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Glen win icing on the cake for Sandie

By TOM HIGGINS

WHEN the history of Cork camogie is written, the name of Sandie Fitzgibbon will, no doubt, occupy a very special place. The Glen star is generally regarded as one of the best players ever to wear the famed red jersey and in her career she has won every honour the game has to offer.

Not alone is she a camogie star, but she also excels at basketball, being an international player of some distinction.

Sandie has the unique honour of being the first player to win three All-Ireland minor titles and is the holder of four All-Ireland senior medals. On Sunday she will be seeking her fifth All-Ireland Club Championship medal when she leads the famed Cork club out in Ballyraggett, Co. Kilkenny (2.30) against the locals, Lisdowney, in the final.

Now coming to the end of her illustrious career, the one honour remaining to her is to captain her club to All-Ireland honours and after the panel went through their paces at the Glen Field the other evening she said: "It would be the icing on the cake for me".

Sandie, however, is very conscious that her side face a difficult task as any Kilkenny side pose a problem. Games between Cork and Kilkenny have always been close and Sunday's encounter should be no exception.

The Glen will be seeking three-in-a-row, while Lisdowney will be hoping to add the Club title to the All-Ireland crown won by Kilkenny in September. So there is an added incentive for each side.

Although the Lisdowney Club have never won the club title, quite a few of their panel, including the famed Downey twins Angela and Ann, have club medals which they won with the now defunct St. Pauls team.

Taking that fact into account, this is the third final in which the Glen and the Kilkenny girls have been in opposition in the final and the score at the moment stands at one all. St. Pauls won the first final encounter in 1988 and the Cork side came out on top in their last final meeting.



Sandie Fitzgibbon discussing tactics with trainer Noel Lynham at training during the week.

(Picture: Mossie O'Mahony)

The sides faced each other in the semi-final last year at the Glen Field with the home side coming out on top after a thrilling tussle so Lisdowney will be looking for revenge on Sunday.

With home advantage now the Kilkenny side will fancy their chances and are sure to be very much keyed up for the tussle. They will fight tooth and nail to prevent the Cork side winning for the third time.

"I think it will be as tough game. They will be in their own pitch and Ballyraggett is not the best pitch

to play on. When we played them in 1988 there was local Junior match before our game and the field was bit cut up. They beat us by a point but let's hope the treat the game on Sunday with a bit more respect and have the pitch in better condition.

"We have no injuries at the moment. Ger McCarthy-Whitnell went off with a thigh injury in the semi-final but she seems to be fully fit again. We need all the support we can get and hope that quite a few travel on Sunday to urge us on" said Sandie.

Lisdowney shoot for the stars



Caroline Glendon (26), Shop Assistant, Co. Championship at U-21, Junior and Senior A (3), and B. Leinster Club Championship (2), has represented Kilkenny at Junior level.



Aine Dunne (19), Carlow R.Y.C. Student, Co. Championships at Primary U-14, U-18, Junior and Senior (3), U-16 hurling championship with Conahy, Leinster U-14 (2), Minor (2), Junior and Club (2), All-Ireland Minor, Sister of captain Catherine.



Sandra Glendon (17) Student, Minor Co. Championship with Castlecomer, Senior Co. Championship (2), Leinster U-14, Minor, Junior, Club (2) and Post Primary Junior, Senior Panelist with Kilkenny in '94.



Brigid Wall (20), Waterford R.Y.C. Student, Co. Championships at Primary, U-14, U-18, U-21, Junior and Senior A (3), and B. Leinster U-14 (2), Minor (2), Club (2), Vocational School Senior, Senior B Colleges, All-Ireland Minor, Sister of Veronica.

MAKE no mistake, they may have home advantage, but that's about all Kilkenny titleholders, Lisdowney, will have in their favour when taking on reigning champions, Glen Rovers, in a fascinating-looking All-Ireland senior club camogie decider at Ballyraggett, on Sunday (2.30 p.m.).

Because not only are the Leesiders the hoppers, they have been the top club team in the country for the past five years. In ladies like Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin and Lynn Dunlea they boast many of the top Cork players. And after the way the Rebels lost their O'Duffy Cup crown to Kilkenny in their won backyard in August, these girls will be all out to gain revenge.

Lisdowney booked their ticket to Sunday's showdown by comfortably seeing off

Antrim's Dunloy Cuchulainns in the semi-final at Ballyraggett ten days ago. Unstoppable on that occasion were Marina Downey and Angela Downey-Browne, who between them finished with a massive 7-10 to their credit.

It's doubtful whether Marina, who hit 4-4, will enjoy such a productive day again. Knowing her, she'll try, but certainly Glen Rovers will be keeping a close eye on her and Angela.

"With so many county players in action on both sides, this

is another Kilkenny/Cork clash in all but name", Ann Downey points out.

"Glen Rovers have bags of experience and, despite the venue, must be regarded as hot favourites. As we have quite a number of young players, a good start would be ideal in helping everyone settle down. If we can get off to a reasonably good opening, then we should be in with a shout.

"Glen Rovers' track record is so powerful that we're going to be up against it in a big way. But at least we're well aware of the challenge, and know what we have to do."

Any supporters undecided about what match to go to on Sunday might plump for Ballyraggett. With an All-Ireland on offer, the stakes are sky-high. In that context, the Lisdowney girls could do with all the backing they can get.

We want this one for Angela

By T.P.O'Mahony

WE WANT THIS ONE FOR ANGELA — so let the Glen watch out!

This is the uncompromising message from Lisdowney as they complete their preparations for Sunday's encounter with Glen Rovers in the All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship Final.

The Angela in question, of course, is none other than Angela Downey, widely regarded as the greatest forward of the modern era.

Now 37, Angela has won all the honours of the game at club level and at inter-county level with Kilkenny in a long and very distinguished career.

the great defenders.

"We have trained very hard for this one," she told the *ECHO*.

"It won't be easy. We know that. The Glen are the form team and the champions.

"Just look at their line-up: they have the two Dunleas, Sandie Fitz, Mary Ring, Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan — all inter-county players."

But Ann Downey is unflinching.

"Our attitude is that form goes out the window when it comes to a final."



★Angela Downey pictured on the left here with the Glen's Mary Ring on the right. The two meet again on Sunday.

But the
Glen have
other ideas

But Sunday's eagerly awaited final at Ballyraggart, which is about 10 miles outside Kilkenny city, may be her swan-song.

And her Lisdowney team-mates are determined to send her out in a blaze of glory.

Besides, they are itching to avenge last year's semi-final defeat in Cork by the Glen.

"We would love to win for Angela's sake," said Ann, the other half of the formidable Downey twins.

Ann herself is likely to be a pivotal figure in Sunday's game.

If Angela's is one of the great forwards our of time, Ann is one of

it comes down to whoever gets it right on the day.

"And we plan to get it right on Sunday."

For the Lisdowney team, founded in 1983, this is their first All-Ireland Club Final.

But they have won three Kilkenny county championships and two Leinster championships.

And the Downey sisters have won six All-Ireland Club championship medals each with their previous club, the now defunct St Pauls.

Apart from the Downey twins, the Lisdowney line-up includes the likes of Catherine Dunne (captain), Brigid Barnaville and Brigid Wall.

So how will the Glen fare?

Blackpool selector Ann O'Donovan acknowledges that this is going to be a very tough final — and one that is hard to call.

No stranger to the big occasion — Ann was on the first Glen team to win the All-Ireland club title in 1986 and also on the successful 1990 team — she is under no illusions about Sunday.

"We are hoping it will come out right for us. We have prepared as well as we could."

"And I think our attitude is right. But even though we are going in as champions, we are by no means overconfident. Not

against the Downeys!"

While admitting that the Glen had a decisive victory over Lisdowney last year, Ann is quick to stress that it's a whole different ball game this time.

She points out that two members of the 1993 Glen side — captain Diane Deane and Ann Coleman — are missing this year.

A lot of the old sparkle was missing in the last two games in the championship, against Wolfe Tones of Shannon and Pearse's of Galway.

However, coach Noel Lynam has been working to restore the Glen's sharpness and to get the Blackpool side properly motivated.



★The other Downey sister, Marina.



★The Glen selectors, Mary Newman-McCarthy, Helena Mullins and Ann O'Donovan, with trainer Noel Lynam at training.



★Mairead O'Leary limbering up before training at the Glen Field.

Mairead the minder

By Tom Higgins.

THE Bruce Grobbelaar affair will be far from the thoughts of Mairead O'Leary when she lines out for Glen Rovers at Ballyraggart, Co Kilkenny on Sunday (2.30).

The girls from Blackpool will be seeking to capture their fifth All-Ireland Club Championship, and their third in a row, when they take on Kilkenny champions Lisdowney in the final and they know they have a tough task on their hands so they will be relying on Mairead to try and keep a clear sheet.

Mairead, who will be seeking her fourth medal in this competition, has rarely played a bad game for the team and was particularly impressive when bringing off a string of fine saves in the semi-final against Pearse's of Galway. This was the Glen's toughest game so far as they were under severe pressure, particularly in the first half, and had to rely on their grit and experience to come out on top.

But a goalkeepers job is not a happy one as they can usually be the difference between victory and defeat, especially in a tight game. But the girl from Ballyvolane feels that her form is good at the moment and that she will not let the side down when it comes to the crunch. She has a great deal of experience and will not be over-awed by the big occasion and knows her defenders well.

"I have been playing in goal with the Glen for the past four years", said the girl who learned her camogie in St. Patrick's Secondary School. "We did not have the best of luck when I was there but I have come up through the ranks with the Glen and have an under 18 championship, an Intermediate title, five County senior medals, as well as five Munster Club titles to my credit with the club".

"I am looking forward to Sunday's game and although I know we have a tough task I feel that we can win again" she concluded.

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Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

LISDOWNNEY CLUB

GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Camogie was formed in Lisdownney in the mid-thirties but lapsed after a few years until the seventies when a new committee was formed. This however disbanded shortly afterwards until 1981 when it was revived in the Parish with a committee of Mary Beth Walsh, Mary Moylan, Rita Donnelly, Monica Wall and John Phelan (Trainer/Coach).

The good work at underage level of the club commenced in the mid eighties by John Phelan and later John Phelan, Claire Farrell & Nora O'Carroll began to pay off when the club won six County Titles in 1987 and was branded "Kilkenny Club of the Year" - (Primary, Under 14, Under 18, Under 21, Junior A & B), in 1988 they followed with Under 18 and Under 21. Many of these young players have now graduated to Senior ranks and form the backbone of the present team.

1989 saw the Club contest it's first Senior final where a predominantly young side were pitted against the mighty St. Pauls (who ironically were never defeated in a County Final). They were outclassed in the second half and St. Pauls were runaway victors. Nevertheless this gave them valuable experience for the future. The Senior B title was captured later in that year.

They had to wait until 1991 for their next appearance in a Senior final. They had been defeated at the Semi Final stage the previous year. This time it was against St. Brigid's, Ballycallan (St. Pauls had disbanded). Unfortunately despite a brilliant first half display, defeat was the outcome.

In 1992 the addition of Ann Downey & Claire Jones was beneficial and again the club reached the County Final. In the final the great Angela Downey made her debut in the club colours, six weeks following the birth of her first child. She had a personal tally of 4-1. The team went from strength to strength and reached the Leinster Club Final but were defeated by Rathnure (Wexford) 2-8 to 0-8, who eventually lost out to Glen Rovers (Cork) in the Club Final.

Defeat in this final only served to spur on players and mentors alike, with the result that they successfully defended their County title defeating St. Lachtain's, Freshford 1-9 to 0-4 in the '93 final. Undoubtedly 3rd Oct. '93 will be etched in the history books of the club as they lifted the first piece of Provincial Silverware by defeating Marino (Dublin) 6-6 to 4-8 in the Leinster final. In the All-Ireland semi final the club had to travel and take on Glen Rovers in the "Lions Den". They were outclassed on that occasion and one

feels some of the players were overawed by the opposition but they now know what is expected of them if they are to succeed - Glen Rovers went on to win their second title in a row.

This year Lisdownney retained their Co-Title, again defeating St. Lachtains 7-7 to 2-3 to record a three in a row for the club. The Leinster semi final against Marino, Dublin proved to be an epic struggle for the club, they were fortuitous to force the game to extra time and eventually pulled away from the Dublin champions - Full time score 3-11 each (after extra time 5-16 to 5-

12). The Kilkenny club then won two Leinster titles on the trot when Butler's Alley, Wexford were defeated in the finals 5-12 to 2-5.

The club has supplied many players to intercounty and inter provincial teams throughout the past few years with many of the players winning Leinster Under 14, Minor, Junior and Senior titles. Also All-Ireland Minor, Senior and Gael Linn Inter Provincial.

This year Catherine and Aine Dunne, Ann Marie Hughes, Fran Shore and Sandra Gleeson won Leinster Junior medals.

In Kilkenny's recent All-Ireland defeat of Wexford, the Lisdownney club were well represented by a woman of the name of Angela Downey, her twin sister Ann, Marina Downey, Catherine Dunne, Bridget Barnaville was introduced during the game and Sandra Gleeson was a panelist. Ann Downey was the first person from the club to lift a piece of Silverware.

As we say well done to the girls of Lisdownney and all concerned, they are now preparing to do battle with the Ulster champions, Dunloy, Antrim in the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship semi final this Sunday at Ballyragget at 2 p.m. While the Kilkenny side are favourites to advance, Dunloy will be no push over. They are a good side with players of the calibre of Ann McKee, Captain, Helen McMullan, Elaine Dowds and Una Elliot. They are sure to produce lots of fire, but may lack experience.

In the other semi final also on Sunday Pierces, Galway travel to take on the reigning champions Glen Rovers, Cork at the latter venue at 2.45 p.m. This encounter is sure to produce lots of sparkle as both sides are Star Studded. Pierces have the following players who won National Senior League honour with Galway this year: Tracey Laheen, Bridget Kilgannon, Sharon Glynn, Anne Ryan and Martina Harkins.

"The Glen" going for three titles in a row will be well represented by prominent county players: Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan, Denise Cronin, Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea. It will be close but "The Glen" should shade it.

In the National Junior League two Leinster counties tussle it out for the points: Kildare v Dublin and two Ulster counties cross swords - Cavan show their hospitality to Fermanagh.



Lisdownney, Kilkenny. Front, left to right: Olivia Donnelly, Deirdre Delaney, Bridget Barnaville, Marina Downey, Veronica Wall, Sandra Gleeson, Catherine Dunne, Ann Marie Hughes, Noelle O'Driscoll. Back, left to right: Mary Brennan, Angela Downey, Ann Downey, Martina Tallis, Brigid Wall, Fran Shore, Caroline Glendon, Aine Dunne, Lizzie Fogarty. Mascot: Paul Hindle

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Glen Rovers 0-12 Pearses 1-4

Glen Rovers, Cork are through to the All-Ireland Senior Club Camogie Championship final having fought off a strong challenge from a determined Pearses, Galway side in this All-Ireland Club Championship semi-final played at Glen Rovers. The winners led 0-6 to 0-1 at the break.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: Lynn Dunlea 0-9, Therese O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick and Patricia Murphy 0-1 each. **Pearses:** Carmel Hannon 1-0, Aine Hillary 0-2, Tracey Laheen and Sharon Glynn 0-1 each. **Referee:** Marie Pollard, Waterford.

Lisdowney 7-14 Dunloy 2-4

Lisdowney, Kilkenny coasted into the Club Championship final when they proved too strong for the Antrim champions, Dunloy in this semi-final played at Ballyragget. Lisdowney led 0-8 to 1-1 at half time.

Scorers: Lisdowney: Marina Downey 4-5, Angela Downey 3-6, Anne Marie Hughes, Anne Downey and Sandra Gleeson 0-1 each. **Dunloy:** Sinead McMullan 1-2, Majella McMullan 1-1, Brenda Kearins 0-1. **Referee:** Betty Joyce, Cork.

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship final is down for decision. Kilkenny champions, Lisdowney, appearing in their first All-Ireland Club Championship final take on the holders Glen Rovers, Cork, in what should be an entertaining tussle. The sides met in the semi-final last year when the Glen had an easy victory 6-10 to 2-3.

It should be much closer on this occasion. Lisdowney will be stimulated by Kilkenny's victory in the All-Ireland when six members of the team were involved. Angela Downey and Marina Downey are in great scoring form, they proved this against Dunloy in the semi-final. Anne Downey and Brigid Barnaville have the experience to pose problems for their opponents.

'The Glen' are chasing three All-Ireland titles in a row. They had a stiff encounter with Pierces, Galway in the semi-final and were lucky to emerge winners. However, they are a well balanced side. Lynn Dunlea is a sparkling forward who will create lots of problems for Lisdowney defence.

Linda Mellerick, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Therese O'Callaghan have a wealth of experience. 'The Glen' field six of the Cork team who were defeated by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final this year.

There is a friendly rivalry between the sides which could make this encounter a sparkling affair. Home venues will be an advantage to Lisdowney and it looks as if 'The Glen' will get it hard to hold onto the title.

Fixture: Sunday 20th: All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship Final: At Ballyragget: Lisdowney, Kilkenny v Glen Rovers, Cork at 2.30pm.

LISDOWNEY PEN-PICTURES.

Veronica Wall (21), Waitress, Co Championships at Under 18, Under 21, Junior and Senior A(3) & B, Leinster Under 14, Minor & Club (2), All-Ireland Minor.

Fran Shore (17), Student, First Year with Club. Minor Co Championship with Castlecomer. Senior Co & Club Championship, Leinster Under 14, Minor (2), Junior & Post Primary Junior.

Brigid Wall (20), Waterford RTC Student, Co Championships at Primary, Under 14, Under 18, Under 21, Junior & Senior A(3) & B. Leinster Under 14 (2), Minor (2), Club (2), Vocational School Senior, Senior B Colleges, All-Ireland Minor. Sister of Veronica.

Caroline Glendon (26), Shop Assistant, Co Championships at Under 21, Junior & Senior A(3) & B. Leinster Club Championship (2). Has represented Kilkenny at Junior level.

Bridget Barnaville (21), Secretary, Co Championships at Under 14, Under 18, Under 21, Junior & Senior A(3) & B. Leinster Under 14, Minor (2), Senior (3) & Club (2). All-Ireland Minor (2), Senior (2) & National Senior League (2).

Deirdre Delaney (19), Student at UCC, Co Championship at Senior (3). Leinster Under 14, Minor, Club (2), Vocational School Junior/Senior, Senior B Colleges, Freshers & Purcell Cup Inter-Varsity Medals with UCC. Niece of former greats Pat Delaney, Billy Fitzpatrick. Cousin of present star PJ Delaney.

Catherine Dunne (26), (Capt), Graduate Chemist. Co Championships at Under 21, Junior & Senior A(3) & B, Leinster Junior & Club (2) Championship Medals. Collected her first All-Ireland Senior Medal in September.

Marina Downey (25), Avonmore Employee, Co Championships at Under 18, Under 21, Junior & Senior A(3) & B. Leinster Senior (6) & Club (2), All-Ireland Senior (5), National Senior League (4), Gael Linn Interprovincial (3). Captained Kilkenny to their inaugural 15-a-side League in '93.

Ann-Marie Hughes, (29), Secretary. Co Championships at Under 21 & Senior (3). Leinster Junior (2) & Club Championship (2).

Mary Brennan (19), Carlow RTC, Student, Co Championships at Primary, Under 14, Under 18, Under 21, Junior & Senior (3). Leinster Under 14 (2), Minor (2), Club (3), All-Ireland Minor, Leinster & All-Ireland

Junior/Senior Colleges Medals with St Brigid's, Callan.

Ann Downey (37), Secretary, Senior Club Championships (22). Numerous Leinster Senior, All-Ireland Senior (12), National Senior League (11), All-Ireland Club Championships (6). Gael Linn Interprovincial (11). B & I Award & National Irish Bank Player of the Year for '91. Interprovincial Hockey medal with South East in '94, former International Squash player. Captained Kilkenny to recent All-Ireland success for the second occasion. Twin sister of Angela.

Sandra Gleeson (17), Student, Minor Co Championship with Castlecomer. Senior Co Championship (2), Leinster Under 14, Minor, Junior, Club (2) & Post Primary Junior. Senior panelist with Kilkenny in '94.

Aine Dunne (19), Carlow RTC Student, Co Championships at Primary, Under 14, Under 18, Junior & Senior (3), Under 16 Hurling Championship with Conahy. Leinster Under 14 (2), Minor (2), Junior & Club (2), All-Ireland Minor. Sister of Captain Catherine.

Noelle O'Driscoll, Teacher, Co Senior Championships in two counties, Cork & Kilkenny, All-Ireland Senior (5), Junior (2) & Club (3). National League (1), Leinster Club Championships (6), one of a small number of players who have won All-Ireland medals with two counties. Has coached St Brigid's, Callan to victory in All-Ireland Senior/Junior Colleges.

Angela Downey-Browne (37), Teacher, Senior Club Championships (22), Numerous Leinster Senior, All-Ireland Senior (12), National Senior, League (11), Gael Linn Interprovincial (11), All-Ireland Club (5), Texaco, B & I, & Gradam Tailte Awards, Player of the Game in recent All-Ireland Senior Final. Twin sister of Ann.

Lizzie Fogarty (23), Unemployed, Co Championships at Under 18, Under 21, Junior & Senior A (3) & B. Leinster Club Championship (1). Has represented Kilkenny at Under 14, Minor & Junior level. Captained the team in '93.

Martina Tallis (19), Student, Co Championship at Under 18 & Senior (1), Leinster Under 14, Minor & Club (1), Leinster Colleges 7-a-side.

Olivia Donnelly (19), Farmer, Co Championships at Primary, Under 14 & Senior (3), Leinster Under 14, Minor, Club (2), Vocational School Junior/Senior, Senior B Colleges, All-Ireland Minor. Injury has hindered her performances to date.

Angela O'Carroll, (17), Student, Co Championships at Primary & Senior (1), Leinster Intercounty Under 14 & Minor, Leinster & All-Ireland Colleges with St Brigid's, Callan.

Glen Rovers Are Through To All-Ireland Club Final

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KILKENNY'S TWIN CAMOGIE STARS

Angela (left) and Ann Downey

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ANGELA DOWNEY (Kilkenny)

Date of Birth: 1965

Height: 5'1 1/2"

Weight: 9st

Club: Lisdowney

Primary School: Ballyragget N.S.

Secondary School: Presentation

Castlecomer to Inter Cert and Mercy

Convent Callan to Leaving Cert.

Occupation: Teacher

Club Honours: 4 club All-Irelands

(St. Pauls) 17 county championships

(St. Pauls disbanded), 3 senior County

championships (Lisdowney), 2 Lein-

ster club medals.

County Honours: 12 All-Irelands

(Kilkenny), 9 League medals.

Representative Honours: 9 Inter-

provincial awards, 4 B&I awards,

Texaco Award

Most Admired Players: Liz Neary

(Kilkenny), Elsie Cody (Wexford)

Favourite Food: Steak dishes

Favourite Car: Volvo

Favourite TV Programme: Inspec-

tor Morse

Favourite Movie Star: Whoppi Gold-

berg

Other Sports Favoured: Cycling and

snobby

Views on Playing Rules: Should make

pitch larger and wider

ANN DOWNEY (Kilkenny)

Date of Birth: 1965

Height: 5'1 1/2"

Weight: 9st 13lbs

Club: Lisdowney

Primary School: Ballyragget N.S.

Secondary School: Presentation Castlecomer

(Inter Cert), Mercy Convent,

Callan (Leaving Cert)

Occupation: Secretary

Club Honours: 5 Club All-Irelands (St. Pauls),

19 county championships (St. Pauls), 3 senior

county championship (Lisdowney)

County Honours: 12 All-Irelands with

Kilkenny, 9 League medals

Representative Honours: 9 Inter-provincial

Awards (Gael Linn), 2 B&I Aw

Most Admired Players: Liz Neary and

Angela Downey (Kilkenny)

Favourite Food: Steak and chips

Favourite Car: BMW

Favourite TV Programme: Sports programmes

Favourite Movie Star: Whoppi Goldberg

Other Sports Favoured: Squash

Views on Playing Rules: Referees have

different interpretations on the rules,

which is frustrating sometimes.

Most Memorable Game Played: 1994

All-Ireland Semi-Final v Cork

Most Memorable Game As A Spectator: None

Advice to Young Players: Practise skills and be

fit and need to be fit to play camogie.

Goals For 1995: Win a club All-Ireland

with Lisdowney

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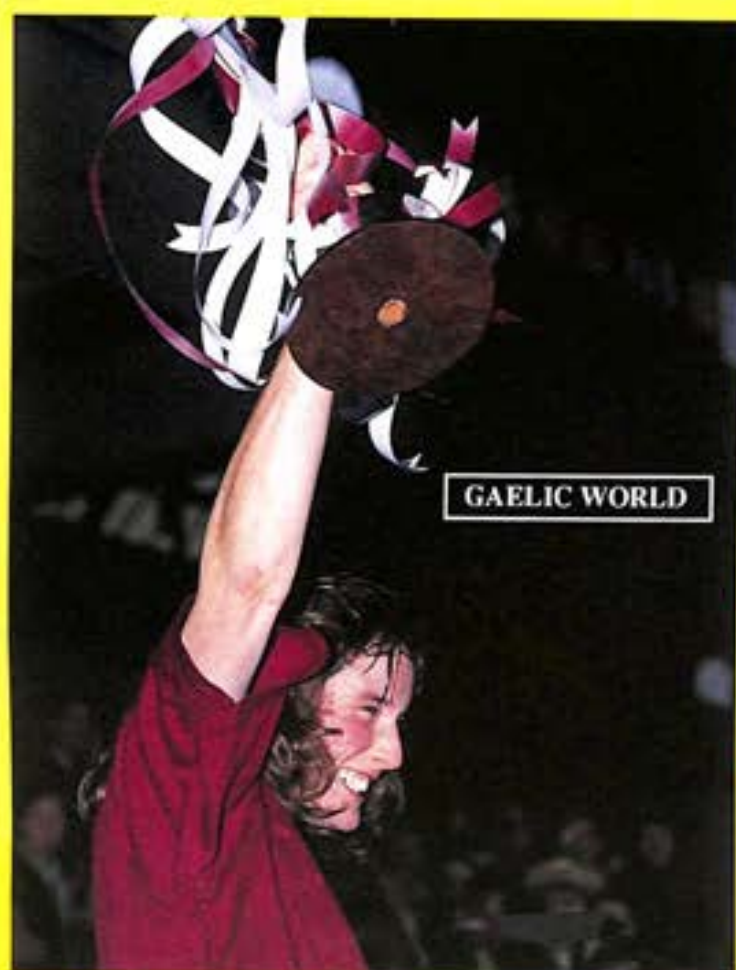
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KILKENNY ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS 1994



Above - Back row (l to r): Angela Downey, Bridget Mullaly, Marie Maher, Deirdre Malone, Tom Ryan
Front row (l to r): Michelle Fennelly, Marina Downey, Tracy Millea, Ann Downey, Catherine Dunne, Sinead Costello, Gillian Dillon, Sinead Millea.



GALWAY LADIES TRIUMPH

All smiles from Galway Captain Cora Curley (left), as she raises the Junior Camogie Cup after beating Limerick in the final at Croke Park

CRAOBHCHOMÓRTAS IDIR-CHLUB NA BUAITEOIRÍ

CÚIGE LAIGHEAN (18)

Cill Chainnigh (8) Naomh Pól: 1968, 1969, 1970, 1974, 1976, 1987, 1988, 1989.
Áth Cliath (5) Austin Stacks (2) 1971, 1972. Celtic (1) 1964. Crumlin (1) 1985.
Eoghan Ruadh (1) 1967.
Loch Garman (5) Buffers Alley (5) 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984.

CÚIGE MUMHAN (9)

Corcaigh (5) Glen Rovers (4) 1986, 1990, 1992, 1993. Killeagh (1) 1980.
Luimneach (2) Ballyagran (1) 1978. Croagh-Kilfinny (1) 1975.
Tiobraid Árann (2)
St. Patrick's, Glengoole (2) 1965, 1966.

CÚIGE CHONNACHT (3)

An Ghaillimh (3) Oranmore (1) 1973. Athenry (1) 1977. Mullagh (1) 1991.

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Cluichí Leathceannais agus Ceannais Ghael Linn

An Domhnach, 27 Samhain, 1994

Páirc an Airgid, Stigh Lorgan

Na Cluichí Leathceannais

Sóisear – 10.45

Ulaigh v Laighin

Mumha v Connachta

Sinsear – 12.15

Ulaigh v Laighin

NA CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS

Sóisear – 1.30

Sinsear – 2.45



Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael

Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann

Craobhchomórtas Idir-Chlub

FÁNAITHE AN GHLEANNA

(Corcaigh)

V

LIOS DÚN FHIACH

(Cill Chainnigh)

20 Samhain, 1994 ag 2.30 i.n.

Béal Atha Ragad, Cill Chainnigh

CLÁR OIFIGIÚIL

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Síle de Bhailís.
Ardrúnaí

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FÁNAITHE AN GHLEANNA

(GLEN ROVERS, CORK) Dathanna: GLAS IS BUÍ

1
MAIRÉAD NÍ LAOIRE
MAIREAD O'LEARY

(2)
DEIRDRE NIC CÁRTHAIGH
Deirdre McCarthy

3
MÁIRE NÍ RINN
Mary Ring

4
STEPHENIE NÍ DHOINNLE
Stephanie Dunlea

5
SANDRA NIC GIOBÚIN
Sandra Fitzgibbon
(captaen)

6
DENISE NÍ CHRÓINÍN
Denise Cronin

7
TREASA NÍ CHEALLACHÁIN
Therese O'Callaghan

8
PÁDRAIGÍN NÍ MHURCHÚ
Patricia Murphy

9
LINDA NÍ MHAOILGHEIRIC
Linda Mellerick

10
LYNN NÍ DHOINNLE
Lynn Dunlea

11
GEAROIDÍN NIC CÁRTHAIGH
Ger McCarthy

12
CLÁR NIC CÁRTHAIGH
Claire McCarthy

IONADAITHE:

13. Aoibheann Nic Cáirthaigh (Yvonne McCarthy); 14. Máire Ní Chorthaid (Mary Currid);
15. Emma Ní Airt (Emma Harte); 16. Mandy Chinifeic (Mandy Kenelick);
17. Áine Ní Iornagáin (Ann Lornegan).

LÍOS DÚN FHIACH

(LISDOWNEY) Dathanna: BÁN IS GORM

1
VERONICA de BHAL
Veronica Wall

(2)
CEARÚILÍN NIC GILLÁ FHIONDAIN
Carolina Glendon

3
BRÍD de BHAL
Brigid Wall

4
BRÍD BHEARNABAL
Brigid Barnaville

5
PROINSEAS SHAOIR
Fran Shore

6
CÁIT NÍ DHUINN
Catherine Dunne
(captaen)

7
ÁINE NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Anne Downey

8
SANDRA NÍ GHLIASÁIN
Sandra Gleeson

9
MARINA NÍ DUÚNAIGH
Marina Downey

10
ÁINE NÍ DHUINN
Áine Dunne

11
AINGEAL NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Angela Downey

12
ÁINE MÁIRE NIC AODHA
Ann Marie Hughes

IONADAITHE:

13. Noelle Ní Dhrisceoil (Noelle O'Driscoll); 14. Máire Ní Bhraonáin (Mary Brennan);
15. Martina Ní Thailis (Martina Tallis); 16. Oilivia Ní Dhonnalaigh (Olivia Donnelly);
17. Deirdre Ní Dhubhshláine (Deirdre Delaney).

Gabhtar buíochas le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a chuir an páirc ar fáil dúinn

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Fánaithe an Ghleanna agus Lios Dún Fhiach

— foirne den chéad scoth —

Cuireadh tús leis an gcomórtas seo i 1964 agus is mó Cluichí Ceannais iontach a bhí againn go dtí seo. Ba cheart go mbeadh sár-chluiche ann inniu chomh maith agus dhá fhoireann den chéad scoth againn, agus imreoirí cáiliúla ar an dá thaobh.

Fánaithe an Ghleanna is seeking its fifth All-Ireland Club title and third-in-a-row today, having won the title in 1986, 1990, 1992 and 1993. Its only defeat in a Final came at the hands of Naomh Pól, Cill Chainnigh, in 1987.

On the other hand, Lios Dún Fhiach has reached the final for the first time. It won its first Leinster Club Final in 1993 only to succumb to the experience of an excellent Fánaithe an Ghleanna team in the All-Ireland Semi-Final.

Although these two clubs meet for the first time in the Final today, several of the players have met on numerous occasions at Club, County and Inter-Provincial levels. Angela and Ann Downey and Noelle O'Driscoll would, while members of Naomh Pól, have met Fánaithe an Ghleanna on many occasions prior to 1993. Several more would have renewed old acquaintance in the 1994 All-Ireland Senior Championship

Semi-Final. Angela, Ann and Noelle were joined by Marina Downey, Brigid Barnaville, Catherine Dunne and Sandra Gleeson on the Cill Chainnigh team. Six of the Fánaithe an Ghleanna team played with Corcaigh – Linda Mellerick, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Denise Cronin, and Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea.

Ní bhíonn ach poc amháin den sliotar idir mhuintir Chill Chainnigh agus muintir Chorcaí nuair a chastar ar a chéile sa Chamógaíocht iad. Is féidir a bheith cinnte de gur amhlaidh a bheidh an scéal arís inniu agus na sean-chairde seo in iomaíocht lena chéile.

NA CLUICHÍ LEATH-CHEANNAIS, 1994

Fánaithe an Ghleanna (Corcaigh)	0-12
Na Piarsaigh (An Ghaillimh)	1-04
Lios Dún Fhiach (Cill Chainnigh)	7-14
Dún Lathaí (Aontroim)	2-04

Teachaireacht an Uachtaráin

Thar cheann Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael cuirim cead míle fáilte roimh uilig chuig Béal Átha Ragad inniu agus chuig Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann den Chraobhchomórtas Idir-chlub.



Fánaithe an Ghleanna, Corcaigh and Lios Dún Fhiach, Cill Chainnigh, meet for the first time in the All-Ireland Club Championship Final. However, many of the players have played against each other in this year's All-Ireland Senior championship semi-final and at Inter-Provincial level. With such an abundance of talent, today's final is sure to provide plenty of excitement and enjoyment.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabhail le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a chuir an páirc ar fáil dúinn inniu agus le Lios Dún Fhiach a rinne na socráithe don chluiche.

Guím rath agus séan ar an dá fhoireann inniu.

Belle Uí Lochlainn
Uachtarán

An Réiteoir: Áine Derham, Áth Cliath



s' I seo an dara huair d'Áine bheith i mbun Cluiche Ceannais Idirclub na hÉireann.

Áine is an experienced Réiteoir and has officiated at all levels including Club matches, County Finals, Inter-County Championship and League and Inter-Provincial matches.

Áine was in charge of the Senior National League Final earlier this year. Is imreoir i Áine le Cumann Celtic, Áth Cliath, an club a bhain an corn amach i 1964 nuair a chuireadh tús leis an gcomórtas seo. Go n-éirí go geal lei inniu.

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Ar chúl (ó chlér) C. Nic Cárthaigh, G. Nic Cártaigh, P. Ní Mhurchú, L. Ní Mhaoilgheiric, M. Ní Laoire, Á. Ní Lomagáin, M. Chinifeic, E. Ní Airt, M. Ní Rinn. Chun tosaigh (ó chlér) D. Ní Chróinín, U. Ní Argáin, D. Nic Cárthaigh, T. Ní Cheallacháin, S. Nic Giobúin (captaen), L. Ní Dhoinnlé, A. Ní Cárthaigh

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Fánaithe an Ghleanna (Corcaigh)

Stair ársa atá ag Fánaithe an Ghleanna, club a bhfuil breis is seasca bliain slánaithe aige. Tá an club go mór faoi chomaoín acu siúd atá ag obair ar a shon ó chianabha.

The results of hard work and commitment are clearly to be seen in the strength of the club. Fánaithe an Ghleanna fields a Senior, Under-18, two under-16 and two under-14 teams, and pursues a policy of building on the under-age players.

Success within Corcaigh over many decades paved the way for the club's first All-Ireland Club Championship win in 1986. Mary Ring, daughter of the famed Christy, received the cup on that occasion. The club's other All-Ireland Club winning captains are Therese O'Callaghan (1990), Mary

Ring, again, (1992), and Diane Deane (1993). Mary and Therese also captained Corcaigh in 1988 and 1991, respectively, while two other team members, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Linda Mellerick, captained Corcaigh to Senior Championship success in 1992 and 1993, respectively.

Indeed, seven of the team are All-Ireland Senior Championship medal holders – Sandie Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Ger McCarthy and Claire McCarthy.

Foireann an-láidir ar ard-chaighdeán atá ag Fánaithe an Ghleanna, agus í mar aidhm acu an Chraobh a bhuachaint don triú huair a chéile inniu.



Ar chúl (ó chlér) M. Nic Ghriogh, M. Ní Bhraonáin, O. Ní Bhraonáin, O. Ní Dhonnalaigh, M. Tullis, Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh de Brún, A. Ní Dhuinn, C. Nic Giolla Fhiondáin, A. Ní Mhurchú, D. de Bháil, D. Ní Dhubhshláine, N. Ní Dhrisceoil, Nollaig Bearnabháil. Chun tosaigh (ó chlér) S. Ní Ghliasdáin, B. Bhearnabháil, C. Ní Dhuinn (captaen), M. Ní Dhúnaigh, Aine Ní Dhúnaigh, A. M. Nic Aodha, P. Shaoir, V. de Bháil.

Lios Dún Fhiach (Cill Chainnigh)

Tá Lios Dún Fhiach ar an saol le seasca bliain anuas, ach is thuas seal agus thíos seal a bhí an club go drí na hochtóidí. Gan amhras, is fíor í an abairt "Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí" i leith an Chlub seo.

Commitment to coaching the young players led, in the eighties, to County Championship titles at primary, under-14, under-16, under-18, under-21, Junior A and B, and Senior B levels. Lios Dún Fhiach contested its first Senior County Final in 1989 only to be defeated by the famous Naomh Pól. Success at this level finally came in 1992 when Angela and Ann Downey and Claire Jones, former members of the now-disbanded Naomh Pól, played a major role in capturing the title.

Sadly missing from our midst today is Billy Fogarty, a man who played an important part in the club's success during these years. I measc na naomh go

raibh a anam.

Cé gur í seo an chéad úair don chlub an Cluiche Ceannais den chomórtas seo a bhaint amach, tá sean-taithí ag roinnt desna himreoirí ar écaidí dá leithéid. Three of the team won All-Ireland Club medals with Naomh Pól – Ann (6) and Angela (5) Downey, and Noelle O'Driscoll (3). Ann and Angela both captained Cill Chainnigh to All-Ireland Senior Championship successes and hold twelve All-Ireland medals each. Noelle won Senior medals with both Corcaigh and Cill Chainnigh, while Bridget Barnaville, Catherine Dunne and Marina Downey are also Senior All-Ireland medal winners. Marina captained Cill Chainnigh to the National League title in 1993.

Ba mhór ar fad é ag Lios Dún Fhiach an comórtas seo a bhuachaint don chéad uair ariamh inniu.

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Sisters could have big say in Club final

By TOM HIGGINS

SISTERS could have a big say in tomorrow's All-Ireland Camogie Club final at Ballyraggett, Co. Kilkenny when Glen Rovers, seeking their third title in a row, oppose Kilkenny champions Lisdowney.

On the Cork side we have the Dunlea's, Lynn and Stephanie, while the home side will be looking to the famed Downey twins, Angela and Ann, to see them take their first crown.

Lynn Dunlea was one of the Cork stars of last year's All-Ireland success over Galway

and given the slightest opportunity she will punish any defence. She is Glen's top scorer and is particularly accurate from frees and "30's" and can set up many excellent scoring opportunities for her colleagues.

Her younger sister, Stephanie, was only brought onto the Cork senior panel this year after playing a prominent part in Cork's Junior campaign and is an excellent defender. Since she moved to Glen Rovers, having previously played with Cloughduv, she has adjusted well to the Blackpool formation and played a major part in helping them win this

year's senior "A" title.

What can one say of the Downey twins? They have been the backbone of Kilkenny's fantastic success in the past decade and although both are coming to the end of their careers, they still can compete with the best, especially Angela, who is regarded as one of the best forwards the game has ever produced. She could be kept scoreless for 90% of the game but in the twinkling of an eye can create havoc.

Her sister Ann, who captained Kilkenny to their All-Ireland win, is a brilliant centre-back and rarely plays a

bad game for either county or club. She, like her sister, will be anxious to win tomorrow and thus give the club their first title.

The Downey sisters, however, have won All-Ireland Club honours previously when they played with the now defunct St. Pauls team but since the club reformed as Lisdowney they have not enjoyed final success.

The nearest they came was when they were beaten by the Glen a few years ago, so they will be anxious to reverse the verdict tomorrow. It all adds up to an exciting contest.



Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea — in action for the Glen tomorrow.

'Downey's greatest day!

By Tom Higgins

Lisdowney (Kilkenny) 5-9
Glen Rovers (Cork) 1-15

A game is never over until the final whistle and that maxim certainly held true yesterday. In one of the greatest comebacks in camogie history, Lisdowney came from well behind to smash Glen Rovers' ambitions of winning their third All-Ireland Club title in-a-row. The Cork girls came unstuck in the heavy going at Ballyraggett, Co. Kilkenny, yesterday when they were hit by a barrage of five goals in the last 14 minutes.

The Glen will always wonder what went wrong. They were undoubtedly the better team overall, doing everything right in the opening half and early in the second-half, but then fading dismally

in the last quarter.

Few in the big crowd could have anticipated Lisdowney's transformation in that final quarter, but it was then that the Downey sisters, Angela and Ann, took a hand in the proceedings.

Angela had been well curtailed by Glen captain Sandie Fitzgibbon, who had given her very few openings, but, as she has often done in the past, she really came into her own when the chips were down. And the Glen will shiver when they hear her name for she single-handedly ruined their day, scoring four goals in the closing stages.

Glen Rovers played some excellent camogie in the opening half and thanks to the accuracy of Lyn Dunlea from frees, and 30's, and a brilliant goal from Ger McCarthy-Whitnell, who pulled on a dropping ball in the 19th minute to give

goalkeeper Veronia Wall no chance, they were well worth their 1-10 to 0-6 interval lead.

Both sides took a while to settle in the second-half as the field began to cut up and we had to wait until the 39th minute for another score, from a Lyn Dunlea free, and when she added another from a free and a third from play in the 43rd minute Glen Rovers looked home and dry as they led 1-13 to 0-6.

In fact, a point from Marina Downey from a free in the 44th minute hardly rose a cheer from the home supporters. But then commenced the great fightback.

Lisdowney were awarded a free 35 metres out in their 46th minute and when Angela Downey spotted her sister Ann getting inside the Glen defence goal, she tried to lob the ball to her. However, the pass was that bit too high, and, after

going over her head the ball hopped in the goalmouth and straight past a bewildered Mairead O'Leary.

This was the score that really set Lisdowney alight and although Lyn Dunlea was on target with a free in the 50th minute it was all Lisdowney afterwards. Ann Downey followed her sister's example when she blasted a 21 yards free, off a defender's hurley, into the net in the 52nd minute and a minute later Angela shot low and hard to the corner of the net and the home side were only a point behind.

Glen tried to counter, but with Brigid Barniville coming into her own at centre-back many promising attacks petered out and Lisdowney were level in the 54th minute with a Marina Downey free.

Although Lynn Dunlea put the Glen ahead again with a point in the 55th minute Lisdowney were not to

be denied in the final five minutes. They rose their game and with the crowd now in full cry, they brushed past a shell-shocked Glen Rovers defence to score two more goals from Angela Downey and a point from Marina Downey to complete the scoring.

Scorers for Lisdowney: Angela Downey 4-0, M Downey 0-9 (0-5 frees, 0-1 "30's"), Ann Downey 1-0 (free). Glen Rovers: L Dunlea 0-14 (0-8 frees, 0-3 "30's"), G McCarthy-Whitnell 1-0, P. Murphy 0-1.

LISDOWNEY: V Wall; C Glendon; B Wall, B Barniville, F Shore; C Dunne (capt), Ann Downey, S Gleeson; M Downey, A Dunne, Angela Downey, A M Hughes. Subs: N O'Driscoll for A Dunne (34th minute), O Donnelly for A M Hughes (48th minute).

GLEN ROVERS: M O'Leary; D McCarthy; M Ring, S Dunlea, S Fitzgibbon (capt); D Cronin, T O'Callaghan, P Murphy; L Mellerick, L Dunlea, G McCarthy-Whitnell; C McCarthy. Sub: M Currid for G McCarthy-Whitnell (54th minute). Referee: A Derham (Dublin).

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Lisdowney twins peak

LISDOWNEY 5-9

GLEN ROVERS (Corcaigh) 1-15

LISDOWNEY's brilliant camogie players accomplished one of their greatest ever feats at Ballyragget on Sunday.

They were 1-13 to 0-6 in arrears with 14 minutes of the second half gone, but they then devastated their more illustrious opponents, reigning All-Ireland champion and hot favourites Glen Rovers by 5-9 to 1-15.

When the Downey twins, Angela and Ann, reflect in years to come on their many memorable and heroic victories and indeed rare defeats, there is little doubt that they will recall this latest victory as one of their sweetest of all.

Ten points down to a seemingly impregnable Glen Rovers side and time ebbing away. To all save the bravest Lisdowney hearts, the position must have seemed utterly impossible. What could any team do against the Leesiders in full flight and coasting to an inevitable victory?

Enter the Downey twins, or should it be the Downey triplets on this occasion, sisters Ann and Angela and unrelated Marina. In the process of making adversity they proceeded over the remaining 16 minutes to score an amazing and scarcely credible tally of 5-3 to crush the great Glen Rovers who departed the scene with heads bowed and bodies bruised.

By any standards this was a victory born out of the indomitable spirit and pride of not alone the great Downey sisters, but each and every girl who played their hearts out to bring glory and honour to their native Lisdowney.

It was sweet revenge for Lisdowney who had suffered a crushing defeat by the same opposition in last year's semi-final. One could only marvel at the super skills of both teams who served up a rip roaring contest in soft underfoot conditions.

The 'Rovers were first to settle when Lynn Dunlea, their unerring free taker, scored from a 30m free. A minute later the same player landed arguably the score of the game - a superb point from play way out on the right wing while under siege from at least two Lisdowney players.

Three minutes later Angela Downey opened the homesters account with a point from a free. The decisive score of the first half came when Glen Rover's Ger McCarthy sent a great overhead stroke to the Lisdowney net to leave Glen Rovers leading after 18 minutes by 1-6 to 0-3.



Angela Downey

The remainder of the first half was evenly and sportingly contested with the 'Rovers scoring four points to Lisdowney's three to leave the half time score Glen Rovers 1-10, Lisdowney 0-6.

There were few among the big home following who must have given their side any chance after 14 minutes play in the second half when the 'Rovers with three points from placed balls by Lynn Dunlea had increased their lead to a massive and seemingly insurmountable 10 points.

Marina Downey started the

unbelievable comeback with a point from a free. Over the remaining 15 minutes play, the great Angela Downey helped herself to four marvellous goals, her sister Ann another, and Marina completed the 'Rovers rout with a brace of points.

Of such passages of play dreams are made, and even Angela in her wildest dreams could not have visualised rattling the Leesiders net four times within 13 minutes. Angela and indeed all of the Lisdowney forwards had been well policed up to that stage.

This was by no means a one, two or three woman display. Each and every Lisdowney player played a part in this heroic victory. Lisdowney should not forget either the shrewd positional changes made by coach Noel Barnaville.

Most observers on Sunday marvelled at the superb fitness of Lisdowney and this was surely due to the physical preparations of their team by their trainer Annie Murphy.

Veronica Wall in goal was soundness personified and brought off two great saves at crucial times. She was well protected by a resolute and stubborn rearguard of Caroline Glendon, Brigid Wall, Brigid Barnaville and the youthful Fran Shore who had one of her best ever games with a performance that belied her youthfulness.

Captain Catherine Dunne turned in a great second half performance, ably assisted by the diminutive and all action Sandra Gleeson who seems to improve with every outing.

The Downey trio Angela, Ann and Marina accounted for all of Lisdowney's scores, and their names will surely be remembered for posterity in their homeland of Ballyragget and Lisdowney. They were ably assisted by Aine Dunne and Anne Marie Hughes in the forward line.

Substitutes Noelle O'Driscoll and Olivia Donnelly also contributed handsomely to victory.

On Sunday last I was seated during the game alongside Finbar McCarthy from Glen Rovers. My abiding memory of the afternoon will be the sight of Finbar taking his mobile telephone from his pocket early in the second half, speaking live to a local radio and advising them: "Glen Rovers now lead by 10 points. There is no way Angela Downey can pull this one out of the fire for Lisdowney".

But when you speak of Angela, Finbar, you can never say never.

Even if Angela chooses to hang up her hurley and boots, we are fortunate journalist Mick Dunne once said of Christy Ring: "to have lived through her years of greatness, to have witnessed her fabulous feats and to have seen the splendour of her superiority".



Lisdowney - All-Ireland Club Champions, 1994

Lisdowney Scorers: Angela Downey (4-1), Marina Downey (0-8), Ann Downey (1-0). **Glen Rovers:** Lynn Dunlea (0-14), Ger McCarthy (1-0), Patricia Murphy (0-1).

Lisdowney: Veronica Wall, Caroline Glendon, Brigid Wall, Brigid Barnaville, Fran Shore, Catherine Dunne (captain), Ann Downey, Sandra Gleeson, Marina Downey, Aine Dunne, Angela Downey, Anne Marie Hughes. Subs: Noelle O'Driscoll for Aine Dunne, Olivia Donnelly for Anne Marie Hughes.

Glen Rovers: Mairead O'Leary, Deirdre McCarthy, Mary Ring, Seaphanie Dunlea, Sandra Fitzgibbon (captain), Denise Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan, Patricia Murphy, Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Ger McCarthy, Claire McCarthy. Referee: Aine Derham.

Lisdowney take title

LISDOWNEY.....5-9 GLEN ROVERS.....1-15
TEN points down with 15 minutes remaining Kilkenny champions, Lisdowney, thundered back and made up a 16 point difference to claim their first All-Ireland Club senior camogie final at Ballyragget yesterday.

Glen Rovers (Cork) looked destined for their third victory on the trot, only to have the trophy snatched from their grasp thanks to a remarkable fightback spearheaded by the Downey sisters.

The Cork side led 1-13 to 0-6 lead in the 43rd minute but the Downey clan went into overdrive with a five goal blitz - four of them coming from county star Angela - to turn the tide.

SCORERS - Lisdowney: Angela Downey 4-1, M Downey 0-7, Ann Downey 1-1. Glen Rovers: L Dunlea 0-14, G McCarthy-Whitnell 1-0, P Murphy 0-1.

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D for Downney and disaster for Glen

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A shell-shocked Glen Rovers are still wondering today what happened to the fabled three-in-a-row.

At Ballyraggart yesterday against Kilkenny county champions Lisdowney the Blackpool side seemed to be cruising to a place in the history books.

Clear

Half way through the second half they were 10 points clear and looking very good.

Their third successive All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship seemed in the bag. Then disaster struck.

Menace

The Downey magic — perhaps the Glen would rather call it the Downey "menace" — struck.

At 37, Angela Downey showed once again why she is the most feared forward in the modern game.

Transformed

Her four goals utterly transformed the game, and left the Glen reeling. Although well policed by Glen captain, Sandie Fitzgibbon, in the first half, she seemed to transfix the Glen in the last quarter.

To the amazement of many in the large attendance, the Blackpool side collapsed in face of the Downey onslaught.

After the final whistle, Glen players and mentors wondered around in bewilderment, with hardly a word being spoken.

Reaction

"What do you say to that?" was coach Noel Lynam's reaction.

What indeed.

"We just seemed to fall apart," said selector Ann O'Donovan.

Jubilant

The jubilant Lisdowney side — playing in their first All-Ireland Club Final — seemed as unbelieving as the Glen in the end, though for very different reasons.

"We did it, we did it!" shouted Ann Downey, the other half of the formidable Downey twins.

Over

"At half-time I really thought it was all over," admitted Angela Downey afterwards.

On the stroke of the break, she was foiled for what seemed a certain goal, and that appeared to be the decisive moment.



Former Cork senior camogie player, Noele O'Driscoll, who starred for Lisdowney in their victory against Glen Rovers in the All-Ireland Senior Club Camogie Championship in Ballyraggett, Co. Kilkenny, yesterday.

Crowd

Many in the crowd thought so. But not the Downey sisters.

The Glen — much the better side for perhaps three-quarters of the game — just froze when the crunch came.

Unwise

The selectors didn't help matters by making two unwise changes — switching ace forward Lynn Dunlea out to midfield when things were going wrong, and shifting midfielder Patricia Murphy back into defence.

Crucial

At a crucial stage, when the game was still in the balance, Lynn Dunlea — untypically — missed a free when a point might have steadied a badly rattled Glen side.

It was not to be.

Avalanche

And the chance of an historic three-in-a-row for the Blackpool side was swept away by a Downey avalanche.

The post mortems will go on all this week in Blackpool, but the most significant lesson from yesterday's result (5-9 to 1-15) is that this was a team failure.

Failure

More than that, it was a squad failure — for decisions were made on the line which were unhelpful to the Glen cause.

Full credit to Lisdowney, but from a Glen viewpoint this was a title which wasn't lost — it was given away.

Glen had no answer to her four goals

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**Rovers
rocked
by the
37
year
old
named
Angela**



Glen Rovers defender, Stephanie Dulea, bats the ball away from Lisdowney forward, Marina Downing, in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Final in Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny, yesterday.

**Story
by
TP
O'Mahony**

**Camera
by
Des
Barry**



Angela Downey, captain of Lisdowney being chaired from the field after her side's victory over Glen Rovers in the All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship final in Ballyragget, Co Kilkenny yesterday.

Camogie



THE camogie star for 1994 is Angela Downey-Browne.

She gets the award for her major contribution in bringing All-Ireland honours to Kilkenny this year. In the All-Ireland semi-final against title-holders Cork, she came back from semi-retirement to score 3-2. Her All-Ireland performance in scoring 2-3 won the RTE's "Woman of the Match" award.

She continues to play a vital role for her club, Lisdowney, and was in action at Ballyragget on Sunday last in the All-Ireland club final against Glen Rovers of Cork.



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Glen Rovers' defender Deirdre MacCarthy about to clear past Lisdowney forward Noelle O'Driscoll in the All-Ireland Senior Club Camogie Championship final. Report: Page 10. (Picture: Des Barry)



★The Eire Og team who won the first ever Under 12 camogie championship recently. (Picture: Mossie O'Mahony).

Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Wexford collected their first brace of points when they overcame Waterford in this excellent National Junior League tussle played at De La Salle. Waterford got the better of the exchanges in the early stages and had chalked up a 2-1 to 0-2 lead at the break. Wexford stepped up the pace in the second half and with goals by Aldeen Gordan, Bernie Higgins and Kate Kelly victory was in sight. However, Waterford rallied back with a further three points but the Slaneysiders finished the strongest on a score of 3-7 to 2-5. Scorers: Wexford: Aldeen Gordon and Bernie Higgins 1-2 each, Kate Kelly 1-0, Aine Codd 0-2, Margaret Doyle 0-1. Waterford: Elaine O'Mahoney 2-2, Martha Butler 0-2, Jackie Murphy 0-1. Referee: Betty Joyce, Cork.

Kildare got off to a good start in the National Junior League when they proved too strong for Dublin in this match played at Clane. A brace of goals by Elaine Miley and one by Michelle Aspel gave the Lilywhites a 3-6 to 0-4 lead at the break. Despite a good second half display from Dublin's Irene Kirwan, Doreen Golden and Siobhan Treacy Kildare were never in trouble and ran out worthy winners on a score of 5-7 to 3-6. Scorers: Kildare: Elaine Miley 3-0, Miriam Malone and Michelle Aspel 1-2 each, Aisling Treacy 0-3. Dublin: Irene Kirwan 1-3, Doreen Golden 1-1, Siobhan Treacy 1-0, Valerie Reaney 0-2. Referee: Bernie Higgins, Wexford.

Antrim had a convincing win over Derry in their National Junior League encounter played at Loughgiel. A goal by Anne McKee followed by a point by Oonagh Elliot gave Antrim a 2-4 to 0-5 lead at the interval. Antrim dominated the second half. Derry's Pauleen McGuigan's 1-1 in reply came too late to save her side. Final score: Antrim 3-8, Derry 1-6. Referee: Declan Kearns, Donegal.

A flurry of goals in the first half by Tipperary put them on the road to victory against Carlow in this National Junior League match played at Dr. Cullen Park. Tipperary lead 4-6 to 0-6 at the break and only managed one point in the second half. Final score Tipperary 4-7, Carlow 1-9. Scorers: Tipperary: Michelle Bulfin 2-0, Paula Bulfin and Aine Hogan 1-2 each, Orla Hogan 0-3. Carlow: Aine Murphy 1-2, Nuala Quirke and Valerie Crean 0-3 each, Mary Abbey 0-1. Referee: Bridie McGarry, Kilkenny.

Limerick collected their second brace of National Junior League points when they

overcame a strong challenge from Roscommon at Ballyforan. A hat-trick of goals from Limerick's Kathleen O'Connor gave them a 3-5 to 1-6 lead at the break. Roscommon played with great determination with a personal contribution of 1-8 from Mairead Coyle. Final score: Limerick 4-11, Roscommon 3-11. Limerick Scorers: Kathleen O'Connor 3-2, Pauleen McCarthy 0-9, Vera Sheehan 1-0. Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath.

Cavan recorded an 8-10 to 0-0 victory over Fermanagh in this National Junior League tie at Bailieboro. The Ulster champions were in top form leading 5-5 at the break. Scorers: Ita Kiernan 3-4, Cindy Ledwith 3-0, Majella Prior 1-3, Orla Sullivan 1-1, Emer Brannigan and Marie Brady 0-1 each. Referee: Geraldine Duffy, Monaghan.

On Sunday next the Gael Linn Inter Provincial Camogie Competition takes place at Silverpark, Stillorgan. This will be the first time that both Senior and Junior semi finals and finals will be played on the same day. It is the final major event of the year and the last of the 15-a-side series played on a full size G.A.A. pitch.

In 1954 a Golden Jubilee game was staged in Navan with a Leinster selection defeating their Ulster counterparts. So successful had this game proved that an annual Interprovincial competition was inaugurated in 1956. Leinster took the Gael Linn Cup for the first time, again defeating Ulster 7-1 to 3-0 and have retained it on 23 occasions since, Munster won 8, Ulster 1.

In 1975 a Junior Gael Linn was introduced. Munster captured the inaugural title and hold 9 in all, Leinster and Ulster have won 4 each, Connacht 1.

This year's draw is Ulster v Leinster, Munster v Connacht. In Senior Connacht are not fielding, therefore Munster have a bye to the final. The only panel to hand is Leinster as follows:

Terri Butler, Stella Synott, Catherine Murphy, Paula Rankin, Fiona Dunne, Anne Reddy, Esme Murphy, Anne Marie O'Connor, Wexford, Deirdre Malone, Gillian Dillon, Marina Downey, Brigid Mullaly, Ann Downey, Angela Downey, Sinead Millea, Kilkenny, Cathy Walshe, Ruth Lyons, Dublin, Melanie Treacy, Kildare.

In Junior no panels are available yet. Connacht will be represented here by Roscommon. Their courage must be admired as they challenge a Munster selection.

The programme commences with the Junior semi finals at 10.45 a.m., Senior semi final 12.15, Junior final 1.30, Senior final 2.45.

WEXFORD JUNIORS GET OFF THE MARK



Lismore ladies ... Waterford Senior Camogie champions 1994



Aghabullogue U-14 camogie team, winners of the U-14 A Cork Feile Na Gael and County Championship. —(Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)

It's celebration time

THE Aghabullogue Camogie Club are celebrating their 25th anniversary this month.

It is interesting to note that in the club's first year of entering a championship competition, the Junior 'A' Mid-Cork and county titles were captured in 1970. They were then coached by Pat Buckley (RIP) and Christy Fitzgerald and victory resulted in the team being

promoted to intermediate ranks.

Since that historic victory, the club did not taste success again until 1980, when Aghabullogue won Junior 'A' county honours for the second time by defeating a fancied St. Finbarrs side in Ballincollig.

The experienced Murt Murphy was responsible for guiding this team to glory, as

well as being instrumental in the club's first ever intermediate title the following year.

At present the club is in a very healthy position. They play in six grades, ranging from U-12s to senior. Since their foundation in 1969, a total of 12 county titles have been garnered by this small club, a fantastic achievement.

Aghabullogue

Camogie Club consider themselves very fortunate to have the assistance of an extremely co-operative GAA club, who are always co-operative in making their facilities at Coachford available.

There is a very strong link with the game of hurling in the parish, which stems from the men of 1890 winning the first All-Ireland title when they represented the county.

To this date, this All-Ireland title is cherished with a very special pride amongst all parishioners.

As part of the 25th anniversary celebrations, the members of the junior county panel of 1970 will be honoured at this year's annual GAA/camogie dinner in the Westpark Hotel, Ballincollig, on Friday, December 2.

Louise makes her international

THIS weekend at the Leisureplex Tallaght, Dublin, the Under-23 Quadrangular (Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales) takes place and it is a great occasion for 19-year-old Cork girl, Louise Fleming.

It is the dream of every person in sport that one day he or she will wear the national colours, but of course, only a very few ever achieve this goal. Louise Fleming is one of those chosen few and we in the Munster Tenpin Bowling Association are very proud of her. She lines out today for the first time with the Irish Under-23 Ladies Team. She is the only non-Dublin in the whole squad (men and women). I know that she will do well because she has a great passion for the sport of bowling and she has a great will to win.

Louise is well known for her skills on the camogie field with Brian Dillons. She also played on Cork under-age teams and four years ago she won a Munster minor medal (Under-16) when Cork

beat Tipperary in the final. It was soon after that she took an interest in tenpin bowling and she was lucky enough to secure a part-time job in the Coliseum Snack Bar and she became a regular on their business houses league team. From then on she went from strength to strength. She then became a member of the Coliseum junior team and they travelled to other centres and she gained a lot of experience from playing against the more established players from the Dublin centres.

About a year ago Ken Foley — the first Cork person to gain a place on the Irish team — saw that Louise had great potential and he encouraged her to take the sport a bit more seriously and have a go at ranking tournaments. Ken took on the job as her

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WORLD OF TENPIN



Louise Fleming — Making her international debut at the Leisureplex, Tallaght, today

coach and I'm sure she would be the first to agree that he should take some of the credit for her success. Her greatest achievement to date was coming second in the recent World Cup Qualifier in Stillorgan.

The other ladies on the team with Louise are Elida Goldwater, Marcia Goldwater, Antoinette Horan, Nicola Mahon, Rachel Power, Emer Tracey and Lorraine Weldon. The reserves are Anita Waugh and Fiona Donnelly. The men's team are Barry Galligan, Stephen Kenna, Stephen Lynch, Aaron Mayland, Robbie McAvoy, Declan McKeown, Graham Ryan and David Staines. The reserves are Thomas Whelan and Stephen Weldon.

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Munster double bid

By Tom Higgins

MUNSTER will be seeking interprovincial camogie honours over the weekend when they travel to Dublin for the Gael-Linn competitions.

The junior side will play two games, while the seniors, having been given a walkover by Connacht, will face either Ulster or Leinster in the final.

Since the teams were originally selected there have been a few withdrawals. Sandie Fitzgibbon is not travelling because basketball commitments while Linda Mellerick, who was injured in the Club final with the Glen last Sunday, is also an absentee.

Their places will be taken by Patricia Murphy of Glen Rovers and

Eithne Duggan of Bishopstown. Sheenagh Morley from Bishopstown is added to the panel.

The Munster teams are:
SENIOR: K Costine (Cork); C Madden (Tipperary); B Kenny (Cork); L Towler (Cork); P Goggins (Cork); T O'Callaghan (Cork) capt; S Dunlea (Cork); E Duggan (Cork); T Bonnar (Tipperary); P Murphy (Cork); L Dunlea (Cork); I O'Keefe (Cork); F O'Driscoll (Cork); D Hughes (Tipperary); C O'Mahony (Cork). Subs: R Desmond (Cork); D Cronin (Cork); S Morley (Cork).

JUNIOR: B O'Brien (Limerick); C Cronin (Cork); E Healy (Cork); A Sheehy (Limerick); R O'Meara (Tipperary); S Kelly (Tipperary); B O'Brien (Limerick); M Stokes (Tipperary); V Harris (Cork); K Burke (Limerick); H Kiely (Tipperary); M Burke (Limerick); M Butler (Waterford); P McCarthy (Limerick) capt; A Gleeson (Tipperary). Subs: N Dowling (Tipperary); E O'Mahony (Waterford); K Moloney (Tipperary); N O'Regan (Cork).

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Super Munster record double over Ulster

Munster 4-11,
Ulster 2-7

MUNSTER had an overwhelming victory over Ulster in this Senior Gael Linn Inteprovincial Camogie final played at Silver Park Stirlorlin yesterday.

Ulster, who had earlier in the day inflicted a short defeat on Leinster, the holders in the semi-final, found Munster, who got a bye to the final, a formidable force.

At the break Munster led 4-7 to 0-3 and despite an excellent performance by Ulster in the second-half the issue was never in doubt as Munster coasted to a ten point victory.

Scorers for Munster: D. Hughes 1-2; I. O'Keefe 1-1; T. Bonner and P. Murphy 1-0 each; L. Dunlea and C. O'Mahony 0-3 each; S. Dunlea and F. O'Driscoll 0-1 each.

Ulster: M. McAleenan 2-3; O. Murphy, M. Black, U. McGovern and I. Kiernan 0-1 each.

Munster: K. Costine, C. Madden, B. Kenny, L. Towler, P. Goggins, T. O'Callaghan (capt), S. Dunlea, E. Duggan, T. Bonner, P. Murphy, L. Dunlea, I. O'Keefe, F. O'Driscoll, D. Hughes, C. O'Mahony. Subs: R. Desmond, D. Cronin and S. Morley.

Ulster: M. McKee, T. McNally, D. Greenan, C. Byrne, R. McCluskey, N. McGee, O. Murphy, M. Black (capt), O. McKeown, B. McBride, M. McAleenan, G. McMullin, G. Fitzpatrick, P. McEvoy, U. McGovern. Subs: I. Kiernan, C. Sands, M. Curry, L. Smith.

Referee: A. Durham (Dublin).

Munster 5-9,
Ulster 2-12

MUNSTER made it a double celebration when they collected the Junior Gael Linn interprovincial camogie title when they got the better of Ulster in this final played at Silver Park, Stirlorlin, yesterday.

After an entertaining first-half, Munster led 2-5 to 1-5 at the break. After early second-half goals by Munster's Helen

Kiely and Pauline McCarthy, Ulster fought back gallantly with a goal by Leona Fay.

However, Munster proved too strong in the closing stages and edged on to record a six point victory.

Scorers for Munster: P. McCarthy 3-0; H. Kiely 1-2; N. O'Regan 1-0; V. Harris 0-3; N. Kennedy and K. Burke 0-2 each.

Ulster: L. Fay 1-7; C. Conway 1-0; M. Donnelly 0-2; C. Browne, C. McGarry and B. Burke 0-1 each.

Munster: B. O'Brien, C. Cronin, E. Healy, A. Sheehy, R. O'Meara, S. Kelly, B. O'Brien, M. Stokes, V. Harris, K. Burke, H. Kiely, M. Burke, M. Butler, P. McCarthy (capt), A. Gleeson. Subs: N. Dwane, K. Maloney, E. Mahony, N. O'Regan.

Ulster: I. Gillen, P. Greene, M.R. McGready, G. Haughey, D. Cuning, R. McCurry, C. McGarry, P. McGuigan, L. Fay, E. Brennan, D. Savage, B. Burke, R. Butler, M. Donnelly, V. McCreavy. Subs: C. Conway, A. Irwin, D. O'Boyle, C. Browne.

Referee — Miriam Callaghan (Offaly).

●Semi-finals results: Junior — Ulster 4-8, Leinster 2-8; Munster 1-11, Connacht 2-4. Senior — Ulster 2-10, Leinster 1-12; Munster a bye.

Villages celebrate first camogie title

THE villages of Ballinsdee and Ballinaspittle were en fete last Sunday as the first County camogie title was brought home by their junior team.

Earlier in the day at Ballineen they triumphed in the county B league decider against holders, Cobh. It was a proud captain Teresa Moloney who received the trophy from county board representative, Mary McSweeney, who had also refereed the game.

Ground conditions were dry as Cobh's Geraldine Martin opened the scoring with a 30 metre free in the seventh minute and followed with a similar effort three minutes later.

Both sides were feeling their way at this stage but the Cobh midfielders and half forwards were exerting a lot of pressure.

Some splendid defending by Courceys held them at bay before Eileen McCarthy put over the winners' first and only point in the opening half.

With Bernadine O'Donovan moving to full forward and Mary Murphy going out to the wing plus the introduction of Niamh Downing in the second half, Courceys began to create the chances, but

it was Cobh who scored again before the South East side really began to motor.

Shirley Moloney pointed to really put them on the winning trail and when Mary Murphy rattled the Cobh rigging after a super pass from her sister Clare, Courceys had a winning look about them. Bernadine O'Donovan won another great ball on the wing before sending it in for their second goal and in the final ten minutes Courceys kept the gap at five points to win a game in which the tremendous defensive work of Joanne Hayes, Carol Hannon and the lovely hurling of Ann Marie Nolan was a joy to watch. Behind them Rachel Moloney made a crucial second half save in a game that finished Courcey Rovers 2-3, Cobh 0-3.

Courcey Rovers— R. Moloney, A. M. Nolan, C. Hannon, J. Hayes, C. Murphy, S. Moloney, T. Moloney, B. O'Donovan, M. O'Donoghue, C. Murphy, E. McCarthy, M. Murphy, Sub. N. Downing. Cobh— M. Connolly, P. Walker, A. O'Flaherty, S. Piggott, C. Ronan, G. Meaney, G. Martin, L. Carroll, A. Rowe, C. Roche, M. Hayes, M. Kearney, Subs. E. Kerr, L. O'Brien.

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Lisdowney, Kilkenny collected their first All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship title when Angela Downey rescued her side from the jaws of defeat by Glen Rovers, Cork with four goals in the final quarter at Ballyragget. Glen Rovers, going for their third title in a row, looked much the sharper side in the opening half, and were three points up before Angela Downey opened Lisdowney's account with a point from a free. The Glen scoring ace, Lynn Dunlea pulled one back before Marina Downey added a further two points. The Glen then took over the scoring 1-3 without a reply, the goal coming from Geraldine McCarthy.

Marina Downey had another three points for the Leinster club. The Glen were in great scoring form and built up a lead of 1-10 to 0-6 at the break.

The early stages of the second half was a lack-lustre affair. Three more points from the Cork side gave them a ten point lead entering the last quarter. Anne Downey pulled one back and on the sixteenth minute, Angela Downey had Lisdowney's first goal from a thirty five metre free. It was at this stage that Lisdowney stamped their authority on the proceedings. Great defensive work by Brigid Barnaville, Fran Shore and Brigid Wall closed down Glen Rovers attack allowing them to score just two points in this final quarter. Anne Downey goalied in the 22nd minute, two points by Marina Downey and a hat trick of goals by Angela Downey, put the issue beyond doubt.

Final score: Lisdowney 5-9 Glen Rovers 1-15. **Scorers:** Lisdowney: Angela Downey 4-1, Marina Downey 0-7, Anne Downey 1-1. **Glen Rovers:** Lynn Dunlea 0-14, Geraldine McCarthy 1-0, Patricia Murphy 0-1.

Lisdowney team: Veronica Wall, Caroline Glendon, Brigid Wall, Brigid Barnaville, Fran Shore, Catherine Dunne Capt., Anne Downey, Sandra Gleeson, Marina Downey, Aine Dunne, Angela Downey, Anne Marie Hughes. **Subs:** Noelle O'Driscoll for Aine Dunne, Olivia Donnelly for Anne Marie Hughes. **Rest of Panel:** Martina Tallis, Mary Brennan and Deirdre Delaney. **Glen Rovers:** Mairead O'Leary, Deirdre McCarthy, Mary Ring, Stephanie Dunlea, Sadie Fitzgibbon Capt., Denise Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan, Patricia Murphy, Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Claire McCarthy. **Subs:** Yvonne McCarthy, Mary Currid, Emma Harte, Mandy Kenefick, Ann Lonergan. **Referee:** Aine Derham, Dublin.

A late point from Deirdre Connolly claimed the points for University of Ulster, Jordanstown in this exciting Higher Education Camogie League tie. Minutes earlier Mary Black led a successful fight back for Queens University when she had her sixth point of the game to equalise. In the first half Derry stars Helen Mulholland and Brona Birt secured a goal each for UUJ to leave them 2-3 to 0-4 ahead at the break.

A goal from Ciara Slevin and points from Mary Black and Dunloy player Elaine Dowds led to an exciting finish. **Final score:** UUJ 2-6 QUB 1-8. **Scorers:** UUJ: Brona Birt 1-1, Helen Mulholland 1-0, Claire McGarry and Grace McMullen 0-2 each, Deirdre Connolly 0-1. **QUB:** Mary Black 0-6, Ciara Slevin 1-0, Elaine Dowds 0-2.

Last week we mentioned the first Inter-Provincial Camogie game played in 1954 to celebrate the Association's Golden Jubilee at the Agricultural Grounds, Navan, Co Meath between Leinster and Ulster.

Records show that this was an excellent game. In no way perturbed by the heavy rain which fell for most of the game, the two teams gave an admirable display.

In spite of conceding an early goal Ulster had the edge in the early stages when they were faster to the ball and showed a sound sense of combination that was sometimes lacking among their opponents. By the end of the first quarter Leinster were trailing by two goals. Their forwards began to wake up and with Kathleen Mills, Una O'Connor and Sheila Sleater getting down to business they reduced the arrears and changed over just one point behind. Half time score: Ulster 3-3 Leinster 3-2.

In the second half Leinster got the upper hand with the legendary Kathleen Mills, Una O'Connor and Ettie Kearns producing top form. Ulster had good performers in Corrie Rankin and Maeve Gilroy with P O'Gorman, P McCloskey and P O'Brien putting in a good effort. **Final Score:** Leinster 8-3 Ulster 5-3. **Scorers:** Leinster: Una O'Connor 3-0, Kathleen Mills 2-1, Eileen Burke 2-0, Kay Douglas 1-1, Annette Corrigan 0-1. **Ulster:** P McCluskey 2-1, S O'Gorman 1-1, M Gilroy and I O'Reilly 1-0 each, P O'Brien 0-1. **Leinster Panel:** E Duffy, S Donnelly, A Corrigan, K Mills, S Sleater, U O'Connor, E Burke (Dublin), A Kearns, E Kearns, M Duman (Meath), M Kavanagh, A Kavanagh, K Douglas (Wicklow), K Woods and S O'Connor (Louth). **Ulster:** M Forde, M Gilroy, I O'Reilly, D O'Gorman, C Kearns (Antrim), T Halferty, C Rankin, P O'Brien, P McCloskey, T Clarke (Derry), B King, B McHenry, MA Donnelly (Armagh), N Deneher, N O'Brien (Cavan), B Kelly (Down).

SENIOR CLUB GLORY FOR LISDOWNEY



Ettie Kelly (nee Kearns) Meath, who played for Leinster in 1954, now residing in London and still involved in Camogie administration

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

On Sunday November 27th the Gael Linn Inter-Provincial semi-finals and finals in Junior and Senior took place at Silver Park, Stillorgan. It was the first time that they were played on the same day. It was the last of the 15-a-side played on a full size GAA pitch.

It was a great day for Munster as they secured both titles. The Senior semi-final Leinster v Ulster was an excellent encounter which created the shock of the day when Ulster got the verdict by the minimum margin. Ulster were a very determined side and took the game to their opponents from the start. Leinster found it difficult to settle. After the first quarter it was evident that the holders were going to have quite a task on hand with Leinster holding a slender lead of 0-5 to 1-1. After an end to end battle the sides were level at the break. Ulster 1-5 Leinster 0-8. By the end of the third quarter points by Mary Black and Bernie McBride put Ulster ahead. Anne Downey levelled up again. On the 29th minute Mary Black put Ulster in front by a point. From the puck out Leinster's Catherine Murphy gained possession, her shot at goal was finished to the net by Sinead Millea, but seconds later Mairin McAleenan scored the winning goal for Ulster.

Final Score: Ulster 2-10 Leinster 1-12. Scorers: Ulster: Mairin McAleenan 1-2, Patricia McEvoy 1-1, Mary Black 0-4, Bernie McBride 0-2, Ursula McGivern 0-1. Leinster: Anne Downey 0-9, Sinead Millea 1-0, Angela Downey 0-2, Anne Marie O'Connor 0-1.

Ulster team: Margaret McKee, Teresa McNally (Armagh), Donna Greenan (Down), Roisin McCluskey (Derry), Nuala McGee (Down), Colette Byrne, Oriagh Murphy, Mary Black, Olive McGeown, Bernie McBride (Armagh), Mairin McAleenan (Down), Grace McMullan (Antrim), Glenda Fitzpatrick (Fermanagh), Patricia McEvoy, Ursula McGivern (Armagh). Subs: Ita Kiernan (Cavan), Coleen Sands, Laura Smith (Down), Michelle Curry (Fermanagh).

Leinster: Terri Butler, Stella Synott Capt., Catherine Murphy (Wexford), Deirdre Malone (Kilkenny), Cathy Walsh (Dublin), Gillian Dillon, Marina Downey (Kilkenny), Paula Rankin, Fiona Dunne, Anne Marie O'Connor, Anne Reedy, Esme Murphy (Wexford), Ann Downey, Angela Downey, Sinead Millea (Kilkenny). Subs: Melanie Treacy (Kildare), Sinead Costello (Kilkenny), Carmel Gray (Dublin). Referee: Biddy Phillips (Tipperary).

In the other semi-final Connacht did not field. Munster got a bye to the final.

In the final Munster had a convincing win over Ulster. At the break Munster led 4-7 to 0-3. Despite an excellent performance by Ulster in the second half the issue was never in doubt as Munster coasted to a ten point victory.....

Final Score: Munster 4-11 Ulster 2-7. Scorers: Munster: Deirdre Hughes 1-2, Irene O'Keefe 1-1, Triona Bonner and Patricia Murphy 1-0 each, Lynn Dunlea and Collette O'Mahony 0-3 each, Fiona O'Driscoll and Stephanie Dunlea 0-1 each. Ulster: Mairin McAleenan 2-3, Oriagh Murphy, Mary Black, Ursula McGivern and Ita Kiernan 0-1 each.

Munster team: Kathleen Costine (Cork), Claire Madden (Tipperary), Breda Kenny, Liz Towler, Paula Goggin, Therese O'Callaghan Capt., Stephanie Dunlea, Lynn Dunlea, Eithne Duggan, Patricia Murphy, Irene O'Keefe, Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork), Triona Bonner, Deirdre Hughes (Tipperary). Subs: Rose Desmond, Denise Cronin, Sheila Morley (Cork). Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

The Junior semi-finals was also an entertaining affair. Leinster v Ulster: A goal in the opening stages by Mary Donnelly gave Ulster a good start. They had 1-3 on the score board before Maggie Lynch opened Leinster's account with 0-1 on the 12th minute. At the break Ulster led 1-5 to 0-5.

Ulster continued to hold the upper hand in the second half. Leinster's Miriam Malone and Valerie Crean reduced the lead and Annette Heffernan put the sides level in the 22nd minute. Ulster set up a great attack and Mary Donnelly completed her hat trick of goals to gain a 2 goal victory.

Final Score: Ulster 4-8 Leinster 2-8. Scorers: Ulster: Mary Donnelly 3-0, Veronica McCreevy 1-1, Emer Brennan and Deirdre Savage 0-2 each, Brenda Burke, Brona McCorry and Leona Fay 0-1 each. Leinster: Annette Heffernan 1-1, Miriam Malone 1-0, Michelle Davis 0-3, Maggie Lynch 0-2, Valerie Crean and Michelle Aspel 0-1 each.

Ulster team: Imelda Gillen (Antrim), Pauleen Grenne (Down), Mary Rose McGready (Tyrone), Geraldine Haughey (Armagh), Deirdre Cuning, Bronagh McCorry, Claire McGarry (Antrim), Pauline McGuigan (Derry), Leona Fay (Tyrone), Eimear Brennan (Cavan), Deirdre Savage (Down), Brenda Burke (Tyrone), Rosie Butler (Antrim), Mary Donnelly (Armagh), Veronica McCreevy (Down). Subs: Colette Conway, Antoinette Irwin, Cathy Browne (Armagh), Denise O'Boyle (Antrim).

Leinster: Brigid Rosney (Offaly), Karen Bauer (Dublin), Deirdre Feeney, Nuala Kerrigan, Aisling Treacy (Kildare), Valerie Crean (Carlow), Anne Marie Dennihy, Dearbhla O'Carroll (Meath), Caoimhe Brennan, Michelle Aspel, Miriam Malone (Kildare), Fiona Corcoran (Dublin), Michelle Davis, Maggie Lynch (Offaly), Annette Heffernan Capt. (Westmeath). Subs: Kathleen Brennan, Mary Coady, Marie Sheehan (Carlow). Referee: Betty Joyce

(Cork).

In the other semi-final Connacht, who were represented by an all Roscommon outfit put up a great display against a strong Munster side.

Connacht got off to a great start and going into the second quarter led 2-2 to 0-0. Munster took over and left two points separating the sides at the break. Connacht 2-2 Munster 1-3.

The second half was an end to end battle and in the final ten minutes Munster drew away to a four point victory. Final Score: Munster 1-11 Connacht 2-4. The Roscommon girls are to be complimented on their initiative. Scorers: Munster: Pauleen McCarthy 1-6, Helen Kiely and Vivienne Harris 0-2 each, Kay Burke 0-1. Connacht: Mairead Coyle 1-1, Maeve Healy 1-0, Karina Jones 0-2, Mary Gannon 0-1.

Munster Team: Brid O'Brien (Limerick), Colette Cronin, Evelyn Healy (Cork), Agnes Sheehy (Limerick), Regina O'Meara, Susan Kelly, Maeve Stokes (Tipperary), Bernie O'Brien, Kay Burke (Limerick), Vivienne Harris (Cork), Mary Burke, Pauleen McCarthy Capt. (Limerick), Martha Butler (Waterford), Helen Kiely, Ann Gleeson (Tipperary). Subs: Nora Dwane, Kailfee Moloney (Tipperary), Elaine Mahoney (Waterford), Niamh O'Regan (Cork).

Connacht: Ursula Hussey, Teresa Carly, Catherine Hoare, Marie Lennon, Maura Lawless, Mary Nagle, Ann Reddington, Charmaine Cooney, Emer Farrell, Hilary Hussey, Mary Gannon, Majella Byrne, Maeve Healy, Mairead Coyle, Karina Jones (Capt.). Subs: Anne Finnerty, Mairead McDermott, Mairead Connaughton. Referee: Catherine McAllister (Antrim).

In the final Ulster, the holders failed to retain their title to a nifty Munster side. After an entertaining first half Munster led 2-5 to 1-5 at the break. After early second half goals by Munster's Helen Kiely and Pauleen McCarthy, Ulster fought on gallantly with Leona Fay pulling one back. Munster proved too strong in the closing stages and edged on to a six point victory, on a score of 5-9 to 2-12.

Scorers: Munster: Pauleen McCarthy 3-0, Helen Kiely 1-2, Niamh O'Regan 1-0, Vivienne Harris 0-3, Noelle Kennedy and Kay Burke 0-2 each. Ulster: Leona Fay 1-7, Colette Conway 1-0, Mary Donnelly 0-2, Cathy Browne, Claire McGarry and Brenda Burke 0-1 each. Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan (Offaly).

Great Day For
MUNSTER
At Gael Linn
Inter Provincials

Hurler elected to camogie committee

MARTIN McDONNELL, the well-known Inniscarra hurler, who had several outings with Cork in the 1980's, became the first man to be elected to a Cork Camogie selection committee since the 1940's, when the county convention was held at Páirc Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

McDonnell, whose brother Pat is a Cork senior hurling selector, won a contest for places on the county's under-18 selection team, having coached Cork minors (under-16) last season. The long time ban on males becoming county camogie selectors was lifted at last year's convention. Long-serving Miriam Murphy was asked to re-consider her decision to opt out of being a senior selector. She explained that a lack of support for the county team was her main reason for

not allowing her name go forward. "People do not simply care," Murphy said. Marie Kearney was the only nominee from the floor and the meeting decided she would nominate her own selector at the next county board meeting. County champions Glen Rovers will supply a selector as well.

Cork's inability to field a team for a junior league game away to Carlow over the October Bank Holiday weekend which resulted in a £300 fine for Central Council came up for discussion. Chairperson Sheila Golden, a junior selector also, explained that every effort was made to get a team together, but enough players were simply not available.

The report of Secretary Tracy Sheehan was criticised by Rose Desmond (Bishopstown) for unnecessary mention of the county final during the summer. "The press made a big meal out of it, thought the matter was finished," she said.

One of the big problems facing the board, delegates were told, was the lack of a sponsor, which proved a big drawback. The board's funds will receive a boost from the proceeds of a 45 card drive at St. Finbarr's club in Toghther this night week, but the need for a sponsor was stressed by many speakers.

The continuing problem with a shortage of referees was raised in the Chairperson's report. "We have very few top class referees and the few we have are overburdened with games,"

Sheila Golden said. "A number of clubs in the county still get away with the excuse that they do not have a referee and I believe the incoming board must be tough and enforce the existing bye-law in this area," she added.

The topic was also touched on by President Mary Moran in her address. She called on the more experienced referees to foster one or two young would-be referees and show them the way.

The most notable transfer application was that of Cork minor Ellen Clifford, who sought to move from Na Piarasigh to St. Finbarr's. Delegates were told that the Na Piarasigh club did not sign the transfer form, but the player appealed to convention, who voted in favour of the move.

A motion from the Eire Og club calling for a three person committee to consider all existing by-laws was passed. Tracy Sheehan, Miriam Murphy and Rose Desmond were elected to the committee.

PRO Mary Newman-McCarthy criticised clubs for not co-operating in providing results of games to the Cork Examiner and she suggested linking up with division secretaries to overcome the problem.

All the outgoing officers were returned unopposed. Pres. M. Moran (St. Finbarr's); Chair. S. Golden (Inniscarra); Vice-do. M. McCarthy (St. Finbarr's); Sec. T. Sheehan (Mayfield); Treas. M. McSweeney (Bandon); Reg. L. O'Sullivan (Ballincollig); PRO. M. Newman-McCarthy

(Glen Rovers); Fix Sec. S. Kidney (Ballincollig). Senior. M. Kearney (Sarsfields), plus one from county champions Glen Rovers.

Junior. L. O'Sullivan (Ballincollig), K. Dunne (do), M. O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons), plus one from intermediate champions, Inniscarra, and junior "A" champions Ballinora.

U-18. A. Ryan (Inniscarra), F. O'Donovan (St. Finbarr's), T. Sheehan (Mayfield), M. McDonnell (Inniscarra), plus one from county champions, to be decided.

U-16. J. O'Leary (Inniscarra), B. Joyce (Killeagh), S. O'Brien (Eire Og), G. Barry-Murphy (Aghabullogue), plus one from county champions Bishopstown.

Officers of the Carrigdhoun Camogie Association:
Front Row: Teresa Murphy, Chairperson, William Flynn, Secretary. Back Row: Mary Bagler, Hon. Treasurer, Micheal Barrett, P.R.O., Marion Fleming, Vice-Chairperson.



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Mayfield triumph

Mayfield 2-4, Ballygarvan 0-6

MAYFIELD came from two points behind at the interval to defeat Ballygarvan in the final of the Cork Camogie Under-14 "B" League final at Mayfield on Saturday. Scorers. Mayfield. D. Weathers (1-1), R. Long (1-0), C. Bennett (0-3). Ballygarvan. O. O'Shea (0-5), J. Kelleher (0-1).



St. Brogan's, Bandon, winners of the Munster Vocational Senior Schools' Camogie Championship against Scoil Ruan, Killenuale at Mitchelstown. Included are manager Paudie Palmer and coach Pat Kenneally. —(Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

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CORK, Munster U-18 Camogie Champions, 1994. Back row, (left to right):- Marie Corkery, Mary O'Connor, Susan Barrett, Gillian Hannon (Captain), Linda O'Sullivan, Vivienne Harris, Tracy Ryan. Front row (left to right):- Trisha Doyle, Miriam Deasy, Alison Dibworth, Niamh O'Regan, Leona Nolan.



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Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael has had a National Coaching Programme in operation for twenty years. Numerous people have come through the system and their contribution as coaches is evident in the development of the game.

The Association has taken its coaching scheme a step further by participating in the Tutor Training Programme in the National Coaching and Training Centre in Limerick. Two coaches are now in the second year of the Programme and are, with the central Coaching Committee, involved in drawing up plans for the future development of coaching.

Arrangements are being made to select an additional two people to undertake the course in N.C.T.C. Information and application forms are available from County Secretaries and from an tArdunai, Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, Croke Park, Dublin 3. The closing date for receipt of application is 21st December 1994.

Whenever Kilkenny and Cork meet in the Senior Championship or League it always creates a big interest. For the past three years the sides faced each other in the semi final of the Senior Open Draw. If they are to meet in the Championship in '95 it will be in the final, according to the draw made recently. Teams are seeded as follows: 1. Cork, Kilkenny, Galway, Wexford. 2. Armagh, Dublin, Kildare, Clare.

Draw: (A) Galway v Armagh, venue Galway. (B) Wexford v Dublin, venue Wexford. (C) Cork v Clare, venue Clare. (D) Kilkenny v Kildare, venue Kildare. Semi finals: A v D, B v C.

Intermediate Championship: (A) Armagh a bye. (B) Kildare v Clare, (C) Tipperary v Galway, (D) Down v Dublin. First named have home venue. Semi finals: B v A, D v C.

Galway's second string have entered the Intermediate Championship by virtue of their All-Ireland Junior Championship win this season. It shows a very interesting competition in both codes for 1995.

A Presentation was made recently to Mary Moran, Cork by The National Colleges Council to mark her 25th year as Secretary of the Council. Mary is a former Uachtaran and P.R.O. of the Association and has coached many young people the skills over the years. Mary holds the position of President of Cork County Board. Long may you continue the good work, Mary.

Last year's beaten finalists University of Ulster, Jordanstown had an easy passage to the quarter finals of the Ashbourne Cup when they had a comprehensive win over Dublin City University at the latter venue. By half time the winners led 4-11 to 0-0 with Deirdre Connelly responsible for a hat trick of goals. Final score: U.U.J. 5-16, D.C.U. 0-0. Scorers: Deirdre Connolly 3-2, Claire McGarry 0-6, Caitriona Higgins 1-2, Fionnula Fearon 1-0, Grace McMullan 0-3, Denise O'Boyle 0-2, Brona Birt 0-1.

Queens University, Belfast also made their way to the quarter finals when they got the better of the home side University of Ulster, Coleraine. It was an entertaining first half with scores hard to come by. The winners led 0-3 to 0-1 at the break. In the second half Mary Black picked off some valuable points for Queens to leave them worthy winners 1-10 to 1-2. Scorers: Q.U.B.: Mary Black 0-6, Valerie Hynds 1-0, Donna McCusker 0-3, Claire Scullion 0-1. U.U.C.: Ursula Doyle 1-0, Eimear Tobin and Michelle Kealey 0-1 each.

Results: U.C.G. 5-12, Mary 1 Limerick 0-1.

Higher Education League: Q.U.B.: 4-10, St. Mary's Belfast 0-4.

Ulster Colleges Junior Semi final.

St. Patrick's Maghera 2-4, St. Mary's Magherafelt 3-1 (a draw). Scorers: St. Patrick's: Janie Fullerton 1-1, Claire McNicholl 1-0, Ciara Kidd 0-2, Paula McAtamney 0-1. St. Mary's: Simone Forbes 1-1, Denise McCann and Amanda Kennedy 1-0 each.

As we lay aside the caman and sliotar until the New Year, the Camogie Association can look back on a very successful year, with three "Firsts" going into the history books. Galway capturing the National Senior League, Armagh the Intermediate Championship and Lisdowney, Kilkenny the Club Championship.

Kilkerley, Louth made their own piece of history when they captured the "Milk Cup". A tournament which involves the Championship finalists from Louth, Kildare, Meath and Westmeath.

We now take a break until early January. In the meantime I would like to hear from County P.R.O.'s on their conventions, officers elected or any happenings of note within your county.

I wish all readers of "Camogie World" the Seasons Greetings and a word of thanks to the Editor and Staff of Hogan Stand for the space they have afforded us during the year.



Phyliss Breslin, Cathaoirleach of Leinster Council, presents the Milk Cup to Mary McGivern, Captain of Kilkerley, Louth

National Coaching Programme In Operation For 20 Years

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MARY MORAN RECALLS THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR ON THE CAMOGIE SCENE

More often than not the annual review of the camogie season over the past years focused on Angela Downey. It is no different in 1994. Had Angela not been coaxed out of retirement, the O'Duffy Cup would not rest in Kilkenny.

Four points against Clare in the opening round was modest by her standards. But when the going got tough, Angela got going. In the company of four newcomers to championship camogie, Angela took the field against arch rivals and All-Ireland champions Cork in Ballinlough. Perhaps she is not as fleet of foot as she has been and may not cover as much ground but when an opportunity presents itself her deadly finish remains intact.

Liz Towler won the lion's share of the balls which she contested with Angela. But from limited possession, Angela found the back of the net on three occasions and Cork were out of the championship. Against Wexford in the final, Angela was on hand when most needed and her two goals and three points was the deciding factor once again.

Veronica Curtin was another name to catch the headlines in 1994. This extremely talented fourteen year old careered through opposing



KILKENNY ... All-Ireland Senior Champions for the 12th time.

defences with ease to strike home picture scores. In the colours of Galway Veronica won a notable double. She linked up with Aoife Tannian, Fiona Healy and Anne Hilliary to form a devastating minor forward-line and registered a personal tally of 3-5 in the All-Ireland Minor final against Tipperary.

In the company of older players Veronica again caught the eye in the All-Ireland Junior Final. Pitted against Limerick's experienced defender, Helen Clifford the Galway teenager scored 2-2 and won for herself the Player of the Match award. The progress of her camogie career will be watched with interest.

Noelle Kennedy will also cherish fond memories of this season. As captain of St. Mary's, Nenagh, Noelle played a most influential role as her side marched through Munster and on to All-Ireland success. Her leadership qualities were very much in evidence against Loreto, Kilkenny and again in the final against St. Patrick's, Maghera when many of the players around her had difficulty in finding form. Noelle will be one of the players to bring Tipperary back to the senior grade.

1994 was a notable year for Belle O'Loughlin. Elected to the top post of President of the Camogie Association in Howth last March, Belle set about her duties in a business like way and is certain to make an impact during her term of office.

The season had high points for Galway and Pearse's player, Sharon Glynn. A powerful performer, Sharon was to the forefront when Galway captured their first national title at senior level. Ten points from the accurate midfielder was

significant as Galway disposed of Tipperary to lift the National Senior League Title.

Many expected to see Sharon back in Croke Park on All-Ireland Day. However, an inspired display from Fiona Dunne who scored 2-10 in the senior championship semi-final for Wexford put paid to that. But those who travelled early caught more than a glimpse of Sharon's talent as she cruised by a variety of opposition at the Kilmacud Sevens. The best of Sharon Glynn is yet to come.

Armagh enjoyed a great season and won the right to enter the Open Draw for 1995. Ursula McGivern, Mary Black, Mary Donnelly, Margaret Moriarty and Olive McGeown will relish the opportunity to pit their combined ability against the top teams in the game.

Apart from Angela Downey, several Kilkenny girls may feel pleased with their performances. Anne Downey played a captain's part in the engine-room of the side. Gillian Dillon has reverted to centre-back to fill the shoes of retired star, Bridie McGarry. At the moment she is a very capable replacement and will grow in the position.

Kilkenny newcomers, Michelle Fennelly, Sinead Costello and Marie Maher made the grade collecting All-Ireland Senior medals at the first attempt. All were keeping up the family tradition. Young Michelle is a niece of Mary Fennelly who captained Kilkenny to success in 1976. First cousins, Sinead and Marie, are daughters of the Casin twins who played for Kilkenny in the early seventies. A long run in the black and amber lies ahead of all three.

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CAMOGIE COMMENT

BY

MARY NEWMAN McCARTHY

1994 will not be remembered as one which brought a lot of success, on the inter county fields. A major disappointment was the relinquishing of our All-Ireland Crown to the eventual winners Kilkenny. Cork's progress in the National league was halted at the semi-final stage by Galway. Wexford and Galway contesting the final with Galway taking the title. August 24th. was red letter day when Kilkenny travelled to Ballinlough to take on a Cork side seeking a three in a row of All-Ireland titles. The Noreiders were determined to make amends for 1993 and with Angela Downey playing a major role once again they managed to pip Cork by 1 goal and qualify for the final where they easily defeated Wexford. Whilst the Cork camp must be disappointed, its time to pick up the pieces and have another crack at it, hopefully '95 will see the O'Duffy Cup back in Leaside.

The Cork Junior team made tremendous progress and reached the League Final where they met All-Ireland Champions Armagh in Ballincollig. Cork were unlucky to only draw on the first day, however in the replay the All-Ireland champions were sharper and Cork suffered a heavy defeat. In the Munster Championship we had to give way to Limerick who were to go on to reach the All-Ireland Final only to loose out to Galway by the narrowest of margins.

The Cork U-18 side recorded a marvellous victory over Clare in their opening game and went on to meet Limerick in the Final when they served up a tremendous display to take the honours on a scoreline 1-9 to 2-4. Leading by 1 point at half-time, Cork were rocked by two Limerick goals. After the break, however, they recovered quickly with a Trish Doyle goal.

Excellent displays from Mary O'Connor, Viv Harris and Maria Corkery ensured that Cork held onto the game and recorded a great victory.

The U-18's became the only side to bring Inter-county honours to the County and congratulations go to the girls and their mentors who worked so hard for victory. Jill Hannon received the trophy on behalf of an excellent Cork side.

One must wonder at the wisdom of this competition and think how much better it would be if it went further than provincial level, it would serve as preparation of players for the step up to Junior and Senior grade.

By virtue of a decision taken at County Convention, County and All-Ireland Champions Glen Rovers, had the unique honour of being the only club to contest this year's Co. Championship where they were joined by divisional sides from Muskerry, Imokilly, Carbery and Scandun. These divisional sides came about because of a motion to establish a Senior "B" grade. Former senior clubs Sarfields, St. Finbarrs, Na Piarsaig, Bishopstown, Fr. O'Neills, Kilbrittan, Killeagh and intermediate champions Brian Dillons all sought and were granted re-grading to this new grade. They then formed divisional sides to contest the Cork Senior County championship. The final saw Glen Rovers take on Scandun which was a city selection with players from Na Piarsaig, Brian Dillons, St. Finbarrs and Bishopstown. A lively first half saw the sides level at 6 points each, in the second half the pace upped considerably with Scandun racing into a 5 point lead, however the defending champions were not going to succumb easily and slowly got back on level terms with five points from Therese O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick and Lynn Dunlea. With nine minutes remaining they took the lead

and immediately afterwards Lynn Dunlea crashed the ball to the net past a helpless Scandun goalie to give the Glen a four points lead. They added a further point to finish 1-14 to 1-9. After the game a jubilant Sandy Fitzgibbon crowned a marvellous career when she proudly accepted the "Science Cup" the symbol of Cork Camogie supremacy, from Sile Golden chairperson Cork Camogie Board, much to the delight of the Glen Rovers supporters who burst into song.

Glen Rovers went on to retain their Munster Club Championship Crown with wins over Toomevara (Tipperary), in the semi-final and Wolfe-Tones (Shannon) in the final. The final was a thrilling game with the score line 2-11 to 1-2 not telling the true picture of the game. At the time of writing Glen Rovers take on Na Piarsaig of Galway in the All-Ireland club semi-final due to be played on November 6th.

The inaugural Senior B championship was won by Bishopstown who had to go to a replay with Fr. O'Neills in their opening round. However they held off a spirited Kilbrittan challenge in the final which they won on the scoreline 1-11 to 2-5, to become the first holders of the title.

The Intermediate championship saw Eire Og who regraded to intermediate in 1991 take on Inniscarra in the final. In a thrilling contest Inniscarra came out on top, thanks in no small way to a superb performance from Cork inter county star Irene O'Keeffe. Sile Golden chairperson of the County Board had the honour of presenting the intermediate trophy to Margaret O'Donovan who captained Inniscarra, a special moment as Sile is also a member of the Inniscarra club. Inniscarra recorded a double by winning the intermediate league.

Bishopstown were highly fancied to take the U-16 A County title and did so when they defeated St. Vincent's in a highly entertaining final.

Tracton put the disappointment of 1993 behind them when they defeated Mayfield in the U-16 B Final.

Feile na n-Gael has always been a keenly contested competition and 1994 was no exception, defending champions Aghubullogue once again reached the final where they met Bishopstown however they held onto their title and went on to represent Cork in Limerick where they were hosted by the Newtown Shandrum club and whilst not

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A Trio of Champions

Glen Rovers, Cork County Senior Champions 1994. Back row (l to r): E. Harte, H. Deane, D. McCarthy, M. Ring, A. Lornegan, G. McCarthy-Whitnell, P. Murphy, M. O'Leary, C. McCarthy, T. O'Callaghan, Y. McCarthy, Noel Lynam (Coach). Front row (l to r): U. Horgan, H. Kenefick, F. McCarthy, L. Dunlea, Sandie Fitzgibbon (Capt), L. Mellerick, D. Cronin, M. Currid, S. Dunlea and A. Coleman.



Bishopstown, Senior "B" Winners 1994. Back row (l to r): Threse O'Connor, Rose Desmond, Liz O'Neill, Anne Cread, Una Keating, Sheenagh Horley, Mary Collins, Liz Towler, Eithne Duggan, Kirsty Ryan. Front row (l to r): Vivienne Harris, Aine White, Patricia Doyle, Blaitin Keating, Clare Murphy (Capt), Lesley Walsh and Aine Buckley.

Inniscarra, Intermediate County Championship and League Winners 1994. Back row (l to r): Geraldine Keohane, Yvonne Healy, Siobhan O'Shé, Elaine McMahon, Margaret-Noelle O'Sullivan, Nicola Buckley, Evelyn Moynihan, Catherine O'Callaghan, Aine M. O'Donovan, Tracy Ryan, Tony Hegarty (Trainer). Front row (l to r): Niamh O'Brien, Anne Golden, Catherine O'Leary, Irene O'Keeffe, Fiona O'Donovan, Margaret O'Donovan, Michelle O'Sullivan, Leonie Nolan, Edel Dineen.



coming out eventual winners they were worthy ambassadors of Cork. For the second year in a row Sinead Crowley from the Ballinhassig club represented Cork in the skills competition, with her skill and talent she is a name to watch out for in the years ahead.

A motion passed at County Convention also saw the setting up of an U-12 league, this proved to be a great success with Ballygarvan and Eire Og set to contest the final at the time of writing.

Sciath na Scoil competition continues to be a marvellous success with great work being done at Primary schools level through out the city and county. On June 8th., Paire Ui

Chaoimh was a hive of activity with the finals of the six sections taking place, the eventual winners were section (A) Knocknaheeney, (B) St. Patrick's, (C) Douglas, (D) Ballinaspsittal, (E) Kilcredan and (F) Clonteed.

In the south-east division the clubs got together to organise very successful inter divisional competitions. Clubs from the Shamrocks, Tracton, Ballygarvan, Ballinhassig, Coursey Rovers Carraigaline and Valley Rovers, all participated in competition under 13, 15 and 17 age groups. These competitions were a tremendous success and auger well for Camogie within the south-east division.

At the time of writing all our league competitions are at the concluding stages and hopefully will be completed by the end of the season.

Whilst 1994 saw us lose our All-Ireland title one must be pleased with the number of girls playing our game at the club and schools level. Our failure to attract a major sponsor for our senior and junior inter county teams in the year gone by was a source of major disappointment, one hopes that this situation can be rectified for the coming season as the availability of major sponsorship would be of enormous benefit in the promotion of our game. On this note we look forward with confidence to 1995.

THE CAMOGIE SCENE

Kilkenny Defeat Wexford To Win Their Twelfth Title

And Downey Twins Now Hold Twelve All-Ireland Medals Apiece

By P.J. FULLAM

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Kilkenny secured their twelfth All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship title when they defeated near neighbours and old rivals Wexford (2-11 to 0-8) in the final.

This is the sixth all-Leinster final since the introduction of the Open Draw in 1975, and the third meeting of Kilkenny and Wexford. Kilkenny won each of those finals, a trend Wexford were hoping to upset this year.

This win places Kilkenny high on the honours list, after being halted by Cork in the semi-final in '92 when they were chasing eight All-Irelands on the trot. The Downey sisters played a major part in this year's final and, in fact, it has been the same in every All-Ireland that Kilkenny have won. Anne captained the side and Angela received the 'Player of the Match' award.

Angela who is 37 now, is married to Ted Browne and they have a daughter Katie. Having been coaxed out of retirement for the Championship, Angela certainly proved that her skill had not diminished in any way. Her twin sister and herself hit three goals against Cork in the semi-final when Kilkenny had a three-point winning margin (4-9 to 2-12). And Angela posed a major threat throughout to Wexford in the final, scoring 2-3 of her team's tally, which was the winning margin in the end.

Angela played in her first All-Ireland in '72 and was joined by Ann in '74 when Kilkenny won the O'Duffy Cup for the first time. Other victories followed in '76, '77 and '81. The 'Magnificent Seven' came from '85 to '91.

Into Retirement Again

After the '94 final Angela announced her retirement once again, but can she be persuaded to continue? The Downeys each hold 12 All-Ireland senior Championship medals, just three behind the legendary Kathleen Mills, Dublin who has 15.

While Angela will be a loss to Kilkenny, the Noresiders are not without an abundance of young

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● Kilkenny captain, Ann Downey lifts the O'Duffy Cup in triumph at Croke Park after Kilkenny's twelfth title win. (Picture: Sportsfile)

NATIONAL LEAGUES CAMOGIE

SENIOR FINAL: June 12, Ballinasloe:

GALWAY 1-13; TIPPERARY 1-8

SEMI-FINALS: TIPPERARY 4-8; KILKENNY 2-7.

GALWAY 5-10; CORK 2-6.

JUNIOR FINAL: CORK 1-10; ARMAGH 1-10. Draw.

ARMAGH 1-13; CORK 1-2. Replay.

SEMI-FINALS: ARMAGH 4-7; LIMERICK 0-1. CORK 2-7; KILDARE 3-1.

THE CAMOGIE SCENE

Armagh Take First All-Ireland Intermediate Crown

Armagh took their first All-Ireland Intermediate Championship by defeating Kildare (7-11 to 3-11) in the final, which was a historic occasion, as it was played a curtain raiser to the All-Ireland U.21 Hurling final at Tullamore.

This competition was introduced to bridge the gap between Senior and Junior. The All-Ireland Junior champions now progress to Intermediate and are joined by certain senior Counties who are defeated in the first round of the Open Draw.

In the semi-finals Kildare defeated Down and Armagh had an overwhelming win over Dublin. In the final, the first half was very evenly contested, but Armagh pulled away to finish with a flourish. Eight of the team recorded scores with Mary Donnelly and

Bernie McBride accounting for 5-5 between them.

On the Kildare team, Miriam Malone, the 43-year-old veteran, notched 2-5 of her team's total. Miriam has been playing Inter-County Camogie for the past 29 years, and has accumulated an array of medals and awards, including three All-Ireland Junior Championship medals. Miriam is a stylish versatile performer who has no plans to retire.

Armagh can recall with pride some of their historic achievements, i.e. winning the inaugural National Junior League in 1980 and the inaugural 15-a-side National Junior League in '93. They are steadily climbing the ladder of success by winning the All-Ireland Junior last year and the All-Ireland Intermediate this year and could be a force to reckon with in senior grade in the not too distant future.

First Junior Title For Galway

Galway resisted a strong challenge from Limerick in the final (2-10 to 1-11) to win their first All-Ireland junior title since 1988, after challenging for the title for three years in a row. Fourteen year old Veronica Curtain was Galway's saviour when she notched 2-2 from the full forward berth, Veronica later received the 'Player of the Match' award. Limerick star Pauleen McCarthy chalked up a massive 1-9 of her team's total.

Minor Title Too

Galway were also successful in their bid for All-Ireland Minor Championship honours when they recorded a 7-13 to 3-9 win over Tipperary the holders. As in the junior 14-year-old star Veronica Curtain was Galway's hero scoring 3-6. This win brings their All-Ireland Minor Honours list to five, just three behind Cork.

Kilkenny's Twelfth Title

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talent including the Millea sisters, Tracey and Sinead, Brigid Mullaly and Gillian Dillon.

Wexford toppled the National Senior League Champ Galway in the semi-final (3-14 to 2-5). A nine point defeat in the All-Ireland final was harsh justice on their efforts to win their first senior crown in 19 years. They won three in '68, '69 and '75, they showed character to claw their way back after falling behind in the opening half.

They failed to match the sheer determination and fitness of their opponents in the final quarter.

Wexford too have quite an amount of talent. Their youngest player 15-year-old Esme Murphy enjoyed playing in the final, and with players of the calibre of Fiona Dunne, who has been their scoring ace on many occasions, Catherine Murphy and Stella Synott they vowed they will be back. But this may not be easy with such strong opposition as Cork and Galway waiting in the wings. All-Ireland Senior

League Title At First Attempt

Galway were once again to the fore when they secured their first National Senior League Title at their first attempt. They had a 1-13 to 1-8 win over Tipperary in the final, the last in the 15-1-side series.

Galway defeated Cork in the semi-final, while Tipperary, who are graded Intermediate defeated the holders Kilkenny at the same stage. Galway, who have been close to the top of senior ranks for many years reached the All-Ireland Senior Championship final last year.

Armagh captured their second National Junior League title back-to-back when they had an overwhelming 1-18 to 1-2 victory over Cork in the final replay, thus carving a special niche for themselves by winning both 15-a-side Junior League test series.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS CAMOGIE

SENIOR

FINAL: September 25. KILKENNY 2-11; WEXFORD 0-8.
SEMI-FINALS: August 21 Ballinlough: KILKENNY 4-9; CORK 2-12.
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Kay Ryder, Dublin	9
Bridie McGarry, Kilkenny	9
Deirdre Malone, Kilkenny	9
Sophia Brack, Dublin	8
Eileen O'Duffy, Dublin	8
Kay Lyons, Dublin	8
Eithne Leech, Dublin	8
Marian McCarthy, Cork	8
Joe Dunne, Kilkenny	8
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The Camogie Scene

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Brigid's Courage Reaps Big Reward

By Seamus Mac Aleenan

In 1991, the sporting future of Brigid McCorry looked very bright. At 19, she had already represented Antrim in Camogie at Senior level and been selected to play for the Combined Universities' side as a result of her performances as a wing back for Queen's when they became the first Ulster side to win the coveted Universities' championship for the Ashbourne Cup.

Right: Fiona McKenna and Brigid McCorry, who competed in the World Championship Open Doubles.
Below: The All action style of Brigid McCorry.



Brigid, a member of the St. Paul's Handball Club in Belfast, had also won several All-Ireland championships, including the Under - 19 and Junior singles and doubles titles. That Brigid has recently returned to this level of competition in both Camogie and Handball says much for the success of Medical Science and her own highly competitive nature.

In June of 1991, Brigid, then a First Year Food Science student at Queen's, packed her bag - and hurl of course - for a summer in the USA. In July, she contracted meningitis and lost her hearing and therefore her balance.

After three weeks treatment in America, she returned in a wheelchair to her native Belfast, determined to continue her life as it had been beforehand, her struggle to lip-read was laborious but she got a great boost when Belfast City Hospital began Cochlear Implants in May 1992.

Under consultant Joseph Toner, the Glengoland girl had a magnetic transmitter set on her head, batteries strapped to her wrist, with a microphone behind her ear.

'It was exciting, I could hear again and I was well on the way to coming to terms with

balance through sport. I began with cycling and handball and then progressed to camogie. I first just wanted to play, then when I managed that, I wanted to compete and when I thought I was succeeding there I wanted to get back on the Queen's Camogie team'.

By the spring of 1992, Brigid was back on the Ashbourne Cup panel, but a place on the team itself proved elusive. The same again in 1992. But 1993 did have its moments. Her club, Deirdre, enjoyed a great run in the Antrim Junior championship, with play - anywhere Brigid an automatic choice. Deirdre won the title - but sadly Brigid, on holiday, missed the final against Portlengone.

However her performances with Deirdre had not gone unnoticed as Queen's coach, Bernie McNally, had been keeping a close eye on the 22 year-old, and several League matches later handed Brigid her old No. 5 jersey for the Ashbourne Cup quarter-final against UUC in January this year.

'It was a very emotional moment for Brigid,' explained Bernie, not known in Camogie circles to select on sentiment.

'It meant so much to her, but I think it meant more because she got it on merit. Two

and a half years of effort went into that moment, and of course she performed for us'.

In the semi-final, although beaten by holders UUC, Brigid starred for her team by holding Grace McMullan and then Deirdre Connolly scoreless, no mean feat for someone relying on her sight and a battery to keep her off her backside.

'I have landed in a heap a couple of times at training for no apparent reason. I find it hard to hear what other players are saying during a game, but Bernie is not problem. She would deafen you along the line'.

'The doctors and my family had some reservations about me playing contact sports with a £14,000 implant, but my whole life revolves around sport'.

This interview had to be fitted into Brigid's hectic sporting, educational and social calendar. She trains three nights per week at handball and Brigid also plays or trains two night a week for Senior camogie.

It is a schedule which would make many dizzy, but which keeps one acid sportswoman's feet firmly on the ground.

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by P.J. Fulham

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That all changed with the Delaney goal at the three quarter stage which left the score 2-5 to 0-8. Although Galway fired over two points Brian McEvoy replied and the holders defence was subjected to tremendous pressure as the game entered the closing stages. Brendan Ryan picked up a Seamus Dollard delivery and crashed the ball to the Galway net from the most difficult of angles and when Dermot Maher added a superb point from the right wing to give his team a 3-7 to 0-10 lead, many in the huge crowd began to move towards the exit gates. Yes, it was all over and points from Ollie O'Connor, Dermot Maher and Robert Shortall sealed Kilkenny's 6th All-Ireland Under 21 title. The final score was Kilkenny 3-10, Galway 0-11.

The winning team and scorers was: Martin Carey, Sean Meally, Ned Drea, Barry Power, Adrian O'Sullivan, Eddie Dwyer, Philip Larkin (Capt.), Brian McEvoy (0-1), Dermot Maher (0-2), Seamus Dollard (0-1), Peter Barry, P.J. Delaney (1-3), Brendan Ryan (1-0), Denis Byrne (0-1) and Robert Shortall (1-1). Substitutes: Ollie O'Connor (0-1) and Dan O'Neill.

The coach of the winning team was Brendan O'Sullivan and his selectors were Phil Larkin, James Neary, Noel Doyle and Ger Henderson. It's interesting to note that eight of the winning team are eligible again in 1995, including the entire line down through the centre from goalkeeper Martin Carey to full forward Brendan Ryan. Yes, despite the loss of the McCarthy and Irish Press Cups, the future is still particularly bright for Kilkenny hurling.

And it's quite bright for Kilkenny camogie as well. The ladies were not to be outdone by the Under 21 hurlers and after a two year gap, they regained the O'Duffy Cup by beating Wexford in the final at Croke Park in September. But when the 1994 Championship is being reviewed, it is the victory over defending champions Cork at Ballinlough, Co. Cork in August that will provide the most enduring memories. The home team were 1-2 ahead after only six minutes and even at that stage, Kilkenny appeared to be in difficulties. But when your team includes Angela Downey-Browne then there's no reason to panic and sure enough it was the Ballyraggett star who got her team off the mark with a splendid goal after eight minutes. A point was conceded but Kilkenny were in determined mood and Marina Downey

began to dominate at centrefield. At the end of the first quarter it was 1-4 to 1-3 in favour of Kilkenny and the initiative swung back to the Cork girls. A goal from Sinead Millea helped Kilkenny to a one point interval lead, 2-5 to 1-7 and it was all to play for in the second half.

Cork had wind advantage in the second half and must have felt reasonably confident about qualifying for another final, but within seconds of the restart, Angela Downey-Browne had the ball in the net after Gillian Dillon had created the opportunity. Marina Downey added a point and the gap was now five points. Cork battled back; Colette O'Mahony fired in a goal and a point to leave the minimum margin separating the sides. At the three quarter stage, the teams were level, 3-6 to 2-9 but the Kilkenny mentors introduced Margaret Kavanagh and brought Marie Maher to centrefield. Cork went ahead through Sandy Fitzgibbon but Marina Downey equalised and then the same player gave Kilkenny the lead with an inspirational point. Sinead Millea pointed a free before the decisive score arrived. Gillian Dillon won the ball in the centre and passed to Marie Maher. Her centre was collected by Angela Downey-Browne who fired in her third goal to give Kilkenny a five point lead, 4-9 to 2-10. Cork

applied intense pressure but the Kilkenny defence stood firm, conceding only two points for a 4-9 to 2-12 victory.

Could Kilkenny bring back the O'Duffy Cup. Could the Downey twins win their twelfth All-Ireland medals? Yes, they could! But only after a titanic struggle against Wexford. The final score was 2-11 to 0-8 but seldom has a scoreline given such an inaccurate reflection of the game. For, make no mistake about it, the black and ambers had to work extremely hard to take their twelfth All-Ireland crown. It was a tough encounter with few, if any, frills, and with twelve minutes left there was only two points between them. However, sheer grit and determination enabled the Noreiders to score 1-4 without reply to take the cup after a two year gap. Inevitably the goal came from the legend herself, Angela Downey-Browne. And it was the second goal of the Final. Yes, the first goal, after twelve minutes was also scored by Angela. In total she scored 2-3 and when her three goals from the semi final win over Cork are added it's easy to assess her contribution to Kilkenny's triumph ... immense ... and absolutely crucial! Angela has announced her retirement and lets us wish her all the best in the years ahead ... she has been a credit to the game. The winning team, and scorers was: Michelle Fennelly, Sinead Costelloe, Tracey Millea, Gillian Dillon, Deirdre Malone, Marina Downey (0-1), Ann Downey (0-3), Marie Maher, Brigid Mullally (0-1), Catherine Dunne, Angela Downey (2-3) and Sinead Millea (0-2). Substitute: Brigid Barnaville (0-1).

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12.	Angela Downey, Kilkenny.
	Ann Downey, Kilkenny.
9.	Gerry Hughes, Dublin.
	Kay Ryder, Dublin.
	Bridie McGarry, Kilkenny.
	Deidre Malone, Kilkenny.
8.	Sophie Brack, Dublin.
	Eileen O'Duffy, Dublin.
	Kay Lyons, Dublin.
	Eithne Leech, Dublin.
	Marian McCarthy, Cork
	Jo Dunne, Kilkenny.
	Biddy O'Sullivan, Kilkenny.

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Armagh, All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Champions in 1994. Front, left to right: Deirdre Connolly, Olive McGeown, Mary Black (Capt.), Aine French, Orla Murphy, Siobhan Smith, Patricia McEvoy, Mary Donnelly. Back, left to right: Helen Mone, Bernie McBride, Maggie McKee, Geraldine Haughey, Collette Burns, Denise McCreanor, Celine McGeary, Rosie McClelland, Ursula McGivern, Margaret Moriarity, Tom Monaghan

beckoned

~ ~ Galway ~ ~ Galway ~ ~



Galway All-Ireland Junior Camogie Champions for 1994. Front, left to right: Fiona Regan, Martina Harkin, Emer Hardiman, Cora Curley, Veronica Curtin, Denise Gilligan, Gretta Maher. Back, left to right: Teresa Fallon, Carmel Hannon, Olive Costello, Helen Ryan, Fiona Earls. Mascot: Ciara Ward

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CAMOGIE EVENTS

1995

5 March, 1995

All-Ireland Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa
Finals - St. Patrick's Training College,
Drumcondra.

25-26 March, 1995

Annual Congress, Tower Hotel, Waterford

21 May, 1995

Senior National League Final

11 June, 1995

Junior National League Final

18 June, 1995

Gael Lin semi-finals and finals -
Junior & Senior (Inter-Provinceals)

24-25 June, 1995

Féile na nGael, Limerick

9 & 16 July, 1995

All-Ireland Minor
Championship semi-finals.
Laighin v Ulaidh
Mumha v Connachta

32 July, 1995

All-Ireland Junior
Championship quarter-final
Connachta v London

7 August, 1995

All-Ireland Minor Championship Final

13 August, 1995

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship
semi-finals

20 August, 1995

All-Ireland Junior Championship
semi-finals
Ulaidh v Connachta/London
Mumha v Laighin

27 August, 1995

All-Ireland Senior Championship
semi-finals

10 September, 1995

All-Ireland Intermediate
Championship Final

24 September, 1995

All-Ireland Junior Championship Final
All-Ireland Senior Championship Final

15 October, 1995

All-Ireland Club Championship
quarter-final
London v Connachta

5 November, 1995

All-Ireland Club Championship
semi-finals
Mumha v London/Connachta
Ulaidh v Laighin

26 November, 1995

All-Ireland Club Championship Final



7. Fermanagh Herald's Michael Breslin presents Catherine McAllister with the Referee Award



5. Mary Black accepts the camogie award from Belfast Telegraph's John Campbell



1. Seamus McAleenan receiving his communications award from BBC personality Jerome Quinn

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FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR LIMERICK CAMOGIE

Camogie in Limerick reached a new peak in the '94 season, with the hosting of Feile na nGael and the county junior team, reaching the All-Ireland final.

After a lapse of six years, Limerick were back in Croke Park. In a very good final, they were unlucky to lose to Galway 2-10 to 1-11. On the way to the decider, they beat Cork and Tipperary and Cavan at Ballyhaise in the penultimate stage.

Eamonn Cregan, Noreen Lynch, Bernie O'Dea and Vera Mackay, had the team in peak condition for the Croke Park showdown. Although beaten the selectors and supporters were pleased with the display of the team and are now looking forward to the year ahead.

Patrickswell, won All-Ireland honours in set dancing at the C.C.D. final.

West Limerick Board na nOg, honoured camogie in their annual awards. Those honoured were: Eibhlín O'Brien, (U12) Granagh/Ballingarry, Michael Casey (U14) Killeedy, and Marion Neville (U16) Croagh/Kilfinny.

Once again, Limerick camogie was featured in the Limerick Supporters Club awards.

COUNTY WINNERS

Senior championship

Granagh/Ballingarry
Newtownshandrum

Senior league

Croagh/Kilfinny
Granagh/Ballingarry



EAMONN CREGAN WHO LED OFFRALLY TO GLORY IN HURLING WENT SO NEAR COMPLETING A DOUBLE WITH THE LIMERICK CAMOGIE TEAM

Intermediate championship

Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Touranafulla

Junior championship

Bruff, Knockaderry

Junior League

Bruff, Knockaderry

Under 12

Granagh/Ballingarry, Adare

Under 14A

Bruff, Granagh/Ballingarry

Under 14B

Na Piersaigh, St. Fintans

Under 16A

Awarded to Newtownshandrum

Under 16B

Killeedy, Galbally

During the early part of the year, camogie in Limerick was saddened by the untimely passing of Mona Dudley (nee Kennedy). Mona was a former Limerick Goalkeeper and played at club level with Herbertstown, when she resided in her native Knockaine in the parish of Lough Gur and later with Doon, when she moved to Oola.



LIMERICK CAMOGIE TEAM 1994. BACK (L TO R) CAROL MURPHY, AGNES SHEEHY, PAULINE MCCARTHY, LIZ RIORDAN, MARY LONERGAN, CLIONA MEANEY, BREDA O'BRIEN, BERNIE O'BRIEN, NIAH CREGAN, CAROLINE BRADSHAW, ORLA GUERIN, AINE CAHILL, KATHLEEN O'CONNOR. FRONT (L TO R): BRIAN CREGAN, MARGUERITE GURRY, LIZ LEONARD, HELEN CLIFFORD, KAY BURKE, CECILIA McNAMARA, IDE QUAD, MICHELLE MCCARTHY, MARY BOURKE, SMALL GIRL (LAURA MCCARTHY).

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(TOP PICTURE)

IDE QUAID WITH EYES FOR THE
BALL IN THE ALL-IRELAND
CAMOGIE FINAL



(MIDDLE PICTURE)

MARY BOURKE RACING FOR
POSSESSION IN THE ALL-IRELAND
CAMOGIE FINAL



(BOTTOM PICTURE)

GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY CO.
SENIOR CHAMPIONS 1994 FRONT

(L TO R):

CLAIRE TREACY,
IDE QUAID,
MAIREAD TREACY,
JEAN CULLINANE,
DEIRDRE SHEEHAN,
BERNIE O'BRIEN,
VERA SHEEHAN,
MAIRE O'BRIEN.

BACK (L TO R):

VALERIE LAKE,
SUSAN SHEEHAN,
BRENDA O'BRIEN,
BER CHAWKE,
JOANNE TREACY,
SHEILA TREACY,
MAUREEN SHEEHAN,
UNA QUAID,
AINE CASHILL.



CROAGH - KILFINNY SENIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS. BACK (L TO R) PATRICIA DERVIN, MARION NEVILLE, CAROL MURPHY, IYA HURLEY,
AGNES SHEEHY, ANN LENIHAN, TERESA O'BRIEN, CATHERINE HURLEY, NORETTA SHIRE, SARAH O'NEILL, CAROLINE LENIHAN.
FRONT (L TO R) KATHLEEN O'CONNOR, DERINA HANNON, MICHELLE MCCARTHY, MARY LENIHAN, MARIE LENIHAN, SHARON O'KELLY,
SARAH MADIGAN, NOREEN O'CONNOR, MARGUERITE GURRY.

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KILKENNY

All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions 1994



BACK ROW (l.-r.): Angela Downey, Brigid Mullally, Marie Maher, Deirdre Malone, Tom Ryan (Team Coach).
FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Michelle Fennelly, Marina Downey, Tracey Millea, Ann Downey (Captain), Catherine Dunne, Sinead Costello, Gillian Dillon, Sinead Millea.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

LISDOWNEY

All-Ireland Senior Club Camogie Champions 1994

FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Ann Marie Hughes, Marina Downey, Angela Downey-Browne, Ann Downey, Veronica Wall, Noelle O'Driscoll, Bridget Barnaville, Catherine Dunne (Captain). BACK ROW (l.-r.): Noel Barnaville, Mary Brennan, Deirdre Delaney, Brigid Wall, Oliva Donnelly, Fran Shore, Aine Dunne, Caroline Glendon, Sandra Gleeson, Martina Tallis, Annie Murphy.



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THE BAD ONE! – YOU MUST BE JOKING

"WHY had Kilkenny not won an All-Ireland Senior Final since 1991 and how long would it be before they would contest one again?" were the questions everybody was asking.

The answers were many and varied – Cork were the team of the '90s and were unbeatable! Too many retirements? They were team building! The attitude was wrong! So why was 1994 to be any different, remember, Cork had only won the previous year with a goal in the final thirty seconds – robbed!

The thought of feeling as physically sick again, after a defeat, had spurred the players on. The younger ones who had yet to experience a Senior success were hungry. Another reason was that the captain of the team was Ann Downey, who, even after achieving all that she and Angela had achieved, were still hungry for success. It is well known that when she undertakes anything, you can be guaranteed there will be no stones left unturned to achieve that goal. She was also a good link between players and mentors, and wasn't afraid to express her opinions, which is also imperative if one is to succeed.

In any dictionary you read, the definition of the following word is practically the same: "Captain" – a leader, chief, the commander of a vessel". In 1994, this definition was indeed justified with the Kilkenny camogie panel.

Captaining any winning side entails more than just being first to run out onto the pitch on Final Day, taking the toss, and accepting silverware. To some people, this can be a burden, which ruins their concentration and leads to problems with their own game. This is something Ann seems to thrive on.

Little did people know in years gone by when they would ask Shem Downey, in his butcher's shop, "Is she the good or bad one?" How wrong could they have



Ann Downey

(Photo: Tom Green)

been! She will be the first to admit she hasn't "Angela's skill and speed". But her game is so simple, so determined, she has such resolve never to give up and will keep chasing until the bitter end. Achievement in sport boils down to hard work and attention to detail, probably more than it does to brilliance. Ann Downey epitomizes these qualities.

During the past year, she was a far more influential captain than she was in 1989, when she last captained Kilkenny to victory. Not because she had experienced it before. This was so different. There was no "Fitzie" in goal, no Bridie, Biddy or Breda; instead, there were eight "New kids on the block", who had yet to experience Croke Park, most of them still teenagers.

Would it be left to Angela, Deirdre,

Gillian or Marina to do things? She had confidence in them, she knew they could "hurl" they had proved they could. They wouldn't be there if they didn't. The youngsters acquitted themselves admirably and proved they will be there for a while.

Fifteen minutes into the second half in Croke Park, Kilkenny were leading Wexford by two points. They were defending stoutly. Deirdre Malone cleared her lines and Ann collected on the half-way line, at the Hogan Stand side. As she attempted to play the ball, she received a "dig" from her immediate opponent. Free to Kilkenny. She herself duly pointed, an inspirational score. Kilkenny were three points in front. Typical Ann, leading by example. These are the kind of things you expect from

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from under the Cusack Stand found Anne Marie O'Connor sneaking in behind a static Kilkenny rearguard and finishing the sliotar past a helpless Michelle Fennelly. The TV pictures proved, as conclusively as one can get in these circumstances, that O'Connor jumped into the square in the process of fielding the sliotar – and, consequently, that the score should have stood.

It didn't. Instead, the Cats led by 1-3 (good work early on by Catherine Dunne sent Angela Downey in for the goal) to 0-4 at half-time, but the head of steam their opponents had been building up resulted in the scores being levelled ten minutes after the restart. The O'Duffy Cup was there for the taking – by either side.

Not for the first time since they burst on the scene in 1974, the Noreiders grasped the initiative when the crunch came. On came Brigid Barnaville, and almost immediately the Lisdowney player shot over a flying point. Suddenly the initiative had been regained. Angela Downey robbed Paula Rankin out on the left to stretch the lead. Ann Downey pointed a free won by Sinéad Millea. The new champions went on to hit an unanswered 1-4 in the closing twelve minutes, with the game long won and lost before Angela – courtesy of help from Brigid Barnaville – smothered netminder Terri Butler's attempted clearance to add her second goal of the afternoon.

Call it a case of the old dog for the hard road. Kilkenny knew the twists and turns that little bit better, held their nerve and fell back on their reserves of ammunition. This may not have been a vibrant or stylish victory, but under such tough, physically draining circumstances, it never could have – nor was it any less satisfying for that. It was an afternoon for real women, not sunshine hurlers, and Tom Ryan had them in abundance.

TOUCH OF GENIUS

He also had Angela Downey, who walked off with a tally of 2-3. Nine points, the exact difference between the protagonists at the final whistle. No offence to her colleagues, for this was nothing less than a splendid team effort, but without the Ballyragget maestro the Black and Amber almost certainly would not have won. With her, Wexford certainly would have.

Clare having been seen off in the quarter-final at Ballyragget, Angela's enduring genius extricated the team from a tight corner in the semi-final in Ballinlough. Confined to seven or eight clean touches in the hour, she managed to magic up three goals nonetheless. Nice going for a woman who had retired a year earlier (or thought she had!) and didn't come back to the fold until the spring.

Her contribution, combined with a couple of breathtaking late saves by young



Kilkenny's Maria Downey and Tracy Millea in full flight with a watchful captain, Ann Downey, in background.

Pic. Tom Burt

goalie Michelle Fennelly and some heroic defending by the backs, was enough to keep the door bolted when Cork threw the kitchen sink at their oppressors in the closing stages. The visitors squeaked through by 4-9 to 2-12 in the end; the heartbreak of their 5-10/2-18 defeat by the Rebels in that all-time Nowlan Park classic of August 15th, 1993, was well and truly avenged.

As with all championship-winning combinations, the rearguard was where the Kilkenny foundations were laid. Michelle Fennelly was always competent and sometimes brilliant. Sinéad Costelloe showed calmness and steadiness in front of

her, and the half-back line of Tracy Millea, Gillian Dillon – she had a stormer in Ballinlough – and the ever-reliable Deirdre Malone provided a defensive screen that also springboarded many an attack. In praising the midfielders – of whom captain Ann Downey was again the heartbeat – and the forwards, let's not overlook the work Brigid Mullally got through in this sector in the All-Ireland decider; covering here, running there, metaphorically dirtying her hands the way at least one attacker invariably must, and unselfishly creating points all over the shop.

Ultimately this was, as already stated, a



All Kilkenny eyes, tongues and teeth on ball as Wexford's Fiona Dunne shoots for goal.

Pic. Tom Burt

combined effort. Kilkenny are All-Ireland senior camogie champions for the twelfth time. And don't they deserve it!

The team which saw service against Wexford was: Michelle Fennelly (Carrickshock), Sinéad Costelloe (Freshford), Tracy Millea (Graigue-Ballycallan), Gillian Dillon (Freshford), Deirdre Malone (Graigue-Ballycallan), Marina Downey (Lisdowney), Ann Downey (Lisdowney), Marie Maher (Tullaroan), Brigid Mullally (Glenmore), Catherine Dunne (Lisdowney), Angela Downey (Lisdowney), Sinéad Millea (Graigue-Ballycallan). Sub: Brigid Barnaville (Lisdowney) for Dunne, 43 mins.

ROLL OF HONOUR:

Dublin (26) - 1932-33, 1937-38, 1942-44, 1948-55, 1957-66, 1984.

Cork (16) - 1934-36, 1939-41, 1970-73, 1978, 1980, 1982-83, 1992-93.

Kilkenny (12) - 1974, 1976-77, 1981, 1985-91, 1994.

Antrim (6) - 1945-47, 1956, 1967, 1979.



Sinéad Millea gets in a ground stroke, closely watched by Wexford's Catherine Murphy.

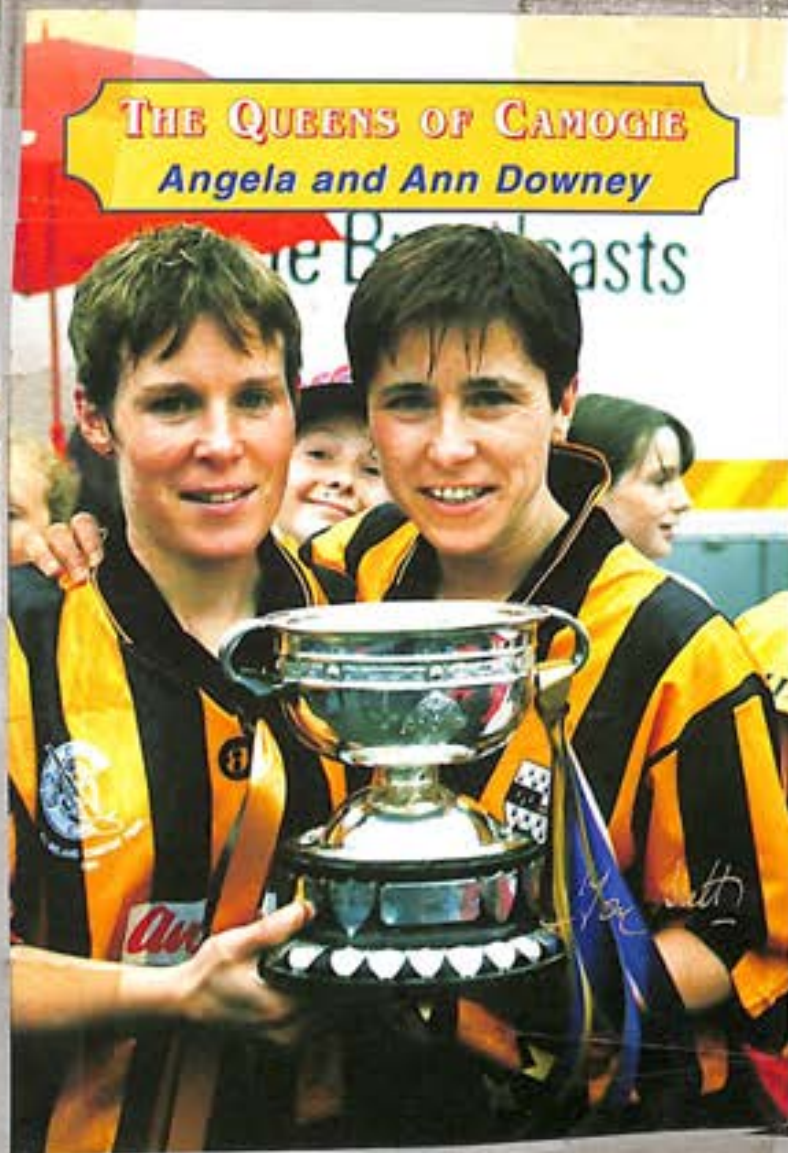
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A study in concentration as Maura Costelloe, Kilkenny, and a Clare defender spot the ball in the All-Ireland camogie quarter-final played at Ballyragget.

Pic: Tom Barr



THE QUEENS OF CAMOGIE
Angela and Ann Downey

GOODBYE TO ALL THAT

BIDDY: A farewell to full-back arms

By: ENDA McEVoy

"IT'S MUCH worse watching from the sideline or the stand than it is being out there on the pitch yourself."

One of the most familiar of all sporting clichés, that. But is it true, or is it merely a – well, a sporting cliché?

"Definitely true," is the verdict according to Biddy O'Sullivan. She knows. She knows because she found herself sitting in the Hogan Stand last September. Sitting there helplessly, enduring the agonies every player suffers when watching his or her former colleagues in action. Unable to lift a finger in assistance.

Kilkenny were out on the Croke Park sward. The first Kilkenny team since 1977 to be contesting an All-Ireland senior camogie decider without the services of the Tullogher woman. They looked so young, so inexperienced. "Watching the girls against Wexford, I was more nervous for them than I had been playing myself. At half-time I was thinking, 'Oh God, will they be able for it?'"

"I needn't have worried. The young ones certainly proved that the future of camogie here is in safe hands."

It's safe to say, now that she's retired, Ms O'Sullivan misses the game horribly?

"Aw yeah. Aw yeah." Ink on paper cannot convey the heartfelt tones in which the sentiment is expressed.

A shame Biddy was unable to make her top-level exit to tunes of glory. Her last championship outing in the black and amber was the 1993 All-Ireland semi-final at Nowlan Park. The game, an all-time classic, took place on August 15th; the safe assumption would have been that in racking up a massive 2-18, Kilkenny had scored enough to win two matches. Unfortunately for them, old rivals Cork proved deadly from close-range frees and finished with 5-10. A

famous day for the Leesiders, a rotten one for the homesters. A rotten one that provided a good deal of food for thought for the latter's full-back.

"That was a bad match to finish on. Very disappointing to lose. The most disappointing one of all to lose, because we'd done more than enough to win."

"Anyway, a few months later, over the course of the winter, I decided to pack it in with the county. I'd been there a long time, since 1981, and I was worried about hanging on. I felt it would be better to go myself than to be told to go. By staying around, I would have been putting the selectors under pressure to keep me on the panel – and I didn't want a place on the team out of sympathy."

So goodbye to All-Ireland finals and league deciders. Goodbye to Croke Park and Nowlan Park and Ballinlough. Goodbye to all those nights of 50-mile round trips from Tullogher to Kilkenny and back. No more thumbing to training. Or driving. Or motorbiking. Biddy O'Sullivan never travelled into town by helicopter, but it's about the only mode of transport she didn't use to make her way to the training field.

The thought that she might ever be involved with the county camogie team was not something that bothered the young Biddy. There was no camogie at home; she spent her youth hurling with the boys. Then, thanks to the efforts of Michael Moore in New Ross and then P.P. Fr. Joe Delaney, the Tullogher club was established in 1976. From there to Croke Park, most Septembers, was an inevitable, if gradual, progression.

FANTASTIC COMMITMENT

Her first All-Ireland medal, in 1981, made her feel the luckiest girl in the whole world. If Ger Henderson and Eddie Keher had been her heroes on the hurling field, their female counterparts, Bridie McGarry and Angela Downey, had



BIDDY O'SULLIVAN

been her camogie idols. Now, here she was on the same pitch, a member of the same team, winning the All-Ireland. Unreal.

"I remember that final much more clearly than I do a lot of the later ones, probably because it was my first. We came back from nine points down against Cork and snuck a draw. In the replay, Angela scored the winning goal when we were a point down with time running out. I can still see her getting the ball 30 yards out and heading for goal. Everyone just knew a goal was coming, and nobody was going to stop it."

A midfielder early on in her career before moving to wing-back and later to full-back, Biddy was an ever-present during the county's 7 Up All-Ireland run between 1985 and 1991. (Her treasure trove of honours also includes eight National League mementoes, a Smithwick's Sports Star in 1987 and a B&I Award twelve months later.) Given the choice, she admits to preferring a wing-back slot.

"Playing there, you just have your own side of the field to take care of, whereas at full-back you have a bigger responsibility. You have to stick close to your woman and forget about playing the ball. One mistake and that's it. Growing used to the position took a while. But I had Bridie McGarry in front of me, and Marie Fitzpatrick was a powerful goalie to have behind. It was great for confidence, to know that someone really sound was there."

Did Kilkennys' monopoly during the late 1980s – successful September after successful September after successful September – ever reach a seen-it-all-before stage of monotony for the players?

"No, because when you're on a roll it's so good. We knew it was going to end some day, but you never get tired of winning. To me it wasn't the medals that

counted so much as the being out there, enjoying yourself, being part of a great team with players you have looked up to all your life and were so lucky to be playing with.

"All the girls on the seven-in-a-row team had fantastic commitment. Never missed a night's training. I don't think there'll ever be a bunch of girls as dedicated. Even the married girls were always first to the field for training. We were like a big family. Everyone took care of each other. Those were the best days of my life."

They might not have been so good

without the presence of a certain Tom Ryan. Pre-Tom, Biddy asserts, Kilkenny had a good team but still weren't quite getting their act together. A metaphor: they were the engine of a car, but they needed a key to start up. Tom Ryan did the igniting.

"Most of all, he was so determined himself that he made everybody feel special. Though we all had our ups and downs with him, we knew where we stood. 'You're only as good as your last game,' he kept hammering into us."

"And his enthusiasm! He loved the game, he trained harder than we did. I

don't believe that the team would have lasted as long as it did, but for Tom."

Biddy O'Sullivan lasted longer than most. May she enjoy her retirement. May she have lots of fun with her 10-handicap golf. And may she take pride in the knowledge that though the Black and Amber may have plenty of good full-backs in the future, they'll do well to have one as nice, decent, honest-to-goodness, likeable and universally popular as the big woman from Tullogher.

BRIDIE:

Facing a new camogie challenge

By: ENDA McEVoy



Bridie McGarry at home (not often) with husband Benny and sons Shane and Cormac.

IT WAS time to call a halt. As simple and matter-of-fact as that. No tears, no regrets, no might-have-beens. After 25 years of playing camogie at or around the highest level, nine All-Ireland medals and two occasions captaining the 'Cats' to the O'Duffy Cup, might-have-beens were the furthest thing from Bridie McGarry's mind.

She too had shipped the kick in the teeth (an unfortunate metaphor in her case; you'll shortly discover why) of finishing a loser in that 1993 Nowlan Park epic. The outcome wasn't something that bothered her in the slightest, for such outcomes, rare as they were, never did. But the Freshford woman had reached the end of the line all the same.

"The younger generation were coming through - and they were good enough. I had had my chance, I had served my time. It was the right juncture to let them take over. The decision wasn't difficult."

Like Biddy O'Sullivan, Bridie's introduction to the game had come at home with the boys - in her case, up and down the old hurling field in Freshford every night of the week. At the time under-age camogie at primary schools' or under-14 level was unheard of. Not until her years in the Presentation Convent secondary school in Kilkenny did she get to sample the organised version.

One taste and she was hooked. The Pres "were going a bomb at the time", and Bridie was a member of the team that won the 1969 All-Ireland senior colleges' title. Three years later, she was lining out for the county on the biggest day of all.

"I played at right-corner forward against Cork in 1972. I laugh at the thought of it now. Me playing corner forward! I don't remember much about the game, but I must have been sending everything wide and making the selectors say, 'we'd better bring this wan back to the defence'. From there on I was always centre-back."

"That was my only losing All-Ireland. I started on a losing note and finished on a losing note. But you live with that. Medals and trophies never meant anything to me."

Easy enough to say that when one has the haul of silver and gold Bridie McGarry has, surely . . . ?

"No, I'm being serious. Ask me to find the All-Ireland medals at home and I wouldn't be able to. Don't ask me how many league medals I have, because I haven't a notion. Winning wasn't the main thing. Participation was. Participation and love of the game."

And if you had no All-Ireland medals instead of nine, Bridie?

"I still wouldn't mind. If winning meant nothing, neither did losing. I accepted the two of them the same way. It didn't trouble me in the least to have to bow out on an unsuccessful note."

Okay, point taken. But while we're on the subject of winning, here's something interesting: Bridie McGarry - a B&I Award winner in 1976, a Smithwick's Kilkenny Sports Star in 1978 and a Cospóir Women in Sport Award recipient in 1985 - firmly believes that the 'Cats' might have brought the O'Duffy Cup back to Nore side on as many as eight occasions in the 'Seventies instead of the three seasons in which they did. She

honestly does.

The line-up of the era included the likes of Liz Neary and Helena O'Neill, "some really fabulous players. It was as good a team as any county could put on the field. But there was no proper management, no structured approach or all-out commitment. We just went out and played. Tom Ryan changed the set-up completely, brought more organisation. With him in charge, the commitment was total. You either played or you didn't. A hundred per cent or nothing."

A DREADFUL EXPERIENCE

Under the Dunnamaggin man, Bridie twice led the side to All-Ireland glory. (Her first shot at captaincy, in 1979, had ended abruptly when Kilkenny travelled to Cushendall and got stuffed by Antrim. To atone for the let-down she promptly "decided to go off and get married!")

The hegemony of the St. Paul's Club locally ensured she was captain again in 1985. The defeat of Dublin is not a game she looks back on with pleasure, however. Two minutes from the end, the 'Cats' had the silverware in the bag when she took a whack across her unhelmeted face; three front teeth went flying, and she accepted the cup with another tooth hanging out. The incident spoiled the day completely, with matters not improved any by the hefty dental bill she had to pay subsequently. From that "horrible" afternoon on she always wore a helmet.

The year 1987 was an altogether pleasanter experience, Cork being seen off in convincing fashion. An imaginative *Irish Press* front page next day showed,

reading from left to right just below the masthead, captain Tony Jacklin shedding a tear after Europe retained the Ryder Cup by virtue of their first ever victory on American soil; captain Geraldine Dwyer shedding a tear after Kildare won the All-Ireland junior camogie title; and captain Bridie McGarry all fully-toothed smiles after the Black and Amber had held onto their crown. The luck of the draw from a hat had made her captain this time.

The arrival of Cormac meant she missed out in 1988. She was there in more than mere spirit, though; she left hospital at 11 o'clock on the morning of the All-Ireland final, promptly handed the infant over to the babysitter and headed off to Croker to cheer her team mates on! And by the way: In case the readership of the Kilkenny G.A.A. Yearbook includes the odd seriously concerned social worker or two, we can

exclusively reveal that Cormac, now a healthy and happy six-year-old, is not reported to have suffered any major psychological trauma as a result of his temporary abandonment at such a young and impressionable age. Expect to see him and elder brother Shane (10), who hurls with Dicksboro and kicks soccer with Evergreen, carrying on the McGarry name on the playing fields when they're older.

Active career done and dusted, her enduring love of the game propelled Bridie onto the administrative side. Now county registrar, she's also a member of the Kilkenny Camogie Board's finance committee and referees the occasional match ("far more girls should give back more to camogie when they retire than do at the moment"). The great work being carried out in schools and clubs around the county - in marked contrast to the situation in her younger days -

leaves her with few worries about camogie's health here; a bigger headache is the eternal task of raising the money needed to keep the show on the road. If she had saved all the money she spent during her own days on hurls and travelling and whatnot, Bridie acknowledges she'd be "one rich girl".

One thing the former Revenue Commissioners employee - she now works with De Loughrey O'Gorman in Vicar Street in the city - sincerely appreciates is the treatment received over the years from the Nowlan Park powers-that-be, assistance that takes on a still more favourable dimension when it emerges that her biggest disappointment was to have never trodden the Paire Uí Chaoimh sod. "Imagine. All the times we played in Cork, yet we never got inside the gate."

Perhaps Shane or Cormac will end up beating her to that one!

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Kilkenny Junior Camogie Team - triumph and defeat

SUNDAY, 13th March, 1994 marked the season's first appearance of the Junior Camogie team at a cold, blustery and rain-sodden Ballyragget for a National League game versus Limerick.

Playing with the assistance of a strong wind, the home side built up what indeed seemed a precarious half time lead of 1-3 to 0-0. Playing under the experimental 15-a-side rules, an under strength Kilkenny team were quickly overtaken in the second period and eventually lost out to a much stronger and more determined Limerick side by 1-4 to 4-5. Michelle Fennelly who had been kept on the subs bench for this game was handed the goal-keepers jersey for the senior league game against Dublin which immediately followed the Junior game.

The next outing for the Junior team was at Nowlan Park on Sunday, 14th April, 1994. Little did we think as we left the field of play on that glorious April day that we had annihilated a Galway team that, come September, would be All-Ireland Junior Champions. This was a day on which our team showed skills and determination in abundance and sent a signal to all that it would be a force to be reckoned with during the remainder of league and championship. The final score of 2-13 to 0-3 was a true reflection of Kilkenny's superiority throughout the field of play. This game also marked the

introduction after an illness, of Fran Shore making her inter county debut for the Junior team. Gaining in strength and confidence, young Fran improved the proverbial ton with her every subsequent outing and quickly established herself as one of the defensive stars of the team.

With May 8, 1994 very much fixed in our minds for our Championship showdown against neighbours and old rivals, Wexford, to be played in the traditional format of 12-a-side, we arranged a challenge game against Tipperary. After a close fought encounter, we emerged victorious on a scoreline 3-6 to 1-9 in a game played at Lisdowney on April 27, 1994.

On then to Oylegate for our first round championship showdown with Wexford. After a tentative and lack lustre performance, we emerged fortunate victors on a scoreline 0-12 to 1-7. A feature of this game was the outstanding performance of Freshford's Margaret Hickey who gave a virtuoso performance at centre back.

A twice-postponed league fixture against Offaly was eventually played on a rain-sodden pitch at Shinroe on Wednesday evening, May 11, 1994. Even though short a number of regulars, the team showed great fighting spirit and a highly fancied Offaly side were brushed aside by the awesome power of the hungry cats. Final score - Kilkenny 3-5, Offaly 1-2. My abiding memories of this game will be of three fantastic saves brought off by

Michelle Fennelly, and of team captain, Joan Aylward defiantly repelling wave after wave of Offaly attacks.

Ten day later, we were back to championship 12-a-side camogie at Lisdowney, where we beat a gallant Meath team by 4-8 to 1-2. The two Margarets - Comerford and Kavanagh - were in sparkling form, scoring 2-2 and 2-1 respectively.

Our next outing brought us to the banks of the Lee for a League Quarter Final against Cork at Ballincollig. With just two minutes played, disaster struck. Margaret Hickey, our outstanding and courageous centre back, sustained a broken hand. This was a dreadful blow for the team as Margaret had been the rock on which so many of our opponents had faltered during the year to date. If it was as a disaster for the team, it was an even greater misfortune for Margaret as she was unable to sit very important examinations at University College, Cork scheduled to start the following day. We salute Margaret's courage and dedication, and while she could play no further part in our march to Leinster glory, she demonstrated her great courage and love for the game to come storming back later in the year to win an All Ireland Senior Medal at Croke Park in September. For the record, we lost the league game at Ballincollig by 2-6 to 0-2. Thanks to Maura Costelloe for coming out of a self imposed retirement to assist our heavily depleted ranks on that



Kilkenny Junior Camogie Team, Officials and supporters, pictured at Kilkenny Station before departing for London last July for the All Ireland Quarter Final game against London. Front Row (from left): Imelda Kennedy, Aine Dunne, Sandra Gleeson, Catherine Dunne, Mary McGrath, Esther Kennedy, Helen McGrath, Fiona Connery, Siobhán Mackey. Back Row: Mrs. Butler, Catherine Kehoe, Catherine Neary, Siobhán Holden, Billy Malone, Hilda Butler, Carmel Savage, Margaret Kavanagh, Denis Murphy, Joan Aylward, John Phelan, Annie Dunne, Fran Shore, Martin Butler, Margaret Comerford, Diarmuid Dunne, Marie Maher, Sínead Costelloe, Anne Murphy.

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