grady, Siobhan Dunne (1-7), Jean O'Leary, Ann Reddy.

SUBS: Geraldine Codd (0-1) for Jean O'Leary, Maire Codd for Geraldine O'Grady, Marian O'Leary (1-0) for Marita Bailey.

Ref: Aine Derham (Dublin).



Dillon dictates . . . Kilkenny's Gillian Dillon has the advantage in this encounter at Nowlan Park.

Photo: Tim Brien

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CAMOGIE WORLD

Tipperary Intermediate team had an easy passage into the Munster final when they had sixteen points to spare over Limerick. This is a new competition in Munster and does not have any connection with the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship. The Tipperary side, who had overcome Down the previous week, were without a number of girls due to injury, but never-the-less shook off any challenge that the Limerick girls put forward.

Ailish Delaney in goals for Tipperary was in fine form. Siobhan Cusack at full back instead of the injured Ann Marie Fitzgerald played her part. The other backs Claire Madden, Triona Bonner, who was playing at centre back instead of Cora Kennedy who picked up an injury in the Down game, and the other wing back Suzanne Kelly were very staunch. Meadh Stokes, Helan Kiely and Marie Ryan at centre field played expertly and supplied plenty of balls to the forwards. Noelle Kennedy at wing forward was a star scoring a personal tally of twelve points. The other forwards, Ann Gleeson, Helan O'Leary and Deirdre Hughes were in tremendous form and all contributed to the scoreline. Tipperary 3-19, Limerick 2-6.

Tipperary team and scorers: Ailish Delaney, Siobhan Cusack, Claire Madden, Triona Bonner 0-1, Suzanne Kelly, Meadh Stokes, Helan Kiely 0-1, Marie Ryan 0-2, Noelle Kennedy 0-12, Helan O'Leary 0-2, Ann Gleeson 0-1, Deirdre Hughes 3-0. Subs: Sinead Neilan for T. Bonner, Regina O'Meara for H. O'Leary and Ann Gleeson for D. Hughes.

In the other semi final Clare were in top form when they coasted to victory over Cork. The Leesiders were 1-1 up before Clare opened their account and went on to give an impressive display, leading 2-7 to 1-2 at the break. Although Cork did not score in the second half, it was quite a tussle while the Banner County notched off a further 2-3 to leave the full time score Clare 4-10, Cork 1-2. Clare's defence of Debbie McDonagh, Marie Collins and Tina O'Connell was outstanding, while their forwards were well on target on the day. Clare scorers: Catherine O'Loughlin 2-1, Maura McNicholas 1-2, Patricia Maloney 1-0, Frances Phelan 0-3, Moira McMahon 0-2, Noelle Cummins and Sylvia O'Brien 0-1 each. Cork: Ann Golden 1-0, Hilda Kennedy and Niamh O'Regan 0-1 each.

Camross, Laois dethroned the Leinster Junior Club Champions Drumcullen, Offaly when they recorded a surprise win at Rath. Drumcullen led 0-6 to 0-1 at the break. In the second half Camross became a team hungry for victory and the champions were unable to match their flair and determination as they ran out worthy winners on a score of 3-4 to 0-10.

Scorers: Camross: Eithne Delaney 2-0, Christine Cuddy 1-0, Paula Cuddy 0-2, Sinead Cuddy and Olivia Kennedy 0-1 each.

Drumcullen: Geraldine Mahon 0-9, Margaret Lynch 0-1.

Referee: Brendan Williams, Kilkenny.

Myshall, Carlow had a convincing win over Gleneally, Wicklow in this club Championship game played at Myshall. The home side fielding a number of members of Carlow County team, proved somewhat too strong for a gallant Gleneally never gave up trying, but Myshall's experience paid off as they ran out winners 2-10 to 1-4.

Scorers: Myshall: Margaret Hogan 0-7, Catherine Crookes

and Breda Foley 1-0 each, Nuala Quirke 0-2, Agnes Harkins 0-1. Gleneally: Susan Snell 1-2, Hazel Byrne 0-2. Referee: Aogan Swords, Wexford.

St. Munnas, Westmeath got their ticket to meet Camross in the semi final, when they defeated Kilkenny, Louth at Trim. The 'Saints' held the upper hand throughout the game and led by 1-3 to 0-1 at half time. Kilkenny came more into the game in the second half, but St. Munnas held on to win on a score of 1-7 to 1-3.

Scorers: St. Munnas: Annette Heffernan 1-6, Caroline Conlon 0-1. Kilkenny: Anne McDonald 1-2, Kitty Sharkey 0-1. Referee: Marie Connell, Dublin.

Wexford coasted to victory in the replay of the Leinster Under 14 Championship final against Dublin. They led 3-5 to 1-2 at the break. Dublin although well beaten, to their credit, never gave up. Final score: Wexford 6-9, Dublin 2-3. Scorers: Wexford: Emer Carroll 3-1, Esme Murphy 0-7, Kate Kelly 2-0, Roisin O'Grady 1-0, Aine Codd 0-1. Dublin: Sheila Byrne and Patricia O'Callaghan 1-0 each, Emer Branagan 0-3.

In the Ulster Under 18 Championship final Tyrone dethroned the holders Derry. Tyrone trailed 1-7 to 0-4 at the break. A flurry of goals in the second half doomed Derry's chances of holding on to the title. Final score: Tyrone 4-12, Derry 2-9. Tyrone scorers: Brenda Burke 1-8, Ursula Doyle 1-2, Dymrna Quinn 1-1, Olivia Devlin 1-0, Grainne Small 0-1.

On Sunday next Galway and Cork clash at Ballincollig, in the All-Ireland Junior Championship semi final, in what should be an entertaining affair by two skilful sides. Galway are the All-Ireland beaten finalists. They had a good run in the National League. They defeated Cork in the quarter final 6-6 to 1-0, but were knocked out at the semi final stage by Dublin 1-6 to 0-4. Cork are a much improved side and were very impressive in the Munster Championship, especially in the final when they defeated Clare 3-10 to 1-8. They have good performers in Stehanie Dunlea, Hilda Kenneally, Ann Golden, Niamh O'Regan, Patricia Murphy, Ann Barry, Eibhlin Healy and Fiona Twomey, all of whom were instrumental in their teams victories to date.

Galway had a convincing win over Roscommon in the Connacht Final. They will be going all out to get another crack at the title. They have many prominent players which include Yvonne Larkin, Eilis Kilkenny, Carmel Allen, Dymrna Maher, Martina Haverty, Martina Harkins, Olivia Broderick and Carmel Hannon. It is sure to be close. Galway may find it hard to snatch victory from Cork by the banks of 'The Lee'.

Also on Sunday, the Leinster club Championship semi final between Killyon, Meath and Myshall, Carlow is down for decision. Killyon got a bye in the first round. This is sure to be a close encounter, Myshall may have their work cut out to dispose of Killyon on home ground.

Fixtures: for Sunday 22nd.

All-Ireland Junior Championship Semi Final at Ballincollig

Cork v Galway 3 p.m.

Leinster Club Championship Semi Final at Killyon

Killyon, Meath v Myshall, Carlow.

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TIPP INTERMEDIATES

have easy passage into Munster Final

Juniors going for glory

WITH the Cork senior team safely through to the All-Ireland Camogie final on September 26, the juniors will be hoping to do likewise tomorrow when they take on Galway in the All-Ireland Junior semi-final at Ballincollig at 3 p.m.

At club level the Junior "A" Championship begins with a first round game between St. Finbarrs and Douglas on Tuesday night at Douglas.

Against the odds the Cork Junior team have come through the Munster campaign with flying colours. They defeated a fancied Limerick side in a first round game, then it was Tipperary in the semi-final, and in the Munster final they overcame a strong Clare side.

Their chances on Sunday have undoubtedly been lessened with the loss of Lyn Dunlea. She came on as a sub in last Sunday's senior semi-final against Kilkenny and played a major part in their victory. She will certainly be a big loss up front as she has been top scorer in all games.

Cork were defeated by Galway in a league game earlier in the season, but Cork have improved since then and with home advantage will be hoping to do much better. Certainly they have a side capable of doing so, but there is no doubt they face stiff opposition. Camogie in Galway has been on the up in recent years and with the senior team also through to the All-Ireland senior final they will also be hoping for a double.

The Cork team was not available, but is expected to be similar to the side which defeated Clare in the Munster Final. It should feature Lilian Twomey between the posts, Vera Motherway at full-back with Colette Cronin and Diane Keane filling the wing back positions. Eileen Buckley will probably be at centre back with the midfield positions going to Stephanie Dunlea, Ann Brady and Brid Kelleher. Evelyn Healy should regain her place at centre-forward while the full-forward line should include Patricia Murphy and Niamh O'Regan with Hilda Kenneally replacing Lyn Dunlea.

The pick of the Cork clubs should feature St. Finbarrs and Douglas in the Junior "A" Championship on Tuesday night.

Douglas will probably be the more experienced side with seasoned campaigners in the Maher sisters, Mary and Liz., Christine O'Regan, Liz Lynch and Noreen Martin. Barrs will be looking to players like Sandra O'Donovan, Maria O'Sullivan, Colleen O'Leary, Marie O'Sullivan and Toinette Santry.

Junior "B" League 93: Fermoy v Cobh at Fermoy at 7.15; Mayfield v St. Vincents at Mayfield at 7.15; Kilbrittain v Courcy Rovers at Kilbrittain at 7.15; Tracton v Valley Rovers at Tracton at 7.15; Glann Na Laoi v Inniscarra at Glenn Na Laoi at 7.15.

Tomorrow, All Ireland Junior Championship semi-final: Cork v Galway at Ballincollig at 3 p.m., Junior "A" Championship '93. Douglas v St. Finbarrs at Douglas at 7.15.

Wednesday: Junior "B" League '93. St. Fanahans v Fermoy at St. Fanahans at 7.15.

Thursday: Under-14 "A" League '93. Bishopstown v Cloughduv at Bishopstown at 7.15; Inniscarra v Newcestown at Inniscarra at 7.15; Kilbrittain v St. Finbarrs at Kilbrittain at 7.15; Courcy Rovers v Aghabullogue at Courcy Rovers 7.15.

Late goals seal it for Galway

By Tom Higgins
Cork 0-5 Galway 2-9

TWO goals in the final six minutes by Galway finally ended Cork's challenge in the All-Ireland Junior camogie semi-final at Ballincollig, Cork yesterday.

In a disappointing game Galway were the better balanced side and their forwards, particularly Eimear Handiman and Martina Harkin, gave the Cork defence many anxious moments.

A low scoring first half saw Galway lead 0-3 to 0-1 at the break. Patricia Murphy converted a free for the home side five minutes after the resumption but that was as close as Cork got. The decisive score came in the 54th minute when Handiman was set up on the edge of the square by Martina Harkin and she gave Cork goalkeeper Lilian Twomey no chance from close range.

It was all Galway after that and they eventually ran out easy ten point winners.

Scorers: Cork — S Dunlea, P Murphy (free), S Linehan, S Cahalane and E Healy 0-1 each. Galway, M Harkin 1-5 (0-1 frees, 0-1 '30), E Handiman 1-3 (0-1 '30), U Hannon 0-1.

Cork: L Twomey, V Motherway, E Healy, C Cronin, D Deane, B Kelleher, M Sexton, A Brady, N O'Regan, S Linehan, P Murphy, S Dunlea. Subs: E Buckley for A Brady (38th min), S Cahalane for M Sexton (49th min).

Galway: A Broderick, D Handiman, O Costello, C Finnegan, Y Larkin, G McGrath, C Curley, T Fallon, C Hannon, E Handiman, U Hannon, M Harkin. Subs: D Gilligan for C Curley (36th min); F Ryan for G McGrath (52nd min).

Referee: B McPhillips (Tipperary)

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Banner girls show class

Clare 1-8
Dublin 1-5.

IN ideal conditions at Cusack Park yesterday Clare won the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship when they beat the holders Dublin in a most entertaining final. The game produced a very high standard of play and overall Clare showed the better teamwork and fully merited their success.

Dublin made the better start and after the sides and exchanged points the visitors went ahead with a Ruth Lyons goal in the 10th Minute. Clare came more into the game after this and by half time they had drawn level with the score at 0-5 to 1-2.

They exchanged points in the early part of the second half before Clare captain Francis Phelan gave her side the lead for the first time in the 8th minute. The crucial score came 11 minutes from the end when Sylvia O'Brien goaled for Clare after a fine move. Dublin to their credit battled on but Clare urged on the by big home following were not to be denied and held on for a well deserved victory.

Moir MacMahon was the outstanding player on view and her performance inspired Clare. Full back Tina O'Connell also gave a fine display while others to impress were Debbie MacDonagh, Sylvia O'Brien and captain Frances Phelan. Dublin had their best players in Geraldine Dunne, Una Crowley, and Katie Walsh.

Scorers — Clare: S. O'Brien 1-1, F. Phelan 0-3, C. O'Loughlan 0-2, M. MacMahon, M. MacNicholas 0-1 each. Dublin: R. Lyons 1-1, C. Walsh G. Dunne 0-2 each. CLARE: A. MacCormack, T. O'Connell, M. Collins, D. MacDonagh, M. Costelloe. Sinead O'Brien, Sylvia O'Brien, F. Phelan Captain, M. MacMahon, M. MacNicholas, N. Comyns, C. O'Loughlan.

DUBLIN: L. Curry, P. Murphy, G. Dunne, V. Trehy, C. Boyle, U. Crowley, N. Maguire, A. MacGovern, C. Walsh, R. Lyons, D. O'Leary, P. Clinton. Subs: I. Kirwan for MacGovern, P. Carroll for Maguire.

Ref: C. Kennedy, Galway.

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CAMOGIE WORLD

The All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions, Cork are through to the All-Ireland final after sweeping to victory over Kilkenny in the final ten seconds of this semi final game at Nowlan Park, when substitute Lynn Dunlea grabbed a goal to give 'The Leesiders' a one point victory. The game lived up to all expectations with both sides producing great flair, determination and skill. It was an edge of the seat affair all through, the only disappointment being that there had to be a loser.

After a close first half, the sides were locked 1-8 each. The second half continued to be a ding dong struggle with Kilkenny's young forwards Brigid Mullally and Sinead Millea assisted by Angela Downey contributing handsomely to the scoreboard. Collette O'Mahoney was Cork's scoring ace and she was ably assisted by Fiona O'Driscoll. As the final whistle drew near, it looked as if Kilkenny were on their way to victory with a two point lead. However, Lynn Dunlea grabbed a Linda Mellerick pass and lashed to the net to give her side a one point victory. The score, Cork 5-10, Kilkenny 2-18. Scorers: Cork: Collette O'Mahoney 3-5, Fiona O'Driscoll 1-1, Lynn Dunlea 1-0, Linda Mellerick 0-2, Therese O'Callaghan and Liz O'Neill 0-1 each. Kilkenny: Sinead Millea 1-3, Brigid Mullally 0-6, Angela Downey 0-4, Claire Jones 1-0, Marina Downey 0-3, Anne Downey 0-2. Referee: Kitty McNicholas, Clare.

Galway got their ticket to the All-Ireland Senior final after holding on to a three point victory over last year's losing All-Ireland finalists, Wexford in this semi final played at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe. After a good first half, the winners led by double scores at the break 3-5 to 0-7. Early in the second half Galway extended their lead to ten points, Wexford whittled away at the lead, and produced more scores in this half, but not enough to overcome the first half deficit. Wexford sisters Siobhan and Fiona Dunne were well on target, while Anne Ryan and Claire Lynch excelled for Galway, as they held on to win by three points, 5-7 to 2-13. Scorers: Galway: Anne Ryan 2-4, Claire Lynch 2-0, Deirdre Costello 1-1, Sharon Glynn 0-2. Wexford: Siobhan Dunne 1-6, Fiona Dunne 0-6, Marion O'Leary 1-0, Geraldine Codd 0-1. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Dublin are through to meet Clare in the All-Ireland Intermediate final, after recording a convincing win over Tipperary in this semi final played at Bohernabreena. Tipperary led, 1-6 to 1-4, at the break. Early in the second half a goal by Cathy Walsh gave Dublin the lead. Although Tipperary fought hard it was Dublin's experience that paid off in the end. The score: Dublin 3-12, Tipperary 1-11. Scorers: Dublin: Cathy Walsh 1-6, Una Crowley and Patricia Clinton 1-1 each, Geraldine Dunne 0-2, Denise O'Leary and Irene Kirwan 0-1 each. Tipperary: Nicola Kennedy 0-6, Deirdre Hughes 1-1, Helan Kiely 0-2, Anne Gleeson and Meadhbh Stokes 0-1 each. Referee: John Pender, Kildare.

Armagh are through to the final of the All-Ireland Junior Championship, after coasting to victory over Carlow in their semi final played at Myshall. The National League champions, playing with great confidence, produced skill and ability that Carlow were unable to match. Armagh led 3-10 to 1-8 at the break and despite a great performance in the second half by Carlow's Helan Lawlor, Olivia O'Neill, Valerie Crean and Nuala Quirke, it was the girls from 'The Orchard County' led by Ursula McGivern, Mary Black, Sally McCone and Celine McGreary that finished on top 4-17 to 2-10. Scorers: Armagh, Bernie McBride 2-3, Patricia McEvoy and Mary Donnelly 1-3 each, Ursula McGivern 0-6, Aine Lennon 0-2. Carlow: Mary Coady 1-2, Marie Sheehan 1-1, Valerie Crean 0-5,

Nuala Quirke and Mary Smyth 0-1 each. Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Loughgiel are Antrim champions for the 12th time after defeating Dunloy in the final replay 4-5 to 3-5. Scorers: Loughgiel: Maura McGowan 2-0, Grace McMullen 1-3, Rosie Butler 1-2. Dunloy: Brenda Kearnes 2-0, Sinead McMullan 0-5, Una Elliott 1-0.

The Ulster Club Championship draws are as follows: A: St. Patrick's Keady, Armagh v Leitrim, Down. B: Loughgiel, Antrim v Eglish, Tyrone. C: Castleblayney, Monaghan v Castletara, Cavan, D: Newtowncunningham, Donegal v Bellaghy, Derry. Semi Finals: A v D, B v C.

On Sunday next Dublin and Clare face each other in the second All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final. Last year Dublin became the first holders of the new 'Purcell Cup' when they defeated Down, 4-11 to 4-4. Their defeat by Wexford in the Open Draw Senior Championship, 1-3 to 0-14 rendered them eligible for participation in the Intermediate again this year.

On the path to the final, they disposed of Antrim 4-12 to 1-8 and Tipperary in the semi final 3-12 to 1-10.

Clare took part in this competition last year, losing to Down by the minimum score in the semi final, 1-13 to 1-12. On their path to the final, after a bye in the first round, they accounted for Kildare in the semi final, 2-9 to 2-3. Clare have won three Junior All-Irelands, the last in 1986 when they defeated Kildare 1-13 to 3-4. Some members of that team will be in action on Sunday: Maire McNicholas, Noelle Comyns and Catherine O'Loughlin, together with Moira McMahon, Frances Phelan and Sinead O'Brien will go all out to dethrone the Champions. The team is managed by the long serving Fr. Michael McNamara and Kevin Twomey and their ambition is to bring this valuable cup to the 'Banner County'.

Dublin and Clare have only met once in an All-Ireland final, that was the Junior in 1974 when Clare were victors 3-2 to 3-0.

Dublin have the advantage of Senior League and Championship experience. Among their squad are 1986 Senior All-Ireland medal holders: Una Crowley, Carmel O'Byrne and Marie Connell, plus numerous members of the 1987 National Junior League victorious team, to mention a few: Geraldine Dunne, Carmel Gray and Denise O'Leary. Cathy Walshe has excelled throughout the campaign and is top scorer. Managed by Jimmy Boggan, they will make a brave bid to hold on to the title.

Dublin Panel: Sinead Caulfield, Louise Curry, Catherine Boyle, Geraldine Dunne, Collette Murphy, Carmel Gray, Cheryl Whittaker, Veronica Trehy, Patsy Murphy, Adrienne McGovern, Denise O'Leary, Patricia Clinton, Louise Lynch, Carmel O'Byrne, Jance Kelly, Ruth Lyons, Cathy Walsh, Nora Maguire, Marie Connell, Irene Kirwan, Niamh Kearney, Paula Carroll, Una Crowley, Mairead Cronin.

Clare Team: Aine McCormack, Tina O'Connell, Marie Collins, Debbie McDonagh, Marion Costelloe, Sinead O'Brien, Sylvia O'Brien, Frances Phelan, Moira McMahon, Maura McNicholas, Noelle Comyns, Catherine O'Loughlin. Subs: Joanne Frost, Mary Neylon, Pauleen Rochford.

Fixture

Sunday, August 29th

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Final:

At Cusack Park, Ennis

Dublin v Clare 3.00 p.m.

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The Intermediate Championship, although still in its infancy, has brought a new dimension to our Camogie competitions. It is very encouraging to witness the level of enthusiasm and excitement among the players as they take the field in the early rounds, endeavouring to secure a place in the final.

It is not surprising to find Áth Cliath agus An Clár facing each other this year. Last year An Clár was defeated in the semi-final but made amends in the current competition by disposing of Gill Dara.

Áth Cliath, the reigning champions, defeated Tiobraid Árann in an exciting encounter and no doubt will be anxious to win their second All-Ireland in a row and bring home Corn Úna Uí Phuirséil to the Capital.

However, the Banner County will strive courageously to have "An Clár" engraved on the exquisite trophy.

An Clár and Áth Cliath have displayed a high level of dedication and commitment throughout the championship and we can look forward to an excellent game today.

To our sponsors, A.I.B., I sincerely say "míle buíochas" and heartfelt appreciation for continued support.

Tá togha mná na hÉireann a' déanamh gaisce anseo inniu. Gabhaim buíochas leo uilig, agus leis na hoifigigh, leis na maoir agus leis na réiteoirí a chabhraigh leis an chomórtas faoi leith seo a fhorbhairt.

Cá mbéimís gan ár lucht leanúna? Nar laga Dia sibh uilig. Táimid buíoch diobh agus bródúil astu.

Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin
Uachtarán

RÉITEOIR

Ní Chinnéide Ghaillimh



Colette agus í i mbunais de Chroabhchomórtas na réad uair ariamh.

is Colette's first All-Ireland Final she is an experienced inter-provincial Referee.

ated at two Gael Linn semi-finals, an Intermediate Championship semi-final, Connacht Junior Finals, the 1992 Féile na nGael Final and two All-Ireland Finals.

saigh i nGaillimh a imríonn si a cuid camógasochta. d'Imir si chomh e na hOllscoile, An Ghaillimh, agus i ina scoláire ansin. Colette is the All-Ireland medals with her county, having played with the successful 1980 and the Junior team of 1986. She has been a selector with the County or teams for the past three years.

tte a cuid ar son cúrsaí riaracháin agus oiliúna chomh mhaith. A former coir of the U.C.G. Camogie Club, Colette is also Rúnaí of Coláiste s involved in coaching at Club and County level.

éal lei inniu.

NA MAOIR CHÚIL

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EÁL Ó CINNÉIDE

An Ghaillimh

ÁINE NIC an IARLA
SEÁN BREATHNACH

NA MAOIR LÍNE

NÍ CHORRÁIN (Áth Cliath); LORAINÉ NIC FHIONNAIN (An Clár)

CLÁR AN LAE

N CLÁR v. ÁTH CLIATH

Chíosóg, Inis, 29 Lúnasa, 1993, at 2.00 i.n.

Best wishes to the Clare Camogie team

Maura Sheedy

SHANNON WOLFE TONE'S CLUB



ÁTH CLIATH

Ar chúil (ó chlé) - Laoise Nic Mhuirí, Veronica Ni Throithigh, Padraigín Ni Mhurchú, Paidraigín Chliontún, Denise Ni Laoire, Cheryl Ni Ultheachair, Cáit Bhreathnach, Sinéad Nic Cathmhaoil, Máire Ni Riagáin. Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) - Cairmeal de Grae, Paula Ni Chearúil, Úna Ni Chruaíoch, Irene Ni Chairubháin, Janice Ni Cheallaigh, Ruth Ni Liatháin, Colette Ni Mhurchú, Gearoidín Ni Dhuinn, Caitríona Ni Bhaoill.

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ÁTH CLIATH

Dathanna: Dubh agus Dubh-Gorm

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Dathanna: Gorm agus Ór

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(Wolfe Tones) | (2) TINA NÍ CHONAILL
Tine O'Connell
(Kilkishen) | (3) MÁIRE NÍ CHOILEÁIN
Marie Collins
(Bodyke) | (4) GOBNAIT NIC DONNCHA
Debbie McDonagh
(Wolfe Tones) | (5) MARIAN NIC COISTEALA
Marian Costelloe
(Wolfe Tones) | (6) SINÉAD NÍ BHRIAIN
Sinead O'Brien
(Bodyke) | (7) SILBHE NÍ BHRIAIN
Sylvia O'Brien
(Wolfe Tones) | (8) PROINSÉAS NÍ FAOLÁIN
Frances Phelan (Capt.)
(Wolfe Tones) | (9) MOIRA NIC MHATHÚNA
Moira McMahon
(Wolfe Tones) | (10) MÁIRE NIC NIOCLÁIS
Maura McNichlas
(Éire Óg) | (11) NOLLAIG NÍ CHUIMÍN
Noelle Cornyns
(Tulla) | (12) CAITRÍONA NIC LOCHLAINN
Catherine O'Loughlin
(Kilnamona) |
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Louise Curry
(Naomh Monica) | (2) PADRAIGÍN NÍ MHURCHÚ
Patsy Murphy
(Marino) | (3) GEARÓIDÍN NÍ DHUINN
Geraldine Dunne
(Naomh Monica) | (4) VERONICA NÍ THROITHIGH
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Catherine Boyle
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Una Crowley
(Celtic) | (7) NÓRA NIC UIDHIR
Nora Maguire (Capt.)
(Cumann Uí Chonaill) | (8) ADRIENNE NIC SHAMHRÁIN
Adrienne McGovern
(Marino) | (9) CÁIT BHREATHNACH
Cathy Walsh
(Crumlin) | (10) RUTH NÍ LIATHÁIN
Ruth Lyons
(Crumlin) | (11) DENISE NÍ LAOIRE
Denise O'Leary
(Marino) | (12) PADRAIGÍN CHLIONTÚN
Patricia Clinton
(Marino) |

IADAITHE:

- (13) **SINÉAD NICH CATHMHAOIL** Sinead Caulfield (Clanna Gael/Fontenoy)
 (14) **CHERYL NIC UITHEACHAIR** Cheryl Whittaker (Na Fianna)
 (15) **IRENE NÍ CHIARUBHÁIN** Irene Kirwan (Ballyboden/Naomh Eanna)
 (16) **PAULA NÍ CHEARÚIL** Paula Carroll (Naomh Mearnóg)

IONADAITHE:

- (17) **PÓILÍN DE ROSFORT** Pauline Rochfort (Feakle)
 (18) **MÁIRE NÍ NIALLÁIN** Mary Neylon (Kilmaley)
 (19) **SIOBHÁN AN ISEACA** Joanne Frost (Newmarket)



AN CHLÁR

Ar chúl (ó chlé) – Nollaig Ní Chuimín, Tina Ní Chonaill, Máire Nic Coisteala, Máire Ní Nialláin, Sinéad Ní Bhriain, Proinséas Ní Fhaoláin (captaen). **Chun tosaigh (ó chlé)** – Máire Ní Choileáin, Moira Nic Mhathúna, Silbhe Ní Bhriain, Máire Nic Niocláis, Áine Nic Cormaic, Caitríona Nic Lochlainn.

Foireann Átha Cliath

LOUISE CURRY (*Naomh Monica*). Has represented her county at Under-14, Minor, Junior and Senior levels. Is scóláire in R.T.C., Portláirge i lenar bhuaidh si Corn Puirseil. All-Ireland Intermediate medal, 1992.

PATSY MURPHY (*Muirinne*). National Junior League medal with her county in 1987. Bhuaidh si Craobhchomórtas Sinsireach Átha Cliath lena club i 1993. Represents her county at Senior level.

GERALDINE DUNNE (*Naomh Monica*). Has represented her county at Under-14, Minor, Junior and Senior levels. Holds Junior National League and Gael Linn medals. Bonn Uile-Éireann Idirmheánach, 1992.

VERONICA TREHY (*Na Fianna*). Played for her county at Junior level. Is le foireann shinsireach a club a imríonn si. An chúram uirthi inniu mar lár-chúl.

CATHERINE BOYLE (*Naomh Monica*). d'Imir si le foirne an Chontae faoi-14, agus ag leibhéal na sóisear agus na sinscar. All-Ireland Intermediate medal, 1992.

UNA CROWLEY (*Celtic*). Ag imirt le foireann shinsireach an Chontae leis na blianta beaga anuas. Holds Senior National League and All-Ireland Championship medals. Has won several senior County Championship and League medals with her club.

NORAH MAGUIRE (*Cumann Uí Chonaill*). *Captain*. Started playing camogie with the famed Maryfield College and has represented her county at all levels. Tá sé tuille go maith aici bheith ina captaen ar an bhfoireann inniu.

ADRIENNE McGOVERN (*Muirinne*). d'Imir si le foireann shóisireach Átha Cliath. Holds County Championship medals with her club.

9. **CATHY WALSH** (*Croimghlinn*). National Junior League and Senior Gael Linn and All-Ireland Club Championship medals with her club. Bhi si le ina captaen ar an bhfoireann Idirmheánach a bhuaidh an chéad Craobh i 1992.

10. **RUTH LYONS** (*Croimghlinn*). d'Imir si le foireann shinsireach a Contae. Holds County Championship medals and League medals, an All-Ireland Club Championship medal and an Intermediate Championship medal in 1992.

11. **DENISE O'LEARY** (*Muirinne*). Won County Senior Championship medal with her club in 1993. Tá bonn Uile-Éireann aici le Mionúir Átha Cliath maille le bonn in Sraithchomórtas na Sóisear.

12. **PATRICIA CLINTON** (*Muirinne*). Another Senior County Championship medal with her club in 1993. Tá bonn Uile-Éireann le Mionúir Átha Cliath chomh maith aici.

13. **SINÉAD CAULFIELD** (*Clanna Gael Fontenoy*). Sub-Goalkeeper today. d'Imir si le foireann shóisireach Átha Cliath a bhain Cluiche Ceannais Sraithchomórtas na Sóisear amach i mbliana i gcoinne Ardmhacha.

14. **CHERYL WHITTAKER** (*Na Fian-na*). Has represented Átha Cliath at Junior level. Bhuaidh si bonn lena contae i Sraithchomórtas na Sóisear.

15. **IRENE KIRWAN** (*Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna*). Represented her county at Minor and Junior levels. d'Imir si chomh maith i gCluiche Ceannais Sraithchomórtas na Sóisear i mbliana.

16. **PAULA CARROLL** (*Naomh Mear-nóg*). Played with her county at Minor and Junior levels. Imreoir eile a bhain Cluiche Ceannais Sraithchomórtas na Sóisear amach i mbliana.

Foireann An Chláir

ÁINE McCORMACK (*Wolfe Tones*). Boinn buaite lena club ag 'chuile leibhéal aici: County Championship medals at under-14, 16 and 18. Holds Senior County League and Championship medals.

TRIONA O'CONNELL (*Cill Chisín*). Has won County Championship medals at under-16 and 18, Intermediate County Championship and League medals, and a Munster under-18 Championship medal. Bhuaidh si bonn Uile-Éireann na gColáistí chomh maith.

MARIE COLLINS (*Lúban Dige*). Holds County League and Championship medals at under-15, 16 and 18, and a Munster under-18 Championship medal. Bonn Uile-Éireann na gColáistí chomh maith aici.

DEBBIE McDONAGH (*Wolfe Tones*). An Impressive list of County League and Championship medals at under-12, 13, 14, 16 and 18, Intermediate and Senior levels. Bonn faoi-18 de chuid Cúige na Mumhan aici leis.

MARIAN COSTELLOE (*Lúban Dige*). Another host of County Championship medals at under-12, 14, 16, 18 and Senior levels. Bhuaidh si bonn lena club i bhFéile na nGael.

SINÉAD O'BRIEN (*Lúban Dige*). Holds County Championship medals at under-14, 16 and 18, and League medals at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels. Bonn faoi-18 de chuid Cúige na Mumhan aici leis.

SYLVIA O'BRIEN (*Wolfe Tones*). Imreoir eile a bhfuil a lán buaite ag na leibhéal éagsúla aici: County Championship medals at under-12, 14, 16, 18 and Intermediate levels. League medals and Munster under-18 Championship medals.

FRANCES PHELAN (*Wolfe Tones*). *Captain*. Numerous medals at the various County under-age levels and a Munster Under-18 Championship medal. d'Imir si le foireann na

Mumhan a bhuaidh Comórtas Gael Linn i 1989, agus bhuaidh si bonn Uile-Éireann le Contae an Chláir i gCraobhchomórtas na Sóisear i 1986.

9. **MOIRA McMAHON** (*Wolfe Tones*). Is scóláire in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe i agus bhuaidh si An Dúthracht lena Coláiste. Holds county medals at Under-14, 16 and 18, Intermediate and Senior levels.

10. **MAURA McNICHOLAS** (*Wolfe Tones*). Méid thar chuime de bhóla buaite ag na leibhéal éagsúla leistigh na contae agus i gCúige Mumhan aici. Also holds All-Ireland Colleges, All-Ireland Junior Championship and Gael Linn medals.

11. **NOELLE COMYNS** (*An Tulach*). Another member of the All-Ireland Junior Championship victorious team of 1986. Tá boinn buaite sa chontae aici faoi-18, sóisear agus idirmheánach, Under-18 Munster Championship medal.

12. **CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN** (*Clanna Móra*). Imreoir eile a bhain bonn Uile-Éireann amach i 1986 le foireann shóisireach an Chláir. Also holds under-age, Junior and Intermediate County Championship medals and a under-18 Munster Championship medal.

13. **PAULINE ROCHFORD** (*Fhiacail*). An-imreoir ag leibhéal na gColáistí i agus tá bonn faoi-15 de chuid Choláistí na Mumhan aici. Also holds under-16 and under-18 an Junior County championship medals.

14. **MARY NEYLON** (*Cill Mhúille*). Imreoir eile a bhfuil bonn de chuid Choláistí na Mumhan aici. Has also won medals at under-12, 14, 16, Junior and Intermediate County Championship levels.

15. **JOANNA FROST** (*Cora Chaiole*). Is scóláire in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe i lena bhuaidh si An Dúthracht. Also holds Under-16 and Under-18 County Championship medals.

ÁTH CLIATH AGUS AN CLÁR

NÍ RAIBH Áth Cliath agus An Clár in iomaíocht lena chéile i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann ach uair amháin ariamh go dtí seo. Ocaid stairiúil do mhuintir an Chláir a bhi ann, fiche bliain nach mór ó shoin anois.

The only previous All-Ireland Final meeting of these two counties was in 1974 when An Clár won its first ever All-Ireland Camogie title by defeating Áth Cliath by 3-2 to 3-0. In winning that title, An Clár proved Biddy Earley right in that she had predicted in 1914, when the county hurlers defeated Laois in the All-Ireland Final, that another All-Ireland title would not come to the county for sixty years.

Thirty years earlier, in 1944, An Clár agus Áth Cliath met in the All-Ireland Senior semi-final, but even the McNamaras, Vaughans and O'Briens could not overcome an Áth Cliath team powered by the legendary Kathleen Mills, winner of fifteen All-Ireland medals.

Cuireadh tús leis an gCraobhchomórtas Idirmheánach i 1992, agus Áth Cliath agus an Dún a bhain an Cluiche Ceannais amach. Last year Áth Cliath became the first holders of Corn Uí Phuirséil when they defeated An Dún by 4-11 to 4-4.

Their defeat by Loch Garman in the open draw Senior Championship, by 1-13 to 0-14, rendered them eligible for participation in the Intermediate Championship again this year.

On the path to the final, they had a

convincing win over Aontroim by 4-12 to 1-8, and Tiobraid Árann in the semi-final by 3-12 to 1-10.

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Go raibh sár-chluiche eatarthu inniu.

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Moira McMahon Inspires Clare

By Seamus Hayes

CLARE 1-8 DUBLIN 1-5

SHOWING a vast improvement on their Munster final form of the previous week, Clare deservingly beat Dublin in a most exciting and entertaining All-Ireland intermediate camogie championship final at Cusack Park on Sunday.

Dublin, holders of the title, came to Ennis as favourites but the home side, after a somewhat shaky start, proved the better balanced side.

Conditions were ideal for this final and the teams produced an excellent game with some fine individual displays. Clare's Moira McMahon was the outstanding player on the field and her performance played a huge part in Clare's success.

For this game Clare welcomed back Debbie McDonagh and the Ennis girl had a fine game at centre back and her presence was a great asset to the team. Dublin made the better start and a scrambled goal from Ruth Lyons in the tenth minute helped them take a three point lead.



Moira McMahon had an outstanding game for Clare

Clare dominated the second quarter and improved steadily with points from Sylvia O'Brien, Frances Phelan and Catherine O'Loughlin which had the teams on level terms at the break when the score was 0-5 to 1-2.

The visitors regained the lead after the break with a pointed free from Geraldine Dunne but Maura McNicholas quickly had the equaliser for the winners. Clare went in front for the first time after eight minutes when Frances Phelan pointed from a 30m. free. Shortly afterwards the visitors goalie, Louise Curry, made a great save from Maura McNicholas.

Clare continued to pile on the pressure and they were rewarded twelve minutes from the end when Sylvia O'Brien broke through for a fine goal after good work by Moira McMahon.

This score set Clare on the road to the title and while Dublin fought back well and piled on the pressure in search of a goal but the Clare defence in which full back Tina O'Connell was in great form, held firm.

In the last five minutes Dublin had two points from frees while Clare had a similar score from Frances Phelan. Centre back, Debbie McDonagh came to Clare's aid two minutes from time when she stopped a pile driver on the goal line.

This was a great team performance by Clare but few will argue if Moira McMahon is singled out for special mention. The Wolfe Tones girl gave a five star display and was instrumental in many of her team's scores. Tina O'Connell showed a huge improvement from last week's game against Tipperary and on this occasion she was the rock on which many Dublin attacks perished.

Debbie McDonagh's return after injury strengthened the side and she was an influential

figure throughout. Frances Phelan played a captain's part while Marie Collins gave another fine display.

Credit must also go to the team mentors, Kitty McNicholas, Liz O'Sullivan, Fr. Michael McNamara and Kevin 'Trixie' Twomey. After the disappointment of the Munster final against Tipperary last week, many supporters felt that Clare would find it difficult to get into winning gear again.

Scorers [Clare]: Sylvia O'Brien [1-1], Frances Phelan [0-3], Catherine O'Loughlin [0-2], Moira McMahon and Maura McNicholas [0-1 each].

CLARE: Aine McCormack [Wolfe Tones], Tina O'Connell [Kilkishen], Marie Collins [Bodyke], Debbie McDonagh [Wolfe Tones], Marian Costello [do.], Sinead O'Brien [Bodyke], Sylvia O'Brien [Wolfe Tones], Frances Phelan [do.] Capt., Moira McMahon [do.], Maura McNicholas [Eire Og], Noelle Comyns [Tulla], Catherine O'Loughlin [Kilnamona].

Referee: Colette Kennedy, Galway.

After the game Camogie Association President, Bridin Ni Mhaolagáin, presented Corn Una Ni Phuiséil to Clare Captain Frances Phelan.

There will be a meeting of the Clare Camogie Board at the Queens Hotel, Ennis on Monday night next, at 9 p.m.



Camogie association president, Bridin Ni Mhaolagáin presents the all-Ireland cup to Francis Phelan the Clare captain after Sunday's

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ALL-IRELAND MINOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP

The All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship was inaugurated in 1974 and produces a high level of skill. This year Tipperary and Galway met in an All-Ireland minor final for the first time.

Tipperary contested their first All-Ireland in 1989, losing to Kilkenny. The following year they won their first at Kilkenny's expense. They added another last year, again Kilkenny were their opponents. The score 4-9 to 2-3. Tipperary have won four Munster Titles in the last six years. This year's final went to a replay, where Tipperary excelled over Cork 4-10 to 3-6.

Galway have contested eight All-Ireland minor finals since 1975. They carved their name on Corn Tailteann in 1977 when they defeated Dublin. Following defeats in 1982, '84 and '85 they bounced back to win in 1991. They have always been tops in Connacht, and in this year's final, they accounted for Roscommon by double scores 4-6 to 2-3.

Tipperary and Galway met in last year's All-Ireland semi-final, when it took a replay to separate them. The score 7-9 to 4-2. In this year's semi-finals Galway had two points to spare over Kilkenny in a thrilling encounter 3-5 to 2-6, while Tipperary had an impressive win over Down 7-9 to 2-5.

The scene was now set for the All-Ireland final at 'The Ragg', Thurles. Tipperary, fielding eight of last year's victorious side: Susan Kineally, Joanne Horgan (Capt), Caroline Buckley, Theresa Brophy, Anne Barry, Mandy Quigley, Clodagh Dunne and Clara Gaynor. Clara was also a member of the 1990 side, and is daughter of hurler, Len, current Manager of Clare Senior Hurlers. Galway having six of last year's team: Anne Hardiman, Colleen Crowe, prominent member of St Raphael's College, Erin Dolan (Capt), Olivia



Tipperary... All-Ireland Minor Camogie Champions 1993.



Galway... All-Ireland Minor Camogie Runners-up 1993.

Cone, Lorraine Fahy, members of St Brigid's Vocational, Loughrea, that won the Connacht senior Colleges final, and Goretta Maher.

Galway had the strong breeze in the first half, but took a long time to settle. However, a fortunate goal by Anne Hardiman on the stroke of half-time enabled them to lead 1-4 to 0-3 at the interval.

Tipperary dominated the second half, but missed many scoring chances, and were also denied by the excellent Erin Dolan in goals for Galway. A Mary Looby goal in the tenth minute had the sides level, and although the same player put Tipperary ahead by a point in the 18th minute, Galway finished strongly and got their just reward when Anne Hardiman sent over the equaliser leaving the full time score Tipperary 1-5 Galway 1-5.

-Tipperary Team & scorers: Susan Kineally, Sharon Lawton, Caroline Buckley, Marie White, Joanne Horgan, Capt, Nicola Kennedy, Theresa Brophy, Anne Barry, Mandy Quigley, Clara Gaynor 0-3, Mary Looby 1-1, Gillian O'Neill 0-1. Subs: Emily Hayden, Miriam Maxwell, Marie Harkins, Lisa McCormack.

Galway: Erin Dolan, Capt, Olivia Coen, Teresa Murphy, Denise Gilligan 0-1, Esther Martyn, Aoife Lynskey, Anne Hillery, Goretta Maher, Colleen Crowe, Lorraine Fahy 0-1, Anne Hardiman 1-3, Veronica Curtin. Subs: Aoife Tannian, Lorraine Linnane, Aisling Ward, Catherine Linnane. Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

The replay at Ballinasloe was a keenly contested affair. Goals by Colleen Crowe and Denise Gilligan gave Galway a five-point lead at the break 2-3 to 0-4. In the second half, a brace of goals by Clara Gaynor put Tipperary well in the game and an Anne Barry goal clinched the issue for the Premier County.

The score: Tipperary 3-10, Galway 2-9. And so An Corn Tailteann will rest at the foot of Sliabh na mBan for another year.

Scorers: Tipperary: Clara Gaynor 2-4, Anne Barry 1-1, Nicola Kennedy 0-2, Gillian O'Neill, Sharon Lawton and Mandy Quigley 0-1 each.

Galway: Colleen Crowe 1-4, Denise Gilligan 1-1, Veronica Curtin 0-2, Anne Hardiman and Aoife Tannian 0-1 each.

Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

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CAMOGIE WORLD

Dublin failed to retain their All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship crown, when they went under to Clare in the final played at Cusack Park, Ennis. This was a sparkling encounter with both sides playing with great flair and determination. A goal by Clare's Sylvia O'Brien midway through the second half proved decisive.

DUBLIN GO UNDER TO CLARE

Cathy Walshe opened Dublin's account with 0-1. Clare replied with a similar score from Moira McMahon. On the tenth minute Cathy Walshe collected a Nora Maguire pass and sent home Dublin's goal.

After an end to end struggle, the sides exchanged points. The final stages of this half belonged to 'The Banner County' as they added a further three points, to leave the half time score: Clare 0-5, Dublin 1-2.

Immediately on the resumption Maura McNicholas put Clare in front by 0-1, but back came Dublin's Geraldine Dunne to equalise. On the twelfth minute Clare forged ahead with 0-1 from Frances Phelan and 1-0 by Sylvia O'Brien. Dublin had two points from frees before Frances Phelan had the last score of the game to give her side a 0-3 victory. Final score: Clare 1-8, Dublin 1-5. Scorers: Clare: Sylvia O'Brien 1-1, Frances Phelan 0-3, Catherine O'Loughlin 0-2, Maura McNicholas and Moira McMahon 0-1 each, Dublin: Cathy Walshe 1-2 Geraldine Dunne 0-2, Ruth Lyons 0-1. Referee: Collette Kennedy, Galway.

Killyon took the first ever Leinster Junior Club Championship to Meath, when they overcame a strong challenge from Westmeath champions, St. Munnas, before a large crowd in this final played at Turin, Westmeath. It was an excellent game with the sides very evenly matched.

St. Munnas were first to score and were 0-3 up within ten minutes, scores coming from Yvette Cully, Annette Heffernan and Aileen Lawlor. Killyon settled down and had two points by Sharon Ralleggh. On the 18th minute Jackie Maher got through for a goal, and for the next 12 minutes it was a ding dong battle. Great defensive work by both teams made scores hard to come by. Half time score: Killyon 1-2, St. Munnas 0-3.

Six minutes into the second half, St. Munnas had taken the lead with points from Yvette Cully and Annette Heffernan (3). For the next fifteen minutes both sides failed to score.

On the 21st minute Christine Ralleggh pointed for Killyon. Annette Heffernan replied with a similar score. With seven minutes remaining St. Munnas were leading by two points when Siobhan Gannon shot from an awkward angle and went straight to the net, to give Killyon the lead. Within minutes, Killyon's substitute Katie Connolly added another goal. 'The Saints' rallied back with 0-1 from Yvette Cully to leave the full time score: Killyon 3-3, St. Munnas 0-9. Scorers: Killyon: Siobhan Gannon, Jackie Maher and Katie Connolly 1-0 each, Sharon Ralleggh 0-2, Christine Ralleggh 0-1. St. Munnas: Annette Heffernan 0-5, Yvette Cully 0-3, Aileen Lawlor 0-1. Referee: Marie Connell, Dublin.

In the Ulster Senior Championship final Armagh had an impressive win over Down. Leading by 2-9 to 1-3 at half time, they ran out easy winners 7-13 to 2-5. Armagh Scorers: Ursula McGivern 1-7, Patricia McEvoy 2-3, Mary Donnelly 2-0, Aine Lennon 1-2, Bernie McBride 1-0, Joan Rice 0-1. Down: Mairin McAleenan 1-4, Veronica McCreavy 1-0, Monica McCartan 0-1.

Bellaghy, Derry, secured a place in the Ulster Club Championship semi final when they recorded a 4-7 to 1-1 victory over Newtowncunningham, Donegal. Bellaghy scorers: Mary

Woulahan 2-0, Fiona Molloy 1-1, Angela Lee 1-0, Emer Lee and Elizabeth Mullholland 0-2 each, Barbara Birt and Karen Lee 0-1 each, N.Cunningham: Caroline Callaghan 1-1.

On Sunday the Ulster Club Championship semi finals take

place. Down champions, Leitrim Fontenoy's have a home game against Bellaghy, Derry. The Fontenoy's are very experienced. Nine of the panel won All-Ireland Junior medals with Down in 1991. They have won the county Championship on eleven occasions since 1977. Noreen O'Prey collected her 11th medal when Leitrim defeated Ballymacran 4-11 to 0-3. They have one Ulster title to their credit and that was in 1984.

This year Bellaghy, after years of trying finally broke Swatragh's stronghold on the Derry Championship, by defeating them in the final to bridge a 21 year gap. They won the Ulster title in 1970. While they have a good panel of players, they will meet with stiff opposition from Leitrim.

Bellaghy panel: Donna Spiers, Eithne Hannon, Majella McAllister, Nuala Muldoon, Rhonda Doherty, Karen Lee, Fiona Molloy, Angela Lee, Emer Lee, Mary Woulahan, Monica Woulahan, Sinead O'Neill, Barbara Birt, Claire Brown, Anne Kearney, Patricia Spiers, Elizabeth Mullholland.

Leitrim Panel: Grainne McCrickard, Noreen Keown (nee O'Prey), Donna Greeran, Monica McCartan, Nuala McGee, Isobel Oakes, Monica Rooney, Angela McCartan, Majella Murray, Margaret Mac Nabb, Clemintine O'Higgins, Mairin O'Higgins, Roisin O'Higgins, Bernie McCartan, Bernie Kelly, Mairin McAleenan, Lil Cunningham.

Antrim champions, Loughgiel Shamrocks face Castleblayney, Monaghan in the other semi final. Loughgiel collected their 12th County Championship when they defeated Dunloy in a replay. They are a formidable force and hope to go all the way this year, and take their first Ulster title to the county.

Monaghan teams generally have not impressed at Ulster level and none have reached an Ulster final. Castleblayney will be hoping to make history by doing so. Ten of their panel are on the current Monaghan team. It should be a close encounter.

Castleblayney Panel: Maire Hanratty, Mary Kelly, Joanne Kelly, Geraldine Clarke, Caitriona Mulligan, Michelle McArdle, Sinead Crowe, Marina Flanagan, Rosemary Merrie, Mary Murphy, Noelle McGovern, Lisa O'Halloran, Pauleen Devlin, Jackie Kennedy, Orla Mulligan, Orla McCarthy.

The Leinster Senior Club Championship semi finals take place on Sunday. Lisdowney, Kilkenny/Broadford, Kildare v Oulart, Wexford and Marino, Dublin v Killyon Meath.

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Tipperary, having completed their intercounty activities, have been very busy playing off their County Championships. Toomevara retained their Senior title when they had three points to spare over Cashel in a cracking County final. Both teams served up one of the most skilful and sporting county finals seen for many years, and it was not until the last minute of play that Toomevara picked the winning score.

Jackie Keating put the first score on the board with a well taken point for Cashel. Play went from end to end with each team exchanging points, until Audrey Ryan, playing at wing forward for Toomevara, sent a splendid cross into the hands of Deirdre Hughes, who soloed through for Toomevara's first goal. Marie Ryan was doing trojan work for Toomevara at centre field, and ensured plenty of supply of ball to the forwards. However, the Cashel backs gave very little away and made some brilliant clearances. Helan O'Leary collected one of those clearances and got past Siobhan Cusack and landed the ball in the Toomevara net. Almost immediately Noelle Kennedy collected from a puck out and delivered to Deirdre Hughes, who again rattled the Cashel net. Cashel scored a further five points to Toomevara's one before the break to leave them two points ahead at the interval: Cashel 1-8 Toomevara 2-3.

In the second half, both teams played with grit and determination. Scores went from end to end and every ball contested mattered in the end. While some players played above their normal standard, this was a star performance by each and every player on both sides. Jackie Keating was in fine form at wing forward for Cashel while Helan O'Leary was causing the Toomevara backs some problems. At full back for Cashel, Triona Bonner was having some interesting tussles with her county team mate Deirdre Hughes and Jovita Delaney was back to her usual form.

For Toomevara, Marie Ryan was having the game of her life at centre field. Ann Gleeson played some excellent Camogie while Deirdre Hughes at full forward, scoring a total of three goals and three points speaks for itself. Ann Bergin in goals for Toomevara made some spectacular saves and denied Cashel on numerous occasions.

The winning score came from a clearance at midfield by the young Miriam Maxwell into Deirdre Hughes who gave Cashel goalie, Michelle Bulfin no chance and once again rattled the Cashel net, to leave the full time score: Toomevara 4-8, Cashel 1-14. Referee: John Hurkins.

In the Tipperary Junior semi finals Drumininch and Cashel must meet again. This was an excellent game with the sides locked 2-2 each at the interval. The second half was a ding dong struggle with Drumininch scoring 3-1 and Cashel 1-7. Final score: Drumininch 5-3, Cashel 3-9.

The other semi final was also a close affair between Shannon Rovers and Holy Cross. The sides were level at two points each at the break. Holy Cross missed many scoring chances in the second half as Shannon Rovers ran out winners 0-8 to 0-4.

In the first round of the Munster Club Championship the Limerick champions Graigue/Ballingarry had a convincing win over Tipperary champions Toomevara at Ballingarry. After an entertaining first half Ballingarry led 1-5 to 0-6.

In the second half it was still close up to the final quarter when Ballingarry took over. The Toome girls lacking fire and determination made it evident that four hard games in ten days was too much for them. Final score: Ballingarry 2-12, Toomevara 1-9.

The All-Ireland finals take place in Croke Park on September 26th. In Senior, Cork the holders and Galway will meet. There is little news from either camps at the moment, only that training is extensive. Galway will be doubly engaged on that day when their Juniors play Armagh.

There is much about Galway hurlers being involved in three All-Ireland finals. Galway can also be proud of the fact that their Cailíní are also involved in a brave bid to capture the Minor crown. In that final, after an excellent game, they drew with the holders Tipperary, but had to give way in the replay.

Galway's last appearance in an All-Ireland Senior final was in 1962, after causing a sensation by defeating Cork in the semi final at Fermoy, they faced Dublin in the final, which the Liffeyiders won 5-5 to 2-0. The teams on the day were:

Galway: Eileen Naughton, Patsy Colclough, Rita Flaherty, Vera Henaghan, Shiela Tonry, Capt., Kathleen Higgins, Kathleen Quinn, Chris Furey, Frances Fox, Kathleen Clancy, Kathleen Flaherty, Emer Walshe.

Dublin: Eithne Leech, Gerry Hughes, Capt., Nuala Murney, Alice Hussey, Kathleen Lyons, Kathleen Ryder, Mary Sherlock, Mary Ryan, Patricia Timmons, Brid Keenan, Judy Doyle, Una O'Connor.

More on the finals next week.

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Galway - 1993 All-Ireland Minor Camogie beaten finalists



Tipperary - 1993 All-Ireland Minor Camogie Champions

Plenty of
action in
Tipp

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CAMOGIE WORLD

Galway booked their ticket to the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final with an impressive win over Cork at Ballyncollig. The Cork girls did not play to their usual form and having to field without Lynn Dunlea, who played in the Senior Championship game against Kilkenny was a big set back. There was little between the teams in the opening half. Galway leading by 0-3 to 0-1 at the break.

In the second half Galway were in good scoring form. A goal by Emer Hardiman midway through set them off on a scoring spree, as they ran out easy winners on a score of 2-9 to 0-5. Scorers: Galway: Martina Harkins 1-5, Emer Hardiman 1-3, Ursula Hannon 0-1. Cork: Stephanie Dunlea, Patricia Murphy, Susan Lenihan, Eileen Healy and Susan Cahalane 0-1 each. Referee: Brid Phillips, Tipperary.

Tipperary had a comprehensive win over Clare in the inaugural Munster Intermediate Championship final played at Cusack Park Ennis. In a closely contested first half, Tipperary were the better balanced side, having been defeated by Dublin in the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship semi final the previous Sunday, the Premier County gave of their best, as this was their last chance to grab a title before they wrapped it up for the season. The ability of their forwards to pick off scores proved decisive.

Tipperary had their first point from a thirty after four minutes by Noelle Kennedy. The same player had a similar score minutes later. Helan Kiely put her side three points in front on the tenth minute. Clare went on the attack and were rewarded with points from Maura McNicholas and Frances Phelan. Meadhbh Stokes, contesting every ball at centre field, gave a brilliant delivery into the hand of Deirdre Hughes who shot past the Clare full back giving the goalie no chance with a bullet-like shot to the net. Ailish Delaney in goals for Tipperary had a superb day and denied Clare on several occasions. Tipperary's second goal came from Ann Gleeson, who was causing serious problems for the Clare defence. She collected a pass from Deirdre Hughes and from close range sent to the net.

The winners added two further points before Sylvia O'Brien goalied for Clare to leave the score at the break: Tipperary 2-5, Clare 1-4.

In the final half, Clare tried hard but found scores hard to come by against a very staunch Tipperary back line of Anne Fitzgerald, Triona Bonner, Suzanne Kelly and Claire Madden. Their centre field trio: Marie Ryan, Meadhbh Stokes and Theresa Burke gave a superb display and supplied the forwards well. Up front Anne Gleeson, Helan Kiely, Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes were very sharp. Subs: Siobhan Cusack and Helan O'Leary gave a good account of themselves when introduced, with O'Leary getting Tipperary's final score, a well taken

point. They ran out easy winners on a score of 4-11 to 1-7.

Tipperary panel and scorers: Ailish Delaney, Anne Marie Fitzgerald, Suzanne Kelly, Triona Bonner 1-0, Claire Madden, Meadhbh Stokes, Theresa Burke, Marie Ryan, Noelle Kennedy 0-3, Helan Kiely 0-3, Anne Gleeson 1-0, Deirdre Hughes 2-3, Nora Dawn, Helan O'Leary 0-1 for M. Stokes, Siobhan Cusack for H. Kiely, Ann Gleeson, Regina O'Leary, Catherine Bourke, Aileen Delaney, Cora Kennedy.

It is very fitting that the Munster Intermediate Cup be named after former National President the late Maire ni Cheallachain, Cork, who was President from 1988 to '91.

St. Munnas, Westmeath had a convincing win over Camross, Laois in the Leinster Junior Club Championship semi final played at Camross. The Westmeath girls showed great speed and determination, and by half time had built up a 2-3 to 0-3 lead.

Camross tried hard in the second half, but it was St. Munnas side who were worthy winners on a score of 5-5 to 2-3. Scorers: St. Munnas: Annette Heffernan 2-3, Caroline Conlon 2-1, Yvette Cully 1-1. Camross: Eithne Delaney 1-3, Paula Cuddy 1-0. Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Killyon, Meath won their way through to face St. Munnas when they had four points to spare over Myshall, Carlow in the second semi final played at Killyon. The Carlow side led 2-4 to 2-3 at the break and after a ding dong second half Killyon emerged winners on a score of 3-7 to 2-6. Scorers: Killyon: Pauleen Holton 2-0, Sharon Ralfeigh 0-5, Catherine Cunningham 1-0, Michelle Lucy and Anne Gannon 0-1 each.

Myshall: Catherine Crookes and Breda Foley 1-0 each, Nuala Quirke 0-4, Agnes Smithers 0-2. Referee: John Pender, Kildare.

The Ulster Club Championship is now beginning to take shape. In the quarter final matches the Antrim champions, Loughgiel had an impressive win over Eglis, Tyrone 3-6 to 0-2. Loughgiel Scorers: Grace McMullen 1-5, Maire McGowran 2-0, Lynnette Connolly 0-1.

Monaghan Champions Castleblaney had a 2-8 to 1-5 victory over Castletara, Cavan. Castleblaney scorers: Lisa O'Halloran 1-3, Mary Murphy 1-0, Mary McGovern 0-3, Rosemary Merrie 0-2. Castletara: Majella Prior 1-5.

Leitrim, Down, had four points to spare over Keady, Armagh. This was a closely contested affair, with both sides producing great flair and determination. Leitrim's sharp-shooter on the day was Down County player Mairin McAleenan. Leitrim Scorers: Mairin McAleenan 1-9, Lil Cunningham 2-0, Mairin O'Higgins 0-2. Keady: Collette Conway 2-0, Deirdre Connolly 1-2, Helena Murray 0-4, Helan Mone 0-1.

On Sunday next the Leinster Senior Club Championship gets underway, when Broadford, Kildare take on Kilkenny Champions Lisdowney, at Caddemstown, Kildare at 12 noon. Both sides field noted players. Lisdowney have Kilkenny County players Angela Downey/Browne, Anne Downey, Marina Downey, Claire Jones and Brigid Bamaville. Broadford field Kildare's Anna Dargan, Miriam Malone, Phyllis Banbury, Nora Egan and Nuala Kerrigan. This should be a lively affair with Lisdowney likely to advance.

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GALWAY IN ANOTHER ALL-IRELAND FINAL



Lisdowney, Kilkenny who meet Broadford, Kildare on Sunday



■ The Hollyhill/Knocknaheeney camogie team, representing Cork, who won a silver medal at the Community Games in Mosney at the weekend with their managers Mike Bourke and Marie Dorney and Barry Hill (CMP).

Munster flag flying high

THE Munster flag was flying high in Co. Louth last night as the Credit Union Community Games final came to a conclusion at Mosney.

Of Munster's 6,000 plus youngsters who took part over the two weekends, few could have been happier on the road home than the basketballers of Castleisland, Co. Kerry.

They recorded a memorable hat-trick of wins under the guidance of coaches Denis Porter and Tommy O'Connor when they won the girl's U-13 and the boy's U-13 and U-16 title.

There were more memorable performances in the marathon events with Waterford's Mark Reilly winning the boy's race and Siobhan Walsh of Cork first home in the girl's event. Water-

ford also claimed the team gold in both races.

Limerick's U-11 side took the rugby title but there was disappointment for the camogie team from Hollyhill who put up a brave fight against Ardahan of Galway before having to settle for the silver medal.

GIRLS

U-8 60m: 1. S. O'Callaghan (Cork); N. Brady (Cavan); A. Redmond (Limerick).

U-10 60m hurdles: 1. M. Stapleton (Tipp); 2. C. McCarthy (Kerry); 3. N. Carbery (Meath).

U-10 200m: 1. A. O'Rourke (Tipp); 2. D. Callan (Louth); 3. C. Green (Wexford).

U-12 600m: 1. M. McLoon (Donegal); 2. S. Rafferty (Westmeath); 3. N. O'Halloran (Tipp).

U-13 Walk: 1. J. Duggan (Donegal); 2. O. Costil (Waterford); 3. R. Flynn (Sligo).

U-14 80m hurdles: 1. N. Farrelly (Roscommon); 2. E. Cunningham (Mayo); 3. A. O'Callaghan (Limerick).

U-12 100m: 1. O. Neligan (Kerry); 2. S. Murtagh (Dublin); 3. Y. Moynihan (Limerick).

U-14 100m: 1. L. O'Connor (Dub); 2. S. Markey (Tipp); 3. E. Maher (Kilkenny).

U-14 800m: 1. G. McCarthy (Kerry); 2. L. Aspell (Kildare); 3. A. Carroll (Galway).

U-16 1,500m: 1. B. Dillon (Carlow); 2. M. Danaher (Tipp); 3. J. Grant (Dublin).

U-12 Relay: 1. Waterford; 2. Tipp; 3. Wexford.

U-14 Relay: 1. Cork; 2. Galway; 3. Kilkenny.

U-17 Relay: 1. Kildare; 2. Tipperary; 3. Limerick.

U-17 Javelin: 1. C. Godkin (Wexford); 2. L. Swords (Kildare); 3. L. Hartley (Waterford).

U-14 Shot putt: 1. S. Keogh (Waterford); 2. C. Thompson (Wexford); 3. O. Kirk (Louth).

U-14 Long Puck: 1. A. Codd (Wexford); 2. C. Mannion (Offaly); 3. L. Fitzpatrick (Cork).

U-14 Camogie Final: Ardahan 2-6, Hollyhill 0-4.

U-16 High Jump: 1. D. Ryan (Mayo); 2. J. Doyle (Kildare); 3. R. McMillan (Tipp).

Volleyball U-16 final: Loughrea, Galway 2, Lisdoonvarna, Clare 0.

Basketball U-13: Castleisland, Co. Kerry 21, Ballina, Mayo 17.

Marathon: 1. S. Walsh (Cork). Team Winners: Waterford.

BOYS

U-8 60m: 1. A. Kilcoyne (Mayo); 2. A. Johnstone (Meath); 3. J. Hayes (Limerick).

U-8 80m: 1. J. Laffey (Dublin); 2. J. Heffernan (Kerry); 3. B. Gallagher (Clare).

U-10 100m: 1. T. Leach (Roscommon); 2. B. Marshall (Westmeath); 3. J. Ahern (Waterford).

U-10 200m: 1. D. Kelly (Galway); 2. R. Devlin (Westmeath); 3. J. Joy (Limerick).

U-12 100m: 1. F. Power (Dublin); 2. A. McPhillips (Cavan); 3. M. Burke (Cork).

U-14 80m Hurdle: 1. P. O'Shea (Limerick); 2. R. Hoarty (Galway); 3. A. Kelly (Mayo).

U-14 100m: 1. K. Crawford (Donegal); 2. D. McCarthy (Cork); 3. P. Byrne (Carlow).

U-14 800m: 1. N. O'Donoghue (Sligo); 2. E. Johnston (Monaghan); 3. T. Nealand (Clare).

U-16 1500m: 1. R. Maher (Westmeath); 2. B. Murray (Tipperary); 3. T. O'Loughlin (Clare).

U-12 Relay: 1. Cork; 2. Limerick; 3. Carlow.

U-14 Relay: 1. Mayo; 2. Cork; 3. Dublin.

U-17 Relay: 1. Wexford; 2. Kildare; 3. Tipperary.

Long Puck U-12: B. Murphy (Wexford); 2. T. Fitzgerald (Cork); 3. A. Donovan (Kerry).

Hardcourt Tennis U-16: 1. Connaught; 2. Munster; 3. Leinster.

U-10 Rugby Final: Bruff, Grange, Co. Limerick 4, Quay, Co. Mayo 1.

Volleyball U-15 Final: Lisdoonvarna, Clare 2, Dromshambo, Leitrim 0.

Brian Dillons try again

By Tom Higgins

HAVING tasted defeat in the last three finals, Brian Dillons will be hoping to come good at Ballyanley on Sunday (2p.m.) when they take on Castlemagner in the final of the Cork Intermediate camogie championship.

The girls from the Northside were hot favourites to take last year's title but they had to give best to Kilbrittain in an exciting decider and were beaten by Aghabullogue in 1991 and Clougduv in 1990.

With most of those panels avail-

able they are confident that this will be their year. But Castlemagner will make them fight hard.

Most of the Brian Dillons panel are past pupils of St. Patrick's, Gardiners Hill, so they have been playing together for quite a while. The side includes Karen Mellerick, who has seen Senior inter-county action with Cork, and County Junior players Niamh O'Regan and Gayle Fleming.

Castlemagner showed great heart and fighting spirit when beating Inniscarra in an exciting semi-final in which the losers had a goal disallowed in the final minutes. The

North Cork side have a very solid defence and some very lively forwards so they won't be easily beaten.

The club has been established for quite a long time and won the Junior 'B' title in 1985 and followed up by taking Junior 'A' honours in 1990. This season they have entered an Under-18 side in Co Board competitions and will be hoping that this will provide them with players for the future.

They have a very useful side which includes Carmel Henchion, Imelda McSweeney, Angela Lawlor and their scorer in chief Mary Ita

Barrow. They are trained by Helen and coached by Tad Howard, whose wife Mary plays midfield.

Panel

BRIAN DILLONS: Gillian Ryan (Computer Assistant), Aileen Barry (S. Assistant), Louise Fleming (Sport Complex Assistant), Deirdre Murphy (Student), Aileen Barry (Student), S. Mongay (Student), Laura Holland (Student), Rosalie O'Sullivan (Student), K. Leen Field (Bar Worker), Cathie Barrett (Student), Ursula O'Donoghue (Clerical Officer), Susan Fahy (City 1 Brigade), Claire Drummond (Student), Karen Mellerick (Textile Worker), Jill

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JOHN LENIHAN captain the Irish Racing Champions. Winner of a championship at - ago, he was sixth in Irish championship. The recent international trial Robbie Brown, Donnie Shire loop on one of the 20 seconds yet he is

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Brian Dillons come good

By TOM HIGGINS

Brian Dillons 2-10 Castlemagner 3-4

AFTER the frustration of being beaten in the final for the past three years, Brian Dillons came good at Ballyanley yesterday when they captured the Cork Intermediate camogie title when beating a gallant Castlemagner side by three points.

The City side deserved their win but they finished poorly and almost let the title slip away again as two late goals cut the deficit to two points with two minutes remaining. But they rallied to get a further point with the last puck of the game to ensure victory.

Castlemagner played with the wind in the opening half but the writing was on the wall when they could only turn over level at the break, 1-1 to 0-4. With the strong wind in the second-half Brian Dillons looked likely to take control, which they did for a long time, but they tired in the closing stages.

In fact it was Castlemagner who started the better in the second-half with a point. But the turning point came when a Niamh O'Regan shot was saved by Angela Lawlor in the 34th minute. However, she failed to clear and Jill Ryan availed of the mistake to score a goal which put the City girls ahead 1-6 to 1-2.

Then a further goal by substitute Aileen Barry, from a pass by Jill Ryan, in the 43rd minute, to make it 2-8 to 1-4, seemed to put the game out of Castlemagner's reach. But the North Cork side finished the stronger to cut the deficit to a mere goal at the end.

Castlemagner fought back to score two goals in the space of two minutes with two minutes left but they could not get another and Brian Dillons held on for victory.

For Brian Dillons Karen Mellerick had a tremendous game at centre-back, particularly in the opening half when her side were under severe pressure, and got good support from Claire Drummond and Susan Fahy in defence. Gayle Fleming and Alison Dilworth impressed in midfield while Niamh O'Regan and Louise Fleming were the pick of the forwards.

Castlemagner were best served by Margaret Lucey and Pat Connell in defence, Liz Twomey and Imelda McSweeney tried hard at midfield, while Mary Lucey, Margaret Fitzgerald and Mary Ita Barrow were the pick of their forwards.

Scorers for Brian Dillons: J Ryan 1-2, L Fleming 0-4 (0-1 "30"), A Barry 1-0, G Fleming 0-2, N O'Regan 0-2. Castlemagner: C Sheehan 0-4 (0-1 "30"), M I Barrow, M Fitzgerald, A O'Hanlon 1-0 each.

BRIAN DILLONS: C Barrett; S Fahy; U O'Donovan, K Mellerick, C Drummond; J Hannon, G Fleming, A Dilworth; J Ryan, N O'Regan, L Fleming; J Ryan. Sub. A Barry for J Hannon (half-time).

CASTLEMAGNER: A Lawlor; N McCarthy; M Lucey, M Sheehan, P O'Connell; I McSweeney, L Twomey, A O'Hanlon; C Sheehan, M Lucey, M I Barrow; M Fitzgerald. Sub. C Hinchon for L Twomey (40th minute). Referee: R Desmond (Bishopstown).



Brian Dillons defender Jill Hannon clears past Castlemagner forward Liz Twomey during the Cork County Intermediate Camogie final at Ballyanley yesterday. —(Picture: Des Barry)



The beginning of a successful association - presentation of jerseys from McGeary Compost to Armagh's Camogie team manager Tom Monaghan. Front, left to right: Tom Monaghan, Colm McGeary, Nora Vallely (Treasurer). Back, left to right: Brian Morris (McGeary Compost), Maura McAvoy (Vice-Chairperson), Mary Black, Rita Black (Assistant Secretary), Eilis Mackin (Secretary).



Mrs. Phil McBride was one of the first to play camogie in Armagh and is now President of the Armagh County Board

Difficult to see the Glen being halted

COUNTY champions Glen Rovers set out on the Munster championship title trail tonight when they meet Limerick champions Granagh-Ballingarry at the Glen Field, (6.15).

Last Sunday Granagh defeated a fancied Toomevara side from Tipperary in a first round game and looked a useful side. Powered by Bernie Chalke, Ide Quaid, Bernie O'Brien, Mairead Treacy and Deirdre Sheehan, they will provide formidable opposition for the home side.

However, on form, it is difficult to see the Glen being halted. They are strong in all sectors with marvellous performers in Sandy Fitzgibbon, Lynda Mellerick, Mary Ring, Denise Cronin, Lyn Dunlea, Therese O'Callaghan, Diane Deane and Patricia Murphy. All these girls have been through the mill before and are certainly no strangers to this competition. They will be fancied to advance.

Tonight: Munster Senior Club championship semi-final - Glen Rovers v Granagh-Ballingarry, at Glen Rovers, 6.15.
U-14 "B" League semi-finals - Ballinhassig v Mayfield, Farranlea Road, 3 pm; St. Fanahans v Barryroe, Farranlea Road, 4 pm.

Tomorrow: J"B"C - St. Vincents v Valley Rovers, Inishannon, 1 pm; Tracton v Castlemagner, Tracton, 6.30; Gleann na Laoi v Cobh, 3.30; Newcestown v Fermoy, Newcestown, 3.30; St. Finbarrs v Inishannon, Ballyanly, 11.30.

U-16 "A"C - Na Piarsaigh v Brian Dillons, at Na Piarsaigh; Bishopstown v Barryroe, at Bishopstown; Cloughduv v Aghabullogue, at Cloughduv, all 12 noon.

J"A"L - St. Catherine's v Ballinora, at St. Catherine's; Blackrock v Douglas, at Douglas, both 3.30.
U-16 "B"L - Ballincollig v Mallow, at Ballincollig, 12 noon.



The 1993 Armagh Camogie panel with management. Front, left to right: Ann Donnelly, Bernie McBride, Donna McCusker, Mary Donnelly, Teresa McNally. Middle, left to right: Collette Byrne, Patricia McAvo, Karen Ackett, Aisling Reilly, Orla Murphy, Mairead Donnelly, Sally McCone. Back, left to right: Pat Richardson (Assistant Manager), Margaret Moriarty, Margaret McKee, Celine McGeary, Joan Rice, Ellis Mackin (Medical Officer and County Board Secretary), Maura McAvo (Liaison Officer and Vice Secretary), Joan Green, Brenda Donnelly, Mary Black, Tom Monaghan (Manager and County Board Chairman).

Glen Rovers advance to final

Glen Rovers 4-19
Granagh-Ballingarry 3-3
ALL-IRELAND club camogie champions, Glen Rovers, qualified for this year's Munster final when they defeated

a gallant Granagh-Ballingarry side in the semi-final at the Glen Field, Cork, on Saturday evening.

Despite the winning margin Glenagh-Ballin-

garry put up stout resistance and it was only in the latter stages of the second half that they finally capitulated.

The game started on a quiet note with the win-

ner's, thanks to a Lyn Dunlea goal, 1-2 to 0-2 ahead after ten minutes. But a goal from Ida Quaid in the 18th minute cut the deficit to three points and the home side

finished the stronger to be 1-10 to 1-3 ahead at the break.

Glen had a number of bad wides in the opening few minutes of the second half and a goal from Noreen Noonan eight minutes after the break gave their Limerick side renewed hope. However, the champions got their act together and points from Therese O'Callaghan, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick and Ger McCarthy put the winners very much in control and a brace of goals in the 20th minute of the half put the game out of the Limerick side's reach.

The only disappointment for the home side was the fact that they shot 16 wides and they will need to be much tighter in subsequent rounds if they are to retain their title.

From the winners Deirdre McCarthy, Mary Ring, Patricia Murphy and Ger McCarthy impressed while Linda Chawke, Noreen O'Brien, Eda Quaid and Breda O'Brien were best for the Limerick champions.

Scores - Glen Rovers: L. Dunlea 1-8 (0-4 free), L. Mellerick 2-4, O. McCarthy 0-4, C. McCarthy 1-0, T. O'Callaghan 0-2, S. Fitzgibbon 0-1 (free). Granagh-Ballingarry: N. Noonan 2-3 (0-3 free), I. Quaid 1-0.

GLEN ROVERS: M. O'Leary, M. Ring, D. McCarthy, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Deane, M. Currid, T. O'Callaghan, T. Murphy, L. Mellerick, L. Dunlea, C. McCarthy, C. McCarthy.

GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY: Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, McKenna, B. Chawke, M. Laker, M. Treacy, K. Sheehan, Noreen, I. Quaid, D. Sheehan, Sheehan. Sub. U. Quaid for Sheehan.

Referee: M. Graham (Tipperary).

Wolfe Tones (Shannon) 6-12
Lismore 0-2.

IN the second semi-final played in Shannon yesterday, the home side had little difficulty beating Lismore by a 6-12 margin to book their place in the final on October 3.

The winner's play against the wind in the opening half and was managed to turn on leading by 2-9 to 0-1. It was all one-way traffic the second half with the Clare side in complete control.

Scores: S. O'Brien 2-4, K. Noonan 2-0, F. Phelan 0-5, K. Sarason 1-0, L. Lynam 0-1 (free).



■ Diane Deane, Glen Rovers, looking for a way past Granagh-Ballingarry defender Maired Treacy in the Munster Senior Club Camogie championship semi-final at the Glen Park, Cork. - (Picture: Denis Minihane)

Armagh Camogie Story



Mrs. Shelia Sherry is Registrar of the Armagh Camogie Board and is a daughter of one of the women who started it all - Mrs. Phil McBride

Armagh camogie is currently enjoying its most successful season since the first game was played in Armagh City way back in 1925. One of the players on the Eire Og team that day was none other than Mrs. Phil McBride who is the esteemed President of Armagh County Camogie Board and one of the best known personalities in camogie circles in Ulster, if not in Ireland.

According to the records, this was the first game played in the county, and during the next five or six years other Camogie clubs were formed in places like Lurgan, Maghera, Portadown, Derrymacash, Ballyhegan and Annaghmore. Some competitions were organised and challenge matches against teams from neighbouring counties were played to sustain interest in the game.

In 1934 the first Ulster Camogie Council was established at a meeting convened by Dr. Cassidy in Armagh City. All the clubs were then affiliated with Ardchoirle. Following the affiliation, the first Armagh County team was formed. The first inter-county game was played against Monaghan - a game which Armagh lost despite a courageous effort. The county had better luck in their next game when they defeated Antrim at Derrymacash. Enthusiasm began to wane in the late 1930's and early 1940's but by 1949 there was a mighty burst of interest in the Lurgan area and this soon spread across the county.

The Lurgan and District Camogie League was set up in 1949 and this venture enjoyed instant success with fifteen clubs taking part. It is interesting to note that a Lurgan and District selection defeated Lancashire and London teams at Manchester in August 1949. By 1953 camogie fervour had reached most parts of the county and this was reflected by a very capable County side reaching the Ulster Senior Championship final in 1953 - Down providing the opposition. This turned out to be a disappointing day for the Armagh girls and a most controversial one. Armagh supporters, to this day, still maintain the referee's full-time whistle was sounded seven minutes early with Armagh two points in arrears and the forwards about to score a goal! Well we all know the referee has the last word!

The Armagh team had to wait until 1961 to be crowned Ulster champions. Success breeds success and they won this coveted title again in 1966, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973 and then after a twelve year interval in 1985, 1987, 1990, 1992 and 1993. They reached their first All-Ireland final in 1970 only to be defeated by a single point by Dublin. They again made it to Croke Park in 1985 and 1987 but again suffered defeat at the hands of Galway and Kildare respectively. Will the 1993 story be different?

Manager Tom Monaghan believes this 1993 team will bring this long awaited New Ireland Cup to the Orchard County. They have won the National league for the third time this year and have only been defeated once this season.

For most of today's team this will be a new and exciting experience and a dream come true. Four of the team, namely Margaret Moriarty, Mary Donnelly, captain Ursula McGovern and Sally McCone have played in 1985 and 1987 All-Ireland finals. The experience of these players will add greatly to Armagh's chance of success against Galway on 26th September next. Along with these there is Mary Black, who though young in years has gained a lot of useful experience with her university team over the past three years. Mary has been the star of many inter-county games and has been with the Armagh Junior panel since 1987. Margaret McKer, who returned to the panel in 1991 after a long break, has been improving in both skill and confidence with every outing. Margaret is goalkeeper and not much gets past her. Aine Lennon, Bernice McBride, Orlagh Murphy and Patricia McAvooy have been with the county squad since 1990 and are now well established members of the team. Joan Green and Anne Donnelly have been in and out of the team over

the past five years while the rest of the team are relative new comers. These girls, however, have blended in well and their speed and skill have to be reckoned with by any opposition.

The success of the Armagh team is due, in no small measure to their manager and trainer Tom Monaghan. Not only does he manage the team but is also Cathaoirleach of the County Camogie Board. Over the past seven years, Tom has spared no effort to put Armagh Camogie on the map. He rarely misses a game in the county from Primary School level right up to County level. To help him with the team he has Pat Richardson as Assistant Manager and Pat's help and advice is much appreciated by Tom. Maura McAvooy is liaison officer with the team and no matter how the girls play Maura is sure to turn them out a credit to any county. Tom maintains he has two teams - the one on the field, and the one behind the scenes, i.e. the County Armagh Camogie Board. As well as Maura, who is also Vice-Chairperson and Pat, who is Ulster Council Delegate, there is the hard working Secretary Eilis Mackin. This is Eilis' first year at the job, and to say she is coping admirably would be an understatement. She took over from Anne Grinley who had the position for five years and whose act was an extremely hard one to follow. To help Eilis there is the Assistant Secretary Rita Black who has been connected with camogie in Armagh for many years. Nora Valley is the County Treasurer and has held this position for a number of years. As the number of clubs rises year by year in the county, the amount of money to be handled also increases. The success of the county team also calls for more finance and more work for Nora. Shelia Sherry is the Registrar and according to Shelia there are over two thousand members from 24 clubs playing camogie in ARMAGH. Eileen Canavan is the County P.R.O. and Eileen makes sure everyone is kept well informed about the happenings in the sport of Camogie.

No Armagh camogie story is complete without mentioning the names of P.J. Toner (RIP), Brendan Lavery and Br. Frank Mallon. These people carried the flag for Armagh through lean times and Tom Monaghan and his team are building on foundations laid by these people. Travelling to Dublin with the team on All-Ireland day to bring them luck will be that well recognised mother figure of camogie, Mrs. Phil McBride. Phil, who is President of the Armagh Camogie Board, has been keeping alive the great Tradition in Irish Street, keeping open her door of that established Camogie centre to all Girls and lovers of the game. Phil has had a few health set backs in recent times, but despite these advancing years remains a remarkably fresh lady. Phil maintains that there is no better cure for rheumatism than a good game of camogie!

The success of the team has generated a healthy interest among supporters as evidenced by the big volume of support following the team. This interest has encouraged sponsorship from local firms and in particular a big thank you is due to McGarry Compost, Moy Road, Armagh who are the main sponsors of the team.



Tom Monaghan - proud manager of the successful Armagh camogie team and County Board Chairman

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Biggest ever Kilmacud Crokes' All-Ireland sevens

All-Ireland Kilmacud Crokes' All-Ireland sevens tournament, sponsored by the ESB, takes place this year in Stillorgan, writes...

of 48 teams makes this the most competitive to date, and there are clubs waiting to see if there are any who can take their place in the spotlight.

Notably, the holders, from Galway, cannot defend their title this year because several of their players are connected with

the Galway senior and junior teams that will contest Sunday's All-Ireland final at Croke Park.

Yet there will be no lack of quality on view. Kilkenny's absence from Croke Park means that many of their highly-rated personnel will be available to take part in the Kilmacud event.

Among them will be the fabulous Downey twins, Angela and Ann, who will be campaigning with Lisdowey, Marino's opponents in the Leinster Club final next month.

CAMOGIE

Indeed, it is quite possible that Lisdowey will encounter Marino somewhere along the way on Saturday. The Dublin club were runners-up last season at Kilmacud.

The previous year, 1991, Marino captured the big prize, joining Celtic as the only other Dublin club to take the title. Celtic won the competition twice, in 1976 and 1987.

Teams from Wexford and Kilkenny have dominated the tournament, with Buffers Alley from Wexford and the now defunct St. Pauls winning the crown six times each.

Two venues will be used, the Crokes' headquarters at Glenalbany, and the club's other ground on the Leopardstown Road, Silver Park.

Play will begin on Saturday at 10.30. The early rounds will see eight minutes each way being played in the games. Each club will

be guaranteed at least three matches.

There will be two separate divisions. Last year Tullogher won the Shield, the top award for the Division Two sides. London club, Tara, are always welcome visitors, and they have done quite well in the senior section of late.

The final is scheduled for Glenalbany at 6.0, and full credit is due to Kilmacud Crokes who do such a marvellous job in making this annual event such a thriving success.

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CAMOGIE FINAL CLASH OF THE LEE AND THE CORRIB

Preview by
Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin
Camogie President



Cork and Galway have set the scene for an enthralling 63rd All-Ireland Camogie Final. Cork defeated old rivals Kilkenny in the first game while Galway accounted for a fancied Wexford side in the other.

Kilkenny undoubtedly received a major boost when they defeated Cork in the league final which was played on a fifteen-a-side trial basis. With home venue for the semi-final Kilkenny must have been fancied to repeat the performance. However, Cork had other ideas and while the game was wide open until the final moments a superb goal by Cork sub, Lyn Dunlea in the final ten seconds gave them victory and a place in the All-Ireland Final.

Very few would argue about the quality of the Cork side. They have all the ingredients in abundance: skill, fitness, teamwork and dedication. The special component which endows this team is the intense will to win. Manager/trainer Joe McGrath together with experienced selector Miriam Murphy have spent dedicated hours in preparation for the major event. Having defeated Wexford in last year's final the Cork contingent will be anxious to complete the double this year.

PROGRAMMED

The Cork team abounds with experienced players. Captain and Glen Rovers star Linda Mellerick - a computer operator - will have her team mates well programmed for the final and will be difficult to mark on the day. Sandie Fitzgibbon's exceptional fitness has enabled her to maintain high standards over the years and

to combine top-class camogie with international Basketball.

Another Glen Rovers player, Therese O'Callaghan formerly captained her club to All-Ireland victory in 1990. Breda Kenny full-back, now playing with the Sarsfields club will surely have mixed feelings on Final Day. The young U.C.D. physiotherapist was captain of the Galway team which won the minor championship. She will line-out against some of her neighbours but is unlikely to be found wanting in the Cork colours.

DETERMINED

Those of us who witnessed the upsurge of camogie in Galway during the last two to three years will not have been surprised to see them secure a place in this year's senior All-Ireland Final.

Galway has not contested a senior All-Ireland final since 1962 and this lapse of 30 years will make them all the more determined when they take the field against Cork on September 26. They are a strong county at all levels, underage, minor, junior and senior.

Many members of the Galway team have come through St. Raphael's College, the cradle of camogie in the west. Under the careful guidance

of Cyril Farrell - first lay principal of St. Raphael's - these girls have gone from success to success. With an average age of nineteen years most of the players have also come through the Feile na nGael competitions with All-Ireland medals.

While some of the Galway team might not be as well known nationally as their Cork opponents they are nonetheless formidable players. Sheila Coen, Pamela Nevin and Imelda Hobbins are no strangers to victorious teams, all three being members of the talented Mullagh club - All-Ireland club champions in 1991 and winners of the All-Ireland seven-a-side competition 1992.

OUTSTANDING

Also in top form presently are Clair Lynch - scored two goals - and Olivia Broderick from Davitts club, and Anne Ryan, who scored 2-4 against Wexford, and her clubmate from Pearses, Sharon Glynn. Sharon, despite a serious knee in-

jury, gave an outstanding performance at centre field.

Captained by Deirdre Costello from the Sarsfields club this is a fast, exciting Galway team. In the semi-final against Wexford it was evident that this team was on course for a place in the final. The excellent ball control, speed, striking skills and slick teamwork combined with grim determination shows that they are a force to be reckoned with.

Should Colette O'Mahony of Barra Naofa Club (Cork) strike semi-final form, having scored 3 goals from 15 yards frees, then young Tracy Laheen of Pearses Club will have a busy time minding the Galway net!

They say that a team is only as good as its substitutes! Galway have no problems in this area. Most of the subs are members of the junior team, and Geraldine McGrath international hockey player is married to Galway hurling captain, Michael McGrath! Maybe Galway will take the Double!



Cork's Sandie Fitzgibbon ...dual star.

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ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL



The stage is set for the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final between the holders, Cork and Galway in Croke Park on September 26. Only on two occasions have the counties met in the final, in 1939 and '40 when Cork were victorious.

Dunlea gave Cork victory by one point 5-10 to 2-18. Cork are a formidable force, with many players from the All-Ireland Cup Champions Glen Rovers.

They all proved too experienced for this young Galway team, who are sure to fight all the way.

The Leesiders have won the O'Duffy Cup on 16 occasions, their first in 1934. Galway have contested the final on eight occasions but have never won the Title.

In fact they contested the first All-Ireland against Dublin, which came into being in 1932 although the final was not played until August 1933. The last time Galway had a crack at the title was in 1962, when again, it was Dublin who defeated them on a score of 5-5 to 2-0.

Galway have produced good teams over the years, but came up against the might of Kilkenny, Cork and Dublin. Their present squad have been nurtured up through the Colleges, St Raphael's and St Brigid's Vocational, Loughrea. They are coached by Cyril Farrell, who masterminded eight All-Ireland senior Colleges Titles in a row for St Raphael's. They had a good run in the National League, defeated in the semi-final by Kilkenny, the eventual winners by one point 4-8 to 4-7.

On the path to the final they got a bye in the first round and came up against Wexford in the semi-final, and after a hard-fought tussle they avenged last year's semi-final defeat 5-7 to 2-13 at Ballinsloe.

Cork got a walk-over from Antrim in the first round, and came up against old rivals Kilkenny in the semi-final at Nowlan Park. Kilkenny had already taken the National League Title from the Leesiders. It was at this stage last year that Cork halted Kilkenny going for eight All-Irelands in a row.

The semi-final proved to be one of the closest in years. They were level at half-time 1-8 each. Cork looked as if they were going to bow out as Kilkenny led by two points, but just on the full-time whistle, a goal by substitute Lynn



Cork : Kathleen Costine, Breda Kenny, Paula Goggins, Theresa O'Callaghan, Liz Towler, Linda Mellerick, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin, Irene O'Keefe, Fiona O'Driscoll, Collette O'Mahony, Liz O'Neill, Lyn Dunlea, Liz Dunphy, Irene O'Leary, Mags Finn, Rose Desmond, Patricia Murphy, Mary Sexton.

Galway: Anne Broderick, Sheila Coen, Olive Costello, Deirdre Hardiman, Triona Dolphin, Brid Stratford, Pamela Nevin, Tracey Laheen, Deirdre Costello, Anne Ryan, Sharon Glynn, Claire Lynch, Emer Hardiman, Brigid Fahy, Imelda Hobbins, Imelda Maher, Alice Murphy, Olivia Broderick.

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Galway girls hungry for win

ON SUNDAY the All-Ireland camogie finals, senior and junior, take place at Croke Park. This is the greatest day on the camogie calendar.

It will, however, be an All-Ireland with a difference in as much as no Leinster county will be involved in the action and, of course, the Cusack stand will be missing, well almost.

Admission for juveniles will be through the stiles in the Nally Square and there will be also stiles open in the Nally square for adults in charge of groups.

CAMOGIE

The senior final sees Galway back after a lapse of 31 years to take on the reigning champions Cork who have won 15 Ireland titles. Galway have contested eight and have yet to win one.

They are a young side trained by Cyril Farrell and they will be hungry for victory.

The Leesiders are also a youthful squad having beaten Kilkenny by one point in the semi-final they have much more experience, and under the management of Joe McGrath, look good to hold onto their title.

Galway are also involved in the junior. They have won four All-Irelands, the last in '88 and were defeated by Tipperary last year.

They face the newly crowned National League champions Armagh who defeated Dublin in the final.

They have yet to win an All-Ireland and carry the tag of favourites in this one.

The referee for the senior game will be Miriam O'Callaghan (Offaly) who will be taking charge of her second senior All-Ireland.

Roll of honour: Senior from 1932 to '92 Dublin 26, Cork 15, Kilkenny 11, Antrim 6, Wexford 3.

Junior: from 1968 to '92 - Cork 4, Galway 4, Dublin, Kildare, Down and Clare 3 each, Derry 2, Louth, Tipperary, Limerick 1 each.

Sunday - At Croke Park - All Ireland Finals - Junior - Armagh v Galway 1.45; Ref Biddy Phillips (Tipp); Senior - Cork v Galway 3.30; Ref: Miriam O'Callaghan (Offaly).

Camogie Column

by Mary Moran

PEG Morris led Galway on to Croke Park for the inaugural All-Ireland Championship final. Indeed, the remarkable Galway player captained her county in five senior finals from 1932 to 1940. However, Dublin and Cork proved to be their stumbling blocks in those early years.

Galway re-appeared in 1946 but failed to Antrim. A new batch of Galway players returned to Croke Park in 1960 and again in 1962 but found the all conquering Dublin team of that era too hot to handle. So far the O'Duffy Cup has proved elusive to the Westerners.

The camogie scene has changed dramatically since Galway's last appearance in a senior final. The introduction of a range of competitions in the interim leaves the Galway girls much better prepared for the big test. Galway's record in these lesser competitions has been second to none.

The past decade has been exceptional for Galway in underage and colleges camogie. Poor organisation prevented the county from reaching the top before now. Nobody doubted that the talent was there but it needed to be harnessed and prepared.

The County Board planned to make a real go of it this season and called on Cyril Farrell, the man behind St. Raphael's, Loughrea, the most successful college of all time, to spearhead their challenge for senior honours. Already three Galway county

teams have reached All-Ireland Finals this season.

Not surprisingly, Cyril called on many of the players who wore the red and black of St. Raphael's with distinction. Deirdre Costello, Imelda Hobbins, Brid Stratford and Claire Lynch, each one a heroine of a particular college's season, have blended effectively with Anne Ryan, Sheila Coen and Sharon Glynn to form a side which will thrill the attendance at Croke Park with their skilful camogie.

Reigning champions, Cork will provide the opposition to Galway on 24th September. Cork enjoyed a great season in 1992. They brought off a notable National League and Championship double. Several of their players were on the Glen Rovers team which won the Club Championship while the majority helped Munster to capture the Gael Linn Cup.

It soon became obvious this season that their keen rivals Kilkenny were not prepared to accept that their successful run was over. In the final of the National League in June, Kilkenny were back to their best and brought Cork back to earth.

The re-match was eagerly awaited. A semi-final clash at Nowlan Park provided the ideal setting. Camogie was seen at its very best in a tremendously exciting game. Kilkenny picked off some glorious points and for much of the game looked the better team. However, each time they stretched

ahead, Cork's Colette O'Mahony hauled them back with an exhibition of close range free-taking.

Victory seemed to be going Kilkenny's way as the game drew to a close. In the last minute of the game, young Lyn Dunlea gained possession and was immediately surrounded by the Kilkenny defenders. While appearing to be closed down she managed to strike the ball to the Kilkenny net. Marie Fitzpatrick hurried her puck-out but time was up and Cork were through to the final.

This will be Cork's sixth final appearance in seven years. One All-Ireland medal hardly satisfies for all that effort. The Cork players will be anxious to build on the Kilkenny victory. Cork have the edge in experience but would not want to treat Galway lightly.

Galway will be doubly represented on All-Ireland Day. Despite losing a number of players to the senior team, the Galway juniors travelled to Ballincollig where following a slow start they defeated Cork with something to spare. Galway have a good record in the Junior grade but will need to be at their best to overcome Armagh who have already collected the 1993 National Junior League title. Armagh can call on their first twelve and following the disappointments of 1985 and 1987 will be hoping to make the breakthrough on this occasion.



Lyn Dunlea (Cork) breaking through the Kilkenny defence on her way to scoring the winning goal in the All-Ireland semi-final at Nowlan Park.



■ CORK STARS! Cork camogie players pose for our camera. They are (from left) Therese O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick, Liz O'Neill and Mags Finn. (Eddie O'Hare)



Cork camogie players Linda Mellerick (left), captain, and Breda Kenny.

Changes in Cork camogie team

By TOM HIGGINS

CORK selectors have made two changes from the side that started against Kilkenny in the semi-final for Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final against Galway in Croke Park.

Glen Rovers' Lyn Dunlea, who came in as a second half substitute for Inniscarra's Irene O'Keeffe, keeps her place while Na Pairsaigh's captain Irene O'Leary comes on for Liz O'Neill. The Bishopstown full forward has been struggling for the past two weeks with a groin strain.

However O'Keeffe and O'Neill are named as two of the four official substitutes with Fr. O'Neill's Mags Finn and Bishopstown goalkeeper Rose Desmond.

This means that Cork will field 10 of the 12 players who were successful for the Rebel County in last year's decider against Wexford.

Kathleen Costine keeps her place between the post while Breda Kenny is at full back.

The half back line is the same as 12 months ago with Paula Goggins and Liz Towler as wing backs and Therese O'Callaghan in the centre. There is an all Glen Rovers midfield division with Linda Mellerick captaining the side on the right wing, Sandie Fitzgibbon in the centre and Denise Cronin, who has recovered from an ankle injury on the left.

The half forward line consists of Fiona O'Driscoll, Lyn Dunlea and Colette O'Mahony while Irene O'Leary is selected at full forward.

The panel have been training hard under the guidance of Joe McGrath and report no injury worries.

Captain Linda Mellerick said: "In an All-Ireland final it is a 50-50 game. Galway are quite a good side. We saw them on a video last week and they are very skilful, and very fast. We have not played them for a

couple of years but they are a much improved side.

"In fact they are a totally different team from the one we played in the League three years ago. We don't know anything about them except what we saw on video. Having had only one game may have been a disadvantage to us as we had then to gear ourselves to the Kilkenny game.

"Antrim wouldn't have been much of a competition but it would have given us a chance to play together before tackling Kilkenny and we could have ironed out some of our bad habits. We couldn't get any decent challenge games before meeting Kilkenny so we had to play against ourselves. It will be all on the day on Sunday," commented Linda.

Although Galway are a young side they have some very experienced players, notably centre-forward, and captain, Deirdre Costello, Ann Ryan, a sister of Galway star Eanna Ryan, and their top scorer in the semi-final Claire Lynch and they will not give in easily.

Asked if she thought that Cork were a more balanced side this year selector Marie Mackey said: "I don't think so. Cork have always had a great panel of players to select from and this year is no exception. We could have done with a game when Antrim pulled out, a tough game, rather than a challenge match with Tipperary.

However having said I thought on the day we proved ourselves worthy champions by our display against Kilkenny in the semi-final in Nowlan Park. I hope all the hard work will now come to fruition on Sunday in Croke Park" said Marie.

Fellow selector Miriam Murphy said: "In any final you only have a 50-50 chance. The big problem regarding Galway is that we know little about them. We were lucky enough to organise a video of their game with Wexford but videos can be deceptive as you don't see the overall match on the video.

Camogie club angry with officialdom

ONE of the most successful rural parishes in Irish sport, Co Wexford's Rathnure (pop. 900) is up in arms against the governing body of camogie for penalties imposed following a dining hall incident after the All Ireland Club Championship final against Glen Rovers last November.

Rathnure Club was fined £500 and it was also decreed that should they win the Wexford 1993 title, which they did, they could not play in the 1993 Leinster and All Ireland Club events.

The Ard Comhairle ruled that Rathnure had brought the association into disrepute.

When Rathnure's team manager, former Wexford All Ireland hurler Teddy O'Connor arrived at the post match function he was asked for an admission fee of £6. There were free tickets only for the Wexford team and substitutes.

O'Connor refused to pay on principle and, without argument, removed himself from the scene. When word filtered through to the Rathnure team they

querors, congratulated them on their success and faced the 120 miles homeward journey hungry.

"One might just as well say that Billy Morgan would be asked to pay to enter the Burlington Hotel last Monday for the Derry/Cork football final celebrations," declared inter-county star Anne Murphy.

"Rathnure is a great club and no one can claim that we have ever acted in an unsporting manner or brought any organisation into disrepute," continued Anne. "This action against us was ridiculous and it made us very angry. Indeed, Teddy O'Connor had the sympathy of all of the Cork players and every club in the county."

Another team member Mary Hayden explained that Rathnure paid the £500 fine in order to be able to play in the Wexford Championship and League despite the cost of travelling to London for last year's All Ireland semi-final and to Cork for the final.

"We won both domestic competitions, but were

not allowed to defend our Leinster Club title," she said.

Club supporter Paschal Hayden said the imposed penalties flew in the face of justice and he claimed that the Ard Comhairle refused the club the right of appeal.

Another supporter, Patrick Murphy said there was great anger in the parish and there is also the firm belief that the association is being badly managed.

Teddy O'Connor, now club chairman, said he would very much like to comment on the situation but he was fearful if he did, he would be calling down further censure on the club.

The girls of Rathnure will be engaged in the All Ireland Seven A Side Championship this week-end and would dearly like to succeed.

"Having been deprived of participation in the All Ireland Club championship, we will be trying very hard in this the only event open to us," said Teddy.

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Sunday next: Cork v Galway, All-Ireland camogie final

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MAROON-ED IN CORK

BY BRENDAN LARKIN

THERE will be no love lost between Cork and Galway at Croke Park on Sunday next where the two counties meet in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final.

Cork are the defending champions, and having beaten their great rivals from Kilkenny in the semi-final in Nowlan Park recently, will be expected to retain their title at the expense of the ladies from the west.

Special

For Cork full back Breda Kenny however Sunday's final has a special significance. Breda is Galway born and began her career with the Pearses club.

She quickly began to make a name for herself and her talents didn't go unnoticed. She won an All-Ireland minor medal in 1983, and later went on to collect a junior inter-provincial medal with Connacht.

On moving to Dublin she threw her lot in with the county seniors, but with little success. Pursuing a career in phy-



ALL-IRELAND HOPEFULS: Cork Camogie team members pictured at their training camp with coach Joe McGrath.

siotherapy, Breda spent some time in America before returning to Cork four years ago to take up an appointment as a qualified physiotherapist at the South Infirmary.

Joined Sars

She joined the Sarsfields club in Glanmire and quickly established herself on their senior team. When Cork had a problem with their full back position following injuries to Liz Dunphy and Clare McCarthy, Breda stepped into the breach and has performed so well there that she is now a permanent fixture.

Her display in the pivot position against Kilkenny in last year's semi-final is still talked about and helped in no small way to Cork winning the title.

Breda reckons her native county will provide Cork with very difficult opposition. "Cyril Farrell has taken over their

training and he has gone for the more skilful players in the county.

"St. Raphaels where he teaches, have won seven All-Ireland senior camogie schools titles in recent years, and obviously a number of those players will be on their team.

"When he first took over he organised regular training sessions and had 48 players involved. Sunday's team will have a number of girls who have won minor and junior All-Ireland medals and they won't lack experience.

"Ann Ryan is the only remaining link with the 1983 minor All-Ireland winning team and has huge experience, while Deirdre Costelloe is a very dangerous forward who will have to be marked very tightly.

"Having watched a video of their semi-final victory over Wexford, we are expecting a very tough game. We certainly won't be under-estimating them. If we settle early and play our usual game we should retain our title, but Galway will make a very determined bid to win their first title at this level", she said.

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Linehan**

Camogie World by P.J. Fulham

ALL-IRELAND FINALS ON SUNDAY

CORK FANCIED IN SENIOR DECIDER, BUT GALWAY CAN TAKE JUNIOR CROWN

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Camogie finals, Senior and Junior take place at Croke Park. This is the greatest day on the Camogie Calendar. It will, however, be an All-Ireland with a difference, the Cusack Stand will be extinct. Admission for juveniles will be through the stiles in the Nally Square. There will also be a stile open in the Nally Square for adults in charge of groups.

The final sees Galway back after a lapse of thirty one years to take on the reigning champions, Cork, in what should be an entertaining affair. Galway have a chance of a double with their Junior's taking on Armagh. Cork will be appearing in their 29th All-Ireland Senior Championship decider. They are next to Dublin on the honours list, having won on fifteen occasions. Galway have contested eight Senior finals but failed to record a victory. In fact they were involved in the first two, in 1932 and '33. Their last appearance was in 1962 when

they were defeated by Dublin 5-5 to 2-0. Cork and Galway have met in two finals in 1939 and '40.

On the path to the final Galway got a bye in the first round, while Cork got a walk-over from Antrim. The Leesiders, having lost the National League title to old rivals Kilkenny in the inaugural 15-a-side final earlier this year, faced them again in the Championship semi final, and after a thrilling encounter emerged winners by the narrowest margin 5-10 to 2-18. Galway have an opportunity to bring off a double, a feat tasted by Cork on three occasions 1973, '80 and '83, and hold the distinction of being the only county to do so. Galway have already lost the Minor, and only one county have lost all three deciders in the same year, Dublin in '83.

Galway's magical spell came from 1985 to 1992 when St. Raphael's College captured eight All-Ireland Senior titles in succession. This was part of the build-up to the County's greatest day for over three decades. The appointment of Cyril Farrell as Manager has been a



Galway's Emer Hardiman (left) clears as Armagh's Margaret Moriarty attempts to block in last year's semi-final

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major boost. His vast experience and success with St. Raphael's and Galway hurlers has gained him respect and total commitment from his charges.

In defence for Galway Brid Statford and Pamela Nevin has seven All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals between them, while in attack Captain, Deirdre Costello, Imelda Hobbins and Claire Lynch share thirteen Senior Colleges medals. Sharon Glynn and Anne Ryan will prove powerful assets and will go all out to take the O'Duffy Cup across the



Imelda Hobbins, Galway Seniors - a player with great experience

Shannon for the first time.

Cork's experience, skill and expertise make them a formidable force. They will be quite at home in Croke Park, with Breda Kenny, Linda Mellerick, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Fiona O'Driscoll, Collette O'Mahoney, Liz O'Neill and Irene O'Keeffe in top form, Joe McGrath's charge will make a brave bid to hold on to the title.

The Junior final, the curtain raiser should also produce the best in Camogie. Galway, last year's beaten finalists take on the newly crowned National Junior League Champions Armagh. Galway have contested seven All-Ireland finals winning four, 1972, '79, '85 and '88. In 1985 their opponents were Armagh and they captured the title on a score of 8-7 to 3-7. They had a

good run in the League this year. They were defeated by Dublin in the semi final 1-6 to 0-4. In the All-Ireland semi final they defeated Cork 2-9 to 0-6. Their opponents Armagh have made great progress. They captured the National League title. They have contested three All-Ireland finals in 1970, '85 and '87 and have yet to win one. They had impressive wins in all their Championship games in Ulster. In the All-Ireland quarter final they disposed of London on a score of 5-12 to 0-4, and in the semi final they had a 4-17 to 2-10 win over the Leinster champions Carlow.

Four of the team Margaret Moriarity, Mary Donnelly, Sally McCone and captain Ursula McGivern have played in the 1985 and '87 All-Ireland finals. The experience of these players will add greatly to Armagh's chance of success. Mary Black is a player who has gained lots of useful experience with her University team, and has been on the Armagh panel since 1987. Goalkeeper Margaret McKee returned to the panel in 1991 after a long break has improved with every outing. Aine Lennon, Bernie McBride, Orla Murphy and Patricia McEvoy have been with the County squad since 1990 and are now established members of the team. Joan Greene and



Collette O'Mahoney, Cork - sure to play a major role



Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly, takes charge of her second Senior All-Ireland Championship final

Anne Donnelly have been in and out of the team over the past five years. While the rest of the team are relative newcomers they have blended in well, and their speed and skill has to be reckoned with by any opposition.

Galway are a young side and may not have the experience of their opponents but they have plenty of skill and determination. The Hardiman sisters Emer and Deirdre, Cora Curley and Ann Broderick are former St. Raphael's stars. Ursula Hannon, captain and her sister Carmel along with Caitriona Finnegan and Yvonne Larkin provide a formidable attack and will be hoping to curtail Armagh.

While Armagh carry the tag of favourites, the Galway girls are sure to fight all the way, with little separating the sides at the final whistle.

Fixtures: Sunday 26th at Croke Park: All-Ireland finals:
Junior: Armagh v Galway 1.45
Referee - Biddy Phillips, Tipperary
Senior: Cork v Galway 3.30
Referee - Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Cork girls

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TOM HIGGINS visited the Cork training camp this week as they completed their preparations for Sunday's All-Ireland Senior Camogie final against Galway.

THE Cork players were in a very determined mood as they went through their paces at the Mardyke, under the watchful eye of trainer Joe McGrath, determined to bring the O'Duffy Cup back to Cork for the second year in a row.

"We have beaten our bogey team Kilkenny in the semi-final but Galway is a totally different side as we know little about them. We have not played them for quite a few years so we don't know what their strengths and weaknesses," said Cork stalwart Sandie Fitzgibbon.

With McGrath dictating the training session, one could feel that the girls from the Rebel County were hungry for success. Every ball was fought for in a game where the emphasis was on ground work, so much so that there was a slight accident to Galway-born Breda Kenny. She got hit with a

hurley on the lip which necessitated four stitches. However this did not appear to take a feather out of her and she was back in training two nights later as determined as ever.

Following the game, which was completed in near darkness, McGrath put the girls through a rigorous sprint session, which comprised picking the ball onto the hurley and running short sprint with the ball on the stick. This was followed by quick sprint with players running against one another over a circular course, in opposite directions.

Although they were undoubtedly tired they never complained and, watched by the selection committee of Miriam Murphy, Marie Mackey, and Marion Sweeney, they stuck to their task.

"I have worked the girls very hard and they have never complained and I am proud of each and every one of them. Obviously we have a more experienced team this year, being All-Ireland champions, but you don't win the title without hard work," said McGrath.

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"We have been there, or thereabouts, for the last four years and have won two National League titles and an All-Ireland title. The girls have learned from those games and are certainly more experienced now and are applying it to their games.

"However we have some concern with injuries. A few of the girls have picked up slight knocks during the League and Championship campaign and in club games, and this gives cause for some concern. At least three have had physiotherapy for injuries that they have sustained in club matches, but we have a very good panel who have worked hard and did what was asked of them and I have no fears about them," said McGrath.

He went on to say that he had seen a video of Galway's win over Wexford and they look a strong side and will not give up easily.

"They are a skillful side and are training very hard. They contest every ball and we will have to stay with them for the full 60 minutes if we are to win. However, I am confident that the team will be in great shape for Sunday and we will take the title again," said McGrath.



■ Cork trainer Joe McGrath



MS. CAMOGIE: Sandie Fitzgibbon always on the ball for Cork.



MAROO-ED IN CORK: A Galway girl playing for Cork.



■ Members of the Cork camogie team pictured at their training camp at the Mardyke, Cork.

(Picture: Dan Linehan)

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Sandie's amber light turns green at last

IF Wexford hurlers think they have a complex about Kilkenny they should meet Sandie Fitzgibbon.

The lynchpin of Cork's camogie team and an Irish basketball international since 1985 Sandie developed a distinct aversion to the Black & Amber during Kilkenny's seven-year monopoly on the camogie championship from the mid-eighties onwards.

An All-Ireland minor medal winner at 15 and the possessor of two senior medals before her 20th birthday Fitzgibbon would have expected a cornucopia of honours to come her way subsequently but the Downys & Co hadn't read the script.

"Kilkenny became the bane of my life. Every year we set out with the intention of beating them but they were always too good for us and we never seemed to do ourselves justice in Croke Park," explained Sandie, who will line out at midfield in this year's senior final against Galway.

For five successive years from 1987, Kilkenny beat Cork in the championship.

"There were times after they'd beaten us when I just felt like giving up but each year when the championship started I'd be back again," she said.

It is easy then to appreciate the pleasure the 29-year-old Glen Rovers' player has derived from Cork's successes over the last two years.

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"We beat them by a few points in the semi-final last year and it was just unbelievable.

"We said that evening that we didn't care about winning the final, but once we sobered up we knew it would be silly to let the chance slip," she explained.

Cork made no mistake after their years of frustration when crushing hapless Wexford — yes, their camogie team loses finals too — by 11 points.

Fitzgibbon's inspirational captaincy allied to her uncanny positional sense, skill, determination assured her of the Player of the Year award.

But she wasn't finished settling scores with Kilkenny. In a thrilling semi-final last month, Cork skinned the Cats in their own lair in Ballyragget.

"They were two points up and looked safe when Lynn Dunlea scored a last-minute goal. Both teams were stunned at the end, it had always been the other way around in the past," Sandie said.

But will her chances of adding another All-Ireland to the National Cup basketball title she won with Lee Strand, Tralee in January be undermined by complacency in the Cork camp following that victory over their greatest rivals?

Cork are set to conq

Galway's girls task to stop title going south

THE demolition of the Cusack Stand in Croke Park is causing a few worries in the Cork camogie camp; not because of any aesthetic blemishes, but due to the wind factor.

"It's my free-taker that I'm worried about," said Miriam Higgins, Cork selector. "The fact that the stand will be empty is no bother at all, because it always was, anyway, but the wind direction could well be changed, and that may affect free-taking."

In that case, Colette O'Mahony, the Cork free-taker who cracked home three goals against Kilkenny (all from frees), will, no doubt, be hoping to keep the sliothar low and hard, in her efforts to breach the Galway defence tomorrow.

Cork have been installed favourites for the senior title, although a spirited Galway look threatening, under the learned tutelage of one Cyril Farrell.

"I suppose we are favourites, all right, because we are the holders, and we beat Kilkenny in the semifinal," said Higgins, "but I wouldn't be so worried about Cyril Farrell as about his players," she laughed.

Cork's experience has to stand to them tomorrow, and all but two of their twelve players won All-Ireland medals last year.

Apart from the prolific Colette O'Mahony, one of Cork's best known players is goalkeeper Kathleen Costine, a sister of the famous Marie Costine.

An unusual factor is that Cork's Breda Kenny is from Galway. Kenny captained the 1983 Galway minor camogie team. She then played her camogie with Sarsfields in Galway, but now lines-out with Cork club Sarsfields.

"It could be a bit difficult for Breda on Sunday, all right," said Higgins. "I remember I once played for Dublin against Cork, and I will never live it down," she mused. "After losing the

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hurting, and then, of course, the football," said Miriam Higgins, "people are placing their support in us, and I think they feel that it's now up to us to show the way," she said.

CORK: K Costine, B Kenny, P Goggins, T O'Callaghan, L Towler, S Fitzgibbon, D Cronin, L Mellierick (Captain), I O'Leary, L Dunlea, C O'Mahony, F O'Driscoll. Subs: R Desmond, I O'Keefe, L O'Neill, M Finn, S Dunlea, P Murphy, C Cronin.
GALWAY: T Laheen, S Coen, C Allen, B Stratford, P Nevin, I Maher, S Glynn, D Maher, A Ryan, D Costello (Captain), I Hobbins, C Lynch. Subs: A Broderick, O Broderick, O Fahy, E Hardiman.

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Irene O'Leary at the Cork training camp.

All the President's women...!

By T.P. O'Mahony

PRESIDENT MARY ROBINSON will not be with Mná na hÉireann in Croke Park on Sunday for the senior camogie All-Ireland.

For the first time since her election, the President will be absent — she is in New Zealand.

But her good wishes will be conveyed to the Cork and Galway teams before the 1993 decider gets underway.

Cork will start favourites, but Galway — seeking their first ever senior All-Ireland — will be in very determined mood.

For Cork, this final takes them into uncharted waters; they haven't confronted Galway before in the senior championship, and the girls from west of the Shannon are something of an unknown quantity.

Croke Park may not have the crowds which descended on the famous stadium last Sunday to see Cork and Derry, but for those who will be there the stakes will be just as high.

Winning will be prized no less by the camogie players: to them, an All-Ireland is the pinnacle of the year every bit as much as it is for their male counterparts.

Although Cork will start favourites — that's already established — the Leaside mentors are taking nothing for granted.

"Galway could well turn out to be a surprise packet, and we're doing everything we can to be ready for that,"

said selector Marie Mackey at a training session in the Mardyke.

"We don't really know what Galway are going to be like on the day, but since they haven't appeared in a senior All-Ireland in 30 years, they will have a great incentive.

"They'll be hungry for success, just like the Derry footballers last Sunday, and we're going to have to be prepared, mentally and physically," added Ms Mackey.

While the squad were going through their paces under the watchful eye of coach, Joe McGrath, Marie and fellow selector Miriam Murphy were worrying about Galway.

"We've seen a video of their semi-final victory, but it's hard to gauge just how good they really are," admitted Miriam.

One of Cork stars, Therese O'Callaghan of the Glen, is convinced that Galway will be no pushover.

"They seemed very mobile and showed good teamwork in their last game, and beating them on Sunday won't be easy," said Therese.

A win on Sunday will give Cork their second successive senior title. Marie Mackey says they are good enough to do it. "But everything will have to go right for us on the day," she warned.

Among Galway's key players are Deirdre Costello and Anne Ryan, sister of Galway hurler, Enna Ryan.

The Cork team will arrive back home on the 5.30pm train on Monday, and after parading through the city, there will be a reception for them at the Imperial Hotel.

Hopefully, they will have the Sean O'Duffy Cup with them.

Cork set for final flourish

By Tom Higgins

CORK produced a classic display to defeat Kilkenny in the All-Ireland camogie semi-final on August 16, and they will have to produce another vintage display if they are to beat Galway in tomorrow's All-Ireland senior final at Croke Park.

Cork will also be hoping to reproduce the form they showed in the final last year, when they captured their 15th senior title - their first since 1983. The Leesiders, after again defeating old rivals Kilkenny in the semi-final, mastered Wexford, 1-20 to 2-6.

Following last year's win, there is little doubt that Cork have the talent to retain their crown, but they cannot afford to take anything for granted against the Galway girls. Under Cyril Farrell's guidance, they

are sure to be very hungry for success and will have trained very hard. And with their juniors also in action against Armagh, the girls from the West are sure to have a massive following.

"We have a young and skillful side and if we fail on Sunday it is only a matter of time before we take the title," said Galway Secretary Ann Kearney.

This will be Galway's first senior All-Ireland final appearance for 31 years and, following their three points win over last year's beaten finalists, Wexford, in the semi-final at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, they will fancy their chances.

The homesters turned over leading 3-5 to 0-7 in that tie, but had to withstand a spirited late rally by the Leinster side before booking their place in the final.

"We have beaten our bogey team Kilkenny in the semi-final but Galway are a totally different side, as we know little about them. We have not played them for quite a few years so we don't know what their strengths and weaknesses," said Cork stalwart Sandie Fitzgibbon.

At the moment Cork have a few injury problems, namely Liz O'Neill, Denise Cronin and Colette O'Mahony, but all feel they will be fully fit for tomorrow's decider.

Cork started quite nervously last year against Wexford but once they settled down they really took control. They will be expecting to settle much better this time and are fancied to retain their title. Either way, it looks to have the makings of a great final.

A family affair!

WATCHING her daughters, Lynn and Stephanie, preparing this week for tomorrow's All-Ireland camogie final was Mrs Nula Dunlea (nee Humphries) of Cloughduv.

Nula was a very prominent camogie player and featured on the Glen seven-in-a-row winning side (1962-1968). However, when it came to the inter-county scene she did not have the best of fortune.

"I played in the centre of the field, having learned my camogie in North Presentation Convent, and was captain of a Cork team which reached the a Munster Junior final. I was also on the Cork 1968 side beaten in the All-Ireland final by Wexford and I retired after that game", recalled Nula.

However, she appears to have passed on her talent to her daughters, Lynn and Stephanie, who joined their mother's old club this year.

Both girls won Junior and Intermediate County honours with Cloughduv before moving to the Glen, where Lynn has proved the find of the year. She was one of the stars of the Glen's senior county championship winning side this year, being their top scorer, and scored the winning goal in the last 30 seconds of Cork's All-Ireland Senior semi-final against Kilkenny.

Lyn is "quietly confident" Cork can retain their title tomorrow.



Going for glory in tomorrow's All-Ireland final, Cork players Liz Towler and Fiona O'Driscoll.



CAPTAIN COOL: Linda Mellerick leads Cork in the All-Ireland Final against Galway on Sunday. Give us two-in-a-row girls.

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Leeside ladies look the part

By Enda McEvoy

REALLY, the only problem about camogie is not the women but the men. Too many males of the species who'd traverse numerous roads to see a hurling match never think of stirring themselves to watch the ladies cross sticks.

Yet, after all, what is camogie except the ancient and noble art as demonstrated by the better looking sex?

A more concentrated brand, come to that, given the shorter championship pitch.

The scoreline from the Nowlan Park semi-final suggested as much: Cork 5-10; Kilkenny 2-18 after an hour that produced more thrills and spills than any championship hurling match this summer, the drawn Leinster final included.

To claim that Cork were a little lucky on August 15 is not unfair — strictly provided that the second-half is your star exhibit.

Plenty of home fans were quick to forget that the Rebels might have been out of sight at the interval only for wayward shooting and two absolutely blinding saves by Marie Fitzpatrick.

Colette O'Mahony's ability to turn the sliothar into a cannonball at close range frees combined with the losers' failure to supply an ominous looking, but underused, Sinead Millea, tipped the scales thereafter.

The danger for the champions at Croke Park today must be one of motivation.

The black and amber dragon slain for the second year in succession, what pretext have they now to avoid an understandable hangover and motivate themselves afresh?

"It's a great difficulty and we are aware of it," admits selector Miriam Murphy. "Raising the sights again after you have beaten your old rivals is not easy, which is probably only natural."

"We know Galway fairly well. Deirdre Costello has been an exceptionally talented player for several years. Anne Ryan had a tremendous game in the semi-final



STYLISH... Cork camogie captain Linda Mellerick took time out from her All-Ireland preparations to do a little modelling for the *Sunday Independent* and *A Wear* in Cork. Linda is wearing a waistcoat (£49.95), a blouse (£24.99), skirt (£19.95) and shoes (£29.99) all from the *A Wear* collection

against Wexford, and Mullagh have met Glen Rovers in the club championship.

"The one thing we don't know about Galway is how they react to pressure. For instance, we know where a Kilkenny player would be put if she wasn't playing well. We can't say the same about these girls."

"But we take the view that they'll

be much more difficult to beat than Wexford. All of them have All-Ireland medals in some grade or other, so they're a good team."

Trainer of the O'Duffy cup holders is Joe McGrath. The same Joe McGrath who, fairly or unfairly, still provokes word associations like "Waterford Affair" and "Travelling expenses" in various circles. In Cork

camogie circles he conjures up quite different visions.

Visions of a dedicated and consistent man who always arrives for training half an hour before everyone else and leaves half an hour after everyone else, a man who has helped his charges improve their skill level no end over the past couple of years, a man who negotiated the sponsorship

from McDonalds that allowed the team to overnight in Kilkenny before the semi-finals.

McGrath, who has refused outside club offers to stick with the ladies, gets exactly the same payment and travelling expenses as they do: zilch. Two sides to every caricature.

Halfway across the country, Galway share the same strip of

Beggars Boulevard doubly so today, in fact, as the Juniors have to be pampered in the style to which they — and their contemporaries everywhere — are unaccustomed.

Maintaining the Curry-chips-and-camogie connection, Supermacs have contributed to the training fund; otherwise it remains a long hard struggle to come up with the in excess of £10,000 needed for the year.

If Cork have Joe McGrath, Galway have Cyril Farrell, a man whose *sympatico* with young camogie players resembles Lester Piggott's touch with fillies.

All-Ireland schools titles came as naturally to his St Raphaels of Loughrea between 1985 and 1992 as changing hemlines and new boyfriends. More than half of the seniors are Raphaels products, the much sung Claire Lynch (2-4 versus Wexford) among them.

Eanna Ryan's sister Anne joins Lynch in the attack, Imelda and Dymna Maher are in midfield alongside the accomplished Sharon Glynn following the latter's recovery from a serious knee injury, with Pamela Nevin and Carmel Allen the lighthouses at the back.

On a strict line of form they're in with a fair old shout, seeing as they ran Kilkenny to a point in the League semi-final in Ballyraggett.

But Cork have the experience, the familiar names (Misses Mellerick, O'Callaghan, Cronin, Fitzgibbon) and, presumably, the hunger to achieve the county's first back to back since 1982-83.

Spare a thought also for Armagh, who come out into the sunlight in the curtain raiser. Highlights of both matches fill *The Sunday Game* tonight, so no excuses for missing out on what should be a terrific afternoons action.

Expect this to conclude with Cork (going for their 16th) denying Galway (absent from the Senior decider since 1962) their first.

Same story as the Tribesmen discovered three weeks ago, probably — you have to lose one before you win one.

While Farrell's females will win more than one in the coming years, today may be a case of learning a lesson, gaining experience and saying "Tiofaidh Ar Lá" afterwards.

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By Denis Walsh

IT IS not very long since camogie in Galway was hampered by feeble commitment and real ambition was only harboured by a few.

Pick your year:

Last year? A clutch of experienced players become disaffected and resign from the panel.

The year before? Players roused from their bed to make up a team.

And before that? Galway juniors housed in bed and breakfasts on All Ireland final weekend. Enough, enough.

Thirty-one years have separated Galway's eighth appearance in an All Ireland senior camogie final from their ninth. In a championship contested — in most years — by no more than half a dozen teams, the absence has been too long to credit. Colleges titles, club titles, minor and junior All Irelands have all come their way, but the flagship team has been leaky all the while.

But leaky no longer. At the fourth time of asking, former Galway senior hurling manager Cyril Farrell has taken the helm. The success has been just as instant as they hoped. Thirty-eight players have formed a combined junior and senior panel this year and both teams trot out in Croke Park today.

The potential was partly his own making. Nine years ago he took over the senior team in St. Raphael's secondary school in Loughrea, and last year they

won their eighth All Ireland in a row.

"We thought we'd never win one and then once one came they just all followed afterwards. When I took over there was a good team there which was bubbling to come. They had been to the final a couple of times. The players were there."

About two-thirds of the panel of 38 have been through St. Raphael's. Disaffected and disillusioned players have flocked back to the training field at his bidding. Good spirit has been easy to fos-

ter. With a second thought they don't call him 'sir' anymore.

"At the beginning of the year I noticed that I couldn't switch off from him not being our teacher," says Imelda Hobbins. "You'd be just about to call him 'sir' and then you think 'I don't have to say that'. By the end of the league though we were alright, we weren't on edge anymore. Not much is different though. He's still in total control."

In St. Raphael's, training for the All Ireland started two days after Christmas.

On school days the sessions began at 8.15 in the morning and coming up to All Irelands they came in on Saturdays. He made them into winners.

"We often struggled in Connacht when we hadn't much work done," he says, "but our best displays were always in All Ireland finals. That's one thing about this Galway team, a lot of them are used to playing well in finals and used to winning them."

He's taken over a Galway team, too, that's been bubbling under in just the

way St. Raphael's were. Two years ago Galway beat Cork in the league in Ballinacorney, and last year could easily have beaten Wexford in the championship semifinal. Beating Wexford six weeks ago, though, was the first realisation of promise.

Ann Kearney was one of the people who kept her gaze fixed on the fulfilment of that potential. Once a player, then chairperson and now secretary, she has seen camogie grow all around her. Ten new clubs in as many years; Community Games and Féile titles; a team recently set up in west Connemara. All that promise.

And now all the goodwill. During the week she received a donation in the post from Jim Power (98), who was on the first Galway team to win the All Ireland hurling title. "It was so great to get something like that. I didn't know whether to frame it or say mass with it."

Twenty-one years ago she was on the first camogie team to bring an All Ireland across the Shannon when Oranmore won the colleges title. They said rosaries after training that they would win and they did.

"I can still recall the whole day. Every August it comes around and it's like a birthday. I remember marking Ann Downey in the semifinal and I was just thinking the other day all that she has done in the last 21 years and what have we done?"

Better, perhaps, to think about the next 21.

Cork experience could be crucial

CORK v GALWAY, Croke Park 3.30

ONE of the most striking things about the Cork v Kilkenny semifinal was the sight of history repeating itself. Three years ago in Ballinlough, Kilkenny beat Cork in a semifinal they had just as little right to win as Cork had the last day, and Wexford too had endured experiences like that. But here they were falling on the sword they had put so many of their opponents to.

Just as Collette O'Mahony rocked Kilkenny in the semifinal last year with a goal from a 15 yard free, so she did again, only not just once but th-

rice. What a confident and valuable player she has become. When Cork were losing All Ireland finals in the late '80s she was too often made the scapegoat and called to the line, but now it's hard to conceive them winning without her.

The Cork team looks even stronger today than it did for the semifinal, principally because its natural balance has been restored. Sandy Fitzgibbon returns to centre field to give it a leadership and substance and Therese O'Callaghan, who is fitter than six weeks ago, is a much better player facing the ball at centre back.

Lyn Dunlea is much closer to realising her potential now. Nobody

questions her skill but today will tell us something about her toughness; that hasn't gone unquestioned.

Galway nearly blew it in their semifinal with Wexford allowing a ten point lead fade away to three points. Wexford could well have stolen it. Brid Stafford's performance at centre back though emphasised how much of a loss she'd been last year.

Players like Stafford and Deirdre Costello and Ann Ryan are crucial to a team whose average age is only 23, especially when only two players of that age on the Cork team highlights the difference in experience. Galway's day is ever so close; but not today.

Cyril Farrell, coach to Galway senior and junior camogie teams, looks forward to today's finals at Croke Park.

GALWAY FACE STIFFEST TEST

IT'S ALWAYS been an ambition of mine to coach a Galway team to beat Cork in an All-Ireland senior final in Croke Park and seeing as how the hurlers didn't do it in 1986 or 1990, I'm pinning my faith on the ladies to do it in the All-Ireland senior camogie final today. In times like these, the ladies are always more reliable!

The odds are piled high against them, however, as Galway have never won an All-Ireland senior final but they are good technically and I'm hopeful enough. It will certainly be a busy day for me, as I am also coaching the Galway junior team which plays Armagh in the All-Ireland final.

Some people thought I was stone daft to become involved with camogie teams after a long spell with Galway senior, Under 21 and minor hurling teams but I never saw it that way. Around 25 of the 38 girls on the junior and senior camogie teams attended St. Raphael's College in Loughrea, so I know them very well.

I worked with them in the great eight-in-a-row All-Ireland Colleges run in the 1984-92 period. They showed then that they had what it takes to be winners and they have carried that through to the inter-county scene.

Whether or not they will be able to beat Cork remains to be seen. Cork put up a huge score against Kilkenny in the semi-final and are a very powerful side. They are also the defending champions, having beaten Wexford in last year's final.

Very confident

Galway have never won the senior title but I believe they have a good chance of making the breakthrough today. We have a fine skilful side and we have worked hard in training. Galway put up a good score against Wexford in the semi-final and are very confident.

I doubt very much if your ordinary G.A.A. fan understands how much work and effort camogie players put into their game. I'm sure the Cork and Armagh girls have been just as dedicated as Galway all season. That being the case, you have four very committed teams in Croke Park today.

After working for so long with hurlers who were used to being pampered, it's refreshing to see the level of self-reliance the camogie players adopt. Most of them are either in college or in trainee positions and they think nothing of thumbing to training if they have to. We trained four times a week this year and had a 100 per cent turn-out virtually every time.

So can Galway win the double? It's possible. Our juniors will fancy their chances against Armagh, while the seniors are really determined to beat Cork and take the crown for the first time. If they play to their full potential, they just might do that.

If Galway win the junior final, it will some consolation for the McGrath household. 'Hopper' McGrath had no luck as Galway captain against Kilkenny in the hurling final a few weeks ago, so his wife Geraldine, who is on the junior squad, will be hoping for better fortune today.

If Galway win the senior final, the Ryan family will have made history as the only sister-brother combination in Galway to have won All-Ireland senior hurling and camogie medals. Ann Ryan is, of course, a sister of Eanna, who was at corner-forward for Galway in the 1987-88 All-Ireland two-in-row.

CORK: K.Costello, B.Kenny, P.Goggins, T.O'Callaghan, L.Towler, S.Fitzgibbon, D.Cronin, L.Mellierick, L.O'Leary, L.Dunlea, C.O'Mahony, F.O'Driscoll.
GALWAY (Senior): T.Laheen, S.Coen, C.Allen, B.Stafford, P.Nevin, I.Maher, S.Glynn, D.Maher, A.Ryan, D.Costello, L.Hobbins, C.Lynch.
ARMAGH: M.McKee, M.Moriarty, S.McCone, C.McGeary, O.Murphy, J.Greene, M.Black, A.Lennon, B.McBride, U.McGivern, M.Donnelly, P.McEvoy.
GALWAY (Junior): A.Broderick, D.Hardiman, O.Costello, C.Finnegan, Y.Larkin, C.Hannon, A.N.Other, T.Fallon, D.Gilgan, E.Hardiman, U.Hannon, M.Harkin.



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v
AN GHAILLIMH

Sóisear - 1.45 i.n.

Réiteoir: BRID MHIC PHILIP - Tiobraid Árann

CORCAIGH
v
AN GHAILLIMH

Sinsear - 3.30 i.n.

Réiteoir: MIRIAM UÍ CHEALLACHÁIN - Uí Fháighle

ARDMHACA

Dathanna: Cróc agus Bán

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| 1. MAIRÉAD NIC AOIDH
Margaret McKee
St. Mochua's. | 2. MAIRÉAD NÍ MHIRCHEARTAIGH
Margaret Moriarty
St. Enda's. | |
| 3. SORCHA NIC COMHÁIN
Sally McCone
St. Brenda's. | 4. CEILÍN NIC GAOTHRA
Celine McGearry
Collegeland. | 5. ORLAGH NÍ MHURCHÚ
Orlagh Murphy
St. Brigid's. |
| 6. SIOBHÁN NÍ UAINÉ
Joan Greene
Clann na Gael. | 7. MÁIRE NÍ DHUIBH
Mary Black
St. Mochua's. | 8. ÁINE NÍ LEANNÁIN
Áine Lennon
Clann na Gael. |
| 9. BRIAINÍN NIC GIOLLA BRÍDE
Bernie McBride
St. Mochua's. | 10. URSULA NIC UIDHRIN
Ursula McGivern Captaen.
St. Enda's. | 11. MÁIRE NÍ DHONNAILE
Mary Donnelly
St. Brenda's. |
| | 12. PÁDRAIGÍN NIC FHIQBHUI
Patricia McEvoy
Crossmaglen Rangers. | |

IONADAITHE:

13. COLETTE NÍ BHROIN Colette Byrne, Mullaghbawn.
14. ÁINE NÍ DHONNAILE Ann Donnelly, Naomh Mhuire.
15. DONNA NIC OSCAIR Donna McCusker, St. Joseph's.
16. TREASA NIC AN FHAILÍ Teresa McNally, Clann Éireann.

Na Sinsir – Corcaigh agus An Ghaillimh

CÉ gur cuireadh tús le Craobh-chomórtas na Sinsir i 1932, níor chas Corcaigh agus An Ghaillimh ar a chéile ach faoi dhó i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann go dtí seo.

The only previous meeting of these two counties took place, at a time of international upheaval, in the years 1939 and 1940. Both Finals were played in Páirc an Chrócaigh, with Corcaigh taking its fourth and fifth titles on scorelines of 6-01 – 1-01, and 4-01 – 2-02, respectively.

Tá áit faoi leith ag an nGaillimh i stair an chomórtais seo. An Ghaillimh shares with Áth Cliath the distinction of contesting the first two All-Ireland Finals, both played in 1933. The 1932 championship, played on an Open Draw basis, continued into the following year when An Ghaillimh hosted the first Final on 6th August. The teams met again in Federation Park, Killester, Áth Cliath, on 13 December, in the 1933 Final. Áth Cliath a rug an chéad agus an dara Craobh lei agus tá tús áite ag a hainm ar Chorn Ua Dubhthaigh.

The ensuing three years would see Corcaigh record the first three-in-a-row of the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

Corcaigh, the holders, are today appearing in their 29th All-Ireland Senior Championship decider. They are next to Áth Cliath on the honours list, having won on fifteen occasions.

An Ghaillimh has contested eight All-Ireland Senior Finals, but has yet to inscribe its name on Corn Ua Dubh-

thaigh. Today they are bridging a thirty-one year gap since their last appearance in 1962, when they once again met old rivals Áth Cliath, and were on the losing end of a 5-05 to 2-00 scoreline.

Tá sé tuillte go maith ag an dá fhoireann An Cluiche Ceannais a bheith bainte amach acu i mbliana. The "Leesiders", having lost the National League title to old rival Cill Chainnigh in the inaugural 15-1-side final earlier this year, faced them again in the Championship semi-final in Nowlan Park. After a thrilling encounter, Corcaigh emerged victorious by the narrowest margin of 5-10 to 2-18. An Ghaillimh had three points to spare over Loch Garman, the 1992 finalists, in their semi-final outing in Ballinasloe on the scoreline of 5-07 to 2-13.

Galway hurlers have hit the headlines this year by contesting three All-Ireland finals. The cailíní have also reached three finals this year and, although the Minors lost to Tiobraid Árann in a replay, they have an opportunity to bring off a double today, a feat achieved by Corcaigh on three occasions – 1973, 1980 and 1983. Corcaigh has the distinction of being the only county to do so.

Ard-chaighdeán imeartha atá ag an dá fhoireann seo, agus níl aon amhras ann ach go mbeidh sár chluiche ann inniu.

CRAOBHCHOMÓRTAS NA SINSEAR

Na Cluichí Leath-Cheannais
Corcaigh 5-10, Cill Chainnigh 2-18
An Ghaillimh 5-07, Loch Garman 2-13

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AN GHAILLIMH

Dathanna: Marún agus Bán

1. **ÁINE NÍ BHRUADAIR**
Anne Broderick
Davitts.
2. **DEIRDRE NÍ ARGADÁIN**
Deirdre Hardiman
Mullagh.
3. **OILBHE NÍ COISTEALA**
Olive Costello
Sarsfields.
4. **CAITRÍONA NÍ FHIONNAGÁIN**
Caitriona Finnegan
Davitts.
5. **AOIBHEANN NÍ LORCÁIN**
Yvonne Larkin
Eyrecourt.
6. **CAIRMÉAL ANNÁIN**
Carmel Hannon
Pearses.
7. **GEAROIDÍN NÍ CRAITH**
Geraldine McGrath
Sarsfields.
8. **TREASA NÍ FHALLÚIN**
Teresa Fallon
Shamrocks.
9. **DENISE NÍ GHIOLLAGÁIN**
Denise Gilligan
Craughwell.
10. **EIMEAR NÍ ARGADÁIN**
Emer Hardiman
Mullagh.
11. **URSULA NÍ ANNÁIN**
Ursula Hannon Captaen.
Pearses.
12. **MARTINA NÍ EARCÁIN**
Martina Harkin
Pearses.

IONADAITHE:

13. **MÁIRE NÍ CHINNÉIDE** Marie Kennedy, Clarenbridge.
14. **FIONA NÍ RIAIN** Fiona Ryan, Shamrocks.
15. **CÓRA NÍ THOIRLEAIGH** Cora Curley, Mullagh.
16. **MAIRÉAD UÍ CHINNÉIDE** Madge Kennedy, Mullagh.



Emer Ní Argadáin (An Ghaillimh), ar chlé, in iomaíocht le Mairéad Ní Mhuircheartaigh (Ardmhacha), i gCluiche Leath-Cheannais na Sóisear, 1992.

FOIREANN ARDMHACHA

MARGARET McKEE (*Naomh Mochua*). Cúlbaire den chéad scoth i. Margaret has been in goal since rejoining the team in 1989. Holds County Junior and Intermediate championship and Division 2 and 3 medals, 3 Ulster Junior and 1 Ulster Senior Championship, 1 Maguire Cup and 1 Gael Linn medal. Bhuaigh si Sraithchomórta na Sóisear lena contae i mbliana, comórtas idir chúig dhuine dhéag.

SALLY McCONE (*Naomh Brenda*). Imreoir eile atá ag imirt lena contae le fada an lá. Sally played in the forwards in the 1985 Junior All-Ireland Final, and in defence in the 1987 Final. Her tally of medals includes 7 County Championship and 8 County League medals, 5 Ulster Junior, 3 Maguire Cup, 3 Junior National League, and 3 Gael Linn medals. She has the distinction of having been selected for both the Combined Universities and the Combined Colleges teams during her Third-level academic career.

MARGARET MORIARTY (*Naomh Enda*). Very experienced full-back. Captained the team in 1985 in the All-Ireland Junior Final. Has an impressive collection of trophies which includes 3 National Junior League, 3 Maguire Cup and Gael Linn medals and 1 Intermediate Club and 2 Senior Club Championship medals. Is imreoir den chéad scoth i.

CELINE McGEARY (*Collegelands*). Although a relatively new member of the Junior county panel, Celine has plenty of camogie experience. She holds 1 Ashbourne medal and 1 Freshers Colleges medal with U.U.J., and 1 Ulster Under 18 Championship medal and Ulster Junior Championship medal. Imríonn si le cúigeas dá cuid deirfiúracha lena club.

ORLAGH MURPHY (*Naomh Bríd*). A student at St. Mary's College, Belfast, Orlagh has had an enormous impact on the panel since joining it in 1991. She holds 1 Senior, 1 Intermediate Club Championship medal, 1 Junior National League, 2 Ulster Junior and 1 Ulster under-18 Championship medal. Is réiteoir críochnaithe chomh maith i.

JOAN GREENE (*Glenn na Gael*). Her third All-Ireland Junior Championship Final. Joan will be hoping for a double celebration today as she was married yesterday. Comhghairdeas leis fein agus lena fear chéile. Holder of 1 Intermediate Club Championship and 3 Ulster Junior Championship medals.

MARY BLACK (*Naomh Mochua*). A student at Queen's University, Mary was a member of the team which won its first Ashbourne title in 1991. Played on the Combined Universities team for three consecutive years and represented Ulster in Gael Linn competitions. Stóe an-mhór de bhoinn atá buaite aici. Holds 1 Ulster Senior, 2 Maguire Cup, 2 National Junior League, 1 Ashbourne and 1 All-Ireland Colleges medals. Player of the match in both Junior and Senior Ulster Finals in 1992.

AINE LENNON (*Glenn na Gael*). Ag imirt leis na Sóisear le ceithre bhliain anuas. Aine was awarded Player of the Match in this year's Ulster Junior

Championship Final. She is hoping to add a Junior All-Ireland medal to her collection of 3 Ulster Junior and 1 Senior, Maguire Cup, Ulster under-18 and Intermediate medals, and 1 National Junior League medal.

BERNIE McBRIDE (*Naomh Mochua*). Ag imirt leis an bhfoireann le ceithre bhliain anuas. Holds County Junior and Intermediate Championship and Division 3 League medals, 3 Ulster Junior, 1 Ulster Senior and 1 National Junior League medal. Roghnaiodh ar fhoireann Ulaibh i 1992 i.

URSULA McGIVERN (*Naomh Enda*). Captaen. In her tenth year with her county team, Ursula plays in her third All-Ireland Junior Final. Is captaen den chéad scoth i a mhúscleonn spiorad ina comh-imreoir. Holds numerous county medals in League and Championship, 5 Ulster Junior, 1 Ulster Senior, 2 Maguire Cup, and 2 National Junior League medals.

MARY DONNELLY (*Naomh Brenda*). Duine eile atá ag imirt lena Contae le deich mbliain anuas. This is her third All-Ireland Junior Final. Among her huge collection of medals, Mary has 9 County Championship and 8 Division 1 League medals, 6 Ulster Junior, 1 Ulster Senior, 4 Maguire Cup, 2 National League and 1 Gael Linn medal.

PATRICIA McEVVOY (*Crasnaglen Rangers*). d'Imirt si i gCluiche Ceannais na Mionúir i goinne Cill Chainnigh i 1988. Her third year with the Junior team. Like her colleagues, has won several trophies including County Championship and League medals, 2 Ulster Minor, 1 Ulster under-18, 1 Maguire Cup, 3 Ulster Junior, 1 Ulster Senior and a National Junior League medal.

COLETTE BYRNE (*Mullaghbaun*). An tarna bliain ag imirt le foireann na Sóisear di, tar éis di bheith ag imirt le foireann na Mionúir. Holds County Junior League and Championship medals, 1 Ulster Minor, 1 Maguire Cup, 3 Ulster Junior and 1 National League medal.

ANNE DONNELLY (*Naomh Mhuire, Port Mór*). One of five sisters who play for their Club. Tá si ag imirt lena contae le tamall maith anuas. Among her collection of medals, she has County Intermediate and Senior Championship medals, 3 Ulster Junior and 1 Senior medal and 1 National Junior League medal.

DONNA McCUSKER (*Naomh Iosaif*). Is scoláire i Donna a imríonn leis an College of Further Education, Ardmhacha. Holds County Intermediate and Championship League medals, 4 Ulster Colleges, Ulster Minor, under-18 and Junior medals, and 1 National League medal. Donna won an All-Ireland trophy in the Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa competition in 1992.

TERESA McNALLY (*Glenn Éireann*). Imreoir eile a bhí páirteach i gCluiche Ceannais na Sóisear i 1985 agus 1987. Like the rest of the team, Teresa is hoping that it is a case of third time lucky. Holds County Championship and League medals, 2 Ulster Championship, 2 Maguire Cup and 2 National Junior League medals.

FOIREANN NA GAILLIMHE

ANNE BRODERICK (*Dáibhéid*). Tá áit faoi leith ag Aine in imeachtaí an lae inniu ós run é go bhfuil baint aici leis an dá fhoireann. Anne is the goalkeeper on the Junior team and the sub-goalkeeper on the Senior team. She holds 4 Senior and 2 Junior All-Ireland medals with Naomh Rafael, and 1 Pan Celtic medal.

DEIRDRE HARDIMAN (*Mullagh*). Ba mhór ag Deirdre agus ag a deirfiúr, Emer, bonn Uile-Éireann na Sóisear a chur le líon na mbonn atá buaite acu. Deirdre won 4 Senior and 2 Junior All-Ireland medals with Coláiste Naomh Rafael, and also holds 1 Féile na nGael and 1 All-Ireland Club Championship medal.

OLIVE COSTELLO (*Na Sairseálaigh*). Clann eile a bhíle dírithe ar na mbua a fháil inniu na muintir Mhic Coisteala. Sister of Senior player Deirdre, Olive has contributed several trophies to the family collection. Holds 5 All-Ireland medals with Naomh Rafael, 1 Community Games medal and an All-Ireland Minor Championship medal.

CAITRÍONA FINNEGAN (*Dáibhéid*). Is scoláire ag an triú leibhéal i Caitríona. With Senior players, Imelda Maher and Brigid Fahy, and Junior player Olive Costello, Caitríona won an All-Ireland Minor Championship medal for An Gaillimh in 1987.

YVONNE LARKIN (*Dún an Uchta*). Imreoir an-tábhachtach lena club i Yvonne. Has won County Junior and Intermediate Championship medals. As well as being a talented player, Yvonne is an accomplished Réiteoir within her county.

CARMEL HANNON (*Na Piarraigh*). Carmel and her sister, Ursula, are two of the three representatives of Na Piarraigh on the team, and one of the seven sets of sisters representing the Galway teams today. Is scoláire i a bhfuil Craobhchomórta Connacht buaite lena club aici.

TERESA FALLON (*Na Seamraí*). One of the two representatives of the Shamrocks on the team today. Is scoláire i Treasa a bhfuil sé bhonn buaite i gComórta na nGairmscoileanna, Cúige Connacht, aici, agus dhá bhonn Uile-Éireann de chuid na nGairmscoileanna.

DENISE GILLIGAN (*Craobhshaoil*). Si Denise an dhuine is óige ar an bhfoireann, agus gan ach cúig bhliain déag slánaithe aici. Denise holds a County Championship medal with her club, and a Connacht Junior Championship medal. The only representative of her Club on the Junior team.

EMER HARDIMAN (*Mullagh*). Cosúil le hAine Ni Bhruadair, tá áit faoi leith ag Emer sna Cluichí Ceannais agus i ag imirt leis na Sóisear inniu. She, too, adds to the family connections as she is joined by her sister, Deirdre, on the Junior team. She, like Claire Lynch, hold All-Ireland Post-Primary and Vocational Schools medals, 4 Senior and 1 Junior with Naomh Rafael, and 1 with Gairmscoil Bhaile Loch Riach.

URSULA HANNON (*Na Piarraigh*). Captaen. Is scoláire ag an triú leibhéal i Ursula a bhuaigh Corn Puirseil de chuid C.C.I.A. Ursula also holds County Championship medals and three Connacht Championship medals with her county. Has also won 2 All-Ireland Football medals.

MARTINA HARKIN (*Na Piarraigh*). Ba bhreá le Martina cúpla cúl a fháil agus i ina lán tosach inniu. She has scored many a goal for her school and county, and would like to add a Junior Championship medal to her school and County Championship medals.

MARIE KENNEDY (*Droichead an Chláirín*). Tá ard-mheas ag a Club uirthi mar imreoir, agus, gan amhras, tiocfaidh a lá ar fhoireann na Gaillimhe. Marie is the only representative of her Club on the panel. Holds County and Connacht Championship medals.

GERALDINE McGRATH (*Na Sairseálaigh*). Ar dhuine den bheirt óna Club ar fhoireann na Sóisear. Holds County Championship medals at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels.

FIONA RYAN (*Na Seamraí*). Is scoláire Gairmscoile i agus líon mór de bhoinn buaite lena scoil aici. Holds 6 Connacht and 2 All-Ireland Gairmscoileanna medals.

CORA CURLEY (*Mullagh*). Bhí Cora ar fhoireann na Sóisear i 1989 agus 1992. Holds 6 All-Ireland medals with Naomh Rafael, 1 All-Ireland Minor Championship medal, 1 All-Ireland Club Championship medal, and 2 Pan Celtic medals.

MADGE KENNEDY (*Mullagh*). Is sár-imreoir i Madge a bhfuil boinn buaite ag gach leibhéal ina contae agus ina Cúige aici. Among her collection, Madge holds 1 All-Ireland Minor medal and 2 All-Ireland Club Championship medals. Roghnaiodh ar fhoireann Chonnacht don Ghael Linn i. Is deirfiúr le Imelda Hobbins i.



Imelda Nic Oibicín (An Ghaillimh) ar dheis, in iomaíocht le Tina Nic Einrí (Loch Garman) i gCluiche Leathcennais na sinsear, 1992.



Lynn Ní Dhoinnle (Corcaigh) ar chlé, in iomaíocht le Deirdre Ní Mhaoláin, Una Ní Mhurchú agus Tracy Ní Mhaoláidh (Cill Chainnigh) i gCluiche Leathcennais na Sinsear, 1993.

Teachtaireacht an Uachtaráin

Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann 1993

A Cháirde, ná bíodh brón oraibh fár éirí don samradh! Tá lá na mbán buailte linn - an lá spóirtúil seo nuair atá buaicphointe na gCluiche Ceannais uilig sa Chamógaíocht scoilte againn.

Cuirim fíor-chaoi fálte romhaibh uilig agus go speisialta roimh na foirne agus ár n-aionna speisialta. Lá stairiúil é seo - an uair dheireanach a bheidh seans ag na himreoirí dul i ngleic lena chéile ar a legfar Ardán Uí Chiosóig! Táim cinnte go mbeidh sár-choimhoint ann.

It is indeed a privilege to welcome you here today to witness two great Camogie Finals - the highlight of our year! To most of us steeped in the traditions of camogie and hurling, it is the essence of what we are. No field game in the world compares to or generates the thrill, the excitement and passion which is experienced by players and spectators, as they witness scóth ban camógaíochta na tíre - the top exponents of camogie, display a combination of skill, speed, ball-control and fitness, seldom seen on the playing fields of sport.

Today, two of the great camogie counties compete for ultimate honours in the senior final. Corcaigh and An Ghaillimh face each other in what should be a thrilling game. Having defeated old rivals Cill Chainnigh in a nail-biting finish to the first semi-final, Corcaigh secured a place in this historic final - the last All-Ireland played while the present Cusack stand remains at Páirc an Chrócaigh. An Ghaillimh earned a place in an An Cluiche Ceannais by defeating a fancied Wexford side. For An Ghaillimh, it is a long awaited triumph, as they enter the fray for the first time since 1962.

Very few would question the quality of this Corcaigh team. In last year's final and throughout the current season, they exhibited a remarkable level of skill, fitness and dedication. No strangers to Páirc an Chrócaigh, this team possesses that unique component - a driving passion to win. Having defeated Loch Garman last year, they will be anxious and determined to bring Com Ua Dubhthaigh back to "the Banks".

With the tremendous upsurge of interest in camogie at all levels in An Ghaillimh in recent years, many will be pleased to see them feature in both finals. This, by any standard, is a remarkable achievement and great credit must go to the mentors! They are a strong county at all levels - many of the players have been nurtured at St. Raphael's College, winners of eight senior titles in a row All-Ireland Colleges' medals, and have also known All-Ireland success in Féile na nGael competitions and in the All-Ireland Club Championship. No mean feat! No doubt the long absence from contesting a senior final



will make muintir na Gaillimhe determined to take the coveted trophy to the shadow of the Twelve Pins!

An Ghaillimh challenges Árd Mhacha in the junior final and will no doubt aspire to the double!! Árd Mhacha have already taken Com de Búrca in the National Junior League. They, too, will hope to take the double. Armagh is a strong and vibrant county with great commitment and dedication to camogie.

The presence of both these counties at shod glas Páirc an Chrócaigh is a credit and a tribute to the dedication of those who persisted in fostering the game at all ages. The players on both teams have proven that they have all the skills necessary to make the curtain-raiser a thrilling encounter.

I wish all four teams, the referees and the umpires, an enjoyable day - one that they will savour for many years to come. Go raibh míle maith agaibh uilig.

I thank the media for the most welcome coverage and look forward to continued support in the future.

In these days of recession, I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and thanks to the many sponsors who continue to support us.

Gabhadh buíochas ó chroí le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as an dtacalocht luachmhar agus as an gcomhoibriú leanúnach a thugann siad dúinn. Go maire siad!

I wish also to register my heartfelt gratitude to all mentors, officials, teachers and players for the trojan work done throughout the country to promote and develop camogie to the excellent standard which now exists. Táim an-bhródúil as a bheith mar Uachtarán ar chuimann chomh foirfe beoga. To our faithful supporters who are central to our success, I say "go méadaí Dia bhur stór - agus bhur líon!"

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh chuile dhuine sult agus taitneamh as an lá agus mar a deirim de ghnáth - go léire rogha agus togha mná spóirt na tíre seo gaisce na gcámóg os comhair an tsaoil. Bail ó Dhia oraibh go léir.

Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin
Uachtarán Chumann Camógaíochta na nGael.

Na Sóisir - Ardmhacha agus An Ghaillimh

Tá An Ghaillimh agus Ardmhacha ag casadh ar a chéile i gCluiche Ceannais na Sóisear don tarna huair, taréis dóibh a bheith in iomaíocht lena chéile i 1985. An Ghaillimh a rug an Chraobh le ar an ócáid sin.

Ardmhacha will be very keen to reverse the outcome of their first meeting when they were defeated by 8.07 to 3.07. At the time, An Ghaillimh had proved itself to be a talented side, having also won the National Junior League in the same year on its only appearance in a League final.

Cé go bhfuil traidisiún ársa camógaiochta i gContae Ardmhacha, ní raibh an t-ádh ar na foirne sa chomórtas seo cheana. Ardmhacha suffered the disappointment of losing the other two Junior finals which it contested, having been defeated by Áth Cliath in 1970, and by Cill Dara in 1987.

However, the county may recall with pride some of its remarkable achievements. Ardmhacha became the first holders of Corn de Búrca, the Junior National League trophy, in 1980, and added its second title on its second appearance in 1988. Another first came earlier this year when they became the first winners of the inaugural 15-a-side Junior League, recording a 3.08 to 2.01 victory over Áth Cliath.

For An Ghaillimh, it is a dream come true to be contesting both the Senior and Junior Finals today. Tá an bhunchloch leagtha sa chontae ag leibhéal na Mionúr agus na gColáisti

agus tá a gcuid saothair tagtha chun blátha anois.

Their breakthrough at national level came in 1972 when the accomplished Nono McHugh captained An Ghaillimh to win its first Junior All-Ireland. Other victories followed in 1979, '85 and '88, having contested seven in all. Like Ardmhacha, An Ghaillimh suffered defeat in three Finals, those defeats at the hands of Corcaigh in 1973, Cill Dara in 1989, and Tiobraid Árann in 1992.

Interestingly, when Áth Cliath and Cill Dara defeated Ardmhacha, and when Corcaigh and Tiobraid Árann defeated An Ghaillimh, each of those counties won its first Junior Championship title.

Is ag filleadh ar Pháirc an Chrócaigh arís atá chid acu siúd a bhí in iomaíocht lena chéile i 1985. Ardmhacha can call on several experienced players who were involved in the previous meeting of today's finalists - Margaret Moriarty, Sally McCone, Ursula McGivern, Mary Donnelly and Teresa McNally. Four of the An Ghaillimh team are playing with their Senior team today - Anne Ryan, Brid Stratford, Deirdre Costello and Sheila Coen.

Tá scileanna na camógaiochta go smior san dá fhoireann seo, agus ní foláir nó beidh an-chluiche go deo eatarthu inniu.

Craobhchomórtas na Sóisear, 1993
Ardmhacha 5-12, London 0-14 (Cluiche Ceathrú-Cheannais)

Na Cluichí Leath-Cheannais
Ardmhacha 4-17, Ceatharlach 2-10; An Ghaillimh 2-09, Corcaigh 0-06.

Sandy Fitzgibbon, Corcaigh, was the first player to win three All-Ireland Minor medals.

Emer Hardiman, An Ghaillimh, captained Mullagh to win the Division I of Féile na nGael in 1984.

Lynn Dunlea, Corcaigh, is daughter of Nuala Dunlea (nee Humphries), who played with Corcaigh in the 1969 All-Ireland Senior Final.

Anne Ryan, An Ghaillimh, won the Féile na nGael Skills Competition in 1981. She is a sister of Éanna, former An Ghaillimh hurling star.

Breda Kenny, Corcaigh, captained An Ghaillimh Minor team in 1981.

Armagh brother and sister, Paddy and Margaret Moriarty, have represented Cúige Uladh. Paddy has Railway Cup medals and Margaret won a Gael Linn Medal in 1979.

Claire Lynch, An Ghaillimh, won the Féile na nGael Skills in 1987.

Ardmhacha became the first holders of an Corn de Búrca, the National Junior League trophy, in 1980.

There are seven sets of sisters on the An Ghaillimh panels.

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MIRIAM UÍ CHEALLACHÁIN

Uibh Fháigle



SINSEAR:

Na Réiteoirí

Miriam officiates at her second All-Ireland Senior Championship Final today. She is an experienced Inter-County Referee who has officiated at all levels.

Roghnaíodh ina Réiteoir i dosna Cluichí Ceannais sna Sraithchomórtaí ag leibhéal na Sinsear agus na Sóisear, maille le Craobhchomórtas na Mionúr agus na nIarbhunscoilceanna.

Miriam refereed this year's Senior National League Final which was played on a 15-a-side basis.

Miriam is an extremely able administrator and has held the positions of Cathaoirleach Choiste Uibh Fháigle agus Leas-Chathaoirleach Chomhairle Laighean. She is a member of Ardchomhairle and the Central Fixtures Committee. She has made an enormous contribution to the growth and expansion of Camógaiocht both within and outside of her own county.

Go raibh rath agus sean uirthi inniu.

BRÍD MHIC PHILIP

Tiobraid Árann

SÓISEAR:

Cuirtear fáilte roimh Bhríd go Páirc an Chrócaigh agus i mbun an Chluiche Ceannais don chéad uair ariamh di.

Although refereeing her first All-Ireland Final, Biddy, like her colleague, Miriam, is an experienced Referee.

Tá taithí aici ar an réiteoireacht laistig dá contae féin, ag cluichí idir-scoilceanna agus idir-chontae. Biddy has been in charge of numerous Senior and Junior inter-county League matches and Munster Junior and Minor semi-finals. Her previous Finals include those of Iarbhunscoilceanna na Mumhan agus Cluichí Ceannais na nGairmscoilceanna, at both Senior and Junior levels. She refereed the All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-final this year.

Ní ar an réiteoireacht amháin a dhírionn Biddy a haigne, áfach. Maille le bheith ina Cisteoir ar a Coiste Contae, tá baint le cúrsaí oiliúna aici. She coaches the under-12 team in her club, Charles Sarsfields, and was a selector with the victorious Tiobraid Árann Junior team last year. She has also played with her county at Junior and Senior level.

