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TIP OFF — Cork half-back Sean McCarthy with his sister Marian, the Cork camogie goalkeeper, who has won many All-Irelands. She was no doubt tipping Sean off as what to expect on the big day.

McCarthy goes from strength to strength



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AWKWARD subject. Must say it. How can I say it? Think of a cliché. Something delicate.

"Were you always this strong Marion?" She laughs. Recognition of the euphemism behind the delicacy.

"I was always there or thereabouts. My mother used tell me that I was a fine young one."

Ah. Delicate mother.

McCarthy may laugh. Twenty years a Cork senior camogie player, fourteen of them as goalkeeper. Her strength has been an ally; progressively more imposing, progressively more impenetrable.

Progressively longer puck

too. Today in the All Ireland semi-final the ball will land inside Kilkenny's 30 yard line as often from this source as from any other: "I suppose it's like Ger Cunningham, it's just something I was always able to do."

Like playing for Cork. Two thirds of McCarthy's life has been spent playing for Cork. At 13 she made the county U-16 team; at 36 she still makes the seniors.

"I took it for granted as part of my life. The next year there was always the camogie. It was like a religion."

McCarthy has never thought of retiring; nobody has ever thought of retiring her. In 1983 a lot of the team which had won three of the previous four finals called it a day but Marion went on. A combination of the wish and the facility. Reflexes now duller than before but still sharper than the others.

"The decision to retire will be my own. If someone came along that they thought was better than me then I would sit on the bench."

On the bench was where it

began. At 16 McCarthy played in the junior All Ireland final and then toggled off as sub for the senior final which followed.

The next year she played, in those days at centre field. That year they retained their title of the previous season and won two more. Four in a row and just 20.

Now McCarthy has some difficulty recollecting the titles. So many and so often. Eight senior ones she knows, beaten in four or five others, not sure. U-16 and u-18 medals are not so clearly defined in her memory.

The span of McCarthy's career has been such that it has also spanned the development of the game. The tenets of excellence of other sports have been adopted.

"There is more training coming into the game, a lot more fitness work. The game has become a lot more physical too, not in a dirty sense but in a hard way, probably because there are a lot more men trainers now."

"There was a time when we were called ladies but the lady part is now saved for

when we get off the pitch."

The men trainers are products and purveyors of camogie's brother game. Some of stature like Tom Nott have coached the Cork team in recent years. This season the side is coached by Joe McGrath.

Guys like McGrath have brought a change in attitudes to preparation. Last Thursday night the team went to Jury's. The night entailed a swim, a talk and a meal. In 20 years it was McCarthy's first night in Jury's with the camogie team. Like the hurlers and the footballers at last.

Being sister to the brother though means comparisons; and popular perceptions that such comparisons reflect badly on camogie. When McCarthy has returned to Cork with a winning All Ireland side there was never the reception of other All Ireland winners.

At the final McCarthy never experienced the atmosphere of other All Ireland finals. The noise in the stands is perceptibly that of screaming schoolkids. She has noticed less women and fewer men.

"It is still not established as a sport among men. Generally men still look at it as a kind of cissies game and don't understand all that is involved in it."

The meeting of Cork and Kilkenny today will be no place for cissies. Rivalry is too deep and hard.

* McCarthy has been on enough winning teams against Kilkenny not to be in awe, but has been on enough in defeat not to fear. Kilkenny has won the last four finals and Cork has lost the last three.

McCarthy too remembers the final of 1982. That day Cork lost a five point lead in injury time and lost the title in a replay.

McCarthy sees the strength of their opponents today but also maybe their weakness.

"Kilkenny are more stable and have a lot of experience, but a lot of them are getting on. Their time might be up."

Marion McCarthy, the oldest player on the pitch. Getting on too, nearing her time up. But not yet.

Glen dominate tame Granagh

BY TOM HIGGINS

**GLEN ROVERS (Cork) 8-14
GRANAGH/BALLYAGRAN (Limerick) 0-2**

CORK County champions Glen Rovers were never troubled in this Munster Inter-Club Championship semi-final played at the Glen Field, Cork yesterday coming out on top by a wide margin.

The home side took a while to settle down but once they got into the game they picked off a succession of excellent scores to turn over leading at half-time by 4-9 to 0-0. Although the losers scored first in the second period with a point from a "30" by Bernie O'Brien, and came more into the game in this period, the Limerick side were always fighting a losing battle against a very strong Glen defence who tackled hard and gave the visitors little scope to get scores and it was again one-way traffic.

For the winners Claire McCarthy had a tremendous game at full back and got great support from Ann O'Donovan, and a very much on form Sandy Fitzgibbon. Therese O'Callaghan and Mary Currid controlled midfield while Linda Mellerick and Mary Ring were standing in the forward line as was Ger

McCarthy, who was very accurate from frees.

Granagh/Ballyagran's best player was Noreen Noonan in the half back line and she got good support from Margaret McKenna. Bernie O'Brien tried hard at midfield while in a well beaten forward line Esther Chawke and Ida Quaid worked hard.

Scorers: Glen Rovers — M Ring 4-1; L Mellerick 2-1; G McCarthy 0-8 (0-6 "30's"); T O'Callaghan 1-2; D Cronin 1-2. Granagh/Ballyagran: B O'Brien 0-1 ("30"), B Chawke 0-1. GLEN ROVERS: F McCarthy; C McCarthy; D McCarthy; S Fitzgibbon; A O'Donovan; T O'Callaghan; M Currid; T Murphy; L Mellerick; G McCarthy; D Cronin; M Ring. Subs: F Twomey for M Ring (52nd minute); D Deane for T O'Callaghan (52nd minute). GRANAGH/BALLYAGRAN: J Treacy; M Treacy; N Noonan; B Chawke; M McKenna; K Sheehan; B O'Brien; M Sheehan; E Chawke; I Quaid; S Treacy; P McKenna.

Referee: O. Flynn (Waterford).

IN the semi-final of the Cork Junior "A" Championship at Farranlea Road yesterday morning Inniscarra defeated Bishopstown by a point 1-4 to 1-3, in a very exciting tussle.

The winners led by 1-1 to nil at the interval but Bishopstown came back in the second half only to fail by the narrowest of margins.

Scorers: Inniscarra — I O'Keefe 1-3 (0-2 "30's"); A Golden 0-1. Bishopstown — D Cronin 1-0; E Kearney 0-1; E Duggan 0-1 ("30"); C Bhattacharya 0-1.

Miriam to referee final

CORK'S Miriam Murphy has been appointed to referee the All-Ireland senior camogie final between Wexford and Kilkenny.

Better known under her maiden name (Higgins), Miriam has already taken charge of a senior final. As a player she won an All-Ireland junior medal with Dublin before returning home to capture three senior medals with her native county.

The junior final between Tipperary and Kildare will be controlled by Miriam O'Callaghan.

Camogie

A number of changes have been made to the fixtures list to facilitate the U.S. tour by the Kilkenny and Cork teams. The Gael Linn semi-final between Munster and Leinster has been put back to October 28.

The semi-finals of the club championship will be staged on November 11. The pairings are Connacht v Leinster and Ulster v Munster. The final is listed for November 24.

Many of the players involved in the All-Ireland finals were in action in the provincial club championships last weekend. Champions St. Pauls (Kilkenny) underlined their strength with a five-point win over Buffer's Alley (Wexford).

In Munster, Glen Rovers (Cork) showed excellent form against Granagh-Ballingarry (Limerick).

All set for All-Ireland showdowns

THE ALL-IRELAND Junior Championship semi-finals at the weekend cleared the way for the finalisation of the programme for September 23 at Croke Park. The All-Ireland senior final will be decided between Kilkenny and Wexford while Kildare and Tipperary will meet to decide the destination of the junior cup.



Wexford made their last appearance in the All-Ireland senior final in 1977 when, co-incidentally, Kilkenny also provided the opposition. The sole survivor on the Wexford team is Elsie Cody, who is the only All-Ireland medal holder on the side.

IMPROVEMENT

So far this season, Wexford have shown a marked improvement. Their commitment was first class in the National League final. The final score which saw Kilkenny win by a mere score will undoubtedly give great encouragement to the Wexford players.

In three matches this season Kilkenny have been hard pressed to keep their unbeaten record intact. But the vital point is that they remain invincible. When the need is great, they are able to call on reserves knowhow to carry the day.

All-Ireland junior champions Kildare looked particularly impressive when disposing of Roscommon's challenge on Sunday and will be firm favourites to achieve their third title in four years against a Tipperary side which struggled against Armagh in the second semi-final.

CAMOGIE

Munster club semi-final — Glen Rovers, 8-14; Granagh Ballyagran, 0-2. Leinster Club semi-final — Marino, 6-20; Broadford, 0-2.



Cashel Camogie Club, senior county champions for fifth year succession.

Back: M. Tobin, R. Nash, K. Ryan, N. Tobin, A. M. Fitzgerald, I. Butler, M. O'Riordan, J. O'Dwyer, N. Ryan, C. O'Connell.

Front: N. O'Dwyer, A. Ryan, H. O'Leary, Niamh Bonner, S. Ryan, P. Bonner O'Dwyer (captain), J. Delaney, C. Moloney, T. Bonner.

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Gill gets the nod!

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Gillian Dillon is named at right centre for Kilkenny for the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final against Wexford in Croke Park, on Sunday. Daughter of famous hurler, Pa Dillon, she is preferred to the experienced Anna Whelan.

Gillian was brought in as a substitute in the semi-final against Cork for her first taste of senior championship camogie and did enough in that game and in training to make the starting twelve.

Bridget Mullally, a team-mate of Gillian on the 1989 All-Ireland winning minor team, will also be featuring in her first senior final. Bridget has slotted into the Kilkenny forward line this year where her accurate striking has caused problems for opposing sides.

Otherwise the champions' lineout is on predict-

Cats' super sub in for All-Ireland dogfight

able lines. The experienced defence which had to soak up considerable pressure in the semi-final from Cork will give little away.

Once again, Ann Downey will be the powerhouse of the side in midfield while Clare Jones, who missed the early part of the season due to a foot injury, has returned to form and will make her presence felt.

In the semi-final, the Kilkenny attack lived on far less possession than their Cork counterparts and yet finished with a higher score. All four, captain Breda Holmes, Angela Downey, Bridget Mullally and Breda Cahill can turn the hint of a chance into a score.

Wexford return to Croke Park after an absence of thirteen years. Only Elsie Cody, who was on the winning 1976 team,



has experience of a senior final. Individually, the Wexford players are fine exponents of camogie.

In the final of the National Senior League, Wexford showed what they are capable of when they play with a strong will to win. They ran Kilkenny to a single score and were well on top of Dublin in the championship semi-final.

The Wexford defence is their strongest sector. Ailish Kavanagh, Tina Fitzhenry, Elsie Cody, Catherine Murphy and Stella Sinnott can limit the opportunities for Kilkenny.

In the only change from their semi-final line-out the experienced Christine Harding returns at the expense of newcomer, Paula Ran-

kin. Christine, together with captain Ann Reddy and Jean O'Leary should at least break even in midfield.

Eileen Kehoe is moved to centre-forward to add strength to the attack. The accurate Siobhan Dunne, Jackie Codd and Angie Hearne must convert possession into scores if Wexford are to take their first title since 1975.

In 1968, Wexford were not concerned by the lack of experience or knowledge of the big occasion. The side, led by Mary Walsh, won at the first attempt. The present team may take inspiration from this but they know that it will take a tremendous performance from each player to prevent Kilkenny from taking their sixth title in a row.

Kilkenny — M. Fitzpatrick, B. O'Sullivan, D. Malone, B. McGarry, F. Rothwell, G. Dillon,

A Downey, C. Jones, B. Cahill, B. Holmes (capt.), A. Downey and B. Mullally.

Wexford — A. Kavanagh, T. Fitzhenry, E. Cody, C. Murphy, S. Sinnott, A. Reddy (capt.), C. Harding, J. O'Leary, S. Dunne, E. Kehoe, J. Codd and A. Hearne.

JUNIOR FINAL

Tipperary and Kildare are paired in the All-Ireland Junior Final. Kildare chase their third title in four years while Tipperary make their first appearance in this grade.

The credentials of the opposing sides are contrasting. Kildare has been winning titles on a regular basis over the past four years while Tipperary captured their provincial title for the first time this season.

Kildare — A. Dargan, G. Dwyer, T. Farrelly, M. Treacy, P. Bambury, A. Merriman, M. Malone (capt.), B. Farrelly, M. Johnson, P. Keatley, T. Hanley and R. Merriman.

Tipperary — A. Keeshan, J. Delaney, C. Kennedy, G. Ryan-Meagher, C. Madden, M. Stokes, K. McCluskey, K. Moloney, D. Hughes, Triona Bonnar, O. Hogan and A. Gleeson.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

At Croke Park — Junior (1.45)

— Tipperary v Kildare. Ref. — Miriam O'Callaghan (Offaly). Senior (3.30) — Kilkenny v Wexford. Ref. — Miriam Murphy (Cork).

WEXFORD RELY ON EXPERIENCE

CAMOGIE

Only right-back, Elsie Cody, a member of the winning 1975 team, has been through it all before. She links up with Tina Fitzhenry, Catherine Murphy, Stella Sinnott and Ailish Kavanagh to form a strong defence.

Captain Ann Reddy, Christine Harding and Jean O'Leary are hard-working midfielders who will win a good share of the ball. In attack, Siobhan Dunne, Jackie Codd, Eileen Kehoe and Angie Hearne must capitalise on what chances come their way. Gillian Dillon, a seventeen-year-old school-girl from Presentation, Kilkenny, has been brought into the Kilkenny side in place of the experienced Anna Whelan. The good form of another

teenager, Bridget Mullally at full-forward leaves no room for Marina Downey.

Kilkenny were under very real pressure in the semi-final against Cork. In the last ten minutes the defence was put through a severe test. Biddy O'Sullivan, Deirdre Malone and Bridie McGarry showed what they were made of as they held out.

Clare Jones has made up lost ground due to a foot injury and will support Ann Downey in midfield. These two accomplished players will help newcomer, Gillian Dillon, to settle.

The Kilkenny attack has always been its match winning sector. Captain Breda Holmes, Breda Cahill and Bridget Mullally can make and take match winning scores. But in Angela Downey, Kilkenny have a performer which no other county can

match. In a split second, Angela can turn a game around with her devastating scoring ability.

Kilkenny have won the last five All-Ireland titles and show no signs of mental fatigue or loss of appetite. Their tremendous will to win has carried them to many titles and will be difficult to subdue on Sunday.

KILKENNY: M. Fitzpatrick, B. O'Sullivan, D. Malone, B. McGarry, F. Rothwell, G. Dillon, A. Downey, C. Jones, B. Cahill, B. Holmes (capt.), A. Downey, B. Mullally.

WEXFORD: A. Kavanagh, T. Fitzhenry, E. Cody, C. Murphy, S. Sinnott, A. Reddy (capt.), C. Harding, J. O'Leary, S. Dunne, E. Kehoe, J. Codd, A. Hearne.

● THE All-Ireland Junior final matches the experienced and medal-laden Kildare team with newcomers, Tipperary. Holders of both All-Ireland and National League trophies, Kildare are expected to

win their ticket to the senior grade.

Tipperary have not paid much attention to this grade in the past. Lack of success at senior level prompted a request for regrading. The present side contains five former seniors who could have a major influence on the game.

Tipperary were impressive in their Munster campaign, and were good value for their win over Armagh in the semi-final and they could well add this Junior title to their Minor triumph earlier this season.

KILDARE: A. Dargan, G. Dwyer, T. Farrelly, M. Treacy, P. Bambury, A. Merriman, M. Malone (capt.), B. Farrelly, M. Johnson, P. Keatley, T. Hanley, R. Merriman.

TIPPERARY: A. Keeshan, J. Delaney, C. Kennedy, G. Ryan-Meagher, C. Madden, M. Stokes, K. McCluskey, K. Moloney, D. Hughes, T. Bonnar, O. Hogan, A. Gleeson (capt.).

THE Wexford selectors opted for experience when they selected their team to meet Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior final at Croke Park on Sunday. Christine Harding, who missed the semi-final against Dublin, comes into the team in place of promising newcomer, Paula Rankin.

Eileen Kehoe, who plans to become a sixth member of her family to win an All-Ireland senior medal, moves to centre-forward in an effort to add more punch to the attack.

A Wexford team came to Croke Park in 1968 and won the All-Ireland senior title at the first attempt. Supporters of the purple and gold will be hoping for a similar attitude from the present side whose experience of the big occasion falls well short of their opponents.

Tipperary Girls Chase All-Ireland Title



Trainer John Kennedy has a few words of advice for some of the players as they prepare for the All-Ireland against Kildare in Croke Park. (Photo: B. O'Connor)

WHILE Tipperary GAA followers are left to bemoan the failure of our hurling sides to bring an All-Ireland title to the county this year, after a mighty treble in '89, their attention turns on Sunday next to our junior camogie team, who take on Kildare in the All-Ireland junior final at Croke Park. Although facing a mighty challenge against a side installed as firm favourites, Tipperary have every chance of disproving predictions and are determined to do well.

With so much emphasis on the defeat of our senior hurlers in the Munster final, and on the prospects of our junior and under-21 teams, the camogie side could justifiably feel that it has not got the attention, or indeed recognition, it deserves in bringing the Blue and Gold colours to headquarters on all-Ireland final day. Happily, that has changed now and much interest surrounds Sunday's showdown, which should attract a huge Tipperary following.

An air of optimism prevails in the Tipperary camp as the players under the guidance of trainer John Kennedy from Toomevara, and selectors Bernie Dowd and Biddy Phillips, both from Thurles, await Sunday's game, and hopes are high that they can bring the first all-Ireland camogie title in this grade to the county.

A short time ago the county got a huge boost when the under-16 team defeated Kilkenny in the all-Ireland final, and the ladies are now hoping that the memorable double will be completed. It is hard to believe that a county regarded as a camogie stronghold down through the years achieved its first all-Ireland crown with that under-16 victory, but the victory represented a huge

young side to whom determination and motivation will pose no problems. Their biggest worry, however, is their shortage of experience for such a big occasion, not having figured already on final day, but they are hoping that everything will come right on the day.

Camogie Board Secretary Marion Graham, from Littleton, who, like her fellow officers, and all involved in the game in the county, has done trojan work this year, feels that Tipperary are in with a 'great chance', irrespective of Kildare's experience. When I spoke to her last week the team was preparing for their final training stint at Semple Stadium, and she said they were 'very committed to doing well if by no means overconfident'.

Retracing Tipp's path to the

Marion, herself a former Tipperary player, feels that Tipperary will have to play every bit as well, if not better, than they did in the Munster final if they are to be in with a chance to win. 'I suppose we will be looking towards our more senior players such as captain Ann Gleeson, Cora Kennedy, Ann Keeshan, Geraldine Ryan - Meagher, Kirsty McCloskey - Ryan, to mention but a few, to give the necessary leadership to the side, the bulk of whom are under eighteen', said Marion.

She is loath to point out particular strong areas of the team, other than to say that the side is formidable as a unit and can, hopefully, click on the day. Much praise has been heaped on trainer John Kennedy, Biddy Phillips and Bernie Dowd for their work behind the scenes, and Marion adds her voice in appreciation of the backroom trio. Both Bernie and Biddy have been great stalwarts of the camogie scene for many years through thick and thin, and they have

Delaney, that lion-hearted defender from Boherlahan, is recovering slowly from a knee injury and right now must be considered doubtful for the game. 'We really don't know what will happen but her loss would be a huge blow to us', said Marion Graham. Jovita picked up the injury right on her kneecap in the Munster semi-final and it has been slow



Jovita Delaney who hopes her injury will be cleared up in time to take her place in the team for Sunday's game in Croke Park.

to heal. Geraldine Ryan has been nursing an arm injury, but feels confident that everything will be right for the occasion, as is the case of Triona Bonnar, of that great Cashel sporting family, who has some stitches in a shin wound.

Jovita Delaney's injury

Stephen Dwan, Benji Browne, Paddy Maher, Paul Slattery, Michael Doyle, P. J. Langan, Rory Dwan, Bob Stakelum. (Photo: B. O'Connor)



Mid Tipp GAA Diary
FIXTURES
 Sunday, September 23, at 11.30 am — U-21 Hurling — Tipperary a bye; Clare v. Kerry.
 Minor Hurling — Tipperary a bye; Cork v. Kerry.
 Cork a bye; Waterford v. Clare v. Limerick; Tipperary a bye; Waterford a bye; Limerick v. Cork.
 were made and resulted: U-21 Hurling — Tipperary a bye; Waterford a bye; Limerick v. Cork.

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 Junior B Mid Final: Best luck to the junior hurlers who take on Clonmore in the Mid final at The Rags on Sunday. The game is timed for 11.30 am and all players are requested to be in the dressing room at 11 am sharp.
 Subscriptions for the Co. Board draw to be handed in to Clonmore as soon as possible. The next draw will be held on Friday.

TEN TITLES ON THE LADIES STILL WANT MORE

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THE HURLERS from the Noreside have performed with distinction in two All-Ireland finals this year, and on Sunday at Croke Park those incredible, for that is what they are, senior camogie ladies occupy centre stage.

In recent years the ladies have shown the men how to do it when it came to winning National Leagues and All-Ireland titles. And at headquarters this week-end they will be out to prove they haven't lost the knack when they hope to complete another League/Championship double.

The opposition on this occasion won't be provided by the recognised 'big guns' like Cork or Dublin. No, like a Leinster hurling final that would really grab the imagination, the Noresiders will be faced by Wexford.

Those not familiar with camogie will instantly see this one as 'an easy thing' for the defending League and All-Ireland champions. What those people don't realise is that Wexford have been probably the most unlucky county, camogie wise, in the country in recent years. And this appearance in the final is, most will agree, long overdue.

So while the opposition will be different from that of recent years, it won't be any easier just because it is not Dublin or Cork.

Incidentally, one Kilkenny/Wexford household could be torn apart this week-end over the big game. Former Kilkenny hurling great Brian Cody will have to make the choice between cheering on his own county, or cheering on his wife.

Only survivor

For Brian's better half, Elsie, hails from Wexford, and she will be in the colours hoping to win the Slaneysiders first senior title since 1975. Elsie, an employee of the Bank of Ireland, The Parade, is the only survivor from the Wexford team beaten by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final of 1977, which was the Slaneysiders last appearance in the decider.

No doubt, whatever way things go at Croke Park, Mr. Cody will be pleased!

Kilkenny will be chasing their 10th All-Ireland senior victory, and would you believe it, 11th national crown in just six years. The start of the magnificent current run was in 1985 when a League/Championship double was claimed.

In some respects 1986 could be termed a lean year . . . only the All-Ireland was won. Since, there have been doubles in 1987, 1988 and 1989, and the ladies are on the brink of another.

That is a run equalled by no other team in Gaelic games, and sometimes you have to wonder do these exceptional ladies get full credit for what they have, and continue to, accomplish. Come October when they travel on an exhibition tour to America it will be a well deserved 'thank you' for them.

For make no mistake about it, it takes as much effort and sacrifice for the ladies to be successful as the men. Even more so for those married ladies with children. But despite all the hardship and inconvenience, the camogie people just bounce along merrily, and they never seem to lose their appetite for the game.

Trainer Tom Ryan has suggested the hunger to succeed is as great as ever. And for their part some of the players have suggested the training has been that bit harder than in other years. So, apparently the will all round to get to the top is still first rate.

Nine wins

The likes of the Downey twins, Angela and Ann, have shared in the nine previous

successes. Now ponder on that for a second — nine All-Ireland senior medals. That takes some doing, like 7 a.m. starts for private training in the gym at Hotel Kilkenny. Extra work like that on top of regular training has helped keep the twins at the top.

They don't have to be told about the pressures and demands of the big day, and neither do great county servants Bridie McGarry, Biddy O'Sullivan, Claire Jones, Breda Holmes and company. Respect of all opposition is a key factor in the ladies make-up. They put in maximum effort, no matter who provides the opposition, or in what competition.

The champions know Wexford are worthy of the highest respect. The sides met in the League final earlier in the year, and a 10 minutes lapse during the second half destroyed the Slaneysiders. They lost in the end by just three points.

The 1977 clash remains the only history of the pair in the All-Ireland final, but they did meet at the penultimate stage several times. Inexperience of the big day could be Wexford's greatest enemy, but then against that, a good number of their players have figured in football All-Ireland finals!

In the semi-final the Slaneysiders beat Dublin by five points. They led at one stage by 11 points, but somehow contrived to let up and allowed their opponents back into the game.

Apparently interest in Sunday's game is really high in Wexford, and they expect to have a huge following in Croke Park.

Familiar names

Just like in this county, camogie in the Model County is flourishing. The strength of the game can be gauged by the four-in-a-row in the All-Ireland club series registered by Buffers Alley during the eighties.

**All-Ireland
Senior
Camogie Final
Croke Park
Sunday
Sept. 23rd
Kilkenny
v Wexford**

Wexford ladies bid

Kilkenny favourites but we have the talent!

NEXT Sunday Wexford march to Croke Park and an All-Ireland showdown with arch rivals Kilkenny. Unquestionably the two best camogie sides in the country this year 'The Cats' and the 'Model County' should provide a thrilling afternoon for their anxious supporters as both bid to take home the All-Ireland O'Duffy senior camogie crown. They met not long ago in Bellefield in the League final which Kilkenny narrowly won but on this occasion the prize is much greater as Wexford attempt to bridge a 15 year gap while this great Kilkenny side seek their sixth title in a row.

Wexford's task on Sunday is a mammoth one. Kilkenny have proven themselves the invincibles for so long, and they will surely be hot favourites on Sunday, as any neutral spectator would admit. However, though the odds may be stacked against us, Wexford are the side capable of breaking the dominance of our neighbours.

Already this Wexford side has acquitted itself admirably in the League and Championship this season. For the past five years they have made their exit from the Championship at the semi-final stage while Kilkenny have gone on to win. The last time Wexford won the title was back in 1975 while their last senior final appearance was 1977.

Thanks to the patient rebuilding of the game through the schools and county leagues and championships Wexford have made their comeback. This side is filled with an abundance of individual talent, as each player's record will establish. Individually all eighteen of the Wexford panel have had remarkable success in the game, despite the young age. Some have even begun their county senior career at the age of 13. That suggests they have a great deal of experience and youth on their side.

When Wexford march out onto Croke Park on Sunday they will be led by their very talented Rathnure captain Ann Reddy and while they will look to her for inspiration they will also seek the vast experience of Elsie Cody (nee Walsh) who played in the 1975 final and has been gracing the purple and gold jersey for 20 years. Elsie will play a big role in Sunday's game. She lives in Kilkenny and is married to ex-Kilkenny star hurler Brian Cody but when it comes to camogie her heart is with Wexford and her performance seems to get better and better. For her and her family it will be a unique experience.

Another very experienced ambassador of the game is Eileen Dillon (nee Kehoe) who lines out in the forward line on Sunday. Eileen was a member of the Wexford senior and junior panels which lost the All-Ireland finals in 1977 and she too will be an influential figure for Wexford.

While we travel as underdogs, Wexford can be sure that this team will offer no less than a wholehearted and committed performance. Already they have done the county proud and should they manage to put it together on Sunday, Kilkenny's ambitions for a sixth title in a row will be a formidable force.

could hope for. She has made some spectacular saves in the Wexford colours while in front of her she enjoys the luxury of a very solid defence. Full-back Tina Fitzhenry, wing backs Elsie Cody and Stella Sinnott and centre-back Catherine Murphy are all exceptional players. Each of them have at one time or another been the backbone of the side but on Sunday we will be hoping for them all to shine.

In midfield Wexford have captain Ann Reddy, Christine Harding and Jean O'Leary, a hard working trio of whom a lot will be asked. Needless to say the midfield job will be vital to the outcome of the game and we will be particularly looking for the talented Reddy to make her mark on this one. When she plays well Wexford are a more formidable force.

Eileen Dillon (nee Kehoe) moves into the centre forward berth in an effort to unsettle the sound Kilkenny back line. She is flanked by Siobhan Dunne and Jackie Codd, both of whom can be matchwinners on their day. We will be looking for the sharp shooting of all three to notch the important scores while the last line of attack is filled by Angie Hearn. Hearn proved a handful for Kilkenny in the League final with her non-stop determination and hopefully she will give us a repeat of her aggressive full-forward play.

Wexford also have plenty of talent on the bench with players of the calibre of Paula Rankin, Ann Marie O'Connor, Deirdre Hearn, Claire Cullen, Mary Fleming and Bernice Higgins. All of them are accomplished players, ready to take their place when called upon.

The team have been working hard in training and preparing for the game. They carry Wexford's only hope of an All-Ireland title on their shoulders next Sunday. Although we are already proud of their achievements we will anxiously hope for more. All is left is to wish the squad, their manager Ray Quigley and selectors John Furlong and Teddy O'Connor the best of luck.

We understand that some local clubs have organised buses to and from the game and anyone wishing to go should make arrangements as soon as possible.

While we sit back in expectation of the result the least we can offer this team in return is a sea of purple and gold flowing through the stands of Croke Park next Sunday. All support will be welcome for the big occasion.



EILEEN KEHOE
(Rathnure)
Age 30. Defender/Midfield.
Occupation: Secretary.
Honours: 4 county senior championship medals '72, '73, '74 with Rathnure. 1 county league medal 1989. 1 Leinster junior championship medal 1977. 2 Gael Linn medals 1988 & '89. Powers Sports Star Award 1977. 1 County senior football championships medal '82. Captained Wexford junior team in the All-Ireland camogie final defeated by Limerick in 1977. Captained Wexford senior ladies football team in All-Ireland final defeat by Kerry in 1983. Also a noted hockey player with Enniscorthy. The second member of the panel to have played in the All-Ireland final in 1977 losing to Limerick. Retired to the team for the semi-final against Dublin. Hobbies/Interests: most sports and stage.



JACKIE CODD
(Rathnure)
Age 24. Forward. Occupation: P. E. Teacher, Loreto Abbey, Gorey.
Honours: 1 county senior championship medal '89. 5 county senior league medals '83, '84, '85, '86, '89. 1 county intermediate medal '80. 1 county u-14 championship medal '79. 1 county u-16 championship medal '81. 1 Primary Schools championship medal '79. 1 Leinster u-16 championships medal '79. 2 Mary Cahill 7-a-side trophies '86 & '90. 1 All-Ireland 7-a-side r/up '89. 1 All-Ireland club football medal '88. 1 Leinster club football medal '88. 1 All-Ireland senior club football r/up '89. 2 Leinster senior club football medals '87 & '88. 1 All-Ireland club football medal '88. 3 County senior football championship medals '86, '87, '88. Played u-14, u-16 and senior for Wexford making her debut at senior level in 1982 and has been a regular ever since. Hobbies: most sports.



MARY FLEMING
(Rathnure)
Age 22. Goalkeeper.
Occupation: Secretary.
Honours: 1 county senior championship medal (1989). 1 county senior league medal (1989). 1 Mary Cahill 7-a-side trophy (1990). Save of the Tournament Award (1990). 1 All-Ireland club football medal (1988). 2 county senior football championship medals (1982 & 1988). 1 county u-16 championship medal (1983). Hobbies and Interests: Most Sports. Played u-14 and u-16 for Wexford and still to make her debut for the senior team. A regular in goal for Rathnure for the last two years, having played most of her under-age games outfield.



PAULA RANKIN
(Bundoddy)
Age 21. Forward. Occupation: Student. Honours: 3 Leinster Colleges medals with F.C.J. Bundoddy '85, '86, '87. 1 County junior championship medal 1988. 1 County junior league medal 1988. 3rd Level Puncello Cup winners medal 1988. Played u-14, junior and senior for Wexford, making her debut for the senior team against Dublin in the semi-final a few weeks ago and did so very impressively scoring 1-2 in the process. Interests/Hobbies: swimming, hockey, tennis, basketball, most sports.



JEAN O'LEARY
(Bullers Alley)
Age 28. Midfield. Occupation: Barmaid. Honours: 5 County senior championship medals. 2 county senior league medals '87 & '88. 3 All-Ireland club 7-a-side medals '86, '88, '89. 1 Golden Goal Award '88. 1 Leinster Junior Championships medal 1985. Made her debut for county senior team in 1986 and plays at midfield for both club and county. Had a very good game in the semi-final. Other hobbies include squash and badminton.



CLAIRE CULLEN
(St. Ibars)
Age 20. Midfield/Forward.
Occupation: Computer operator. Honours: 2 Leinster u-16 championship medals '85 & '86. 1 All-Ireland r/up medal 1986. 3 Slaney Festival Medals '80, '81, '84. 4 County u-14 League medals '80, '81, '83, '84. 2 County u-14 Championships medals '81 & '83. 2 Community Games medals '82 & '84. 1 Primary Schools medal 1982. 3 County u-16 championships medals '82, '85, '86. 1 County special Championships medal 1983. 2 County Junior League medals '81 & '83. 2 County u-16 league medals '85 & '86. 1 County junior championships medal '86. 3 County senior football championship medals. 3 County senior football league medals. 1 Leinster senior football championship medal '86. 1 Leinster junior football championship medal '86. 4 u-18 All-Ireland football championship medals '82, '83, '84, '86. 6 u-18 Leinster football championship medals '82, '83, '84, '85, '86, '88. 2 u-18 All-Ireland football championships r/up '85 & '88. 3 u-16 All-Ireland football championship medals '81, '82, '83. 3 u-16 All-Ireland football championships r/up '84, '85, '86. 6 u-16 Leinster football championship medals '81, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86. Played u-14, u-16 and senior for Wexford making her debut on the senior team this year. Hobbies: most sports.



SIOBHAN DUNNE
(Oulart/Ballagh).
Age 24. Forward. Occupation: Horticulturalist. Honours: 3 County junior championship medals '81, '89, '90. 1 County intermediate medal '83. 3 u-18 All-Ireland football medals '82, '83, '84. 2 u-18 Leinster football medals '83, '84. 2 u-16 All-Ireland football medals '81, '82. 1 u-16 Leinster football medal 1982. 3 senior Leinster football medals. 2 All-Ireland r/up senior football medals '86 & '89. 2 All-Star Awards '87 & '89. Played u-14, u-16, junior and senior for Wexford making her debut in the senior side in 1987. In the semi-final she notched 2-7 and on her day can be a match winner. Has also won numerous soccer cup and league medals with Forth Celtic and Oulart/Ballagh. Won Junior Cup medal with Forth Celtic. Interests/Hobbies: soccer, football and basketball.



DEIRDRE HEARNE
(St. Ibars)
Age 20. Defender. Occupation: Accounts Clerk. Honours: 2 Leinster u-16 Championship medals '85 & '86. 1 All-Ireland club medal '86. 3 Slaney Festival medals '80, '81, '84. 4 County u-14 championship medals '81 & '83. 1 Community Games medal 1982. 1 Primary School medal 1982. 3 County u-16 Championship medals '82, '85, '86. 1 County Special Championships medal 1983. 2 County Junior League medals 1981 & '83. 2 County u-16 League medals 1983, '86. 1 County junior championship medal 1986. 2 Slaney Festival Skills Awards 1982 & '84. Runner-up in All-Ireland camogie skills 1984. Played u-14, u-16 and junior for Wexford. Still to make her debut at senior level. Captained Wexford u-16 team to Leinster title and All-Ireland runners-up in 1986. Secretary of St. Ibars Camogie club and a very dedicated player. Other Hobbies: Swimming, Reading.

Proud of Elsie

Elsie Cody (nee Walsh) has been playing for the Wexford senior team for an incredible 20 years. She began her rivalry with Kilkenny even before that when she played schools camogie. No doubt her 'battles' with the Downys (who are an instrumental part of the Kilkenny side) has been one of the great camogie stories. Elsie is married to ex-Kilkenny and All-Star defender Brian Cody.



Bridie McGee

for All-Ireland



ELSIE CODY
(Buller's Alley).
Age 37. Defender. Occupation: Bank Official. Honours: 1 All Ireland senior championship medal (1975). 15 county senior championship medals; 1 county junior championship medal; 8 Leinster club championship medals; 5 All-Ireland club championship medals (79, '81, '82, '83, '84, captained team in 1982); 5 All-Ireland 7-a-side medals; 3 Player of the Tournament Awards; 1 Leinster Junior Colleges medal (1970); 2 Powers Sports Star Awards (1978 & '88); 7 Gael Linn medals with Leinster (winning captain '83 and '88). Interests and Hobbies: soccer, basketball and squash. Played soccer with Cork Celtic in the senior league while working in Cork. One of two survivors of Wexford's last appearance in the All-Ireland final in 1977 when Wexford contested both Junior and Senior finals. First played for Wexford in 1970.



CHRISTINE HARDING
(St. Ibars).
Age 22. Defender/Midfield. Occupation: Electronics Assembler. Honours: 2 Slaney Festival medals '80 & '81; 1 County u-14 championship '81; 2 County u-14 League medals '80 & '81; 1 County u-16 championship 1982; 1 County Special Championships medal '83; 1 County Junior League medal '83; 3 County senior football championship medals; 3 Leinster senior football medals; 3 All Ireland runners-up senior football medals; 3 u-16 All-Ireland '82, '83, '84; 3 u-18 Leinster football medals '82, '83, '84; 3 u-16 All Ireland football medals '81, '82, '83; 1 National Senior League football medal 1986; 1 All Star football award 1986. Numerous Cup and League soccer medals with Forth Celtic. Won Junior Cup medal also. Played u-14, u-16, Junior and Senior for Wexford. Made her debut for the senior team in 1988. Missed the semi-final clash with Dublin through injury. Is back in training now and progressing extremely well and hoping to make the clash with Kilkenny. Hobbies: most sports.



TINA FITZHENRY
(Duffry Rovers).
Age 25. Defender. Occupation: Secretary. Honours: 1 county intermediate championship medal (1984); 1 county junior championship medal (1980); 1 county junior league medal (1980); Powers Sports Star Award 1984; 3 Gael Linn medals ('84, '85, '86), (captained Leinster to '85 victory); 1 u-14 Leinster medal (1979); 1 u-16 Leinster medal (1979). Made her debut with county senior team 1981. Injured prior to the All-Ireland semi-final clash with Dublin but was able to play her part in getting Wexford through to next Sunday's final. Other hobbies: most sports.



BERNIE HIGGINS
(Rathnure).
Age 24. Defender. Occupation: Shop Assistant. Honours: 1 County senior championship medal 1989; 5 County senior league medals '83, '84, '85, '86, '89. 1 County intermediate championships medal '82; 1 County u-14 Championship medal 1979; 1 County u-16 Championship medal 1981; 1 Primary Schools medal 1978; 1 Leinster u-14 Championship medal 1979; 1 Leinster u-16 Championship medal 1979; 1 Leinster Junior Championship medal 1985; 1 Junior Gael Linn medal 1985; 1 Mary Cahill 7-a-side trophy 1986; 1 All-Ireland 7-a-side runner-up trophy 1989; Power Sports Star Award 1982; 1 30x60 All-Ireland singles handball medal 1988; 1 30x60 All-Ireland doubles handball medal 1988; 2 County senior football championship medals 1982 & '86. Played u-14, u-16, junior and senior for Wexford making her debut for the senior team in 1981 and a regular ever since. Missed the semi-final against Dublin following a knee operation but rejoined the squad and is progressing well. She is also a noted referee both at club and national level. Hobbies: Handball, squash, racquet ball and reading.



ANN REDDY
(Rathnure).
Age 25. Midfield (captain). Occupation: Shop assistant. Honours: 1 County senior championship medal 1989; 5 County senior league medals '83, '84, '85, '86, '89. 2 Mary Cahill 7-a-side trophies '86 & '90. 4 Gael Linn medals '85, '86, '88, '89. 1 u-16 Leinster championships medal 1979. 2 Leinster senior club medals '87 & '88. 1 All-Ireland senior club medal 1988. 4 County senior football championships medals '82, '86, '87, '88. Has played u-14, u-16, junior and senior for Wexford making her debut for the senior team in 1982. Captain of the team this year and leads by example with her wholehearted running and enthusiasm. Hobbies: most sports.



ANN MARIE O'CONNOR
(Buller's Alley).
Age 20. Forward. Occupation: Student in Dublin City University. Honours: 2 Leinster u-16 championship medals '85 and '86; 1 All Ireland runner-up medal 1986; 5 County Senior Championship medals '85, '86, '87, '88, '90; 2 County senior league medals '87 & '88; 3 Leinster senior colleges medals '86, '87, '88. 1 All-Ireland runner-up colleges medal 1988 (Captained FCJ Buncoddy 1988). 2 Slaney Festival Skills Awards '81 & '83. Runner-up in All Ireland Camogie Skills 1981. Played u-14, u-16, junior and senior for Wexford. Was a member of the last Wexford team to contest an All Ireland final in 1986 losing to Galway in the decider. Made her debut for senior team in 1987. Hobbies/Interests: Squash, swimming, water safety. Active member of Red Cross organisation.



AILISH KAVANAGH
(Buller's Alley).
Age 24. Goalkeeper. Occupation: Primary School teacher. Honours: 8 county senior championship medals; 4 county league medals; 3 All-Ireland club championship medals; 3 Leinster club championship medals; 2 Gael Linn medals (1988 & '89); 2 All Ireland 7-a-side titles ('88 & '89). Captained Buller's Alley to the county senior title this year. Made her debut with the county senior team in 1988 having previously played u-14, u-16 and junior at county level. Other hobbies: soccer, basketball and squash. Playing well this year both in the National League and Championships.



ANGIE HEARNE
(St. Ibars).
Age 23. Forward. Occupation: Sales Assistant. Honours: 2 Slaney Festival medals '80 & '81; 1 County u-14 championship medal '81; 2 County u-14 League medals '80 & '81; 1 County u-16 championship medal '82; 1 County Special Championships medal 1983; 1 County junior league medal 1983; 1 County Slaney Skills medal 1980; 3 County senior football championships medals; 3 County senior football league medals; 3 Leinster senior football medals; 3 All-Ireland r/up senior football medals; 3 u-18 All Ireland football medals '82, '83, '84. 3 u-18 Leinster football medals '82, '83, '84. 3 u-16 All Ireland football medals '81, '82, '83. 3 u-16 Leinster football medals '81, '82, '83. 1 National senior league football medal 1986. 3 All Star football awards '82, '84, '89. Played u-14, u-16 and senior for Wexford. Made her debut for Wexford at senior level this year in National League and scored the vital opening goal against Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final. Numerous cup and league soccer medals with Forth Celtic, also Junior Cup medal. Was on the Irish soccer panel. Hobbies/Interests: most sports.

Best wishes

Wexford's team manager is Ray Quigley (Oylogate), and selectors are Teddy O'Connor (Rathnure) and John Furlong (St. Ibars). They wish to thank everyone for their support over the past couple of weeks and thank the players for the hard work they have been putting in.

A word from the Chairman

A chairde, ní gá dom a rá gur mór an cúis áthais is bróid domsa an giota seo a scríobh, is gach dea-bhail agui ar an fhoireann a bhéas ag déanamh a seacht ndícheall Craobh Comórtas na hÉireann a bhreith leo ar an 23ú lá.

The road to this final has not been easy, and after the seemingly endless heartbreak of losing five All-Ireland semi-finals in a row, our return to Croke Park seems like a dream come true. Despite the setbacks, the girls, their mentors, trainer and selectors continued to believe in themselves, and at long last this belief has been well rewarded.

Any one interested in Camogie in Wexford will know levels, take the game extremely seriously, at all preparation of our senior team has been exemplary, and praise. Getting to Croke Park is far from the end of the road home to the Model County. No-one should underestimate their opposition, as Kilkenny will be seeking their sixth All-Ireland in a row. A neutral observer would have to favour opposition, as they are a wonderfully powerful and skilled team, but fortune The Cats' earlier this year. We were unlucky not to beat sliotar will bounce kindly for our girls this time around.

Many companies, individuals and organisations have helped us in the past few weeks with contributions and sponsorships. I would like to take this G.A.A. Board who have helped us in fund-raising, our training and with a more than generous cash donation.

The success of this team is the result of many years of hard work at Club level, and the health of our underage competitions augurs well for the future. The inauguration by Cumann na mBunscoil will no doubt guarantee that camogie in Wexford goes from strength to strength in the future.

Sunday the 23rd will see the culmination of many years of hard work in the clubs throughout the county, and we will all be cheering on our sporting heroines. We are already proud of this team, and I'm sure that every one in Wexford will be praying for their success on All-Ireland day.

Aodhagan O'Suird,
Cathaoirleach.



HOPING FOR GLORY... Wexford selectors John Furlong, Teddy O'Connor and Ray Quigley pictured during a training session in Bellefield.

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Noreen Tierney and Bridie O'Sullivan



Bridget Mullally



Breda Cahill



Marie Fitzpatrick



Frances Rothwell



Jillian Dillon



Ann Downey



Marina Downey



Bridget Barnaville



Breda Holmes



Noelle O'Driscoll

CATHERINE MURPHY (Rathnure)

Age 21. Defender. Occupation: Insurance Clerk. Honours: County senior championship and league winners 1989; Leinster senior runners-up 1989; Player of Tournament in Kilmacud 7-a-side 1989; captain of team which won Mary Cahill 7-a-side Tournament 1990. Various u-14, u-16 and junior medals with Cloughbawn. Playing with Wexford senior camogie team since 13 years of age. Has played in various Leinster and All-Ireland semi-finals at all grades but yet to win a medal with Wexford. Member of Gael Linn team 1985, 1987 and 1989. Member of Millenium team 1988. Football: Club All-Ireland senior winners 1988; 2 Leinster senior club medals 1987 & '88; All-Ireland senior runners-up 1986 & 1989; All Star awards 1984 and 1988; Replacement All-Star 1987. County senior football championships medals 1982, '86, '87 & '88. Hobbies: Greyhound Racing, Music and most sports.

FINAL SNIPPETS

- Wexford and Kilkenny met in the National League Final earlier this year which Kilkenny narrowly won
- Kilkenny are seeking their sixth senior title in a row
- The captain of the 1975 winning team was Gretta Quigley (nee Kehoe) sister of Eileen and wife of team manager Ray. In fact another Kehoe sister Kilt won an All-Ireland medal with Dublin while Bridget and Josie also won All-Ireland medals. Eileen will be hoping to emulate them by winning a medal on Sunday and completing a great family tradition.
- Wexford were beaten in the 1977 final by Kilkenny.
- Wexford have been beaten in the last 5 All-Ireland semi-finals
- Several of the Wexford players have contested All-Ireland football finals.

The Wexford players have familiar names like Synnott (Stella), Codd (Jackie), Murphy (Catherine), Fitzhenry (Tina) and Dunne (Siobhan) and, yes, all are relations of hurlers of the same names. Sure they can't be bad so.

The challengers have been threatening to make the big breakthrough for the past four years or so. They are ready for a mighty effort at Croke Park.

There is always the possibility that passing years will tell on Kilkenny sometime. The ladies don't believe it will be this year. And that should be good enough for us.

P.S. - The camogie ladies will have a big fund-raising night this Thursday in the Springhill Court Hotel. It's a novel Race Night that can be enjoyed by families. What about giving them a big send-off to Croke Park? The money raised will go towards the U.S. trip.

Angela is considering her camogie swan-song

DURING the All-Stars' outward flight on the Toronto Skydome trip last Autumn, Tipperary corner-forward Pat Fox was seated beside a petite female stranger. He didn't know her, they made polite smalltalk, she never identified herself.

Several days into the trip he approached her red-faced. "God, you're Angela Downey, I didn't recognise you . . . sure you have more All-Ireland medals than the rest of us put together."

Seated in her home in Shellmshath, Kilkenny, the camogie star roars laughing at the memory. It was a slight overstatement but with nine All-Ireland medals, numerous B&I trophies and a Texaco award to her name, the Kilkenny wing-forward is certainly one of the finest exponents of hurling skills this country has ever seen.

OK, so she plays camogie, that more ground-based less physical female version of the game, on a shorter pitch. But anyone who has seen her play will agree that she is the female equivalent of the complete, all-round hurler. And she will actually assent to the notion that, on a skill level, she is equal to her Kilkenny male counterparts.

But at 5' 1" and nine stone, she insists she could not compete with the men. "Even in school, with the young fellas, I'm not strong enough. One good shoulder from them and I'm over."

By CLIONA FOLEY

mark. But like all veterans, top-level competition has taken its toll.

There have been three cartilage operations since her Leaving Cert. in '75 and this year she has had to have weekly Ki-massage on the knees that give her constant pain after periods of inactivity. "I'm getting slower," she says. "Definitely slower and I find training harder all the time."

But Kilkenny coach, Tom Ryan, and her clubmates testify that herself and her twin sister and inter-county midfielder Ann, are always first out on the training pitch. And for the past five weeks, they have met at 7 a.m. each morning to put in an extra hour's training before work on treadmill and weights at the Hotel Kilkenny.

Kilkenny's top scorer, whose personal tally usually makes up half their total, knows what she has to do to remain an idol. Numerous inter-county stars contacted in the course of this article all said the same thing of her, almost verbatim: "She is the difference between every senior team in the country for the last 10 years." You could call her camogie's Christy Ring.

● GLAMOUR GIRL . . . Angela Downey models an Apriori-Young Escada outfit from the Marchioness Boutique in Kilkenny Photo by Michael Brophy

"There's no match tomorrow", and I said: 'Who's dead?' But when he told me there was an investigation about the semi-final going on in Croke Park I knew immediately they were going

Ann every Sunday. "We'd be on the main road, but the only time you'd run was when you saw the garda coming."

and Ann travelled to Toronto with the All-Stars to take part in the Patrick's Day parade and next month they travel to the US with their county camogie colleagues on a first ever tour.

"I do wonder sometimes, if I wasn't Shem Downey's daughter, would I have stuck with camogie," she muses. "When you see some of the showers and facilities that other women's sports have, you do get jealous."

But her natural love for the game and Kilkenny's successes have, she admits, been a motivating factor, as has their legendary mentor Tom Ryan. "He's amazing. He must be up on 60 and I've seen him stripped to the waist in the middle of winter out training with us, a marvellous motivator. He calls me 'the aul one' and I think I'll best him to get to this ball'."

"He calls me 'Mrs. Browne' too, which I hate," a reference to her husband of five years Ted. A rugby playing Limerickman he has inevitably found himself drawn into camogie also and coached Kilkenny to their third successive minor All-Ireland last month. He is partly the reason why she takes the field tomorrow.

"Since the ban I have kept saying I'm giving up but himself and Ann keep persuading me, with the old story of keep doing it while you still can." She looks doubtful about next year. "Don't mind her," shouts Ted from the kitchen. "She'll still be there, wait and see."

"The game has got much more physical"

The game is changing and like any star player she bears the brunt of it. "The Camogie Association won't like me saying it but it's got much more physical. I suppose as your name gets bigger the gaps get smaller. But in a semi-final recently one of our players got three stitches in the head, from a blow through her helmet. That says a lot."

She genuinely does not seem to be bitching, though, just a no-nonsense sort who keeps her own counsel unless she's asked and then talks straight. "There's a player as good as me on every county team in the country and I'm sure there'll be more," she says. "I was just lucky to be born with a hurl in my hand in Kilkenny." This year the champions succumbed once and almost twice to Cork and she says they have their weaknesses. "We hold on to the ball too long compared to the amount of fast ground-play in teams like Cork and Galway."

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Back in camogie's beginnings, in the Thirties, there was Dublin and occasionally Antrim. But since the 70s Cork and Kilkenny have dominated and today the noresiders go for their tenth All-Ireland since 1974, a six-in-a-row bid to add to their four-in-a-row League title earlier this summer. And inextricable from this success is the name of Angela Downey.

Downey has extraordinary skills and an ability and will to score that is unparalleled. In last year's All-Ireland final she stole the ball from Cork 'keeper Marian McCarthy, had her skirt torn off by another tackle, yet continued to solo to another goal.

Last month, when Kilkenny were struggling with old rivals Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final, a ball rolled off wide of the right post. Everyone thought it was dead. Everyone except the chasing Angela Downey, who doubled on it to score a spectacular goal through the narrowest of angles, faster than a Cruise missile. You never, ever, ever say die when Downey is around. Kilkenny won.

Now 33 and seeking her 10th All-Ireland title since she joined the Kilkenny seniors as a 15-year-old, there are cracks in the spirit and flesh and the latter is definitely weakening. Instantaneous bursts of speed as well as dexterity have always been her hall-

Two years ago, Angela Downey, the perfect role-model, the undisputed Queen of the Ash, got a six-month ban from Central Council.

Then, and today, she feels it was unwarranted and resulted from her status. "I was an example, you know... if Angela Downey can get six months, no one else is above the law and all that..." Camogie gossip still buzzes with it and comparisons have been drawn with the New York/Keady affair.

The ban was the result of what she calls "a minor incident" in an All-Ireland club semi-final between her club St. Paul's and neighbours Killeagh. Downey claims she was subjected to extreme verbal abuse all through the game but did not retaliate. With two minutes to go and a clear lead, she double-pulled — "which is actually illegal for us" — on a ball and clipped an opponent's ankle.

She claims she was then hit hard on the thigh — "I had the mark for three weeks" — and went down. An opposition mentor went in to pull her up but, when others followed, a mass of tugging and pulling ensued. The game ended and neither player was booked.

A fortnight later, on the eve of the final, Angela met her father outside his shop in Ballyragget. "He said:

Despite appearing before the Association to give her version, she is convinced their minds were made up because of who she was and the referee's report which is understood to have said that players were striking each other. "It was ludicrous. Sure I didn't even get booked, how could I get banned? And for six months? That bet all." Players like her marker today, Wexford's Elsie Cody, insist she has always been a clean player despite taking a lot of punishment.

Yes, it was the lowest point in an otherwise brilliant career. Despite numerous sympathetic calls from friends and rivals alike, she wanted to chuck it in. "But I went back to spite them, I admit it. I wouldn't let it put me under." During her six month ban she never missed a club training session and rejoined the county side at the semi-finals to the help them retain their National League title last year.

THERE is no explaining Angela Downey's supremacy of skill amongst her peers. Her father, Shem, was corner-forward when Kilkenny beat Christy Ring and Cork in the '47 All-Ireland and her strongest childhood memories are of pucking a ball out on the street, with himself and

She proved an equally proficient handball and basketball player in her schooldays at Presentation, Castlecomer, and Callan but never abandoned her natural choice of game. Ann has subsequently become one of our top women's squash players but both admit that when they started that Angela was, once again, the naturally more gifted.

"But I haven't the patience to learn skills repetitively, like Ann's dedication," she insists. "I watch her practising boast after boast and I know I'd never stick at it. That's why I loved camogie, I never had to work at it. I never remember learning how to rise a ball or hold the stick, it was just natural."

And it is this impatience with learning that she feels made her choose camogie rather than another sport which might have brought her international status and perks. A price has been paid. Angela Downey, winner of nine All-Ireland senior medals, has never got anything more than a tracksuit and a stick free in her whole 18-year career; "not even one pair of boots in 10 years!" she laughs.

On a sliding scale she has probably been lucky for Kilkenny now reveres its camogie stars with civic receptions to equal the men. Last year herself

The Downey twins and their veteran colleagues like Breda Holmes, Bridie McGarry, Claire Jones and Noelle O'Driscoll may win their 10th All-Ireland today and Angela may then choose to call it a day. "There's only one place to get out at, isn't there?" she quips.

If so, she will not get to equal Dubliner Kathleen Mills' record total of 15 medals from the 40s to the 60s but her contribution to the game, at today's competitive levels, is immeasurable and an invaluable legacy. Every camogie player in this country, little and large, wants to play like Angela Downey.

She herself always wanted to be a PE teacher but did not get into PE college, despite a final interview. Now she works in Thomastown Vocational School where her dinner-hours are, naturally, spent coaching youngsters.

And what do you actually teach, Angela?

She grins. "A bit of manners..."

Cork's Sandy Fitzgibbon and Dublin's Germaine Noonan, as well as other archrivals who have marked her for the past decade, will testify to this. Wexford corner-back Elsie Cody had better mind her today.

Kilkenny drive on towards a sixth on the trot

Denis Walsh

THE difference in Croke Park between last week and today, for the All Ireland camogie final, will be perceptible. The stands will be filled less by patrons than by the sound of screaming kids; those on the pitch concerned less with pulling on jerseys than on sliotars.

The intensity of the exchanges will not be without devilment but will yet be immeasurably more wholesome than the football of a week since, or most other football of this season. A match between Wexford and Kilkenny could hardly be complete without the mischief which accompanies rivalry, and the rivalry could not fail to engage us.

The final too will be novel. Not since 1985 have Wexford and Kilkenny met in an All Ireland championship match, not since 1977 in the final; on both oc-

casions Kilkenny won. Today the real novelty - and devilment - would be the usurping of the champions' crown.

The notion is not that ludicrous. In this year's semi-final against Cork in Ballinlough, Kilkenny looked more vulnerable than they have been during the five years of their reign as champions. That day but for a bizarre goal by goalkeeper Marie Fitzpatrick, a brilliant one by Angela Downey and a late one by Marina Downey, Kilkenny would not have survived by two points.

That each of these goals was unlikely was due to a Cork dominance at centrefield which restricted Kilkenny's forwards to a paucity of possession. They would not have survived but for the tactical paralysis of Cork's selectors. Wexford have also played only one match, of dubious quality against Dublin, to reach the final.

That day they received the benefit of an early goal and retained their lead without ever enhancing it in the manner their dominance ought to have allowed. That failure reflected a deficiency in their forwards which may yet do them most harm. The sides have met twice already this season, in the National League final and in the Leinster championship. Both times Wexford lost by less than two goals, losing in the league final as much because of a ten minute lapse in the second half as because of any intrinsic Kilkenny superiority.

The advantage Kilkenny will possess in experience hardly needs to be emphasised. Only Bridget Mullally and Gillian Dillon have not played in a senior final before; Anne and Angela Downey will be going for their tenth medal. The only Wexford player with All Ire-

land appearances is Elsie Cody, one victory in 1975 and a defeat two years later. The role of Cody today in marking Angela Downey is crucial; as important to the maintenance of her team's morale as to the breaking of her opponents'.

Cody, Tina Fitzhenry, Catherine Murphy and Stella Sinnot constitute the strength of the defence which is the strength of the team. The strength of Kilkenny is less localised, centred mainly on Biddy O'Sullivan, the Downeys, Bride McGarry and Breda Holmes, but also existing so much in other areas that the element of weakness is minimal. The plain fact of a greater aggregate, possessed of all which is required to win, should not allow Kilkenny to fail.

The junior final between Tipperary and Kildare precedes the se-

nior game and should cause interest to even the most uncommitted early arrivals. Kildare have dominated this grade in the last four years and a victory today would be their third in that time. A second successive win would oblige them to enter the senior ranks, but regardless of the outcome they already have applied for promotion.

Tipperary, at last, appear to be progressing back whence they came. The county reached a senior final as recently as 1984, but have slipped since, rather ingloriously for a county of their resources, into the junior grade.

This year's Munster junior title was their first, taken impressively with a comprehensive win over Cork and a narrow one over Limerick. Their All Ireland semi-final victory over Armagh was taken only with a late burst of op-

portunism by Triona Bonner.

Kildare's passage was far less demanding with victories over London and Roscommon which offered little competitive benefit. Tipperary can derive hope from the fright which a young Galway team gave Kildare in last year's final, but may not have the substance to do much more than again scare Kildare.

The accession of Kildare, and their outstanding captain Miriam Malone, to senior ranks should be fittingly celebrated with victory.

SENIOR: Kilkenny M Fitzpatrick, B O'Sullivan, D Malone, B McGarry, F Rothwell, G Dillon, Anne Downey, C Jones, B Cahill, B Holmes (Capt), Angela Downey, B Mullaly. **Wexford** A Kavanagh, T Fitzhenry, E Cody, C Murphy, S Sinnot, A Reddy (Capt), C Harding, J O'Leary, S Doran, E Kehoe, J Codd, A Heame. **JUNIOR:** Kildare A Dargan, G Dwyer, T Farrell, M Treacy, P Bamford, A Merriman, M Malone (Capt), S Family, M Johnson, P Keatley, T Hanley, R Merriman. **Tipperary** A Keeshan, J Delaney, C Kennedy, G Hagan, Meagher, C Madden, M Stokes, K McCluskey, K Moloney, D Hughes, T Bonnar, O Hagan, A Gleeson.

SPORTS PROFILE

FIVE weeks ago Cork and Kilkenny met in the All Ireland camogie semi final. The home advantage was Cork's and a crowd of perhaps a thousand, partisan and impassioned, filled a little ground in Cork city.

That day too in Croke Park Meath played Donegal in the football semi final. The balance of media attention would thus be focused. If you had tuned into your radio at 5.30 for the sports results you would not have heard the camogie score. At 6.40 you would not have heard a report.

The absence was a pity because such a report would have told of a match of marvellous intensity, fluidity and drama. And of a goal by Kilkenny's Angela Downey which above all else was a marvel and a joy.

Two minutes into the second half Downey chased a ball, running towards the endline, which no one else had followed but with their eye. The ball was not even in her corner but Downey thought it worth a chase.

The next moment Downey had scored; a ground stroke flicked across the goal and inside the far post. The shot had not carried any great pace but the keeper had been beaten by the surprise and angle of the shot. Downey celebrated, fists clenched, face contorted in a roar of delight.

The goal expressed the essence of Downey's talent. Remarkable pace, peerless wristwork and a ceaseless will and need to compete. The celebration reflected the intensity of the competitor.

Today in the All Ireland final Downey will be marked by Wexford's Elsie Cody. Cody watched that day from the bank: "It was so simple that anybody might have scored it. But nobody else would have."

When Downey has finished playing it is easy to believe that this goal, and others, will be remembered and spoken of in the manner that those who follow hurling speak of Ring, Mackey, Doyle or Rackard. Downey will be remembered above most because camogie has never had a talent so complete and charismatic.

On another day in the winter of 1986 far fewer than a thousand would have seen her play for St Pauls against Glen Rovers in the All Ireland club final.



age and without any experience. I hardly knew what the word experience meant."

Kilkenny were beaten but Downey scored 1-2 and the recognition of immense talent was confirmed.

Downey had not yet done her Inter Cert; by the time three years later when she sat her Leaving Cert Downey had already won her first All Ireland medal, the first title too that Kilkenny had ever won.

In 1975 she began in Maynooth and applied her considerable energies to the camogie club. The college was predominately male and often they had problems getting a team together, but in Downey's first year the college made the Ashbourne Cup final for the first time.

The motivation to lead a club at Maynooth would have been founded on Downey's perception of personal standards. In the pursuit and maintenance of these she is ruthless, and upon these depend her excellence.

"I've been criticised on numerous occasions for putting six goals past a young one in a club match. But that's not my problem. I have my own standards to maintain. If these slip there would be complaints as well."

Throughout her career Downey has been aware of her fitness. In the height of the season the Downey's go to the gym a couple of times a week before work. In the off season they play other sports to maintain their levels of physical condition. The awareness has meant that at 33 Downey is physically as prepared as any on the team.

As Downey's reputation grew the need to be fitter and stronger than her opponents also became more important. The manner in which she was being marked changed to reflect the nature of her threat.

During her career her teeth have been broken three times, the cartilage in her right knee has required three operations and her head has needed more stitches than any other player on the team. Yet her strength is far greater than her nine stone frame suggests and when the exchanges become physical nobody doubts her ability to cope.

Today Downey will wear a helmet with a visor guard, a gum

At half time in that match the Glen led by four goals and were comfortable; in the second half Downey scored four goals and a succession of points. Downey left the field before the end with a head injury and St Pauls lost by a point but Downey regards the performance as the most satisfying in her career.

On such days the strength of Downey's personality creates a presence which is greater than any other on the pitch; founded on a desire to take responsibility, and the facility to accept it. Here too is the essence of Downey.

On the Kilkenny team the importance of the player has become as much psychological as physical. Downey has been there for 19 seasons but her capacity to perform is still greater than any other in the side.

Her twin sister Ann has been on the team almost as long and recognises the value of her sister: "The whole team depends on her. If we're not winning we're saying surely Angela will get going. Angela will get the ball and do something."

Before the game begins Downey will be the player most prepared in the dressingroom. She would be the most likely to roar or bang a hurley on the table. On the pitch Downey will shout more than the others, often merely to encourage.

The intensity on the pitch is borne of an obsession with her game which exists long after the game has ended. She and her husband, Ted Browne, have just moved house for the fourth time in six years. The house is new and yet barely furnished but already the front room is dominated by camogie.

On the walls are a half dozen pictures capturing moments in her career. One of Ann last year receiving the All Ireland cup in the Hogan Stand; one of herself the year before.

Over the fireplace, enlarged and salient, is a picture of that moment in last years final when Downey was removed of her hurley and then of her skirt before scoring another goal against Cork. She stands, arms raised in

Camogie's top Cat

ANGELA DOWNEY

by Denis Walsh

celebration, infinitely more aware of the importance of what she had done than of what had been done to her.

Ted too has succumbed to the obsession. For the last five years he has trained the minor camogie team in Kilkenny. When her husband takes a week to go to the Galway races Angela takes over. Other times too she helps.

Two years ago in the minor final against Tipperary she intervened at half time. The team were trailing by 11 points and Angela felt the need to speak.

Some of the players left the dressingroom for the second half visibly affected, a couple in tears. Kilkenny won the game later by as much as earlier they had trailed. Senior players would have known the Downey which exists at camogie matches and behind dressingroom doors.

Senior players would know too the Downey of outside dressingrooms and the disparity which exists. When the playing ends Downey exhibits a shyness which is not apparent when she plays. Her presence is equally

formidable and her mind equally definite but the emphasis is less that of confrontation.

More often than not when the team goes for a drink Downey goes her own way.

"Fellas might say, look at that snobby bitch over there - but I'm just a shy person. My idea of a night out is to go for a meal with Ted or Ann or whoever. I don't have many friends but the ones I have are very good friends."

Angela Downey was born in 1957, the daughter of Shem and Brigid, the twin of Ann and younger sister of James. The Downey's lived in the village of Ballyragget, ten miles from Kilkenny city. Her father was the local butcher and the Downey's lived on the main street.

The talk in the house was much of hurling for Shem had been a famous Kilkenny player, winning a junior All Ireland in 1946 and a senior medal a year later. Their father never insisted that his offspring play hurling, but the hereditary inclination could hardly be resisted.

Angela's first memories of

swinging a hurley are of aiming stones at the roof of the slaughterhouse in the yard. The young Downey's pucked a ball with their neighbours in the main street and played a little in primary school under the guidance of Mrs Ruth, but the chance to play competitively did not come until they went to the Presentation school in Castlecomer.

Here they discovered other sports too and when the camogie seasons ended they turned to cross country running with Kilkenny Harriers. Neither of the Downeys paid it much attention but both possessed a natural strength and athleticism which meant that on any Sunday they would win more medals than in a whole camogie season.

Angela's progress as a camogie player though was especially astonishing and prodigious. In 1972, merely 15 years of age, Downey made the Kilkenny senior team and that year they made the final against Cork.

"I remember an article in a national newspaper asking what the hell I was doing there at my

shield and shin pads; a testament to previous experience. Some of the abuse though can not be contained by such protection.

"I can take a belt, these things heal, but it's the verbal abuse which really gets to me. Who do these people think they are?"

Two years ago in an All Ireland club semi final it was particularly bad. Some of it from the sideline, some of it from passing players. With a couple of minutes to go Downey misjudged a ball and struck her opponent on the ankle. Her opponent retaliated with a pull on her thigh and Downey fell.

An opposing mentor came in and tried to pull Downey up. The referee's attention was called and though neither player was booked the incident appeared in the referee's report. St Paul's won but on the day before the All Ireland final an investigation was called into the semi final and the match was postponed. Downey and her opponent received a six months suspension.

After the match Downey had cried in the shower. Her experience of the game had never been so low. The suspension deepened the hurt. She had already considered that year of retiring, but her mind now was even more set.

By the following spring the pain had subsided. Her desire not to be dictated by others was stronger than the grievance.

"I said to myself why the hell should ye deprive me of winning another All Ireland."

If Kilkenny win today it will be Downey's tenth title and the tenth too of her county. This year she believes will, at last, be her last. But how can we, far less Downey, be sure. In the autumn Kilkenny will tour America with the Cork team to play exhibitions and for the winter St Pauls may again pursue an All Ireland title.

Will they not say next year that Downey is still good enough?

"I might be still good enough from their point of view - but I mightn't be from my own. There's a difference."

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Clash of loyalties!

Brian Cody's wife plays for Wexford

By Gerry McCarthy

Tomorrow the caillí take over Croke Park for the All-Ireland camogie finals. Kilkenny, seeking a sixth successive title, meet Wexford in the senior game and Kildare defend the junior crown against Tipperary.

Kilkenny-Wexford rivalry on the hurling field has enriched the modern heritage of the caman code. Brian Cody was a noted defender in the Black and Amber colours during the Seventies and early Eighties. Indeed, he captained Kilkenny to an All-Ireland victory in 1982.

Tomorrow the Cody household will be divided against itself because Brian's wife, Elsie, is a member of the Wexford team! All of which poses the question: For which county will their little son, Donncha, be shouting?

Elsie Cody would be better known to camogie enthusiasts as Elsie Walsh. She has been a star since her school days, has been on the county team for 20 years, won an All-Ireland senior medal in 1975 and holds 15 county championship medals, won with her club, Buffers Alley, which she still assists.

Wexford's full-back, Tina Fitzhenry, is a member of a famous sporting family. Her seven brothers recently helped Duffry Rangers win the county senior football championship for a fifth successive time.

Tina is herself an accomplished

footballer. So is Jackie Codd, who hails from a prominent Rathnure hurling clan. Jackie is the team's all-rounder because she has gained interprovincial hockey honours in addition to representing Wexford lady footballers at Under-14, Under-16 and senior grades.

Wexford are seeking their fourth All-Ireland senior crown while Kilkenny are chasing their tenth. The Downey twins, Angela and Ann, played prominent roles in all their previous victories. They will again cause headaches for the opposition.

Kilkenny's team is basically composed of experienced exponents to whom Croke Park on final day is familiar territory.

New faces

The champions will, however, parade two exciting new talents. Gillian Dillon, a daughter of former county hurling defender Pa, has been named at right midfield, where she forms a formidable trio with Ann Downey and Clare Jones.

Gillian was introduced as a substitute during the semi-final with Cork and did more than enough while on the field to be preferred to the experienced Anna Whelan for this supreme test.

Bridget Mullally, a team-mate of Gillian on the 1989 All-Ireland winning minor team, is also making her debut in a senior final. She

hails from Glenmore, is an accomplished marksman and her tally of goals at all levels of competition makes impressive reading.

Containing the Black and Amber attack will pose Wexford their biggest problem. Should they achieve this the O'Duffy Cup could return to Slaneyside after an absence of 15 years.

Kildare have, in recent years, been the dominant force in junior camogie circles. They are seeking their third All-Ireland title in four seasons and also hold the National League.

Tipperary, in contrast, are appearing in their first final and their team includes Triona Bonnar, whose brothers have won so many hurling honours with the county.

KILKENNY — M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan; D. Malone, B. McGarry, F. Rothwell; G. Dillon, Ann Downey, C. Jones; B. Cahill, B. Holmes (capt.), Angela Downey; B. Mullally.

WEXFORD — A. Kavanagh; T. Fitzhenry; E. Cody, C. Murphy, S. Sinnott; A. Reddy (capt.), C. Harding, J. O'Leary; S. Dunne, E. Kehoe, J. Codd; A. Hearne.

KILDARE — A. Dargan; G. Dwyer; T. Farrelly, T. Treacy, P. Bambury; A. Merriman, M. Malone (capt.), B. Farrelly; M. Johnson, P. Keatley, T. Hanley; R. Merriman.

TIPPERARY — A. Keeshan; J. Delaney; C. Kennedy, G. Ryan-Meagher, C. Madden; M. Stokes, K. McCluskey, K. Moloney; D. Hughes, T. Bonnar, O. Hogan; A. Gleeson (capt.).

Glen Rovers win All-Ireland sevens

CORK County camogie champions Glen Rovers won the All-Ireland seven-a-side camogie championship at Kilmacud, Dublin, on Saturday.

The Glen, who play Six-milebridge, Co. Clare, in the Munster club final next Sunday, qualified for the quarter-finals of the competition by finishing top of their group which included Oliver Plunkets (Dublin), St. Annes (Louth) and Tul-laher (Kilkenny).

In the quarter-final they defeated Celtic (Dublin) 2-8 to 0-3. They followed this with a semi-final victory 2-5 to 0-2 over next Sunday's opponents, Sixmilebridge. In the final they met Marino (Dublin) and won by 2-11 to 1-2.

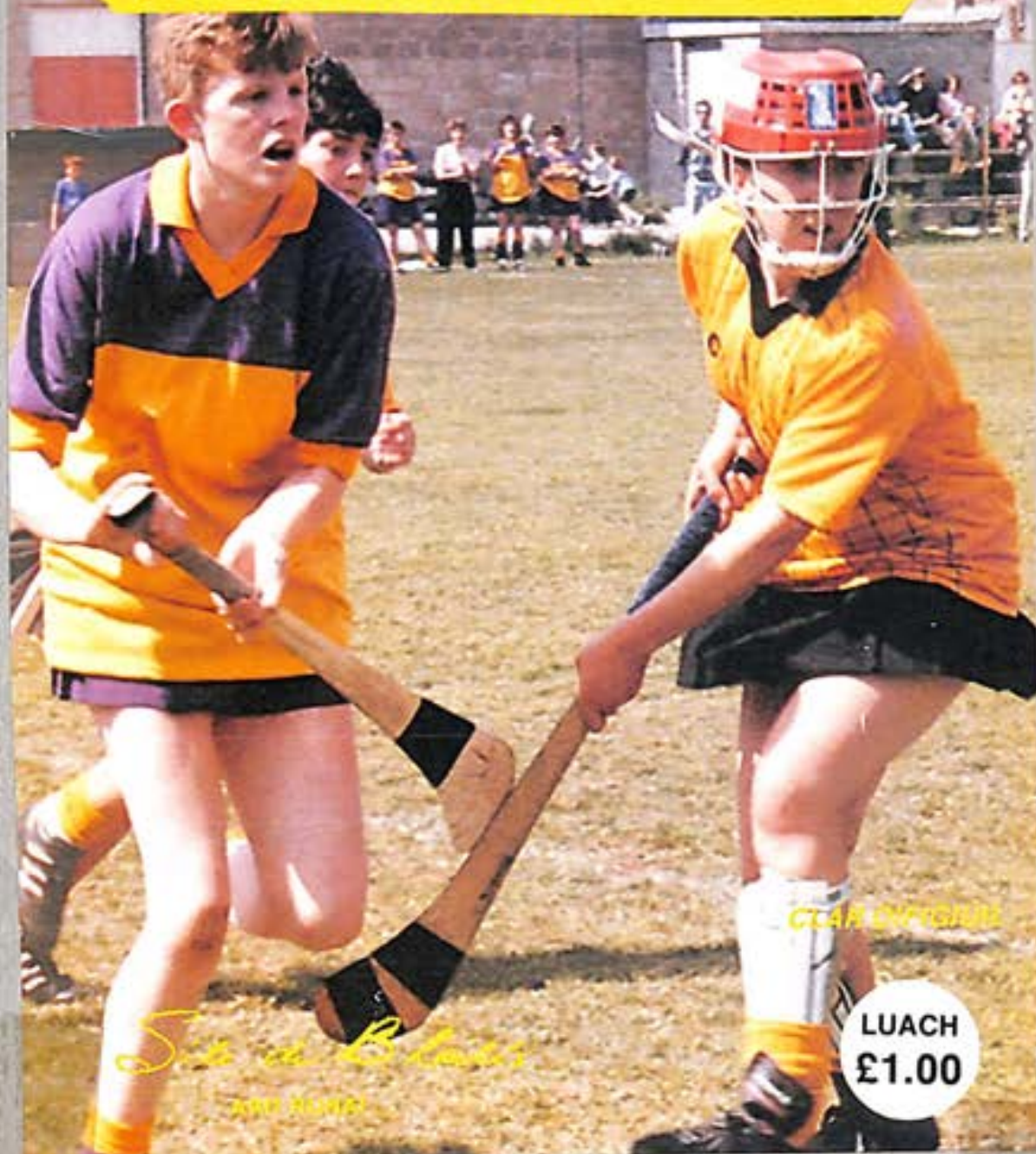
The Glen's panel of 10 players: Mairead O'Leary, Therese O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick, Claire McCarthy, Mary Ring, Anne O'Donovan, Ger McCarthy, Diane Deane, Deirdre McCarthy and Fiona Twomey all played well and team captain Therese O'Callaghan was named player of the tournament.



Therese O'Callaghan, captain, Glen Rovers, receives the cup for the All-Ireland seven-a-side camogie finals from Niall Geoghegan, Marketing Director, Green Isle Foods Ltd.

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Cill Dara v. Tiobraid Árann

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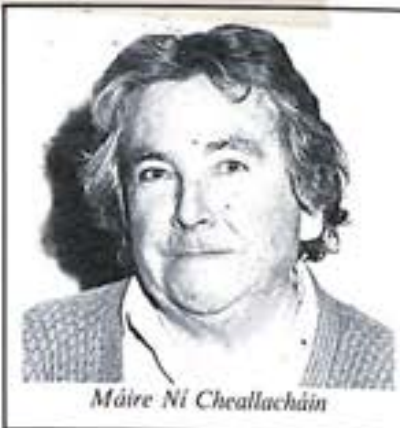
Cill Chainnigh v. Loch Garman

Sinsear - 3.30 i.n.

Réiteoir: Miriam Uí Mhurchú (Corcaigh)

Banna Cheoil Ard Aidhín a bheidh ag seinm

Fáilte ón Uachtarán



Máire Ní Cheallacháin

Is le fonn a chuirim fáilte roimh chách go Páirc an Chrócaigh ar ócáid Chluichí Ceannais na hÉireann sa Chamógaíocht. Fearaim fáilte ar leith roimh na foirne agus roimh na Réiteoirí agus na Maoir a mbeidh na Cluichí faoina gcúram.

Cill Chainnigh agus Cill Dara have graced our All-Ireland Finals on many occasions in recent years. We look forward to seeing their excellent skills again today at Senior and Junior level, respectively.

Is mór agam é go bhfuil Loch Garman agus Tiobraid Árann ar ais linn. Both of these Counties have contributed enormously to Camógaíocht over the years, and I am delighted to see them back in Páirc an Chrócaigh on All-Ireland Finals Day.

On present form, the teams are very well matched and two great games are expected.

Tá suil agam go mbainfidh ár naoidheanna agus ár lucht leanúna spórt agus aobhneas as na Cluichí Ceannais. Go raibh an-lá againn uilig.

NA RÉITEOIRÍ



Miriam Uí Mhurchú

(Miriam Murphy, Corcaigh)

Miriam is no stranger to Croke Park. She refereed the 1977 All-Ireland Junior and the 1985 All-Ireland Senior finals. Better known under her maiden name, Miriam Higgins, she has served on the National Referees Committee and directed Referees' Courses.

D'éirigh thar barr lei agus i ag imirt camógaíochta. She held a regular place on the Cork team for several years. She has three All-Ireland Senior, an All-Ireland Junior, Gael-Linn, National Senior League, Munster and Cork championship medals.

A member of the Éire Óg club, she has chaired Coiste Contae Chorcaí. Miriam's sporting interests stretch beyond camogie. She has played hockey and tennis. Recently she has taken up golf and is making great progress in the sport.

Go n-éirí go geal lei inniu.



Miriam Uí Cheallacháin

(Miriam O'Callaghan, Uíbh Fháighle)

Miriam has officiated at the All-Ireland Minor finals of 1985 and 1990 and the National Senior League final. To-day will be her first Croke Park final.

She is a very capable administrator as was evident when Laois/Offaly hosted the National Finals of Féile na nGael.

Si féin Cathaoirleach Choiste Uíbh Fháighle agus Leas-Chathaoirleach Chomhairle Laigheann.

She lines out with the Tullamore club and has worn the Offaly colours many times. Her great interest in Gaelic games gave her the unique distinction of being the first lady to speak at a G.A.A. Congress.

Go n-éirí go geal lei chomh maith inniu.

NA MAOIR CHÚIL

CORCAIGH

Róis Uí Mhaoileáin
Máire Ní Ghéibheannaigh
Máire Uí Loingeacháin
Máire Ní Chearnaigh

UÍBH FHÁIGHLE

Briainín Ní Lochnain
Noilín Ní Bhrádaigh
Verónica Ní Smolláin
Póilín Ní Aodha

NA MAOIR LÍNE

ÁTH CLIATH

Brenda Ní Shirideain
Máire Ní Chonaill

ÁTH CLIATH

Gearóidín Ní Dhuinn
Karen Bauer

Mar eolas duit?...

Five Kehoe sisters from Clonleigh, Wexford — Brigid, Kit, Josie, Annie and Gretta — won All-Ireland Senior Camogie medals. Brigid and Gretta captained All-Ireland winning Wexford teams and Kit was the first player to win All-Ireland senior medals with two counties. Eileen, the baby of the family may add to the family's fabulous record this year.

Ann and Angela Downey (Kilkenny) were invited to Toronto earlier this year in recognition of their outstanding achievements on the camogie field.

Triona Bonnar, who fields with Tipperary this afternoon, is a sister of Cormac, Colm and Conal Bonnar who won All-Ireland hurling medals with Tipperary in 1989.

Seán McCarthy, who won an All-Ireland hurling medal with Cork earlier this month, is a brother of Cork goalkeeper Marion McCarthy, the holder of eight All-Ireland senior medals.

Triona Maher from the Gortnahoe-Glengoolie Club, Co. Tipperary, is the current National Féile na nGael Skills Champion.

Wexford defender Elsie Cody is married to former Kilkenny hurling full-back Brian Cody. They belong to a very small group of husband and wife combinations who hold All-Ireland medals.

Kilkenny record-makers, Bridget Mullally and Sinéad Millea, top the scoring charts. Bridget registered 6-7 in the 1989 All-Ireland Minor Final while Sinéad's total in the 1990 final of the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship was 4-7.

Former Wexford full-back Mary Sinnot was one of the country's finest exponents of badminton. She represented her country at the sport over fifty times.

Kildare player Niamh Leahy is a grand-niece of former Tipperary stars Kathleen and Terry Griffin.

Tina Fitzhenry is a sister of Séamus, Leinster and Wexford footballer, and Martin, Wexford senior hurler.

Former Cathaoirleach of the Kildare Board, Patricia Keatley, will be marking the present Cathaoirleach of the Tipperary Board, Geraldine Ryan-Meagher, in the Junior final. Will they discuss administration matters?

Bridie Doran, who won an All-Ireland senior medal with Wexford in 1975, is sister of Mick Jacob, the first Wexford hurler to be honoured with an All-Star Award.



Triona Ní Mheachair (Tiobraid Árann), buaiteoir Chomórtas na Scileanna, Féile na nGael, 1990.

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Buaiteoirí na mBonn

KILKENNY'S success in the All-Ireland Senior Championship in recent years has considerably altered the Medal-Holders Chart. While Kay Mills and Una O'Connor of Dublin remain out in front,

several Kilkenny girls have crept up the ladder.

The position going into this afternoon's final is as follows:

Líon na mBonn (Sinsear)

IMREOIR

- (15) Kay Mills, Áth Cliath.
- (13) Una O'Connor, Áth Cliath.
- (9) Gerry Hughs, Áth Cliath.
Kay Ryder, Áth Cliath.
Angela Downey, Cill Chainnigh.
Ann Downey, Cill Chainnigh.
- (8) Sophie Brack, Áth Cliath.
Eileen Duffy, Áth Cliath.
Kay Lyons, Áth Cliath.
Eithne Leech, Áth Cliath.
Marion McCarthy, Corcaigh.
Bridie McGarry, Cill Chainnigh.
Jo Dunne, Cill Chainnigh.

- (7) Kathleen Cody, Áth Cliath.
Annette Corrigan, Áth Cliath.
Pat Moloney, Corcaigh.
- (6) Lil Kirby, Corcaigh.
Doreen Rogers, Áth Cliath.
Ally Hussey, Áth Cliath.
Mary Ryan, Áth Cliath.
Judy Doyle, Áth Cliath.
Marion Sweeney, Corcaigh.
Biddy O'Sullivan, Cill Chainnigh.
Deirdre Malone, Cill Chainnigh.
Anna Whelan, Cill Chainnigh.



Ann Downey



Kay Mills



Angela Downey



Cluiche Ceannais na Sóisear, 1989 - Imelda Ni Mheachair, An Ghaillimh, á leanúint ag Miriam Uí Mhaoileoin, Cill Dara.



Cluiche Leath-cheannais na Sóisear, 1990 - Áine Ní Ghliasaín Tiobraid Árann, chun tosaigh ar Threasa Ní an Fhailí, Ardmacha.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Dathanna: **Gorm is Órga**

(1)
ÁINE NÍ CHISEÁIN

Ann Keeshan
(Roscrea)

(2)
JOVITA NÍ DHÚLÁINNE

(Jovita Delaney)
(Cashel)

(3)
CÓRA UÍ CHINNÉIDE

Cora Kennedy
(Toomevara-Templederry)

(4)
GEARÓIDÍN NÍ RIAN UÍ MHEACHAIR

Geraldine Ryan-Meagher
(Cappawhite)

(5)
CLÁR NÍ MHADÁIN

Claire Madden
(Portroe)

(6)
MÉABH DE STÓC

Maeve Stokes
(Carrick-on-Suir)

(7)
KIRSTY NIC BHLOSCAIDH

Kirsty McCluskey
(Cashel)

(8)
KAIFFEE NÍ MHAOLOMHNAIGH

Kaiffee Moloney
(Cashel)

(9)
DEIRDRE NÍ AODHA

Deirdre Hughes
(Toomevara-Templederry)

(10)
TRIONA NÍ CHNÁIMHSÍ

Triona Bonnar
(Cashel)

(11)
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(Burgess)

(12)
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Anne Gleeson (Captaen)
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Foireann Tiobraid Árann

1. **Ann Keeshan** (Roscrea): Nuair a chéad d'imir si le Tiobraid Árann bhí Ann ina lán-tosach. She was a member of the panel in the 1984 Senior All-Ireland Final. She has represented Cúige Mumhan in Gael Linn. She coaches her Club's under-14 team.
2. **Jovita Delaney** (Cashel): Has won two All-Ireland medals already in 1990. Bhí si ar fhoireann na Mionúr a bhuaigh Craobh na hÉireann agus ar fhoireann Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal, a bhuaigh Comórtas n nIarbhuinscoileanna d'fhoirne seachtair. Jovita played with the Minors for five years. 1 All-Ireland Minor medal.
3. **Cora Kennedy** (Toomevara-Templederry): Tá Cora pósta le boiliúnaí na foirne, John Kennedy. She has won County League medals with her club and inter-county intermediate medals with Tiobraid Árann.
4. **Geraldine Ryan-Meagher** (Cappawhite): d'Imir si le Tiobraid Árann i gcoinne Atha Cliath i gCluiche Ceannais na Sinsear i 1984. Geraldine has represented her County in Gradam Tailte and has played with Cúige Mumhan at both Junior and Senior level. She is the Cathaoirleach of An Coiste Contae. Holds an All-Ireland Football medal.
5. **Claire Madden** (Portroe): d'Imir si le foireann na Mionúr a bhain an Cluiche Ceannais amach i 1989. She is a noted Colleges player with Scoil Mhuire, Nenagh. A senior club player, Claire also represents Tiobraid Árann at under-18 level.
6. **Maeve Stokes** (Carrick-on-Suir): Maeve has represented Tiobraid Árann at under-16 and under-18 as well as at junior level. Bhí si ina captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúr i 1986. She won her first Munster Championship this season with the Junior team.
7. **Kirsty McCluskey** (Cashel): d'Imir si le Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal. Kirsty played with the Tiobraid Árann senior team in the 1984 All-Ireland Final. 5 County Championship and 2 County League medals.
8. **Kaiffee Moloney** (Cashel): Imreoir eile a d'imir le Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal, i Kaiffee, agus bhuaigh si Craobhchomórtas na Mumhan leis an scoil i 1989. A senior club player, she holds 5 County Championship medals.
9. **Deirdre Hughes** (Toomevara-Templederry): d'Imir Deirdre le foireann na Mionúr a bhain Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach i 1989. She has won under-14, under 18, Intermediate and League medals with her club, in addition to Munster Minor, Junior and Vocational Schools' medals.
10. **Triona Bonnar** (Cashel): Lena deirfiur-acha, Eithne agus Nuala, d'imir si le Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal. Imríonn a deartháireacha, Conor, Colm agus Cormac, le foireann Iománaíochta Tiobraid Árann. Triona played for Tiobraid Árann in the 1984 All-Ireland Senior Final. She scored 2 goals in this year's Junior semi-final. 5 County Championship medals.
11. **Orla Hogan** (Burgess): Is scoláire i Scoil Mhuire, Aonach Urmhumhan. She played in the 1989 All-Ireland Minor Final. Orla holds many medals from Community Games to Senior Pan Celtic, and is on the under-18 County team.
12. **Ann Gleeson** (Toomevara-Templederry): Captaen. She has played for Tiobraid Árann at all levels, including the 1984 All-Ireland Senior Final. Anne won a Purcell Cup medal. d'Imir si i gComórtas Gael Linn, sinsear agus sóisear, le Cúige Mumhan.
13. **Ailish Delaney** (Templemore): Ailish, in her first season with the 'Carrick' team, is the reserve goalkeeper. She won a Munster Junior medal with the team this year. Imríonn si le foireann Thiobraid Árann faoi 18.
14. **Regina O'Meara** (Toomevara-Templederry): Tá a lán buaite lena Club féin aici le ceithre bhliain anuas. Her successes with her club include under 18 and Intermediate Championship titles. Regina won her first Munster medal with the Juniors this year.
15. **Helen O'Leary** (Cashel): Helen won 6 Munster Colleges medals and an All-Ireland 7-a-side medal with Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal. She also holds under 16, under 18 and Senior County Championship medals with her club. Bhí si ina Captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúr a bhain Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach i 1989.
16. **Ann Marie Fitzgerald** (Cashel): Bhí si ina Captaen ar fhoireann Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal, a bhuaigh craobhchomórtas na Mumhan i 1989. Ann Marie also holds under 16, under 18 and Senior county championship medals with her club.

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Anna Dargan
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(2)
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Geraldine Dwyer
(Clane)

(3)
TREASA NÍ FHAIRCHEALLAIGH
Therese Farrelly
(Broadford)

(4)
MELANIE NÍ THREASAIGH
Melanie Treacy
(Islington-Irish)

(5)
FILIS BHAMBAIRE
Phyllis Bambury
(Broadford)

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ANTOÍNÍN NIC GIOLLA MHEIDHRE
Antoinette Merriman
(Clane)

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(Broadford)

(8)
BRIAINÍN NÍ FHAIRCHEALLAIGH
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(9)
MÁIRE ÁINE NIC SHEÁIN
Marianne Johnson
(Clane)

(10)
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Patricia Keatley
(Broadford)

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Foireann Chill Dara

1. **Anna Dargan** (Broadford): Anna has played in the defence for Cill Dara for many seasons. She returned last year to the position which she held when she began playing with the county and has proved herself to be an accomplished goalkeeper. Is deirfiúir le Miriam Uí Mhaoileoin, an Captaen, i. Holds all-Ireland junior, National League and Gael Linn medals.

2. **Geraldine Dwyer** (Clane): Captaen Chill Dara a bhuaigh An Chraobh i 1987. She won 5 county championship medals with Prosperous and was twice selected as Kildare Sports Star. Holds all-Ireland junior, National League and Gael Linn medals.

3. **Theresa Farrelly** (Broadford): Bhí sí ina Captaen ar fhoireann na Gairmscoile. Éadan Doire agus i ar scoil. Theresa has also represented Cill Dara at minor level. All-Ireland junior and National League medals.

4. **Melanie Treacy** (St. Enda's): Imreoir na Bliana i gCill Dara i 1985. Now based in London, Melanie commutes regularly to play with Cill Dara. All-Ireland junior, National League and Gael Linn medals.

5. **Phyllis Bambury** (Broadford): d'Imir sí le Naomh Mhuire, Éadan Doire, i gcomórtas na nLarbhuscoileanna. Has won several county championship medals with her club. All-Ireland junior and National League medals.

6. **Antoinette Merriman** (Clane): d'Imir sí leis na mionúir i 1980 agus 1981 agus bhí sí ina captaen ar na sóisir i 1988. She also plays badminton. All-Ireland junior, National League and Gael Linn medals.

7. **Miriam Malone** (Broadford): Captaen. Miriam has graced camógáilocht with club, county and Province for many years. Is sár-imreoir críochnaithe i. She was selected Junior Player of the Year in 1987 and holds All-Ireland junior, National League and senior and junior Gael Linn medals.

8. **Bernie Farrelly** (Broadford): Bhí sí ina captaen nuair a bhuaigh Cill Dara Craobhchomórtas na Sóisear anuraidh. An outstanding exponent of the skills of the game. Bernie won Gradam Táilte in 1987 and 1988. She also plays hockey and squash. All-Ireland junior, National League and Gael Linn medals.

9. **Marianna Johnson** (Clane): Marianne has contributed enormously to Camógáilocht in Cill Dara and not only on the playing fields. She has filled the roles of player, referee and Rúnaí an Choiste Contae with distinction. Imríonn sí badmantan chomh maith. All-Ireland junior, National League and Gael Linn medals.

10. **Patricia Keatley** (Broadford): Tá sí ag imirt le Cill Dara ó 1981 i leith agus is iar-chathaoirleach ar an gCoiste Contae i. She enjoys horse riding and is involved in Macra na Feirme. All-Ireland junior and National League medals.

11. **Teresa Hanley** (Carbury): Bhí sí ag imirt lena club nuair a bhuaigh Féile na nGael in 1985. d'Imir sí chomh maith le Naomh Mhuire. Éadan Doire i gcomórtas na nLarbhuscoileanna. Teresa also plays Gaelic Football. All-Ireland junior and National League medals.

12. **Rose Merriman** (Clane): Tá boinn na nÉireann buaite mar chúl báire agus mar lán-tosach aici. Rose was on the goal in 1987 and was full-forward in 1989, with Cill Dara the champions on both occasions. Bhí sí ina Réiteoir an Chluiche Ceannais na Sóisear i 1988 agus is oiliúnaí oile i chomh maith. All-Ireland junior and National League medals.

13. **Liz O'Donoghue** (St. Laurence's): Níor imir Liz le dhá bhliain annas agus tá fáilte roimpi ar ais. An accomplished musician. She is also interested in Gaelic Football and athletics. National League medal.

14. **Reiltín Treacy** (St. Laurence's): d'Imir sí leis na mionúir i 1989. A player of tremendous ability. Reiltín's performances augur well for her own and Cill Daras future.

15. **Elizabeth Doran** (Broadford): Sí seo an dara bliain di ag imirt le Cill dara. Elizabeth has won county championship and League and Leinster junior club medals. She is also involved in badminton and athletics. All-Ireland and National League medals.

16. **Sharon Browne** (St. Laurence's): Imríonn Sharon le foireann na mionúir chomh maith. She had five years experience as an Inter-County player at under-11 and minor level. She holds an all-Ireland Rounders medal.

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TIOBRAID ÁRANN



AR CHÚL (ó chlé) — B. Mhic Pháilib, M. De Stóc, M. de Brún, C. Ní Mhadáin, A. Ní Chiseáin, K. Ní Bhloscaidh, K. Ní Mhaolomhnaigh, M. Ní an Ghaill, A. Ní Dhúláinn, C. Ní Góráin, R. Ní Mheára. CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé) — D. Ní Aodha, G. Ní Riain Uí Mheachair, O. Ní Ógáin, E. Ní Glisáin (Captaen), J. Ní Dhúláinn, C. Ní Chinnéide, M. Ní Chinnéide, F. Ní Eachaidh, L. Ní Laoire.



Foireann Thíobraid Árann a bhuaigh Chraobh Chomórtas na Mionúir, 1990, don chéad uair ariamh.

CILL DARA



AR CHÚL (ó chlé) — P. N. Ghatlaioich, R. Nic Giolla Mheidhre, T. Ni Fhaircheallaigh, A. Uí Dhéargáin, T. Ni Áinle, M. Ni Threasaigh, F. Bhambaire, M. Uí Mhaoileoin (Captaen), E. Ni Dheoráin. **CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé)** — G. Uí Dhubhair, B. Ni Fhaircheallaigh, E. Ni Dhonnchú, R. Ni Threasaigh, S. de Brún, M. Nic Sheáin, N. Ni Loacha, A. Nic Giolla Mheidhre.

Na Sóisir Cill Dara v. Tiobraid Árann

Tipperary represented Munster at Aonach Tailteann in June 1932 and participated in the inaugural All-Ireland senior championship. The county has appeared in seven All-Ireland finals from 1949 to 1984. While the county won the first National Senior League title, it is a source of great disappointment that the O'Duffy Cup has not been engraved with the name of Tipperary.

In 1988, the county sought to be regraded with the intention of regrouping its resources and building up again. Particular emphasis was placed on underage camogie and this concentration has paid off. Within twelve months, Tipperary were Munster minor champions. Ba ó shíol go bláth a d'ghás an Chamógaíocht sa chontae le linn an ama sin.

This season, to the great delight of Tipperary followers, the barren years ended. The county minor team won the All-Ireland championship with a skilful display against the holders, Kilkenny. Progress continued. Tipperary defeated neighbours and keen rivals Cork in three grades this season, minor, under-18 and junior.

With a nice blend of former seniors and talent emanating from the minor grade, Tipperary overcame Cork and Limerick to notch their first Munster junior title. Captain, Anne Gleeson, Ger Ryan, Triona Bonnar and Kirsty McCluskey were in Croke Park with the Tipperary senior team in 1984. Orla Hogan, Deirdre Hughes, Jovita Delaney and Helen O'Leary have come through from the minor ranks.

In the All-Ireland semi-final, Tipperary played Armagh at Semple Stadium. For a long period, the match could have gone either way. Goals from Triona Bonnar swung the game in Tipperary's favour and earned the girls in blue and gold a place in this afternoon's decider.

The present Kildare team stepped into

the limelight in 1986 when they contested the final of the National League. They had to take second place to Galway on that occasion but later won the first of five successive Leinster Championship titles.

1987 proved to be an historic year for Kildare. Geraldine Dwyer led the Lilywhites to their first All-Ireland title. Since then, Kildare have consolidated their position as the top junior side in the country.

In the 1989 final, Kildare looked somewhat vulnerable against Galway and were held to a draw by a late point. However, in the replay at Birr, there was no disputing which was the better team. Miriam Malone, at the top of her form, notched 1-11 to snuff out any hope which Galway had.

Kildare resumed the new season as they finished the old one. Led by Miriam Malone, they completed their National League programme without the loss of a single point to take the title for the third time since 1986. Bhí an lá leo arís.

Claire Moloney, the Clare born full-back, has been transferred to Dublin. Nuala Kerrigan is not available this season. Caoimhe Brennan spent several months in Australia. These are notable changes from last year's panel.

Kildare players have put a tremendous amount of time and effort into their game over the past five to six years. This huge commitment is underlined by Melanie Treacy who commutes from London to wear her county colours.

In terms of experience of the big occasion and teamwork, Kildare will have the edge. But the revitalisation, so evident in Tipperary camogie, could be the springboard for further honours.

Ní foláir nó beidh an-chluiche eatarthu.

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Marie Fitzpatrick
(St. Bridget's, Ballycallan)

(2)

BRÍD NÍ SHUILLEABHÁIN

(Biddy O'Sullivan)
(Tullagher)

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DEIRDRE NÍ MHAOLEOIN

Deirdre Malone
(St. Bridget's, Ballycallan)

(4)

BRÍD MHC FHEARAIGH

Bridie McGarry
(St. Paul's)

(5)

PROINSÉAS ROTHWELL

Frances Rothwell
(Mooncoin)

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CLÁR NIC SHEOIN

Claire Jones
(St. Paul's)

(7)

ÁINE NÍ DHÚNAIGH

Ann Downey
(St. Paul's)

(8)

GILLIAN DHIOLÚN

Gillian Dillon
(Freshford)

(9)

BRÍD NÍ CHATHAIL

Breda Cahill
(St. Bridget's, Ballycallan)

(10)

BRÍD NIC THOMÁIS

Breda Holmes (Captaen)
(St. Paul's)

(11)

AINGEAL NÍ DHÚNAIGH

Angela Downey
(St. Paul's)

(12)

BRÍD NÍ MHAOLALAIH

Bridget Mullally
(Glenmore)

IONADAITHE: (13) Anna Ní Fhaoláin (Anna Whelan) Lisdowney; (14) Marina Ní Dhúnaigh (Marina Downey) Lisdowney; (15) Noelle Ní Dhrisceoil (Noelle O'Driscoll) St. Paul's; (16) Nóirín Ní Thiarnaigh (Noreen Tierney) Tullagher.

Foireann Chill Chainnigh

1. Marie Fitzpatrick (St. Bridget's): Buaiteoir Chomórtas na Scileanna Féile na nGael, 1980. Has represented Cill Chainnigh at every level. Five senior all-Irelands, 5 senior National Leagues and 5 senior Gael Linn medals.

2. Biddy O'Sullivan (Tullagher): Bhuaidh si Gradam an B + I i 1989. 6 senior all-Irelands, 7 senior National League and 7 senior Gael Linn medals.

3. Deirdre Malone (St. Bridget's): An-chosantóir atá inti. 6 senior all-Ireland and 5 senior National League medals.

4. Bridie McGarry (St. Paul's): Since Bridie became centre-back for Cill Chainnigh, her county has not been defeated in a final. Bhuaidh si Gradam an B + I i 1976. 8 all-Ireland senior, 6 National League, 10 club championship and Gael Linn medals.

5. Frances Rothwell (St. Bridget's): Bhuaidh si Craobhchomórtas Laighean faoi-14 to Cill Chainnigh. Holds all-Ireland Cross-Country championship medals, 3 all-Ireland senior and 3 senior National League medals.

6. Claire Jones (St. Paul's): Captained An Clár to win the Junior Championship in 1981. Won the A.I.B. Junior Player of the Year award. d'Imir si le U.C.G. i gComórtas Mhic Giolla Bhríde. 4 senior and 1 Junior all-Ireland, 2 club championship and Gael Linn medals.

7. Ann Downey (St. Paul's): Ina captaen ar Chill Chainnigh i 1989. With twin sister, Angela, was a joint winner of the B + I award in 1986 and 1989. International squash player. 9 senior all-Ireland, 8 senior National League, 10 club championship and Gael Linn medals.

8. Gillian Dillon (Freshford): Daughter of famed Cill Chainnigh hurler, Pa. Bhuaidh si Craobh Laighean le gColáisti i 1990 le Clochar na Toirbheirte, Cill Chainnigh. All-Ireland minor medals in 1988 and 1989. Is seo an chéad bhliain di ag imirt leis na Sinsir.

9. Breda Cahill (St. Bridget's): Iar-imreoir ar fhoireann na Mionúr. Breda has established herself on the Senior team and gave an excellent display in last year's final. 3 senior all-Ireland and 3 National League medals.

10. Breda Holmes (St. Paul's): Captaen. Bhuaidh si Gradam an B + I in 1987. Former captain of Carysfort Training College team. 5 senior all-Ireland, 5 senior National League, club championship and senior Gael Linn medals.

11. Angela Downey (St. Paul's): Angela is recognised as the player of the decade. Bhuaidh si Gradam Texaco i 1986, Gradam an B + I i 1977, 1986 and 1989, agus Gradam Tailte i 1984, '85 and '86. 9 senior all-Ireland, 8 senior National League, 9 club championship and Gael Linn medals.

12. Brigid Mullally (Glenmore): Buaiteoir Chomórtas na Scileanna i bhFéile na nGael, 1988. All-Ireland minor medals in 1988 and 1989. She scored 6-7 in the 1989 final. Si seo an chéad bhliain di ag imirt leis na Sinsir.

13. Anna Whelan (Lisdowney): Ina ball den bhfoireann ó 1980 i leith. 6 senior all-Ireland and 7 senior National League medals.

14. Marina Downey (Lisdowney): d'Imir si le foireann na Mionúr. Si seo an triú bhliain di leis na Sinsir. 2 senior all-Ireland and 3 senior National League medals.

15. Noelle O'Driscoll (St. Paul's): One of a small number of players who have won all-Ireland medals with two counties. Tá boinn buaite aici le Corcaigh agus le Cill Chainnigh. d'Imir si le U.C.C. i gComórtas Mhic Giolla Bhríde. Now teaching in Scoil Bhríde, Callan. Noelle coached the school team to win Craobhchomórtas Sóisear na gColáistí, 1990. 3 senior all-Ireland, 2 junior all-Ireland, 1 senior National League.

16. Noreen Tierney (Tullagher): Is imreoir críochnaithe i Nóirín. Her second season with Cill Chainnigh senior panel. nFheadar an mbeith a dara bionn do Cill Chainnigh ag deireadh an lae inniu aici?

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CILL CHAINNIGH



AR CHÚL (ó chlér) — N. Ní Thiarnaigh, P. Rothwell, D. Ní Mhaoileoin, B. Nic Thomais (Captaen), B. Mhic Fhearaigh, Áine Ní Dhúnaigh, Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh, B. Ní Shúilleabháin, N. Ní Dhrisceoil. **CHUN TOSAIGH (ó clér) —** B. Bhearnabháil, B. Ní Mhaolalaidh, A. Ní Fhaoláin, C. Nic Sheoin, B. Ní Chathail, M. Nic Giolla Phádraigh, M. Ní Dhúnaigh, G. Dhiolún.

Na Sinsir - Cill Chainnigh v. Loch Garman

S EPTEMBER 15, 1968 was an all-Ireland Day with a difference. The inaugural All-Ireland Junior Championship extended the afternoon's entertainment to two games instead of the usual one and, for the first time in eleven years, the blue of Dublin was absent from the parade.

Marching to the music of the Artane Band were the unfamiliar players of Wexford and Cork. While Cork were paying their first visit to Croke Park since 1956 Wexford were making their debut in an All-Ireland final.

The attendance gave a warm welcome to Wexford and quickly acknowledged the skill and style of such outstanding performers as Mary Sinnott, Brigid Doyle, Margaret O'Leary, Joan Murphy and Mary Walsh. Wexford won the day and returned twelve months later to retain the title. An-ghoireann go deo a bhí i Loch Garman an tráth úd.

Six years later, Wexford captured their third All-Ireland senior crown. Sisters, Gretta Kehoe, Brigid Doyle and Kit Codd were joined by Kathleen Tonks, Bridie Doran, Maggie Hearne and Elsie Walsh on a very impressive team.

Elsie Cody (nee Walsh) is the only link between the present Wexford team and the days of glory. In the meantime, many new stars have appeared and knitted together to form a fine side. Tina Fitzhenry, Ailish Kavanagh, Catherine Murphy, Stella Sinnott, Anne Reddy, Siobhan Dunne and Jackie Codd will claim attention this afternoon.

When Dublin's phenomenal run of 1957-66 finally came to an end, it was thought that their exceptional feat of ten All-Ireland Senior titles in succession would never be equalled. Last September, Kilkenny passed the halfway mark and are now poised to challenge for Number Six. Tá ard-chaighdeán ag an bhfoireann seo agus ní raibh a sárú le fáil go dtí seo.

The Noreiders have proved invincible over the past five seasons. Sprinkled with players of the highest calibre, the Kilkenny team has been moulded by Tom Ryan into a super-efficient unit.

When put under pressure by the opposition, Kilkenny play with the patience of a side which believes that things will come right in the end. Then in a moment of sheer brilliance the challenge of the opposition is extinguished.

Angela and Ann Downey, whose inspirational achievements were saluted by an invitation to Toronto earlier this year, Bridie McGarry, Breda Holmes, Marie Fitzpatrick, Claire Jones and Biddy O'Sullivan are names which are already indelibly etched in the history of the game.

Younger members, Frances Rothwell, Breda Cahill and Marina Downey have blended in effectively. This season, Kilkenny introduced Bridget Mullally, a star of last year's All-Ireland Minor final. She has taken the big step in her stride and looks destined to make a huge impact in the years ahead.

Wexford and Kilkenny met in the final of the National League in June and produced a very exciting contest which the champions won by 1-10 to 2-4. From Wexford's point of view it was a magnificent display and one which must give their players great encouragement and optimism for today's contest.

Táimid ag tuith le sár-chluiche idir na comharsain agus sean-chairde seo.

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LOCH GARMAN



ARCHÚL (ó chlér) — A. M. Ní Chonchubhair, D. Ní Eathirín, C. Ní Chuilinn, S. Ní Óda, C. Ní Mhurchú, T. Ní Éinrí, P. Ní Raing, A. Ní Rhodigh (Captaen), M. Phléimeann. **CHUN TOSAIGH** (ó chlér) — A. Ní Chaomhánach, E. Mhic Óda, S. Ní Laoire, S. Ní Dhuinn, R. Shionóid, A. Ní Eathirín, E. Ní Eochaidh.



Catherine Murphy (Wexford) sweeps the ball away from Angela Downey (Kilkenny) in the National League Final.

Cill Chainnigh agus Corcaigh ag triall ar Nua Eabhrach

THE New York Young Ireland's Camogie Club extended an invitation to the Kilkenny and Cork camogie teams to visit New York in October. The players reacted very positively and are counting the days to take-off.

Formed at Gaelic Park in 1960, the Young Ireland's Club has promoted Irish Culture and Gaelic Games in New York for the past thirty years. They plan to celebrate their 30th Anniversary in style by staging exhibition games between two of the top exponents of camogie.

The teams fly out from Shannon on 9th October. The itinerary includes matches between Kilkenny and Cork and games between the Irish sides and U.S. Selections. Caitlín Ní Chuinn, An Ghaillimh, a bheidh ina Réiteoir ag na Cluichi.

A banquet is planned for the Tower View Ballroom on Friday, 19th October, and a visit to City Hall to meet Mayor Dinkins is being arranged. On 24th October, the players will return home.

At the moment, both camps are busy fund-raising. In addition to the usual money spinning schemes, the Cork group have produced a special Commemorative Brochure. The sale proceeds will ensure that the party is smartly turned out in tailored suits. In a novel venture, the players commenced a solo run in Gougane Barra and headed up through the Lee Valley to Cork City. Cill Chainnigh organised major draws, and Golf Classics, and participated with the G.A.A. in fund raising ventures.

Trips abroad have been part and parcel of the G.A.A. for many years. Hurlers and footballers have enjoyed visits to many parts of the world. This trip opens up new horizons for camogie players. The travelling party is united in commending the Young Ireland's Club for their initiative in staging the venture.

Tréaslaimid le Young Irelands, Nua Eabhrach, ar an ócáid stairiúil seo, agus guimíd rath agus seán agus slán abhaile ar na foirne agus aluacht tracaíochta



HAPPINESS IS . . . a delighted Kildare captain Miriam Malone lifts the trophy aloft after her side won the Junior All-Ireland Camogie title by beating Tipperary at Croke Park yesterday.

Kilkenny make it six-in-a-row

Kilkenny 1-14, Wexford 0-7

IN the end, it was the solid experience and craft of Kilkenny which brought them their sixth All-Ireland senior camogie championship in succession at Croke Park yesterday.

The favourites, from the fourth-minute on, always held the scoring advantage over Wexford, who impressed the 4,000 crowd with their spirit.

Wexford can feel pleased with their contribution, although more sharpness in attack would have yielded a couple of goals at least.

The match, played in sunshine and greyness, would have required those goals to become a really exciting spectacle, but Kilkenny goalkeeper, Marie Fitzpatrick was having none of it, saving splendidly from Siobhan Dunne and Eileen Kehoe in the second-half.

At half-time Kilkenny led 0-7 to 0-4. Midfielder Ann Downey was in excellent form, although her magnificent twin, Angela, was well curtailed by Elsie Coady.

Angela, Kilkenny's top cat, did get a 60th minute goal at the Canal end. It served as the cream for the champions, who also had two sliothars in the net disallowed in the second period.

Scorers for Kilkenny: Ann Downey 0-7, Angela Downey 1-2, B. Mulally 0-2, M. Downey 0-2, B. Holmes 0-1.

Wexford: S. Dunne 0-4, C. Murphy 0-3.

KILKENNY: M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan, D. Malone, B. McGarry, F. Rothwell, C. Jones, Ann Downey, G. Dillon, B. Cahill, B. Holmes, Angela Downey, B. Mulally. Subs: M. Downey for Cahill (17 mins.); A. Whelan for Jones (48 mins.) and N. O'Driscoll for Mulally (inj. 56 mins.)

WEXFORD: A. Kavanagh, T. Fitzhenry, E. Coady, C. Murphy, S. Synnott, A. Reddy, C. Harding, J. O'Leary, S. Dunne, E. Kehoe, J. Codd, A. Hearne. Sub: P. Rankin for O'Leary (36 mins.)

Referee: M. Murphy (Cork).

Kildare 2-14, Tipperary 3-7

KILDARE captured the Junior All-Ireland camogie crown for the second year in a row at Croke Park yesterday and now enter senior ranks.

In a marvellous game, Tipperary made a brave revival bid and Orla Hogan and Triona Bonnar made valuable contributions.

As ever, Miriam Malone inspired Kildare, who led 1-8 to 1-4 at the break. Malone and Teresa Hanley scored the Kildare goals while Patricia Keatley also performed with distinction for the lily whites.



Kilkenny's Angela Downey loses possession under pressure from Wexford defender Elsie Cody during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park yesterday. — (Photograph Frank Miller)

Kilkenny's sixth title

KILKENNY..... 1-14
WEXFORD..... 0-7

THE SISTERS, in the end, were doing it for themselves. Twins Angela and Anne Downey scored over two-thirds of their side's total as Kilkenny took their sixth successive senior camogie title defeating Wexford at Croke Park yesterday, reports **TOM HUMPHRIES**.

The Downeys, now with twenty senior medals, evenly divided between them, enjoyed contrasting fortunes however for much of the game. Midfielder Anne was the dominant figure of a colourless game, while her more exhalted sister once again found it difficult to escape the limpet-like attentions of Wexford veteran defender, Elsie Cody.

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When Siobhan Dunne gave Wexford a first minute lead with a well executed point, hopes of an even contest were raised. Amazingly it was to be the challenger's last score from play for the entire game. Thereafter, the Kilkenny defence, with Biddy O'Sullivan and Bridie McGarry performing solidly, exerted a stranglehold on the game which laid the basis for Kilkenny's success.

In a far from classic performance, the champions relied inordinately on the skill, resilience and free-kicking abilities of Anne Downey to see them home. Their usually reliable scorers were oddly subdued by a robust

Wexford defence and only in the last ten minutes was Angela Downey permitted to play to anything like her full potential.

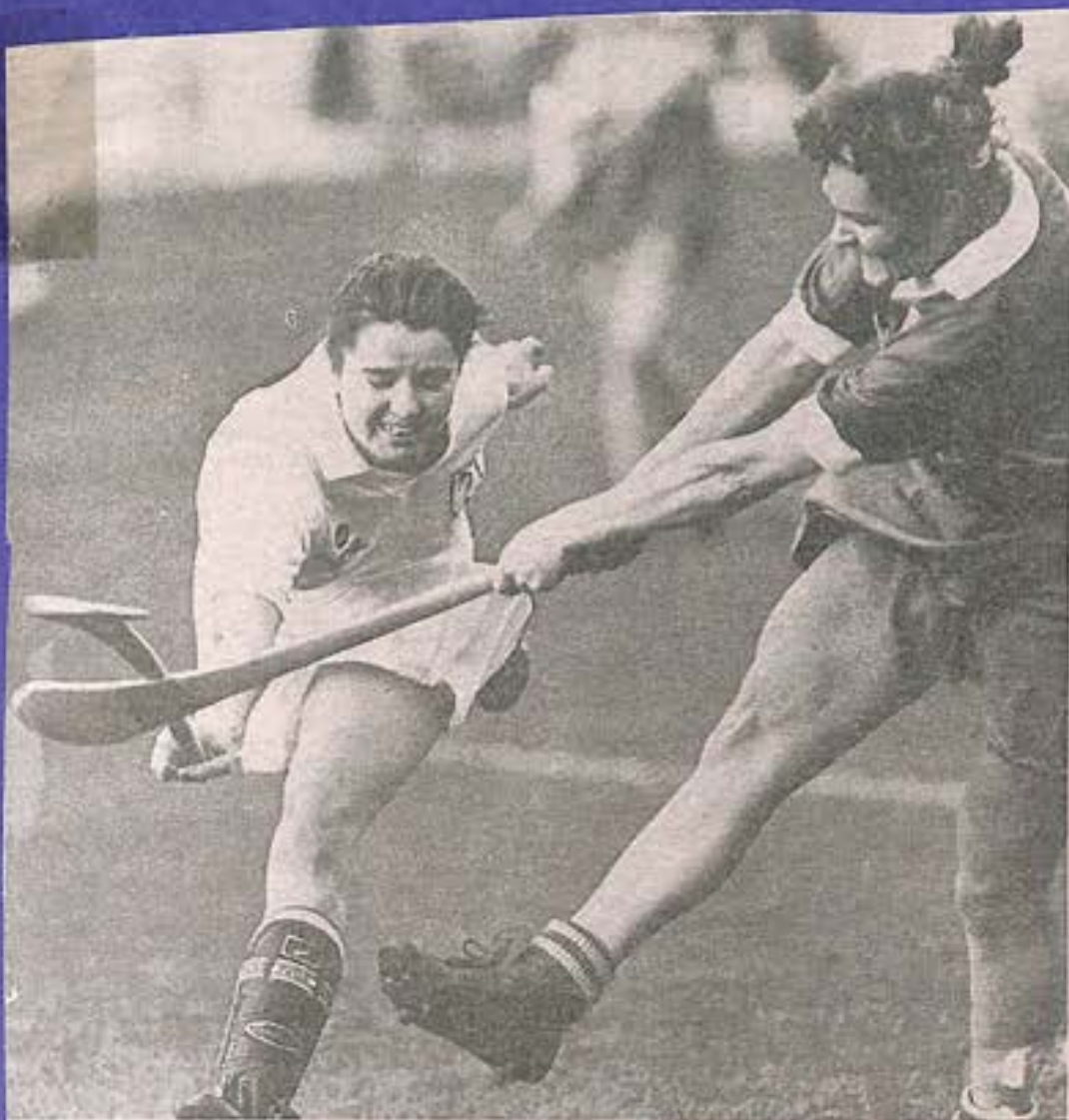
On a day when they never really stretched the champions, Wexford will regret missing a clutch of second half goal chances created by their best forward Eileen Kehoe and will rue a string of missed frees from Siobhan Dunne. Ultimately though, Angela Downey's splendidly taken goal two minutes from the final whistle was a fitting postscript for a game that will be remembered more as a milestone than a classic.

KILKENNY — M Fitzpatrick; B O'Sullivan, D Malone, B McGarry, F Rothwell, C Jones, Anna Downey (0-7 six from frees), G Dillon, B Cahill, B Holmes (0-1), Angela Downey (1-2), B Mullally (0-2). Subs: M Downey (16 mins) (0-2) for B Cahill, A Whelan (50 mins) for C Jones, N O'Driscoll (55 mins) for B Mullally.

WEXFORD — A Kavanagh; T Fitzhenry, E Cody, C Murphy (0-3 all frees), S Sinnott, A Reddy, C Harding, J O'Leary, F Dunne (0-4 three from frees), E Keogh, J Codd, A Heame. Sub: P Rankin (40 mins) for J O'Leary.
Referee M Murphy (Cork).

KILDARE..... 2-14
TIPPERARY..... 3-7

A closely contested junior final saw Kildare hold off a determined second half rally from Tipperary to retain their All-Ireland junior title at Croke Park yesterday. Kildare, with Maria Malone in dominant form took an early lead, scoring 1-5 before Tipperary replied. Some second half alternatives to the Tipperary forward line yielded two well taken goals but Kildare, with returned emigrant Melanie Tracy at fullback, held on for a narrow win.



CLASH . . . Triona Bonner (Tipperary) gets in her shot at goal as Kildare's Melanie Treacy goes all out to block the effort in the Junior Camogie Final at Croke Park.

Worthy Kildare retain junior crown!

KILDARE 2-14
TIPPERARY 3-7

KILDARE retained the All-Ireland junior camogie title at Croke Park yesterday with a deserved win over Tipperary in an interesting final. They led by 1-8 to 1-4 at the interval and appeared on course for a comfortable victory when ten points clear, 2-12 to 1-5, with eight minutes remaining, writes **GERRY MCCARTHY**.

Deirdre Hughes goaled in the 53rd minute for a tenacious Tipperary team. Teresa Hanley and Bernie Farrelly replied with Kildare points but the losers, to their credit, battled to the bitter end.

Triona Bonner shot over the bar. Helen O'Leary goaled from a rebound and added a late point but time ran out for the girls in blue and gold.

Kildare, the neater strikers, were worthy winners and most credit for this must go to Miriam Malone, Bernie Farrelly, Marienne Johnson, Teresa Hanley and Rose Merriman.

KILDARE — A. Dargan, G. Dwyer, T. Farrelly, M. Treacy, P. Bambury, A. Merriman, M. Malone (1-7), B. Farrelly (0-3), M. Johnson, P. Keasley (0-1), T. Hanley (1-2), R. Merriman (0-1). Subs: L. O'Donoghue for P. Bambury.

TIPPERARY — A. Keeshan, J. Delaney, C. Kennedy, G. Ryan-Mragher, C. Madden, M. Stokes, K. McCluskey, K. Moloney, D. Hughes (2-1), T. Bonner (0-1), O. Hogan, A. Gleeson (0-4). Subs: R. O'Meara for G. Ryan-Mragher, H. O'Leary (1-1) for M. Stokes.

Referee — Miriam O'Callaghan (Offaly).



Kilkenny's Ann Downey gets in her shot at goal despite the efforts of Christine Harding of Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie. Picture by Austin Finn

WELL DONE, MUM!



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Kilkenny camogie player, Bridie McGarry, gets a hug of congratulations from her son, Shane, after she had helped Kilkenny to victory over Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



CLOSE SHAVE . . . the Kilkenny defence watches the sliotar sail harmlessly by during the All-Ireland Final at Croke Park yesterday. Pictures by Martin Nolan

KILKENNY MAKE IT SIX IN A ROW!

KILKENNY remain the queen-pins of the camogie scene. They underlined this fact of sporting life yesterday at Croke Park, where they captured the O'Duffy Cup for the sixth successive time and the tenth in all.

The Downey twins, Ann and Angela, have helped bring all these honours to Nore side so it was fitting they should have again left decided imprints on proceedings.

Ann was the outstanding midfielder on view in what was a dour, rather than open contest. Her striking was clinical and lengthy. She more than once took her defence out of trouble and, for good measure, notched seven points, two of them from frees and four from '30s'.

Angela has had more effective outings for her county but she was closely marked all through by Elsie Cody. She did, however, contribute two sweet points and scored this game's only goal in the 61st minute.

That was the only occasion a well-organised, hard-working Wexford defence was outmanoeuvred. Ann Downey started this movement deep in Kilkenny territory. Marina Downey and Breda Holmes were also involved as the champions created the overlap to put Angela through.

This was a dour struggle. Defences gave little away and proof of this can be gleaned from the fact that only four first-half points came from play.

Kilkenny, despite facing the cold breeze, led by 0-7 to 0-4 at the interval, thanks to a pronounced dominance at midfield. Indeed, they were 0-6 to 0-1 clear after 27 minutes but a switch that sent

KILKENNY..... 1-14
WEXFORD..... 0- 7

By Gerry McCarthy

Wexford's Anne Reddy to full-forward forced the winners' defence to concede two frees, which Siobhan Dunne pointed.

The losers' No. 9 also converted a '30' but over the hour the Wexford attack was capably contained and, indeed, their only point from play, hit by Siobhan Dunne, came after only two minutes.

Kilkenny, with the wind behind them, inexorably stretched their lead after the resumption and were eight

points ahead when Angela Downey eventually notched that elusive goal.

No fault, however, for this defeat goes to Wexford's Stella Sinnott, who had a superb game on the left flank of defence.

KILKENNY — M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan; D. Malone, B. McGarry, F. Rothwell; C. Jones, Ann Downey (0-7), G. Dillon; B. Cahill, B. Holmes (0-1), Angela Downey (1-2); B. Mullally (0-2). Subs: M. Downey (0-2) for B. Cahill; A. Whelan for C. Jones; N. O'Driscoll for B. Mullally.

WEXFORD — A. Kavanagh; T. Fitzhenry; E. Cody, C. Murphy (0-3), S. Sinnott; A. Reddy, C. Harding, J. O'Leary; S. Dunne (0-4), E. Kehoe, J. Codd; A. Hearne. Sub: P. Rankin for J. O'Leary.

Referee — Miriam Murphy (Cork).



● MY POINT . . . Wexford's Eileen Kehoe about to score as Kilkenny's Ann Downey does her best to foil her rival.

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Cats are still top dogs!

KILKENNY..... 1-14
WEXFORD..... 0-7

KILKENNY remain the undisputed camogie queens of the modern era after they defeated Wexford by a 10 point margin to win their sixth senior All-Ireland in a row in Croke Park yesterday.

The final scoreline does not do justice to a younger and less experienced Wexford side, who proved they were not afraid to take on the champions, holding them to just a three-point lead at half-time. Having lost the National League final to the Noreiders by just a goal earlier this summer, Wexford's tight marking again proved effective early on. Just two of Kilkenny's seven points at half-time had come from play.

"I've never experienced such a physical game in my life," said top scorer Kilkenny's Ann Downey, whose first-half battle with Wexford's midfielder Christine Harding was the subject of most half-time discussions, as was her twin sister Angela's problems of getting free from Wexford corner back Elsie Cody.

In a tough, physical and tactical game between the veterans, Angela, whom Cody had subdued to just a point by half-time, switched in and out from corner to centre-forward and finally lost Cody's magnificent marking to score the last-minute goal that emphasised Kilkenny's superior individual skills and experience.

SWITCHES

But at half time it looked like anyone's game. Wexford's Siobhan Dunne, Eileen Kehoe and captain Anne Reddy — switched from midfield to wing forward — made regular forays deep into the Kilkenny goalmouth. But the Kilkenny backs never looked troubled and Deirdre Malone was impeccably cool throughout.

From the re-start a long-range point from Kilkenny substitute Marina Downey was a warning that the champions were not about to sit about and watch their long-standing title slip away. And it was only then that the game came alive.

Wexford will still wonder at Kilkenny goalie Marie Fitzpatrick's

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By CLIONA FOLEY

reflex save from Siobhan Dunne's point-blank shot just 10 minutes later and this, indeed, proved to be the game's turning point, and further they only scored three points in the second half, all from Catherine Murphy frees.

Points from teenager Bridget Mullally, Breda Holmes and two more frees from Ann Downey consolidated the champions' lead and Angela Downey's goal on the whistle was only justice, after they had two earlier attempts from Claire Jones and Marina Downey disallowed.

Thus did this legendary team make it six in a row, and the man who has trained them to this feat, former Kilkenny junior Tom Ryan, afterwards announced his probable retirement. Sporting a black eye picked up in a training session with his team recently, the 59-year-old said: "It might be good for the girls to work with someone new now." He paid tribute to their dedication, most of whom have been together for the past six years.

Ryan, who has been known to strip down to his bare torso taking part in his team's winter training sessions and known as a great motivator, confirmed the rumour that he is the third fastest runner on the Kilkenny camogie team.

But he said he felt it might now be time to give his body a rest, having contested several and won two All-Ireland medals with Kilkenny's juniors in 1951 and '56.

Ryan scotched the rumours that some of Kilkenny's veterans like the Downeys, Breda Holmes, Bridie McGarry and Claire Jones will now be calling it a day.

"From the way they were talking the last few weeks I would say there's another two to three years in most of them," he said.

He was certainly impressed with the Croke Park debuts of teenagers Gillian Dillon and Bridget Mullally. At midfield, Dillon proved a real handful for Wexford and before going

off injured, 16-year-old Mullally picked off two useful points. Afterwards she said it definitely made up for losing the minor final to Tipperary in July and was not a bit in awe of her surroundings. "I really liked it and especially enjoyed it when I was moved back from full-forward," she added.

Top scorer with eight points Ann Downey said she thought "Wexford probably concentrated too much on marking us and not playing their own game," although she conceded that both teams had their share of wides.

DISAPPOINTED

In the Wexford dressing room the mood was understandably sombre as players mourned the loss of their first chance of an All-Ireland since they lost to Kilkenny in 1977. Their coach Kilkenny man Ray Quigley was stoic in defeat. "Be disappointed, fine, but you're a very young team and you'll be back. Look into your hearts in a week's time and you'll see. I still believe it's there to be won," he told his players.

Quigley, whose wife Gretta Keogh was on Wexford's last title-winning team in '75, said he didn't feel the scoreboard did them justice and that this young team, who have reached the semi-finals twice in the past two years, will have their day soon.

"But you can't take from Kilkenny," he added. "They're a classy side and you'd nearly want to be five or six points ahead of them for a whole game to beat them mentally."

Veteran Elsie Cody, the only Wexford player remaining from the team beaten by Kilkenny in the '77 All-Ireland, was happy with her game on star forward and Texaco Award winner Angela Downey. But she reflected: "I'd nearly rather to have played badly myself but have won."

SCORERS — Kilkenny — Ann Downey 0-8; Angela Downey 1-2; B. Mullally 0-2; B. Holmes, M. Downey 0-1 each. Wexford — S. Dunne 0-4; C. Murphy 0-4.

KILKENNY — M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan, D. Malone, B. McGarry, F. Rothwell, C. Jones, Ann Downey, G. Dillon, B. Cahill, B. Holmes, Angela Downey, B. Mullally. Subs — Marina Downey for B. Cahill (57 mins); A. Whelan for B. Mullally (50 mins).

WEXFORD — A. Kavanagh; F. Fitzhenry, C. Cody, C. Murphy, S. Sinnott, A. Reddy, C. Harding, J. O'Leary, S. Dunne, K. Kehoe, J. Codd, A. Hearn. Subs — P. Rankin for J. O'Leary (13 mins).



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN... Wexford's Eileen Kehoe races away from Gillian Dillon of Kilkenny during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park yesterday.

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THE CON HOULIHAN COLUMN

I ENCOUNTERED only two emblem vendors on my way to Croke Park yesterday; one was at the corner of Mountjoy Square and Fitzgibbon Street—the other God-fearing man was plying his trade outside Martha Gill's pub.

The vendors are experts in their profession: they always know their business when it comes to supply and demand.

As usual the crowd was small; a few thousand alleged adults and about a million children filled the middle of The Hogan Stand.

In recent years the terraces have been closed; there was a time when I used to watch the Camogie finals from The Hill—but that eyrie is now no-go territory.

And so yesterday I was condemned to watch from a sitting position, much to my displeasure.

I hate watching from a stand, if only because you can be certain that your view will be obstructed time and again in the course of play.

Some people are not content to stand up when something excites them—they aren't happy unless they stand up on the seats.

And of course there is the endless coming and going for refreshments—some people seem unable to go twenty minutes without food and drink.

And yesterday for good measure you could see some ultra-enthusiastic followers arriving at half-time in the senior match.

The girls deserve a better and a bigger attendance.

The crowds are no bigger now than in the old days when I used to watch Kay Cody and Kathleen Mills.

I would love to see the Camogie finals played on some big occasion, such as a football or hurling All-Ireland final or semi-final.

I am well aware that the Camogie Board and the GAA are separate associations and that there would be some difficulty about gate money—but it would be a very minor problem.

I would like also to see the teams increased to fifteen—and to see them play on the full pitch.

The diminished pitch takes from the image of the game; in ladies' football the whole pitch is used—it makes a great difference.

MADE A GREAT START

Y ESTERDAY'S senior final was rather disappointing: Wexford made a great start and for about 15 minutes looked capable of surprising Kilkenny.

A simple failing let them down; they lacked a reliable taker of score-frees; the reigning champions had Ann Downey—she is a brilliant markswoman.

Her accuracy helped Kilkenny to steal quietly away; they led by three points to one—and by seven to four at half-time.

Wexford's third and fourth points came from sweetly-struck frees by Siobhán Dunne; she had regained her touch but she lost it again in the second half.

And long before the final whistle it was clear that Wexford would need a goal to bring them back into contention.

They hewed out several chances but that goal down at the Railway end seemed protected by some kind of laser beam.

Time after time the Wexford supporters were about to acclaim a goal but the green flag never went up.

A few years ago I began to suspect that camogie was becoming a harder game—in the sense that there was more physical contact.

Yesterday confirmed my suspicion; this match was neither dirty nor unsporting but it was relentlessly hard.

I am sure that Ann Downey would agree; her marker in central midfield, Christine Harding, stayed with her like a guardian angel.

And twin-sister Angela must have thought at times that the pitch was contracting; her marker for much of the hour, Elsie Cody, may well have been a leech in a previous incarnation.

Angela abandoned her corner role in the second half and as almost always emerged triumphant, but certainly yesterday she wasn't queen of all she surveyed.

Even though Kilkenny looked likely winners at least 20 minutes before the end, the game retained interest.

Wexford played with admirable gallantry but they are an inexperienced side and they were up against one of the greatest teams of all time.

It wasn't only missed frees that unwomaned the expedition from the South East—they committed a string of unforced errors.

BRIDGE TOO FAR

C ATCHES were fumbled; strokes went to unmarked opponents; often the ball was carried the proverbial bridge too far. And yet the winning margin of a goal and seven points told a tale that didn't do justice to Wexford.

Incidentally I might as well reveal that the laser beam guarding Kilkenny's goal was in human form.

Marie Fitzpatrick, a fair-haired lassie from Ballycallan, played what was probably the best game of her career.

Her routine work was impeccable—and if hearts could really break, she would have fractured at least one yesterday.

In the tenth minute of the second came what may well have been the game's turning point.

Siobhán Dunne fired in a shot from very close range—somehow Marie kept the sliothar out.

Wexford dominated territorially for the first 20 minutes of the second half but Kilkenny kept on getting the points that are their fieldmark.

Substitute Marina Downey got the best point of the day; she caught a head-high ball far out on the right and while still at full speed posted it over from 35 yards.

It was the last point of the day and it symbolised Kilkenny's superiority.

It was a great day for schoolgirls Gillian Dillon and Bridget Mulally; it was their first taste of Croke Park—and they came away victorious.

It was a great day for Breda Holmes too; she was captain and most certainly led by example.

Kilkenny were sound at all points—and their team-work was exemplary.

Stella Sinnott was Wexford's outstanding player; she was nominally at left-back but interpreted her role liberally.

Ailish Kavanagh kept goal well; her lift-and-strike when under severe pressure was one of the day's highlights.

BEST FORWARDS

E ILEEN Kehoe did very well too; she and Siobhán Dunne were Wexford's best forwards.

Catherine Murphy put in a few great surges and pointed three frees when she took over from Siobhán Dunne.

These were their only second half scores; their first half scores all came from Siobhán Dunne—one from play and three from frees.

Ann Downey was the game's top scorer with seven points—six from frees.

Angela got her first score just before half-time, a flashing point.

She got her second late in the day; it was Kilkenny's twelfth point and it was a beauty.

And as the sands ebbed, it seemed that she would have the rare experience of going through a game and not scoring a goal.

The gods who had written the scenario had, however, an ace up their collective sleeves.

In the 59th minute a long clearance came to Marina Downey away out on the right; she stroked the sliothar laterally to Breda Holmes.

And suddenly there was Angela unmarked on Breda's left and in the middle. She took the pass and blazed the sliothar past Ailish Kavanagh with all the panache of Salvatore Schillaci.

And so the final tally was 1-14 to 0-7.

Wexford have a very young side and I expect to see them in Croke Park again next year.

I saw only the last quarter of the Junior final; I missed, I was told, a great game.

I saw enough, however, to appreciate that this was a match of great quality.

Kildare beat Tipperary by 2-14 to 3-7. It was their second All-Ireland in a row.

They could inspire the county's Senior footballers—you'd never know.

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HAIL THE QUEENS OF IRELAND

KILKENNY

1-14 WEXFORD 0-7

SHOWING nerves of steel, and the kind of maturity that only comes with age and success, Kilkenny completed another magnificent League/Championship double and at the same time ran up six victories in-a-row when they fended off the dogged challenge of Wexford in a thrilling all-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday.

These classy 'Cats' have made a habit of winning, and it was that friendship with success that proved crucial during dodgy moments.

Wexford were strong and willing opponents and despite the big margin that separated the teams at the finish, were tough to break down.

Indeed, but for two marvellous second half saves at vital times by in-form 'keeper, Marie Fitzpatrick, the Noreiders could have been unseated. Lessons learned during tough battles in years past stood to Kilkenny in the end.

Save no. 1 was in the 33rd. minute when the champions were defending a 0-8 to 0-4 lead, and Wexford were charging at them. Siobhan Dunne was the girl deprived of the big score.

Save No. 2 was made in the 56th minute, and on this occasion the difference was 0-13 to 0-6. How the St. Brigid's guardian kept this one out is hard to know, but it made a difference at the finish.

Coup de Grace

The immediate response from Kilkenny

was a point from the lively Marina Downey, which boosted the advantage, when so easily it could have been cut back. Two minutes later came the coup de grace from the queen of camogie, Angela Downey.

She was at the end of a fine passing movement involving Marina Downey and Breda Holmes, and cracked home a goal that at last broke Wexford's resistance. Make no mistake about it, the losers were still full of fight and chasing hard until that delivery from Kilkenny's finest.

Those late scores put a mountain in front of the losers, and time was against them getting back. And so after a contest that was close marking with defences on top and featured little open play, Kilkenny won through to collect their 11th national title in five years. This was the county's 10th senior all-Ireland win.

As already stated, 'keeper Marie Fitzpatrick was in inspired form, but not far behind was newcomer, Jillian Dillon, who astounded in such hot company. Tireless worker Ann Downey, too, turned in a magnificent hour. Experience of the big time stood Kilkenny in good stead.

Early in the match Siobhan Dunne and Bridget Mullally swapped points, and from there to the finish Kilkenny led all the way. Angela Downey forced a 30 in the fourth minute, and her twin, Ann shot Kilkenny 0-2 to 0-1 in front.

Mighty effort

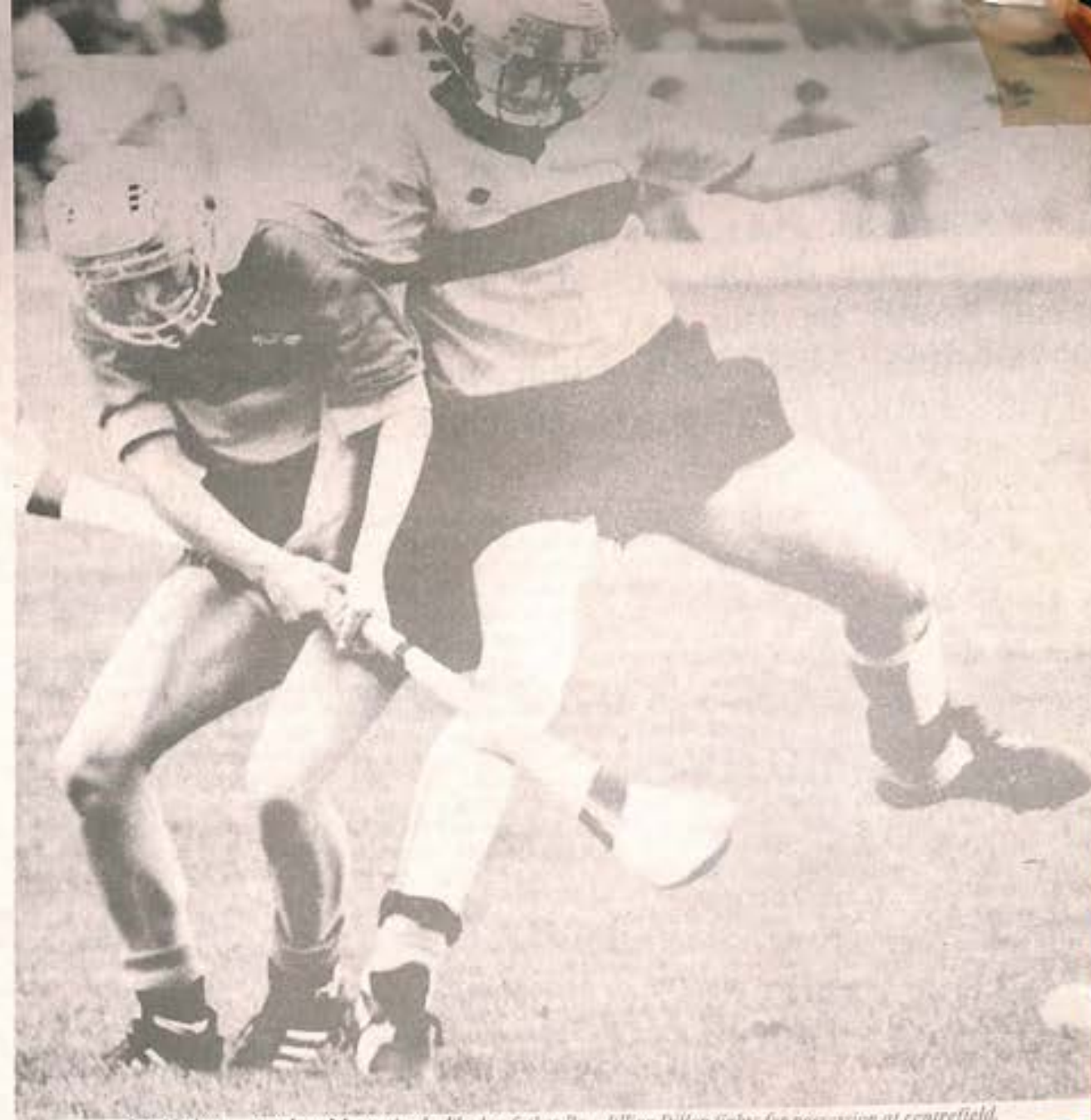
By the 22nd minute the winners were 0-6 to 0-1 clear, but that took a mighty effort. It was Ann Downey who shot all the scores, one coming from play. Wexford were by no means being overrun, and during one threatening moment Frances Rothwell made two timely interceptions, and on another Deirdre Malone saved the day when two forwards broke through.

At the other end guardian Ailish Kavanagh had her brightest moment when she brought off a top class save from Julian Dillon.

The losers second score came in the 25th. minute from the stick of Siobhan Dunne, and the same player had another brace of scores, with one reply from Angela Downey, to leave Kilkenny 0-7 to 0-4 in front at half time.

The winners had an early second half point from Marina Downey, before Marie Fitzpatrick's first big moment. Following that escape Ann Downey and Breda Holmes had scores to stretch the difference to 0-10 to 0-4.

Wexford missed two possible scores from frees after that before a change of striker brought better luck and a score for Catherine Murphy (0-10 to 0-5). In the 43rd. minute Claire Jones had a Kilkenny goal disallowed after Breda Holmes clashed



Good Debut... tough and determined - like her father Pa - Jillian Dillon fights for possession at centrefield.

and it wasn't until Angela Downey had the only goal of the game with two minutes remaining that Kilkenny could breathe easily.

On this showing, young Wexford will have their day, and it may not be too far away. Their outstanding performer was Stella Synnott, and they had other heroines in Elsie Cody, who marked Angela Downey very tightly, Tiny Fitzhenry, Ann Reddy and Angie Hearne.

Kilkenny: Marie Fitzpatrick (St. Brigid's); Biddy O'Sullivan (Tullagher); Deirdre Malone (St. Brigid's); Bridie McGarry (St. Paul's); Frances Rothwell (St. Brigid's); Claire Jones (St. Paul's); Ann Downey (St. Paul's); Jillian Dillon (St. Lachtains); Breda Cahill (St. Brigid's); Breda Holmes, capt. (St. Paul's); Angela Downey (St. Paul's); Bridget Mullally (St. James); Sub: Marina Downey (Lisdowney) for Cahill 15th min; Anna Whelan (Lisdowney) for Jones 57th min; Noelle O'Driscoll (St. Paul's) for Mullally (inj.) 56th min.

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A great feeling and sense of unity in Croke Park

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A CONVOY of Wexford supporters journeyed to Croke Park on Sunday last with purple and gold flags flowing from their windows and horns beeping as they recognised each other along the way. Some buses had huddled into open parks and joined forces for a few moments to snack before making the final few miles journey to the big match. It was a great feeling and sense of unity. Wexford were going back to Croke Park albeit as underdogs but at least we were going thanks to the accomplished achievements of our senior camogie team.

It was fifteen years since Wexford had last brought home the senior camogie crown and thirteen since they were last in the final. However their task was an undaunting one as they faced the challenge of a super strong Kilkenny side who were seeking their sixth consecutive title.

As it turned out the game was a disappointing one for the Wexford followers, not because of the final score, which did them no justice at all but the fact that the supporters felt it had been one of those days for their heroines when they tried everything but nothing went right. That in no way takes from the splendid Kilkenny team who earned even our admiration for their consistent champion-like performance.

GREAT START

Wexford got off to a storming start as Eileen Kehoe launched their first attack but shot wide after twenty seconds. That was followed by a wide from Kilkenny's Angela Downey and the game immediately swung back to the other end as Siobhan Dunne pointed Wexford into the lead with a minute gone on the clock. The Cats replied quickly

to try solve the problem. Ann Downey pointed another free to stretch the champions lead to four points and from then on their marksmanship was incredibly sharp.

GREAT SAVE

Wexford goalie Ailish Kavanagh came to the rescue midway through the half as she dived across goal to make a brilliant save from Holmes but the ball ran out for a '30' and Downey again obliged her team mates with their sixth point. Kavanagh was again in the action in another heart-stopping moment but the Buffers Alley skipper reacted quickly and swept away the danger with a long clearance.

Wexford now came back into the game and Siobhan Dunne notched their second point (from a '30') after a long barren spell. Skipper Ann Reddy was moved from midfield to full-forward in an attempt to spring some surprises and the positional changes worked for a while at least as Kilkenny backpeddled. Reddy quickly made an impact on the edge of the Kilkenny goal and was fouled allowing Dunne to point her third and when

doesn't run right and no one knows that better than Jackie Codd who was to have three glorious opportunities elude her.

Hoping some positional changes would again upset the champions, Wexford brought on Paula Rankin into the full-forward berth and moved Reddy back to midfield. Eileen Dillon continued to be a handful for the Kilkenny centre-back and as she set up another move there was no Wexford player to finish it. Two more points for Kilkenny, one from a Downey '30' and the other from Breda Holmes stretched their lead to ten points to four but Wexford kept fighting. Angie Hearne was fouled but Dunne sent the shot wide again and when Paula Rankin was fouled Catherine Murphy took over the free-taking duty and sent the ball over from 40 yards almost on the sideline (0-10 to 0-5). Though their dream seemed to be slipping away the Wexford following still believed there was hope. Their side hardly deserved a five point disadvantage having missed some crucial frees and being denied at least two goals by the bounce of the ball. Kilkenny's Claire Lenehan

minutes as Angela Downey netted the only goal of the game, courtesy of a Breda Holmes handpass and Wexford who had the first say in this game, also had the last, Catherine Murphy pointing her fourth free after Paula Rankin was fouled (Rankin had already sent the ball between the posts herself).

The 1-14 to 0-7 scoreline certainly didn't reflect the competitiveness of this game and Wexford followers went home agreeing their side were much better than the final score suggested. With a little bit of luck at those crucial stages it may have been different but full credit to the champions they proved their overall qualities and performed their task as champions would. For Wexford it was a performance they will feel disappointed with but they can still be proud of. They carried the game to the champions for long spells but it was the holders sharp shooting, particularly that of the Downeys which proved the real difference.

Overall it was a great day. We saw great champions and great challengers. It's a pity the final scoreline did not reflect that. As opposite supporters waved their banners in the crowd with the utmost respect for each other we saw that the game of caman and shliotar can sometimes be best served in the hands of the ladies. Their ability, determination and athleticism can equal and sometimes outshine their male counterparts.

Kilkenny go on and on. Having lost the League final to them earlier this year adds to the disappointment but this Wexford team will be back. Of that we can be sure!

Kilkenny: Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Deirdre Malone, Bridie McGarry, Frances Rothwell, Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Gillian Dillon, Breda Cahill, Breda Holmes (captain), Angela Downey, Bridget Mullally. Subs: Anna Whelan, Marina Downey, Noelle O'Driscoll, Noreen Tierney.

Wexford: Ailish Kavanagh, Tina Fitzhenry, Elsie Cody, Catherine Murphy, Stella Sinnott, Anne Reddy (captain), Christine Harding, Jean O'Leary, Siobhan Dunne, Eileen Kehoe, Jackie Codd, Angie Hearne. Subs: Paula Rankin, Anne Marie O'Connor, Deirdre Hearne, Clare Cullen, Bernie Higgins.

Stella No. 1?



WEXFORD had several star performers in last Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie championship final, particularly centre-back Catherine Murphy, captain Ann Reddy, goalkeeper Ailish Kavanagh, centre-forward Eileen Dillon and full back Tina Fitzhenry but their top rated performer must be Stella Sinnott, the Buffers Alley defender who has had an outstanding year. Stella was, in our opinion, the player of the match as the Kilkenny selectors tried several players on her. She also starred in the semi-final against Dublin and was the best player on view in the National League final between Kilkenny and Wexford earlier this year. Her consistency in every game this year in the Wexford colours must surely mark her as one of the best in the country, if not THE BEST!

Ailish for Sudan



AND TO ANOTHER NUMBER 1 ... Wexford goalkeeper Ailish Kavanagh leaves her number one shirt to Mary Fleming of Rathmure as the Buffers Alley captain leaves for Sudan this Wednesday. Ailish, who captained her club to the County championship title from the centre-forward position this year, moves to Sudan in her professional role as a teacher and all of her club and county team mates and friends, and particularly 'yours truly' wish her the very best of luck.

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THE AULD DOG FOR THE HARD ROAD

Everyone on the Cusack Stand had the mistake about the placing of the '35' flag under observation last Sunday, but half an hour had elapsed and Kilkenny had benefited to the extent of three points before Wexford officials drew the attention of the referee to it. Or was it Kilkenny who made the correction?

Ann Downey was alive to the situation all the time. That comes with experience ("The auld dog for the hard road"). When referee Miriam Murphy placed the ball on the "correct" line for the Norusers the Kilkenny free-taker pointed to the flag five yards nearer the Wexford goal.

Three times the referee acceded to her request and Miss Downey hit the easiest of shots each time over the Wexford bar. This flag was erroneously placed about 30 yards from the Wexford posts and, hitting into the breeze, was exploited.

There was no such "advantage" for Wexford after the change of ends.

It made no appreciable impact on the overall result but it does indicate a certain naivety on the part of Wexford people (players and officials).

No one "twigged" that two lines were marked with flags and the one from which Ann Downey was allowed to take the frees from, to even the cursory glance, was nothing like 35 metres from the Wexford goal.

Again, after the interval, they allowed an advantage that had been Kilkenny's for 30 minutes, to be taken from them!

Wexford played with spirit from beginning to end. They were well prepared and they showed commitment. Perhaps they were over-anxious and that would account for that little over-playing of the ball, the delayed passes, and hesitation in striking in front of goal. The latter is a fault that suggests lack of confidence and is part of the make-up of all Wexford teams - camogie, hurling and football.

Individual stars we have in plenty. A quick survey of young people on the issue of who was the best (at a Dublin hotel following the game) elicited the names of Ailish Kavanagh, Tina Fitzhenry, Stella Sinnott, Elsie Cody, Christine Harding, Catherine Murphy and Siobhan Dunne. That tells a certain story!

The defence, of course, was superb. But it was not marshalled as well as that of Kilkenny. Wexford always seemed to be working harder, travelling at a greater pace, and yet accomplishing less. Is this not a trait of our county hurling team also?

Wexford must learn to properly harness playing power. One feels that this can be best accomplished indoors - in discussion and debate. A

well-known Kilkenny veteran player conceded near the end of the game that Wexford had "the best individual hurlers" but reminded this correspon-

dent of the importance of team play.

But there is no doubt that the improvement in Wexford standards which manifested

themselves in the age-limit grades about three years ago is on-going. Defeat was the lot of this team on this occasion but the wise know that it

merely is a stepping stone to future glory.

Keep at it girls. Your day will come.



LEADING BY EXAMPLE ... Wexford team Captain Ann Reddy is challenged for possession by Kilkenny full back Biddy O'Sullivan in this action shot from Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie tie at Croke Park.

Kilkenny craft too much for Wexford

Kilkenny.....1-14 Wexford.....0-7

It was a sixth successive All-Ireland senior camogie championship title for Kilkenny at Croke Park last Sunday - their ninth overall - as a gallant Wexford team battled valiantly to win their first since 1975. The final scoreline of 1-14 to 0-7 does scant justice to the brave effort of the challengers.

This is the stuff of which memories are made - the sporting fare that has made our National Games great. It takes two teams to produce the magnificent and exciting play of this decider and the Wexford girls can be proud of their contribution.

Unfortunately, defeat was again the lot of the Model County and the loyal followers of the purple and gold. Consolation no more is found in being "good losers" but this time every Wexford supporter came away from Croke Park with the conviction that our day of glory will come.

Lack of experience alone beat the Wexford girls. It must be remembered that for all but one of the team this was their first appearance in an All-Ireland senior camogie final. They have begun the decade of the 1990's very well, and the team is young enough to make it their own.

The game was won and lost in the first half. Wexford had favour of the strong wind and they failed to make use of it. There was commitment from every team member, they all excelled themselves, but the cohesion and the slick play that can only be developed over many years, was to the advantage of the champions.

Basic skills were evenly distributed between the two sets of players, let there be no doubt that the Wexford girls were well equipped in that department. They lacked only the cunning that the playing

and winning of six successive Leinster and All-Ireland finals infuses.

At all times, save the opening minutes when Siobhan Dunne pointed, Kilkenny forced the pace. The Noreiders were on level terms before the game was three minutes old and they went ahead immediately. They never looked back. At the interval they were 0-7 to 0-4 clear and we knew in our heart of hearts that victory was out of our grasp.

But the laurels were not conceded easily. A heroic Wexford defence tormented the stars of the Kilkenny attack. They tackled brilliantly; their stickwork was superb as they intercepted a profusion of balanced and combined forward movements; and the catching and long strike of such as Ailish Kavanagh, Tina Fitzhenry, Catherine and Stella Sinnott were nothing short of fantastic.

Wexford attacks were not as concentrated as those of the opposition. They were full-blooded, but never had the rhythm that was the feature of the opposition. They were more in the nature of vigorous individual thrusts, notably by Siobhan Dunne, Jackie Codd, and Eileen Kehoe, many of which went within inches of yielding major scores, but often failed because the final pass went wrong.

All of this is put down to their lack of experience. Performance can only be

improved.

Early after the change of ends Kilkenny "doubled" the scores (0-8 to 0-4) and continued to stretch their lead right through the third quarter.

The nature of the Wexford set up was such that their hammer-like counter-attacks always threatened the Kilkenny goal - and a goal at that stage might have made all the difference. But their bravest efforts were thwarted.

Jackie Codd just failed to get on the end of a wonderful onslaught set up by Catherine Murphy and Ann Reddy, and later it was the herculean efforts alone of Kilkenny full back, Biddie O'Sullivan, and a point-blank save by their keeper, Marie Fitzpatrick, that kept the challengers out.

True, Kilkenny twice had the ball in the Wexford net and each time the referee's whistle had sounded. Initially it was for a free in, which was saved, and a free out followed. On the other occasion the ball was fouled by the forwards.

Slowly the laurels slipped out of reach of Wexford but the spectacle of classic camogie continued. There were 'private' duels all over the field. Play was unbroken for long periods of time and the efforts of all were lavishly applauded by an appreciative attendance.

The only difference in the respective team performance at this stage was that Kilkenny continued to pick off their scores. Wexford did not have

that capacity.

The Downey twins, Ann and Angela, made their usual impact, and between them accounted for a goal and nine points. Their cousin, Martina, for good measure, added a further two points. This is the kind of power with which the Wexford girls could not cope.

Angela was targeted by the Wexford mentors as the great danger and they detailed their most experienced player, Elsie Cody, to "police" her. And what a magnificent job she did.

However, in those closing fifteen minutes the Kilkenny girl managed to escape the attention of the Buffer's Alley girl for the brief seconds that enabled her to tack on two excellent points - and in the dying seconds she snatched the goal of the match.

It was a score that brought ecstasy to the Kilkenny camp, and was claimed by them as proof that their hero had won this enthralling duel, and it confirmed the despair of the Wexford contingent.

Another intriguing 'battle' was that between two rising stars - Kilkenny's Breda Holmes and Wexford's Christine Harding. What a sporting combat this was and it contributed immensely to the quality of the game. No one will quibble with a verdict that the honours were shared amongst them.

Ann Downey proved the master-free-taker once again. The validity of three of her first half scores from '35's are questionable but she kept her team afloat when most danger threatened.

Kilkenny veterans such as Bridie McGarry and Claire Holmes also put their experience to good use, but in case anyone should think (or this report should give the impression) that the Noreiders have not got new talent, they should consider the brilliance of teenagers, Bridget Mullaly and Gillian Dillon.

They were both in action in the senior final for the first time and the decision to play Gillian Dillon (daughter of the famous 'Pa') was considered a controversial one. They will be around at top-class level for a long time to come.

Let not Wexford lose heart.

In Ailish Kavanagh they have the best goalkeeper in the game. She certainly could not be blamed for the single shot that beat her and her clearances and puck-outs were a feature.

Tina Fitzhenry and Catherine Murphy combined with Elsie Cody and Stella Sinnott to get up a really great defence.

It must be conceded that Stella Sinnott was the best and most workmanlike player afield. The Buffer's Alley girl gave an exhibition of brave defensive play, and she found time in that torrid second half to sally upfield to help her mid-fielders and forwards.

Team captain, Ann Reddy, can look back also with pride and more could not be asked of her, Christine Harding or Jean O'Leary. Theirs is the stuff of which champion teams are made.

All will come right, eventually, for the forwards also. They have the grit and determination to succeed. Siobhan Dunne, Jackie Codd, Eileen Kehoe and Angie Heame put in great work against the most experienced defence in the game. Let us not forget the substitutes either and Paula Rankin and Ann Marie O'Connor are players with a really bright future.

SCORERS - Kilkenny: Ann Downey (0-7), Angela Downey (1-2) M. Downey (0-2), B. Mullaly (0-2), B. Holmes (0-1). **Wexford:** S. Dunne (0-4), C. Murphy (0-3).

KILKENNY - M. Fitzpatrick, B. O'Sullivan, D. Malone, B. McGarry, F. Rothwell, C. Jones, Ann Downey, G. Dillon, B. Cahill, B. Holmes, Angela Downey, B. Mullaly. Subs - M. Downey for B. Cahill; A. Whelan for C. Jones; N. O'Driscoll for B. Mullaly.

WEXFORD - A. Kavanagh; T. Fitzhenry, E. Cody, C. Murphy, S. Sinnott, A. Reddy, C. Harding, J. O'Leary, S. Dunne, E. Kehoe, J. Codd, A. Heame. Subs - P. Rankin for J. O'Leary; A.M. O'Connor for S. Dunne.

Referee - Miriam Murphy (Cork).



Wing forward Siobhan Dunne goes on a solo run in an effort to score for Wexford at Croke Park on Sunday.

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Kildare retains junior camogie crown

By RIOGHNAGH BRACKEN

THE dreams and aspirations of many a Kildare supporter were fulfilled on Sunday when the Lillywhites stroved to victory in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final at Croke Park.

A talented young Tipperary side who never gave up the fight, and at times had worried looks on the faces of some Kildare supporters, provided fine opposition in what was a beautiful display of competitive hurling. In a game in which the Offaly referee, Miriam O'Callaghan excelled in her reading of the game and contributed to the entertaining flow by not interrupting for minor infr-

ingements. It was almost a pity that the game had to end with a winner and loser but a winner there was and victory was sweet for the Lillywhite champions who clearly showed their fighting spirit.

From the puck-off Kildare were quick to settle despite some pre-arranged switches which left the opposition off balance long enough for Rose merriman and Bernie Farrelly to score two points before Tipperary's first score, a point from a free. Teresa Hanley who was in devastating form netted the ball for Kildare but a quick reply was fore coming from

Tipperary who showed that they could also score goals. Free taken for the day, Miriam Malone placed the ball between the uprights twice, Bernie Farrelly did likewise then Miriam a further three times, during which time Tipperary also scored three points to leave the half-time score 1-8 for Kildare to 1-4 for Tipperary. During the first-half we saw some fine displays of goalkeeping from both ends of the field as Ann Keesham and Anna dargan cleared their lines on several occasions.

The second-half opened with both sides fired on by their respective trainers and points from free's were the first scores from

both sides. It did not seem that an improvement on the first-half was possible but both sides were in fighting spirits and good attacking camogie was the order of the day. The attempts of the Tipperary girls to control the midfield and centre forwards left the way open for Patricia Keatley to provide some great displays and put her name on the scoreboard. The Kildare forward line were magnificent and great attacking and covering movements by Marianne Johnson, Teresa Hanley and Rose Merriman resulted in Teresa adding a further goal and a point. At the other end of the field great defensive play by Geraldine Dwyer, Therese Farrelly and Liz O'Donoghue prevented many a score, nevertheless two goals and two points were added by the Tipperary girls.

It is some indication of the competitive nature of this half, when midway through it and still not certain who would win, but the fighting spirit and stamina of the Lillywhites held out and the game finished with a final point from Bernie Farrelly to leave the score, Kildare 2-14, Tipperary 3-7 and the four point margin was enough to confirm Kildare's place in the senior rank. In this grade Kilkenny beat Wexford 1-14 to 7pts., a scoreline which did not reflect the closeness of these two sides but showed the mountain Kildare must now climb before they bring home the senior trophy. But that is in the future and this week belongs to that fine panel of girls who have become known as 'Hernie's Heros' and who have brought a great sense of pride to our county.

KILDARE players selected for the Leinster Provincial team are Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan, Geraldine Dwyer, Bernie Farrelly, Melanie Treacy, Antoinette Merriman and Therese Farrelly. Seven players in all.



● Teresa Hanley (11) who played a great game for Kildare against Tipperary has her shot blocked by Jovita Delaney, Tipperary.



● Nuala Kerrigan and Anna Dargan hold Miriam Malone on high.

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KILKENNY — ALL IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS 1990

The Kilkenny team who defeated Wexford in the All Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday. In front (from left) — Angela Downey, Maria Downey, Bridget Barnaville, Bridget Mullally, Breda Holmes (captain), Jillian Dillon, Bridie McGarry, Ann Whelan, Noreen Tierney. Behind — Claire Jones, Noelle O'Driscoll, Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddie O'Sullivan, Frances Rothwell, Ann Downey, Breda Cahill, Deirdre Malone, Tom Ryan (Team Manager). The major sponsors of the team are St. Canice's Credit Union.



● Kildare Camogie team: Phyllis Bambury, Therese Farrelly, Patricia Keatley, Anna Dargan, Antoinette Merriman, Melanie Treacy, Rose Merriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Bernie Farrelly, Miriam Malone, Marianne Johnson and Teresa Hanley.

Victory launches new junior camogie

ALL of us have our favourite sports and sporting heroes and those of us who compete often dream of following in their footsteps. Alas, for most this remains just a dream to while away a few hours now and then. But this dream can become reality for those girls with an interest in camogie because with the recent promotion to the senior grade there is now an urgent need for girls to fill the vacated spaces and form the new Kildare Junior Camogie team to be trained by Pat Herbert alongside the senior team.

This is a chance for all club officials to put forward any girl whom they feel may make the grade. However, these nominations need not come via your club so if you would like to try out and make your dreams come true the first session is at Clane GAA Club this Saturday (29 September). For

a few hours work a week you can become part of the happiest, fittest and resected bunch of girls in the county.

Based on club performances in the recent county championships and leagues the following girls are requested to attend: Clare Maloney, Mary Healy, Patricia Doran and Biddy Moore from Clane; Aubrey Byrne, Bernie Shinnors and Denise O'Connor from Leixlip; Margaret Butterfield, Aisling Treacy and Elaine Miley from St. Laurences; Linda Lenehan, Brenda Moore, Fiona and Samantha Feely, Martina and Fiona Garrigan and the Kelly sisters from Carbury; Ann Cunningham, Ann Lynam, Maeve Reidy, Linda Maloney and Ann Lynch from Celbridge; Deirdre Feeney from Sarsfields; Eileen Murray, Margaret Cummins, Karen McDermott and May

Murray from Moorefield; Yvonne Farrell from Straffan; Loretta Cullen, Samantha and Malissa Finneran and Mary Roche from Ardclough; Gemma Thornton, Nuala Kerrigan, Annie Flannagan, Elizabeth Kane, Nora Egan, Liz Conway, Alma Cooney and Celine Farrell from Broadford.

Remember if your name is not above, do not despair you are not having a nightmare, come along and join the crowd and make your dream come true.

When the Kildare camogie team left Clane on Sunday they were juniors, but after their victory at Croke Park they can no longer be called such. They are now seniors and the sense of pride on their faces at the reception in Malahide on Sunday evening only reflected the feelings in their hearts.

During the formal speeches on that occasion there was one remark which must have meant as

much to the girls as any compliment ever paid to any explorer, prizewinner or champion. That remark was made by the chairman Mary O'Callaghan when she welcomed the Kildare girls into the senior ranks. Watching the Kildare captain, Miriam Malone, at that moment one could see why this great advocate and veteran of camogie enjoys the game so much. This was a bonus on pay day.

Pay day was when she led her team up the steps to receive the All-Ireland trophy and the bonus was to lead a Kildare team into the history books. A further bonus was yet to come for her and her six team mates when the Leinster Provincial Team was announced because Kildare have no less than seven players on the side.

The Leinster panel also includes four players from Dublin, two from Kilkenny and one each from Laois, Wexford and Meath.

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CAMOGIE ALL-IRELAND —

TIPPERARY FAIL

KILDARE 2-14;
TIPPERARY 3-7

PITTED against the title-holders, and firm favourites, Kildare, Tipperary junior camogie side, in their attempt to complete an All-Ireland double this season by complementing the achievements of the minor team, had to surrender to a much slicker Lily White side in the final at Croke Park on Sunday last, but won plenty of admiration for their effort even in defeat.

Although the county has appeared in seven All-Ireland finals between 1949 and 1984 it has never managed to put its name on either a junior or senior All-Ireland crown, though it did win a National League title. Bearing in mind then, it was hardly surprising that so much interest surrounded last Sunday's final, and hopes were high that the long-awaited breakthrough might materialise. It was not to be, however, and there is not the slightest doubt that the champions gave the more polished display and for the most part looked the better side.

Having appeared in final since 1987, they had all the craft on their side and essentially at the end of the day it was a victory for the extra skill and experience over determination and full-blooded endeavour.

HAD CHANCES

Yet, on closer analysis, it has to be said that Tipperary had every chance of winning, despite their many shortcomings, and on the general run of play they were not at all as far

behind the winners as the scoreline often portrayed. Granted, goalie Ann Keeshan kept them in the game with some first class saves, but the manner in which they reduced a ten-point deficit to four in the last ten minutes cannot be overlooked and with a bit more luck going their way they could have made for an even more dramatic finish.

In that respect an incident ten minutes into the second half had a major bearing on the game. Kildare had extended their lead to six points and Tipperary appeared to be on the wane again, after a blistering last ten-minute period to the opening half. Then Ann Keeshan made a superb save from Rose Merriman to rally Tipperary and with everything going for them, Deirdre Hughes who had a fine game made a dashing run close to the sideline under the Hogan Stand. She fired a cracking shot from an acute angle right at goalie Anna Dargan but the ball passed the 'keeper' and came back off the upright. A great chance went abegging

and Kildare maintained a grip on the game there on to the end.

When Tipperary sit down to reflect on this game, however, they will not have to spend too long in endeavouring to find just where exactly they left things go wrong for them. After all, it took them a remarkable nineteen minutes in each half to register a score and their biggest regrets will surround the third quarter scoreless period when they had the strong wind to assist them.

Full marks to Kildare, though, they went around their business without any hesitation right from the start and had the upper hand in several positions right through the game. From the first minute when Rose Merriman had their opening score they dictated the play, in spite of the best efforts of the defence which benefited greatly from the switch of Geraldine Ryan-Meagher and Cora Kennedy. In fact, the entire defence played well in the opening quarter in spite of Kildare's dominance but as time wore on the influence of Miriam Malone in the middle of the field and Bernadette Farrelly became more profound.

Ann Keeshan kept Tipperary in the hunt against the wind with two fine saves from Patricia Keatley and Rose Merriman and got a facial injury when attempting to stop a flicked goal from Keatley in the 10th minute, a score that laid the foundations for Kildare's success. By the time Ann Gleeson had Tipperary's first point from a free in the 19th minute the victors had 1-5 on the board.

HUGHES GOAL

It was only at this stage that Tipperary started to

make an impact, and Deirdre Hughes had a great goal after sustained pressure six minutes from the interval to bring Tipperary's challenge to life. Ann Gleeson had a great point to further heighten Tipperary's enthusiasm and Triona Bonnar was rather unlucky to see a shot from an acute angle go narrowly wide, with a goal chance on the cards.

Still turning over for the second period, only four points adrift (1-8 to 1-4) and expecting to make maximum use of the wind, Tipperary were in a very favourable position to take the game to the Kildare girls. Their hopes were dashed again by a negative spell in which they conceded another string of points to Kildare but would have been closer had Deirdre Hughes scored her goal chance.

Kildare were at their best in this time, and had opened up a gap again before Teresa Hanly seemed to have put an end to the game as a contest with a goal that put her side ten points clear. Tipperary lost more scoring chances and muddled possession, in spite of making a determined bid to fight back but a 21st minute goal from Deirdre Hughes to make amends for her earlier loss, brought them into contention again.

In fact, they played their best hurling in the closing stages with Triona Bonnar setting up sub. Helen O'Leary for another goal four minutes from time. It was a case of too little too late, though, as Kildare managed to keep sufficiently ahead and were deserving of more than their four-point win taking the full hour's play into account. For most of the Tipperary side this was their first All-Ireland final and, doubtless, they will have picked up a great deal of experience from it. With a bit of an improvement it has the nucleus of a very promising side and who is to say that they cannot yet take that elusive crown.

It seems customary to say it of a beaten side that every player tried hard, but if ever that was the case the Tip-

perary girls did it on Sunday last. Ann Keeshan's contribution was immense and Jovita Delaney back from injury had a fine game in the circumstances. Cora Kennedy and Claire Madden were particularly sound and Geraldine Ryan-Meagher, Maeve Stokes and Kirsty McCloskey-Ryan worked hard in the early stages. Deirdre Hughes was, overall, their best player and Triona Bonnar had her moments as did Kaiffe Moloney. Orla Hogan had a particularly good second half and captain Ann Gleeson always posed danger in front of goal, even if a lot of chances went abegging by the forwards early. Both subs, Regina O'Meara and Helen O'Leary did exceptionally well when introduced and were not in the least overawed in making their All-Ireland junior debut, O'Leary scoring 1-1.

In general, Kildare were a much better equipped side and that fact was borne out by the excellent displays in particular of defender Therese Farrelly, captain Miriam Malone, Bernadette Farrelly, Patricia Keatley, Teresa Hanley and Rose Merriman.

Scorers: Kildare: T. Hanley 2-2, M. Malone 0-7, B. Farrelly 0-3, P. Keatley and R. Merriman 0-1 each.

Tipperary: D. Hughes 2-1, H. O'Leary 1-1, A. Gleeson 0-4, T. Bonnar 0-1.

Kildare: A. Dargan, G. Dwyer, T. Farrelly, M. Treacy, P. Bambury, A. Merriman, M. Malone, B. Farrelly, M. Johnson, P. Keatley, T. Hanley, R. Merriman. Sub. L. O'Donoghue for Bambury.

Tipperary: A. Keeshan (Roscrea), C. Kennedy (Toomevara - Templederry), G. Ryan-Meagher (Cappawhite), C. Madden (Portroe), M. Stokes (Carrick-on-Suir), K. McCloskey - Ryan (Cashel), K. Moloney (do.), D. Hughes (Toomevara - Templederry), T. Bonnar (Cashel), D. Hogan (Burgess), A. Gleeson (Toomevara - Templederry). Subs.: R. O'Meara (Toomevara - Templederry) for Ryan-Meagher; H. O'Leary (Cashel) for Stokes.

Referee: M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).



Tipperary sub Helen O'Leary on the attack at Croke Park on Sunday last.

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The Wexford Captain Ann Reddy shows grit and determination as she single handedly endeavours to send the ball goalwards during Sunday's All-Ireland camogie clash at Croke Park. Offering support is Wexford full forward Angie Ahearne.



Five And Five Are Ten... and ten and ten are twenty - the amount of All Ireland senior camogie medals which the downey twins, Ann (left) and Angela, hold after Kilkenny's victory over Wexford at Croke Park. Ann was the top scorer in the game and Angela got the only goal of the match.

Photo: Toes Brett



SEE-IT-A-RON! ... To the cheers of supporters, Kilkenny captain Breda Holmes holds aloft the All-Ireland senior camogie trophy at Croke Park on Sunday after her team's victory over Wexford. (Photo: Tom Brett)

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Kildare blitz in junior final

KILDARE.2-14; TIPPERARY.3-7

KILDARE'S junior camogie team made up for their county's lack of hurling championship success this year when they blitzed through Tipperary yesterday in one of the most exciting finals in recent years.

Completing their three-in-a-row, the champions came out and put two points and a goal between the Tipp posts in the first eight minutes, with veteran Miriam Malone netting a long-range shot which was a sign of things to come.

In a game played at blistering pace, which seemed faster and at times more skilful than the senior match, which followed it, Kildare were definitely the less elegant of the two but goal-mouth accuracy and determination from forwards like Patricia Keaffey and Teresa Anley saw them run out easy winners, despite a late surge from Tipperary.

With the holders surging to an early eight point lead, Tipperary's immensely skilful corner-forward, Deirdre Hughes, who showed herself definitely to be of senior status, got a surprise goal from a long range shot off a Claire Madden cross.

This left just four points between the side's at the break.

By CLIONA FOLEY

But on resumption, a magnificent driving goal from Kildare's Teresa Hanley, following a great solo run by Patricia Keatley, added to an already extending Lilywhite lead from frees, and they stretched the advantage to 10 points in the 47th minute.

Only then could Tipperary get their first score of the half, a Kaiffee Moloney free, but it seemed to really boost them. A long range shot, perhaps intended for a point, from Deirdre Hughes dropped into the Kildare net with 10 minutes to go and they followed this with another quick goal from substitute Helen O'Leary with just minutes left.

Scores — KILDARE — M. Malone 1-7; T. Hanley 1-2; B. Farrelly 0-3; R. Merriman 0-2; P. Keatley 0-1. TIPPERARY — D. Hughes 2-1; H. O'Leary 1-1; N. Gleeson 0-4; T. Bonnar 0-1.

KILDARE — A. Dargan; G. Dwyer, C. Farrelly, M. Treacy, P. Bambury, A. Merriman, M. Malone (Capt.), B. Farrelly, M. Johnson, P. Keatley, T. Hanley, R. Merriman. Subs: E. O'Donoghue (for P. Bambury (29 mins.)).

TIPPERARY — A. Keeshan; T. Delaney, G. Kennedy, G. Ryan-Meagher, C. Madden, M. Stokes, K. McCluskey, K. Moloney, D. Hughes, T. Bonnar, C. Hogan, A. Gleeson (capt.). Subs: H. O'Meara for C. Madden (40 mins.); H. O'Leary for A. Gleeson (45 mins.).

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One And Only . . . the making and scoring of the only game at Croke Park, on Sunday. Top: team captain Breda Holmes (captain) breaks away on a solo run to hand-pass the ball to Angela, who, although closely attended, slams the ball to the net (centre) and both girls celebrate. Photo: Tom Brett

Sportstar OF THE WEEK



Ann Downey

THE Kilkenny Cats are queens of the Camogie world again, after their sixth successive All-Ireland win at Croke Park on

Sunday. Old rivals Wexford were the victims of the Kilkenny power machine which triumphed in an entertaining match. To mark the occasion and the feat, we name Kilkenny's leading scorer Ann Downey, as our "Irish Independent/Jury's Hotel, Dublin "Sportstar of the Week".



Wexford's Jackie Codd about to catch and clear during Sunday's All-Ireland Senior camogie tie at Croke Park.



Miss E. Clare Cronin, 42 Connolly Park, Pouladuff, Cork has qualified as a dental hygienist after completing a course of training at the School of Dental Hygiene, Glasgow. Not only has Miss Cronin passed the General Dental Council Examination, she was awarded the following prizes: Oral B Cup awarded to the top student throughout the year of training and the Ash Instrument Prize, awarded to the top clinical student throughout training.

Glen fancied to beat Clare rivals

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PICK of the games on the camogie front this weekend will be the Munster Club Championship final between Glen Rovers and Sixmilebridge of Clare at Sixmilebridge at 3 p.m. Also on Sunday, Delanys and St. Finbarrs clash in the semi-final of the Junior 'B' Championship at Farranlea Road at 11.30 while the remainder of the weekend will see a number of U-16 League games decided.

Cork's only hope of an All-Ireland camogie title this season lies with Glen Rovers. Last weekend both the Glen and Sixmilebridge met in the final of the Kilmacud Crokes seven-a-side tournament when the Glen came out on top and the outcome of Sunday's clash is expected to be no different.

Even though the Clare side are favoured with a home venue, the Glen still look a stronger all-round side and on form should advance. They will be captained by Therese O'Callaghan and have other experienced performers in Sandy Fitzgibbon, Claire McCarthy, Mary Ring, Ann O'Donovan, Linda Mellerick and Diane Deane and if these girls play to form it is difficult to see them being halted.

However, the Clare girls will have other ideas about this. They too are a fairly experienced outfit and can call on senior inter-county players in the McNerney sisters Yvonne and Mary Ann, Noeleen Quinn, Mairead Twomey and Geraldine Murrey and if these girls produce the goods we could have a close contest in store. On Sunday morning at

Farranlea Road, St. Finbarrs and Delanys will be in opposition to decide who goes forward to meet Kilbrittain in the Junior 'B' Championship final. Delanys, despite their short time in existence, have made great strides and have shown good form in this championship to date.

U-16 League, Glen Rovers 'A' v Delanys at Delanys at 6 p.m. Sunday. Junior 'B' Championship semi-final, St. Finbarrs v Delanys at Farranlea Road at 11.30, ref. Mary Byrne. Munster Senior Club Cham-

pionship final — Glen Rovers (Cork) v Sixmilebridge (Clare) at Sixmilebridge at 3 p.m. Under-16 League '90 — Fr. O'Neills v St. Fannahans at Fr. O'Neills at 2.30; Killeagh v Middleton at Killeagh at 12 noon; Bandon v Newcestown at Bandon at 12 noon; Valley Rovers v Barryroe at Valley Rovers at 12 noon; Cloughduv v Eire Og at Cloughduv at 12 noon; Brian Dillons v Na Piarsaigh at Brian Dillons at 12 noon; Douglas v Ballygarvan at Douglas at 12 noon; Sarsfields v Blackrock at Sarsfields at 12 noon.



Linda Mellerick — in action for the Glen on Sunday.

Glen girls are tops

Glen Rovers 3-8
Sixmilebridge 2-2

GLEN ROVERS had to wait until the closing ten minutes for the scores that took them clear of Sixmilebridge in the Munster final of the All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship at Sixmilebridge.

They will now play the Derry champions in the All Ireland semi-final in Derry on November 11.

The teams were level at half-time with the Glen on 0-5 and Sixmilebridge 1-2.

And they continued to contest a very competitive game with great vigour until Glen made a couple of vital switches entering the final quarter.

Glen brought in Mary Currid from the substitutes' bench to centre-forward and Linda Mellerick moved from there to corner-forward. Both played major roles in swinging the game in Glen's favour, with Mary making such an impact as to establish a firm claim to a first-choice selection

next time out.

The game sprang into life when Ger McCarthy goaled from a free just 10 minutes into the second-half and Sixmilebridge responded instantly with an equalising goal from Ann McNerney.

Linda Mellerick then edged Glen in front with a point and a goal from Denis Cronin strengthened Glen's grip. Mary Ring, playing well at full-forward scored 1-1 in the last quarter to clinch Glen's victory.

CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE draw for the 1990/91 Munster Colleges Camogie Championships are as follows:

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

13.10.90: A, Scariff Community v Colasiste Muire, Ennis.
27.10.90: B, St. Marys, Macroom v St. Patricks, Cork; C, St. Marys, Middleton v St. Marys, Charleville; D, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel v winners of A; E, Shannon Compre. v St. Marys, Nenagh.
17.11.90: Semi-finals, E v B; D v C.
2.2.91: Munster final.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

6.10.90: Section 1: A, St. Aloysius v St. Marys, Macroom; B, St. Patricks v Bishopstown Community.
Section 2: A, St. Aidans v North Pres; B, Crosshaven v Pres, Bandon.
Section 3: A, Pres. Hospital v Scoil Muire, Kanturk; B, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel v Scoil Pol B.
Section 4: A, FCJ Bruff v Scoil Pol A; B, Voc. Roscrea v St. Marys, Charleville.
Section 5: A, Scariff A v Laurel Hill, Limerick; B, St. Caimins v St. Josephs, Tulla.
Section 6: A, Colaiste Muire v Scariff B; B, Shannon Compre. v St. Marys, Nenagh.
Section 7: A, Cappoquin v Loreto, Youghal; B, Carrignavar v St. Marys, Middleton.
20.10.90: Section finals.
10.11.90: Quarter-finals, 4 v 2; 1 v 6; 5 v 3; 7 a bye.
24.11.90: Semi-finals, 1/6 v 7; 5/3 v 4/2.
9.2.91: Munster final.

CAMOGIE

THE appearance of Glen Rovers again in the Munster club final (Sixmilebridge 3-0) reflects a pedigree which they have held since their successive All Ireland appearances in 1986 and '87. Their failure to even get out of Cork in the last two seasons reflects a vulnerability in their character which has cost them victories in the past. This year has seen none of the vulnerability and a lot of the pedigree. Sixmilebridge have had a successful year, defending

their Clare championship and reaching the Munster final with more demanding fixtures than that which faced the Glen. The sides met last week in the All Ireland sevens and the Glen won quite easily. There should not be a departure from such form.

In the Ulster Club Final (Brefni Park 2-0), Swatragh of Derry ought to have little difficulty in defeating Cavan champions Laragh to retain their provincial crown.

Denis Walsh

CAMOGIE: Heavy Defeat

In the opening round of the national junior amogie league Clare were decisively beaten by Tipperary at Whitegate on Sunday last. The final score of 4-14 to 0-5 tells the story and there will have to be a huge improvement before their next outing which will be against neighbours Limerick at a Limerick venue next month.

Swatra tops

SWATRA.....5-11
LARAGH.....3-8

DERRY champions Swatra completed a hat-trick of provincial club senior camogie titles, when they defeated Cavan champions Laragh by 5-11 to 3-8 in an entertaining final at Breffni Park, Cavan, yesterday. Swatra have dominated the game at club level in Ulster in recent years and their anxiety to achieve the treble was obvious from an early stage.

Championship deciders this weekend

THE Junior 'A' and 'B' Championships are now at their concluding stages and on Sunday next the winners of both these competitions will be decided.

On Sunday morning at Ballygarvan, Kilbrittain and St. Finbarrs contest the 'B' final while at Grenagh at 3 o'clock Inniscarra and Castlemagner will be in opposition in the 'A' final. Also on Sunday morning at Farranlea Road the Cork Junior team open their National League game with a first-round game against Waterford.

In what promises to be two closely contested games on Sunday next the destination of the Junior 'A' and 'B' Championship trophies for 1990 will be decided.

In the 'A' final, Castlemagner will be seeking their first ever 'A' Championship title, their last major trophy being the Junior 'B' Championship which they won in 1985 while Inniscarra have not won the Junior Championship since the mid-seventies, so no doubt there will be a lot at stake for both clubs on Sunday.

On recent form, Inniscarra will probably start as slight favourites. They have had probably the toughest path to the final with victories over

Douglas in the first round and a fancied Bishopstown in the semi-final. In their semi-final clash with Bishopstown they had the narrowest of victories but looked a very strong and determined side.

They will look to players like Cork Juniors Irene O'Keeffe and Maria O'Brien, Margaret O'Donovan and Eilis Murray to carry them through and if these girls play to form they could be in line for what would be a well-earned and just reward for the very hard work put in by their mentors at underage level in recent years.

On the other side of the coin, Castlemagner will no doubt provide stiff opposition. In their path to the final they recorded victories over Newcestown after a replay in the first round and St. Catherine's in the semi-final.

During these games they played with great determination and in their game with St. Catherine's in particular looked to be in fine form. They have marvellous performers in Margaret Lucey who captains the side, Catherine Sheehan, Angela Lawlor, Aine Murphy, Noelle McCarthy



Deirdre Ryan (St. Finbarrs), daughter of former 'Barrs and Tipperary' hurler Mick Ryan, will be in action this weekend.

and Aileen Hannon and if these girls produce the goods it could be neck and neck to the final whistle.

The clash of Kilbrittain and St. Finbarrs in the 'B' final promises to be yet another close game. Both clubs will be seeking their first ever victory in this competition. The Barrs, while they have had numerous victories in other codes over the years, this trophy has eluded them and no doubt they would like to rectify this situation on Sunday while Kilbrittain have yet to win a championship title since their formation just a short few years ago.

In the path to the final, Kilbrittain had victories over Ballinure, Barryroe and Sarsfields, while Fermoy, Mitchelstown and Delanys went under to the Barrs. During these games both sides looked good and as a result it is difficult to predict a winner. Barrs will be fielding their second squad and as a result are a fairly young side.

They will be looking to the experience of Marie O'Sullivan and other players like Sandra O'Donovan, Janice O'Connell, Claire Barry, Mary O'Regan and Deirdre Ryan to carry them through but these girls could find the going tough against a

Kilbrittain side that can call on players like Mary Brennan, Catherine Whelton, Mary Sexton and Eileen O'Neill.

The Cork Junior team for Sunday's clash against Waterford in the National League is as follows: Rose Desmond, Jackie Dunlea, Denise Cronin, Evelyn Healy, Ina Leahy, Mary Currid, Leslie Walsh, Jean Paula Kent, Paula Carey, Edel Ryan, Mary Byrne, Hilda Kenneally.

SUNDAY

Junior 'A' Championship final — Inniscarra v Castlemagner at Grenagh at 3 p.m. Ref. Mary Byrne.

Junior 'B' Championship final — St. Finbarrs v Kilbrittain at Ballygarvan at 12 noon. Ref. Mary Maher.

National Junior League — Cork v Waterford at Farranlea Road at 11 o'clock.

Under-16 League '90 — Killeagh v Fr. O'Neills at Killeagh at 11.30. Ref. Fr. O'Neills; Midleton v Watergrasshill at Midleton at 11.30. Ref. Watergrasshill; Barryroe v Newcestown at Barryroe at 11.30. Ref. Newcestown; Eire Og v Ballincollig at Ballincollig at 11.30. Ref. Eire Og; Bishopstown v Douglas at Bishopstown at 11.30. Ref. Douglas.

Juniors take stage



Fiona O'Driscoll who plays for Inniscarra in the Cork County Junior 'A' Final against Castlemagner.

THE Cork County Junior 'A' and 'B' Camogie Championships will be decided over the weekend. In the 'A' final, Inniscarra and Castlemagner clash at Grenagh on Sunday at 3 o'clock, while at 12 o'clock in Ballygarvan, St. Finbarrs and Kilbrittain will be in opposition in the 'B' final.

Also on Sunday, the Cork junior team open their National League campaign against Waterford in Farranlea Road at 11 a.m. Inniscarra will be contesting their first junior final since the mid seventies, when they won the title. Castlemagner's last victory was the Junior 'B' Championship in 1985, so, no doubt, both sides will be hungry for success.

SLIGHT EDGE

Inniscarra should have a slight edge but it certainly would come as no surprise if, at the end of the 50 minutes, the cup was destined for North Cork.

On the path to the final, Inniscarra defeated Douglas in the first round and then went on to defeat a fancied Bishopstown side by a point in the semi-final.

During these games they looked to be strong overall and will prove difficult to overcome. They will be looking to Cork juniors Irene O'Keeffe and Maria O'Brien, as well as players like Margaret O'Donovan, Fiona O'Driscoll and Eilis Murray, to carry them through. But they certainly would not want to underestimate a Castlemagner side that can call on players like Aine Murphy, Catherine Sheehan, Angela Lawlor, Noelle McCarthy, Aileen Hannon and Margaret Lucey.

SECOND YEAR

In the 'B' final, Kilbrittain will be contesting the final for the

second year in a row. They were narrowly defeated by Newcestown in last year's decider and would dearly love to make amends.

In earlier rounds, they had comprehensive victories over Ballinure, Barryroe and Sarsfields and are undoubtedly a force to be reckoned with.

They have fine performers in Mary Brennan, Catherine Whelton, Mary Sexton and Eileen O'Neill and, if these girls strike form, the city side could find themselves in trouble.

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But the 'Barrs have looked impressive throughout the championship and, with victories over Fermoy, Mitchelstown and Delanys behind them, they will not be defeated easily. The 'Barrs will look to players like the O'Sullivans — Marie, Deirdre and Maria — Deirdre Ryan, Mary O'Regan, Breda Collins and Roisin O'Donovan to carry the day. But it will take a first-class performance if they hope to contain a strong Kilbrittain side.

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Junior 'A' Championship final: Inniscarra v Castlemagner at Grenagh, 3 p.m.

Junior 'B' Championship final: St. Finbarrs v Kilbrittain at Ballygarvan, 12 o'clock.

National Junior League: Cork v Waterford at Farranlea Road, 11 o'clock.

Under-16 League '90: Killeagh v Fr. O'Neills at Killeagh, 11.30; Midleton v Watergrasshill at Midleton, 11.30; Barryroe v Newcestown at Barryroe, 11.30; Eire Og v Ballincollig at Ballincollig, 11.30; Bishopstown v Douglas at Bishopstown, 11.30.

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Castlemagner's Blaithin Hannan battling for possession with Inniscarra's Rosalyn Donoghue during the Cork Junior "A" Camogie championship final at Grenagh yesterday.



Castlemagner's Catherine Sheehan leaving the Inniscarra opposition behind as she races forward during the Cork Junior "A" camogie championship final at Grenagh yesterday. —(Picture Richard Mills)



The Castlemagner team who drew with Inniscarra in the Cork Junior "A" Camogie Championship final at Grenagh.

Inniscarra earn replay

INNISCARRA 2-4
CASTLEMAGNER 2-4

A BRILLIANT display by Maria O'Brien in goal for Inniscarra helped her side to draw with Castlemagner in a most exciting Cork Junior "A" camogie championship final at Grenagh, Co Cork yesterday.

Inniscarra looked in trouble after only five minutes when Margaret O'Donovan received an injury which necessitated four stitches on the side-line, but she returned to play a major part in her side's survival.

After a tremendous first half only one point separated the sides with Castlemagner leading by 1-2 to 1-1 at the interval.

In the second period both sides had their chances to win the title but failed to avail of them and a draw was indeed a fair result.

For Castlemagner Myra and Catherine Sheehan were outstanding while, in addition to Maria O'Brien, Sandra O'Sullivan and the injured Margaret O'Donovan were Inniscarra's best players.

Scorers — Inniscarra: Sandra O'Sullivan 1-2, Catherine O'Callaghan 1-0, Irene O'Keeffe 0-2. Castlemagner: Catherine Sheehan 1-0, Ann O'Hanlon 1-0, Aine Murphy 0-3, Geraldine Henchion 0-1.

Duffy saves the Barrs

St. Finbarrs 2-3
Kilbrittan 0-9

KILBRITTAN and St. Finbarrs, two teams seeking their first ever title in this grade, fought out a thrilling County Junior "B" Camogie final at Ballygarvan yesterday morning.

After an early Barrs goal the West Cork girls had fought back well to hold a three point lead with time running out and had the coveted trophy almost within their grasp. However, a last gasp Barrs rally saw centre forward Marie O'Sullivan's 20' batted out by the Kilbrittan defence but only as far as substitute Janice Duffy who first timed a ground shot to the back of the net for the equalising goal 30 seconds from time.

Kilbrittan looked the better all round side but a goal by Mary O'Regan after six minutes of play helped the Barrs keep in touch and at halftime it was all square with Barrs having scored 1-1 to Kilbrittan's four points. A thrilling second half saw Kilbrittan continue to pick off their points and deservedly forge ahead before Duffy's late equaliser brought the sides level almost on the call of time.

Scorers — St. Finbarrs: M. O'Regan and J. Duffy 1-0 each, M. O'Sullivan 0-3 (0-2 frees). Kilbrittan: M. Brennan 0-6 (frees), C. O'Regan, C. Cronin and M. Deasy 0-1 each.

Scariff March On

Scariff Community College 4-5
Colaiste Mhuire 2-4

SCARIFF Community College advanced to the next round of the Provincial Colleges senior camogie championship and a meeting with Scoil Mhuire from Cashel on this Thursday when they proved too strong for Colaiste Mhuire in the last week's first round. This week's game will again be played at Whitegate with a starting time of 3.15.

In last week's game the Ennis side made the early running and took the lead with scores from Tricia Mangan and Patrick Moloney. Scariff replied with like scores from Carol Costelloe and Marie Collins before Patricia Mangan had a goal for the Colaiste outfit. A Marita Myles goal helped the East Clare side to be on level terms at 1-2 each at the break.

Scariff dominated the second half and moved into the lead when Ann O'Dwyer goaled. A Marie Collins point followed before O'Dwyer goaled again and then Marita Myles found the net. In the closing stages Colaiste battled back with a patsy Gleeson goal and a point from Sonya Maher.

Outstanding for the winners were Hazel Costelloe, Marie Collins, Maura O'Grady, Niamh

Colleges Camogie:

Wiley, Ann O'Dwyer, Claire Malone, Marita Myles and Eimear Slattery. For Colaiste Mhuire, Sonya Maher, Patricia Moloney, Tricia Maher, Claire Griffin and Patsy Gleeson did best.

Scariff: E. Doyle; N. Wiley, M. O'Grady, M. Collins, D. Costelloe, H. Costelloe, C. O'Driscoll, E. Slattery, C. Costelloe, A. O'Dwyer, C. Malone, M. Myles.

Subs.: A. McGrath for H. Costelloe; A. McNamara for D. Costelloe.

Colaiste Mhuire: S. Maher, T. Moloney, A. M. Galvin, T. Mangan, C. Cahir, P. Quinn, C. Griggin, R. Garvey, O. Keane, M. Rhyne, E. Murphy, H. Casey, C. Moloney, C. O'Brien.

Cork crush Waterford

CORK 3-12
WATERFORD 0-4

UNDER-strength Cork proved too strong for an equally weakened Waterford side in their National Junior Camogie League tie at Farranlea Road yesterday.

Cork played against the strong wind in the first-half, but still managed to build up a comfortable 3-6 to 0-2 interval lead and were never in danger of losing.

The second-half was played out for the most part in Waterford's half, with Cork failing to take many of their chances.

Scorers: Cork: H. Kenneally (2-5), M. Byrnes (1-0), P. Carey (0-5, 0-3 frees, 0-130), M. Currid and S. Meade (0-1) each.

Waterford: E. Mahony (0-2), C. Whitty and O. Flynn (0-1) each.

CORK: R. Desmond, I. Leahy, J. Delea, N. Aherne, E. Healy, M. Currid, L. Walsh, S. Meade, P. Carey, M. Byrnes, H. Kenneally, H. Moynihan, Subs. P. Walsh for Aherne, D. Deane for Walsh and E. Buckley for Byrnes.

WATERFORD: M. Murphy, J. Collins, C. Hutchinson, S. Sullivan, C. Caples, M. Cunningham, N. McMahon, A. O'Gorman, C. Whitty, O. Flynn, E. Mahony, P. McCarthy.

Referee: M. Graham (Tipperary).

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Camogie team off to US

NINETEEN Cork camogie players will embark on an historic trip on Tuesday next when they travel to New York with All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, to play in exhibition games in Gaelic Park.

The exciting trip was made possible by the Young Ireland's Camogie club in New York, who extended an invitation to the teams as part of their 30th Anniversary Celebrations. This progressive club has promoted Irish culture and Gaelic games in New York over the past thirty years and they organised the first international camogie match on American soil in 1972 when Thurles Camogie Club played Young Irelands at Gaelic Park.

This, however, will be the first time a Cork camogie side has travelled to America and all involved are eagerly looking forward to the trip.

No less than nine clubs will have representatives in the touring party. Sarsfields, County Champions in 1989, have no less than six included - Lillian Zinkant, Ann Brady, Liz Dunphy, Val Twomey, Celine McCarthy and Eileen Noonan. St. Finbarr's and Bishopstown have the next largest contingent with three each - Brid Walsh, Colette O'Mahony and Yvonne O'Neill (St. Finbarr's) and Liz O'Neill, Liz Towler and Sheenagh Morley (Bishopstown). Na Piarasigh have two, Irene O'Leary and Paula Goggins, while there is one each from five other clubs



Leading the Cork camogie team on their historic trip to the United States, Betty Joyce, of Killeagh.

— Betty Joyce (Killeagh), who captains the side, Aine Murphy (Castlemagner), Margaret Finn (Fr. O'Neills), Therese O'Callaghan (Glen Rovers) and Marion McCarthy (Eire Og).

Cork will play their first game on Saturday, October 13, when they meet a US Selection and on the following day they meet All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny. There have been great matches between these sides in recent years and in this year's All-Ireland semi-final the champions only snatched a late victory in Ballinlough. So the games between the sides — they will meet again the following Saturday — should be exciting affairs with Kilkenny determined to underline their superiority and Cork anxious to beat their "bogey" side.

In addition to the games the tour party will also be guests at a number of receptions and at a special Camogie Banquet at the Tower View Ballroom on Friday October 19. They will leave New York on Wednesday, October 24.

The group will be led by Cork Chairperson, Sheila Golden, and Mary O'Callaghan, President of the Association, will accompany the group, which will also include selectors Rose Malone, Sheila Spillane and Marie Kearney, trainer Con Malone, National PRO Mary Moran and former Hon Secretary, Rose Desmond.

Cork girls head off

THE Kilkenny and Cork camogie teams, All-Ireland finalists in 1989, will meet again in New York in a series of games during the next two weeks. Both teams will also play two games against New York selections. The visit to New York is on the invitation of the Young Ireland Club.

FIRST TIME

Before leaving Shannon yesterday Ms. Maura Ni Cheallachain, Inniscarra Camogie Club and National President, said that while individual teams have travelled to the USA in the past, it was the first time for All-Ireland finalists to play in New York. It was also the first time for a Cork team to travel. "In a way we are creating history," she said.

According to the chairperson of the Cork County Board, Ms. Sheila Golden of Donoughmore, the standard of camogie in New York now is very high — some top class players had emigrated in recent years.

While Kilkenny will be lining out with all but one of last year's team — this year's captain Breda Holmes, centre-forward — Cork will be without a number of the 1989 players.

Among the non travellers were Sandy Fitzgibbon, Glen Rovers; Catherine Landers, Killeagh; Clare Cronin, who is a dental hygienist in Scotland and Linda Mellerick and Geraldine McCarthy, both of Glen Rovers, who will be travelling with their club to New York next year.



camogie panel pictured prior to their departure for New York, included are: the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Frank Nash; the Mayor; Maire Ní Ceallacháin, National Camogie President and John Meehan and Ron O'Mahony.



Members of the Cork camogie team from the Bishopstown club, prior to their departure for a trip to New York. (From left): Sheena Morley, Liz O'Neill, Liz Towler and Rose Desmond. (Picture: Paddy Barker)

Yvonne's visa dash

YVONNE O'NEILL, a member of the Cork Camogie team, was today involved in a last minute rush to secure a THIRD visa when the Cork team flew out on their two-week visit to America. Twice her passport and visa have been mislaid in the past couple of weeks.

Officials at Shannon were today involved in efforts to secure the precious documents and arrange a later flight for Yvonne, of St. Finbarr's, after an extraordinary run of bad luck.

Yvonne sent off her regular passport several weeks ago to the American Embassy in Dublin for her visa stamp but never saw the document

again. The American Embassy said they had posted it to her.

Yvonne then secured a temporary replacement passport and received that back from the Embassy duly stamped with the visa. But a worried Yvonne rang the officials organising the Cork trip at 3 am this morning to tell them she had mislaid the passport at home.

While the other members of the Cork party gathered outside Cork Opera House at 9 am today prior to boarding a coach for Shannon, Yvonne was already in Shannon attempting to secure another set of replacement documents.

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Kilkenny, Cork in Camogie Classic at GP

The first U.S. tour by camogie teams from Ireland will be launched at 2:15 p.m. at Gaelic Park on Sunday. Gaelic sports history will be made when six-time all Ireland champion Kilkenny plays Cork, three times a runnerup to Kilkenny in 1987-88-89. The two-game series for the Helen O'Donnell Memorial Cup will continue on Oct. 21.

Kilkenny's sixth successive All-Ireland camogie championship was achieved two weeks ago against Wexford at Dublin. The Noreiders have now a remarkable 11 national titles (championships and leagues) in the past six years.

Twins Angela and Ann Downey now own 10 All-Ireland medals. Cork had the bad luck to run up against Kilkenny in 1987, 1988 and 1989 and Wexford fared no better this year. No other team in Gaelic sports has won six successive All-Ireland titles.

No doubt Kilkenny will be favored to win over Cork in the two-game series which will be decided on the aggregate score. The Irish camogie queens are on a high roll and will be anxious to show New Yorkers what has made the team a record breaker.

Cork has been high up among the Irish camogie teams for many years and though eliminated from the final stages of the 1990 All-Ireland championship the Leesiders will be hard to beat on Sunday.

Kilkenny's starting team and subs will be: Marie Fitzpatrick (Goal), Biddy O'Sullivan, Deirdre Malone, Bridie McGarry, Francis Rothwell, Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Jillian Dillon, Breda Cahill, Breda Holmes (capt.), Angela Downey, Bridget Mullally, Marina Downey, Anna Whelan, Rita Wemyss, Noelle Driscoll, Noreen Tierney and Jo Dunne.

Cork's team will be: Marion McCarthy, Liz Dunphy, Marga-

ret Finn, Betty Joyce, Collette O'Mahony, Liz O'Neill, Irene O'Leary, Theresa O'Callaghan, Brid Walsh, Yvonne O'Neill, Anne Brady, Valerie Toomey, Lillian Zinkent, Aine Murphy, Paula Goggins, Liz Towler, Sheena Morley, Rose Desmond, Clare Cronin.

The referee for the official games will be Kathleen Quinn of Galway who refereed the Kilkenny-Cork 1989 All-Ireland final.

Cork has won the O'Duffy Cup 14 times. Kilkenny has won 10 All-Ireland championships. Dublin is the leader with 26 camogie titles.

On Friday evening, Oct. 19, at the Tower View Center in Woodside, Queens, the Young Irelands Camogie Club of New York will host its 30th anniversary banquet. The Kilkenny and Cork camogie teams will be the guests of honor. Kathleen McDonagh (718) 499-9482 is directing the U.S. camogie tour. Briege Lavery is the banquet chairlady (718) 786-2176. The journal committee is headed by Noreen Fleming.

In addition to the Oct. 14 and 21 games Cork will play the U.S. Camogie All Stars on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. for the Sean Healy Memorial Cup. On Saturday, Oct. 20, also at 4 p.m., Kilkenny will play the U.S. all Stars for the Terry Leahy Memorial Cup. Both these Saturday games will be at Gaelic Park. New York Kilkenny Gaels will host a reception for the Kilkenny team on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Terminal Bar, Broadway at 242nd Street, Bronx following the game at Gaelic Park.

The supporting games on Oct. 13 (Sat.) program will be Kilkenny vs. Young Irelands at 2 p.m. A senior football game at 3:15 is also planned. On Oct. 20 (Sat.) at 3 p.m. Cork will play Young Irelands for a valuable trophy.

—John Byrne

U.S. All Star Camogie Team Named

A U.S. All-Star team will play the visiting Cork and Kilkenny camogie teams during their tour. The team was announced last week by Kathleen McDonagh. Here it is: Teresa Hobbs, Ann O'Connor, Valerie Fitzpatrick and Eleanor Brennan (Boston Emeralds), Lorraine Ormond, Rose Horan, Anette Hynes, Sylvia Farmer, Marion Conroy (Boston Eire Og), Chris Divilly, Noreen Fleming, Deirdre McPartland, Anne Coleman, Briege Linnane, Nuala Lynch, Moira Quigley, Jo Holden, Bernadette Linnane, Ann Naughton, Mary Mullane, Sheila Hagendorf, Clare Charlston, Margaret Byrne, Jackie Doyle, Regina Corriean, Margaret Kavanagh, Mary Doherty, Biddy O'Sullivan.

Visiting Camogie Teams Victorious

When Gaelic Park's ground was unplayable on Saturday afternoon the Kilkenny and Cork camogie teams, along with the Young Irelands and U.S. All Star teams, moved up to Van Cortlandt Park and played the scheduled games. Cork defeated the U.S. All Stars 5-4 to 0-3 and will now receive the Sean Healy Memorial Cup at the Young Irelands 30th anniversary banquet on this Friday evening at the Tower View in Woodside.

In the second game, Kilkenny downed Young Irelands 6-8 to 2-3. After the games the four camogie teams were guests of John Barry at the Punch Bowl on West 238th Street where food and refreshments were served. It was a smash hit where the visiting teams and the Irish Camogie Association presented a beautiful plaque to the Young Irelands Club to mark the occasion of the first ever U.S. camogie tour.

—John Byrne.

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Saturday's Games

KILKENNY overcame a plucky Young Irelands combination to chalk up an emphatic eighteen point victory in a game played on Saturday at Van Cortlandt owing to the poor conditions at Gaelic Park.

Kilkenny scorers: Angela Downey 3-0, Noreen Tierney 2-2, Breda Cahill and Marina Downey both 1-1.

Young Irelands' scorers: Mona Quigley 0-3 and Teresa Goodwin 1-0.

Against the American All-Stars at the same venue Cork were in control all the way winning by 7-0 to 0-2.

Cork scored per: Bridie Walsh 3-0, Betty Joyce and Lillian Zinkent 2-0 each.

For the All-Stars: Anne Coleman and Marion Conway both 0-2.

NEW YORK Young Ireland's Camogie Club are celebrating their 30th Anniversary and as part of their festivities the Cork and Kilkenny clubs from Ireland have been in New York playing a number of exhibition games.

On Friday October 19th, Channel 5 television is presenting a special program with the game of camogie the center of interest. Larry Hoff will present the segments which will be live from Gaelic Park and will feature players from the Young Irelands Club with Gaelic Park commentator Tommy Smyth providing some interesting facts.

The venture had been coordinated by Richard Joyce of the Galwaymen's Association and Michael Glen of Desmonds Restaurant.

To the footballers and hurlers in the city, don't forget the New Ireland's Camogie dance this Friday in the Tower View Ballroom when the Cork and Kilkenny teams will be the guests of honor.

Camogie Round-Up

Kilkenny 3-8 Cork 0-5

REIGNING All-Ireland champions Kilkenny gave an exhibition of camogie at its finest when they overwhelmed 1989 finalists Cork by twelve points at Gaelic Park on Sunday.

It was a rare opportunity for G.A.A. followers in the Metropolitan area to see the top ladies in action. The silky skills of the champions were a joy to watch as they methodically shredded their opponents' rearguard and, spearheaded by the evergreen Angela Downey, they picked off some delightful scores.

Cork were very much in contention during the opening half and a mere two points separated the teams at the break.

Kilkenny's concerted training programme for the All-Ireland decider was clearly evident after the changeover and Cork must have imagined they were chasing shadows as their opponents continually left the Cork defenders floundering in their wake.

An enjoyable match and remember they meet again next Sunday morning at Gaelic Park 11:30 a.m. for the Helen O'Donnell Memorial Cup.



New York welcome. Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger held a reception for the visiting camogie teams. Left to right: Bernadette Linnane, president of the Young Irelanders' Club; Mary Callahan, National Camogie Association president; Ruth Messinger; Ann Downey, Kilkenny captain; Betty Joyce, Cork captain; and Sheila Golden, Cork chairwoman.

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Camogie: Kilkenny Tops Cork

Big time camogie came to Gaelic Park and New Yorkers on Sunday and the large attendance was treated to some exciting ladies hurling. GAA history was charted on Sunday when Kilkenny, six-in-row All Ireland camogie champion, and Cork runnerup to Kilkenny in 1987-88-89 traveled to New York for a two-game series for the Helen O'Donnell Memorial Cup donated by the Kerryman's Association of New York.

The first leg of this unique camogie championship was played on Sunday. Once again Kilkenny downed Cork. The scoreline at Gaelic Park was Kilkenny 3-8 Cork 0-5. The Noreiders are truly the camogie queens of Ireland.

I have seen many camogie games over the years, but it was not until Sunday that I was able to see two top Irish teams battling each other. I was amazed at the craft displayed by both teams and I would venture to report that camogie is making vast strides as the players master the

finer points of the game and stress the fitness aspect of the game.

The scoreline on Sunday tells all. Kilkenny won handily and impressively. Cork battled with great will to stem the onslaught and the exchanges around the field were often cheered by the spectators. The players were handicapped by the terrible condition of the playing area following the heavy rain of the previous day.

Kilkenny was led in great style by the twin sisters, Angela and Anne Downey of Ballyragget. Their father is Shem Downey, 1947 All Ireland hurling medalist with Kilkenny. The Downeys, along with other Kilkenny camogie veterans, hold 10 All Ireland camogie medals. Angela was the swiftest player on the field and far and away the most stylish player. Together the twin camogie players from Kilkenny are almost unbeatable at the game.

Others who sparkled for Kilkenny were Clare Jones, a Clare

native serving in the Irish Army; Biddy O'Sullivan, another 10 time winner; Marina Downey (no relation to the twins); Norcen Tierney, goalkeeper, Marie Fitzpatrick who fashioned a shoutout, Breda Cahill and Bridie McGarry.

Cork was outgunned throughout the game and may have been unfit for the rigors of a game especially coming up against the champion. However, Liz Dunphy, a tremendous full back; Therese O'Callaghan, Betty Joyce, Colette O'Mahony, Sheena Morley and Liz O'Neill played the game to the hilt and never gave up the chase.

Kilkenny scorers: Angela Downey 1-3, Noelle O'Driscoll 1-1, Breda Cahill 1-0, Ann Downey 0-2, Marina Downey, Norcen Tierney 0-1 each.

Cork scorers: Colette O'Leary, Betty Joyce 0-2 each, Irene O'Leary 0-1.

The referee was Kathleen Quinn of Galway who refereed the Kilkenny-Cork 1989 All-Ireland final.



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Action all the way on camogie front

THERE is a full programme of games listed on the camogie front tomorrow with the main focus being on the Gael Linn Interprovincial semi-finals which are scheduled for Farranlea Road tomorrow evening. At club level the U-16 Championship gets under way with nine first round games down for decision.

This year Munster play Leinster in both the Senior and Junior Gael Linn semi-finals. The Junior game is down to start at 1.30 p.m. while the Senior game is timed to go ahead at 2.45 p.m.

Cork players mainly dominate the senior team with no fewer than nine players gaining places and these include goalkeeper Marian McCarthy. Liz Dunphy is named at full-back with Paula Goggins filling the right corner back position. Breda Kenny will line out at centre back with Glen Rovers pair Sandy Fitzgibbon and Theresa O'Callaghan filling two of the midfield positions. Liz O'Neill is at centre forward with Lynda Mellerick and Colette O'Mahony filling the wing forward positions. These will be joined by Siobhan Reidy from Tipperary at left corner back. Noeleen Neelan from Tipperary fills the remaining midfield position while Mairead Twomey from Limerick is at full forward.

The Junior team is mainly dominated by players from Tipperary who won this year's Munster Championship. Only three Cork players have been called on duty and these are Evelyn Healy, Paula Carey and Jean Paula Kent and these will be joined by Ann Keeshan, Clare Madden, Mairead Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes and Ann Gleeson, Tipperary; Marguerite Guirey, Mairead Tierney and Ann Linehan, Limerick and Marie Collins from Clare.

There should be plenty of keen rivalry tomorrow also when the U-16 Championship gets off to a start. No fewer than

nine games are down for decision all of which are vital ties. In the first of these Ballinora and Cloughduv will be in action at Ballinora and here the home side could find the going tough. At Bandon, Aghabullogue should prove too strong for the newly formed home club while at Middleton Grenagh should come out on top. At Na Piarasigh, Delanys and Na Piarasigh will be in action and here the home side should have too much in hand for Delanys who are only a short time in existence.

FIXTURES

Sunday, October 28

Interprovincial Gael Linn semi-finals.

Junior: Munster v Leinster, Farranlea Road, 1.30 p.m.

Senior: Munster v Leinster, Farranlea Road, 2.45 p.m.

Under-16 Championship

Ballinora v Cloughduv, Ballinora, 12 noon, (Mairead Donovan); Bandon v Aghabullogue, Bandon, 3 p.m. (ref. Eire Og); Middleton v Grenagh, Middleton, 12 noon (St. Catherine's); Na Piarasigh v Delanys, Na Piarasigh, 12 noon (ref. Glen Rovers); Douglas v Newcestown, Douglas, 11.30 a.m. (Colette O'Mahony); Ballinhassig v Kilbrittain, Ballinhassig, 12 noon (ref. Courcy Rovers); St. Fannahans v Bishopstown, St. Fannahans, 3 p.m. (ref. Fermoy); Barryroe v Fr. O'Neills, Barryroe, 3 p.m. (ref. Kilbrittain); Blackrock v Eire Og, Blackrock, 12 noon (ref. Ballinure).

PANELS

Senior: Marian McCarthy, Liz Dunphy, Paula Goggins, Breda Kenny, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Theresa O'Callaghan, Liz O'Neill, Lynda Mellerick, Colette O'Mahony, Claire McCarthy, Irene O'Leary, Betty Joyce (all Cork).

Siobhan Reidy, Noeleen Neelan, Mairead Twomey, Patricia O'Grady, Ger O'Grady, Yvonne McInerney.

Junior: Evelyn Healy, Paula Carey, Jean Paula Kent, Maria O'Brien, Denise Cronin (Cork), Ann Keeshan, Claire Madden, Mairead Kennedy, D. Hughes, Ann Gleeson, Ger Ryan (Tipperary), Marguerite Guirey, Mairead Tierney, Ann Linehan, Mary Linehan (Limerick), Marie Collins (Clare).

Cork's success

CORK'S camogie team won three of their four matches on their recent American tour, when a number of the younger players showed up well.

The first game against a US Selection was played at Van Courtland Park, due to flooding at New York's Gaelic Park, and Cork won comfortably by 5-4 to 0-3, getting the tour off to a good start.

Cork lost their second match to the All-Ireland champions Kilkenny, who won well by 3-8 to 0-5, putting themselves in line for the Helen O'Donnell Cup.

Cork bounced back to defeat the host club, Young Irelands by 8-9 to 0-1 and so win the Sean Healy Memorial Cup.

In their last game Cork shocked Kilkenny by 1-4 to 0-6. Extra-time was played to determine the winners of the Helen O'Donnell Cup and Kilkenny emerged triumphant, scoring 0-3 without reply.

Midleton girls are too strong

St. Mary's, Midleton 5-8 St. Mary's, Charleville 0-2. A powerful St. Mary's, Midleton side coasted to the easiest of wins over St. Mary's, Charleville in the Cork Colleges Senior Camogie Championship final at the St. Colmans Grounds, Midleton yesterday. For the winners it was a morale booster for their Munster Senior Schools final early in February.

A solid defence, good midfield and an attack that looked impressive, especially Fiona O'Driscoll who contributed eight points, saw Midleton complete the double over Charleville, having also beaten them on their way to the provincial final.

With the advantage of a stiff breeze Midleton took control from the start and after 15 minutes led 3-2 to 0-0 and they tacked on two more points before the break. On the resumption it was expected that Charleville would come more into the game but it was Midleton, with an early goal from Sinéad O'Callaghan, that set them on their way to an easy victory.

Breda O'Brien pointed two frees for Charleville in the dying minutes of the game.

Scorers for Midleton: Hennessey 3-4, V. O'Brien 0-4 (0-5 frees); E. Leahy 1-4, Cahalane 1-0, Charleville: B. O'Brien 1-2 (frees).

MIDLETON: T. Abbott, C. McSweeney, S. Cahalane, R. Moore, H. Walsh, D. Hayes, R. Slavia, M. O'Connor, J. Leahy, P. O'Driscoll, A. Hennessey, B. Kearney, B. A. Murphy for M. Moore.

CHARLEVILLE: J. Egan, D. Morrissey, H. Keefe, J. O'Brien, U. Troy, N. Egan, M. Kiely, M. O'Sullivan, R. Lake, E. O'Connor, M. Folan, C. Hartzett, Subs: A. O'Leary for M. Folan; A. Callaghan for C. Hartzett.

Referee: M. O'Brien (nagh).



Munster First Year Camogie Champions 1990. Front Row Left to Right: Liz Skelly, Edel Tuohy, Colette Turner, Cathy Bogenberger, Orla Slattery (Capt.), Majella Cahill, Cathy Malone, Ann-Marie Hill, Elaine O'Sullivan. Back Row Left to Right: Tara Sparling, Ann Tobin, Fiona O'Brien, Eimear Kelly, Josie Naughton, Eimear Lowry, Evelyn Treacy, Deirdre O'Brien, Cathy O'Donnell, Patsy Bleach, Linda O'Grady, Sinéad Wiley.

Munster topple favourites with thrilling last gasp goal

Munster 4-5, Leinster 3-7

A LAST gasp goal by Patricia O'Grady from Sixmilecross, Co. Clare, her third of the afternoon, earned Munster a two-point victory over the holders and hot favourites, Leinster, and a place in the final of the Gael Linn Senior Interprovincial Camogie Championship after a hard fought semi-final at the County Board Grounds, Farranlea Road, Cork, yesterday afternoon.

Leinster, who started without Kilkenny star, Angela Downey, snatched the lead by virtue of a Breda Holmes goal three minutes from full time and, at that point, it appeared as if the point would be sufficient to see them through with time running out.

But the never-say-die approach by Munster, which was the hallmark of an exciting second-half performance, kept their hopes alive and the Clare girl, who had already contributed a goal in each half, won possession in the middle of the field, saw half an opportunity and took it to give Munster what was a well deserved victory.

The champions launched a ferocious attack in the opening seconds of the second half and Munster goalkeeper, Marian McCarthy, had to save three times in quick succession as the backs battled courageously against the onslaught.

Leinster's only reward at this stage was a point from Anne Downey but Barbara Redmond put them three points clear with a great goal after eight minutes. However, Munster were now coming into the game at midfield. Sandy Fitzgibbon was winning

a lot of possession and Linda Mellerick and Colette O'Mahony were never far away when support was needed.

They stormed goalwards in the 11th minute and Patricia O'Grady, who is also an outstanding goalkeeper, took the initiative, weaved her way through and hammered the sliotar to the net for a great equaliser. Colette O'Mahony gave Munster the lead but Ann Downey equalised again from a "30" and then put Leinster in front.

Munster were not prepared to quit and Irene O'Leary from Na Piarasigh equalised and then put them in front again with a point with ten minutes

remaining.

Seven minutes later, Breda Holmes' goal gave Leinster a two-point lead, but Patricia O'Grady's goal enabled Cork to hold on for a well-deserved victory.

Scorers for Munster: P. O'Grady 3-0; L. O'Neill 1-0. C. O'Mahony 0-3, I. O'Leary 0-2 each.

Scorers for Leinster: B. Redmond 2-0, A. Downey 0-6, B. Holmes 1-0, S. Dunne 0-1.

MUNSTER: M. McCarthy, P. Goggins, L. Dunphy, S. Reidy, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Mellerick, N. Quinn, T. O'Callaghan, L. O'Neill, C. O'Mahony, M. Twomey, P. O'Grady. Sub., B. Joyce for M. Twomey.

LEINSTER: M. Fitzpatrick, B. O'Sullivan, E. Coady, K. Walsh, D. Malone, G. Dillon, A. Downey, E. Dillon, M. Downey, S. Danne, B. Holmes, B. Redmond. Sub., C. Murphy for G. Dillon.

Referee: Marion Murphy (Cork).

And juniors double up!

Munster 5-12 Leinster 3-6

MUNSTER will contest both finals of the Gael Linn Interprovincial Camogie Championship next weekend and the juniors made the double trip to Ulster possible by virtue of a 5-12 to 3-6 victory over a strong Leinster side, more than half of it was comprised of members of the Kildare team that won the inter county championships for the past two years.

Munster led 3-4 to 2-3 at half time and when Joanna Murphy hammered home her second goal for Leinster early in the second half it appeared as if a close contest might be on the cards. But Paula Carey

added her second goal and then Mary Lenihan took control of midfield, snatched a point and then ran through for a well-taken goal before bringing her total for the game to 1-5.

Scorers for Munster: P. Carey and J.P. Kent 2-1 each, M. Lenihan 1-5, A. Gleeson 0-3, P. Hughes and A. Lennon 0-1 each.

Scorers for Leinster: J. Murphy 2-0, M. Malone 0-5, L. Lyons 1-0, L. Kenny 0-1.

MUNSTER: A. Keeshan, M. Cleary, C. Madden, M. Treacy, E. Heavy, C. Kennedy, M. Collins, A. Lenihan, D. Hughes, J.P. Kent, P. Carey, A. Gleeson. Subs., M. Lenihan for A. Gleeson and D. Cronin for C. Kennedy.

LEINSTER: A. Dargan, G. Dwyer, T. Farrelly, K. Baurr, V. Trehy, A. Morrison, M. Malone, C. Whittaker, L. Keaney, B. Farrelly, J. Murphy, L. Lyons. Subs., M. Treacy for V. Trehy and V. Crean for B. Farrelly.

Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin).

MARY GEANEY of Castleisland must rank amongst the most versatile sportswomen this country has produced.

The holder of some 50 international caps as Ireland's hockey goalkeeper, she won All-Ireland camogie medals with Cork, captaining the county in one final. In addition, she took a Munster championship in badminton in 1976 as well as a doubles title the following year.

Now to add to all these achievements, she has emerged as one of the most consistent golfers at Killarney.

Mary won the club matchplay championship for the third time this year. Last weekend, playing off 16, she ran up 43 points in a club event.

The Kerry all-rounder is still involved at club level in field sports. Otherwise, Killarney club members say, she would be playing off a very much lower handicap.

With so much natural talent she might easily have gone to the top in golf also. But then, as she says herself, sport is second nature in her family.

Her father Con won three All-Ireland football medals with Kerry, in '31, '32 and '39.

VIEW
from
the
BUNKER!



by
Val Dorgan

Her three brothers always had a great interest in sport. Dave, the oldest of a family of six, was on Kerry All-Ireland sides in '59, '62 and '65, while Dick and Niall, a priest, played minor with Kerry and were also members of the UCC football squad.

Mary played a bit of football herself, but owed her interest in hockey to boarding in Ursuline Convent Blackrock, Cork.

In second year the school team was short a keeper and the camogie player from Castleisland was promoted to a position which gained her such great distinction.

Her most memorable achievement was as a member of the Irish team which won the Intercontinental Cup in Kuala Lumpur in 1983. It qualified Ireland for the World Cup.

In '83 she had to make a decision between playing for Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final and for Ireland in a hockey international tournament in England.

Mary a woman for all seasons



■ Mary Geaney — now hitting the high spots at golf.

Mary played for Cork in the semi-final against Kilkenny and felt they would win the decider without her. Ireland's need was greater. She also knew that if she were to make the World Cup she would have to opt for the hockey fixture.

Things worked out well. Cork won by a point against Dublin and Ireland did very well in the hockey tournament in Durham. The same squad went on to win in Kuala Lumpur.

Playing with Old Ursulines in hockey and Eire Og in camogie, as well as her other representative fixtures, entailed massive mileage for Mary who lives in Castleisland. In three months at the beginning of '83 she reckoned her mileage was 6,500 miles at the then cost of about £50 a week.

With this kind of dedication, who knows what she can accomplish in golf when she does decide to give her full attention to the game.

The Glen lays siege to Derry

by EOIN EDWARDS

THE word is out that there's going to be another siege of Derry this coming weekend. But this time it won't be the supporters of King William who'll be organising the siege but the players and supporters of the Glen Rovers Camogie Club.

And they won't be lifting it until they come away winners of the All-Ireland Club semi-final on Sunday.

The Glen Rovers hurlers may have taken a back stage position this year in terms of honours but the camogie club

has every intention of putting matters right next weekend as they take on the Ulster champions.

The Glen, who won the Cork County Championship when they defeated the Barrs, Grenagh-Ballingarry (Co

Limerick) and Sixmilebridge (Co Clare), won back a title they last held in 1987. Their opponents, Swatragh are the Ulster champions since 1988 and were only narrowly defeated by the holders St Paul's, Kilkenny, in the semi-final last year.

They can call on Derry seniors Sara Ann McNicholl, Eileen McGuckin Brid McGillin and Ulster introprovincail player Sinead O' Kane. They are we hear going all out to reach the final and possibly win their first All-Ireland Club title.

But the Glen are experienced

campaigners having won the title in 1986 and with seven of that winning team in this year's line-up, along with 'newcomers' Deirdre McCarthy, Denise Cronin, Clare McCarthy and outstanding Cork campaigner Linda Mellerick they are going all-out to win this one.

Captained by Therese O' Callaghan, who is a very experienced campaigner, being the holder of junior and senior county championship medals with the Glen as well as an All-Ireland club medal. Therese, who also captained the Cork Junior team in 1987, along

with Mary Ring and Ann Delaney should have a settling affect on the others and with the experience of former hurler Finbarr O' Neill and his fellow selectors, Marie Mackey-Ryan, who played on the 1986 winning team, and club secretary Mary Newman-McCarthy the Glen will be well prepared for this clash of the ash.

This will be the first time that the Glen will have travelled to Derry, indeed it will be the first occasion that Cork and Munster champions will have made the long journey North to play in the famous city. An amount of work

and preparations have gone into this trip and behind the scene much work has gone on under the watchful eye of club chairman Nora Newman, ably assisted by a very active officer board who organised a table quiz etc.

And not alone were they supported by many sponsors, including a set of tracksuits from Noel O' Flynn, for the trip North but 'the lads', Glen Rovers Hurling Club and St Nick's Football Club also rowed in with contributions. Well now ain't that sweet. Give it your best shot(s) girls.

It's all go for Sandra

By EOIN EDWARDS

THE little tiger of ladies sport in Cork, Sandra Fitzgibbon, has a hectic weekend of sport approaching. The very talented Glen Rovers and Cork camogie player and Blarney Basketball Club stalwart will be dashing all over the country next weekend as she helps both clubs out in very important games.

On Saturday she be off to Galway with the basketball club in their bus. Joining her on the trip (along with the rest of the club) will be fellow Glen Rovers member Rose Mackey Keane. She'll be playing for Blarney, who haven't lost a game yet this season, in a very important tie against Corrib in Oughterard, which if they win could put them 4 points clear of the nearest challengers in the league.

'Sandy is a great all-rounder and gives her all in every game she plays and she really is one of our finest players, with great guts and spirit. What she is doing this weekend really sums up her total commitment and of course we're delighted she's able to play for us on Saturday', said Denis O'Donovan of the Blarney Basketball Club.

While in Galway they'll be hiring a car (courtesy of the Glen Rovers Camogie Club) so that after the basketball game they'll be able to drive to Donegal where they will spend Saturday night. On Sunday morning Sandy and Rose, an Intermediate player with the Glen, will drive to Derry where the club will be participating in the All-Ireland Club semi-final. Sandy, one of the Glen's most important players, will, she hopes, be helping the Glen overcome the strong challenge of Swatragh, the Ulster champions.

But her sporting saga doesn't end quite there. Following the 2.00 p.m. game the girls will then head for Dublin, where they will return the car and stay overnight before Sandra heads off at lunchtime on Monday with the Irish basketball team which will be going on a tour of America. Joining her on Monday will be three other players with the Blarney basketball team, Caroline Forde, Rose Breen and American Maria Maupin, who will be guesting for the Irish team.

'I know it's going to be hectic but I'm looking forward to both games and of course the trip to America', said Sandra during the week.



The Glen line-up

Ann Delaney-O'Donovan: Playing in her third All-Ireland club semi-final, Ann is a very experienced campaigner. Has played with Glen Rovers since underage level, is a present Cork senior selector, daughter-in-law of Donie O'Donovan, former Cork All-Ireland trainer. She is vice-chairman of the club.

Diane Deane: Carrying on a family tradition as her aunts Pauline, Noelle and Bernie all played with Glen Rovers. Holds All-Ireland club and senior county medals.

Fiona McCarthy: Playing with the Glen since 10 years of age, she holds All-Ireland minor, club and county championship medals.

Deirdre McCarthy: First season in the senior team, has performed very well at under-age level with the club. Clare McCarthy: Won a county championship medal in 1987 with the Glen, but was abroad for the '86 campaign. Her return home has been invaluable to the club.

Mary Currid: Has served Glen Rovers since school days. Won her first county championship medal playing in her first senior game in 1986. Is married to Eric Barrett who plays senior football with St. Finbarrs.

Linda Mellerick: won an intermediate county medal with the Glen in 1988, was one of three Cork players to be honoured on the Rest of Ireland team last season. Ger McCarthy: Recently married to

train and play camogie. A very skilful camogie player, can turn half a chance into a score. Has won All-Ireland club and county medals with the Glen.

Denise Cronin: Another young player to be introduced since 1986. Denise is also an accomplished badminton player. A member of the Cork junior panel for the last two years.

Mary Ring: Led the Glen to the All-Ireland victory in 1986. She is the daughter of the late Christy. This year she has switched positions from full-back to the full-forward position and has fitted in well.

Therese O'Callaghan: Captains the side. She is a prominent member of the Cork senior team, recently travelled to America with them.

Sandie Fitzgibbon: An Irish international basketball player, has won many honours with Cork and Glen Rovers, has also played with Rest of Ireland team.

Fiona Twomey: a young player who has played exceptionally well when introduced in the championship games against Sarsfield and Sixmilebridge.

Team selector/trainer Finbarr O'Neill: Holds senior championship medals with the Glen and St. Nicks, an All-Ireland medal with Cork in 1966 and is former poc fada All-Ireland champion. He has played a leading role in the Glen's re-emergence in the '80's.

Marie Mackey-Ryan: Holds senior and intermediate county medals as well as an All-Ireland club medal in '86. She shares that distinction with her husband, Mick.



The Glen Rovers camogie squad pictured with their trainer, Finbarr O'Neill. (Picture: Ted McCarthy)

Glen up north for semi-final

THERE are a number of interesting games down for decision over the coming weekend on the camogie front; pick of which should be the semi-final of the All-Ireland club championship which will see Cork champions Glen Rovers and Swatragh, Co. Derry in opposition at Swatragh on Sunday at 2 p.m.

On the home front, Inniscarra and Castlemagner will be in action in the replay of the Junior "A" Championship final. In the remaining games of the weekend Kilbrittain, Aghabullogue, Middleton, Barryroe, Watergrasshill and Brian Dillons will all be in action in the Under-16 Championship.

On Saturday next, Glen Rovers make the long journey to the North to take on the Ulster champions Swatragh. This is Swatragh's third time winning the Ulster Championship and no doubt will be very determined to do well this time out.

Glen have very experienced performers in Therese O'Callaghan who captains the side, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Ger McCarthy, Ann O'Donovan, Mary Ring and Lynda Mellerick and if these girls play to form on the day it is difficult to see them being halted and should advance for another crack off old rivals St. Pauls from Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland Club final.

At Grenagh on Sunday evening we should have yet another cracker of a game in store when Inniscarra and Castlemagner will be in opposition in the replay of the Junior "A" Championship final.

The drawn game was a closely contested affair with victory in doubt up to the final whistle and Sunday's game promises to be no exception with another close game on the cards.

Inniscarra will be hoping that their more experienced players like Irene O'Keeffe, Margaret O'Donovan, Maria O'Brien, Fiona O'Driscoll and Ann Golden will carry them through, but these girls will have to be at their best if they hope to curtail a Castlemagner side that

can call on such fine players as Aine Murphy, Catherine Sheehan, Angela Lawlor, Aileen Hannon, Noelle McCarthy and Margaret Lucey.

In the quarter-finals of the Under-16 Championship, Kilbrittain and Aghabullogue will be in action at Kilbrittain and here the home side who have shown great form to date in the championship should just edge it, while at Middleton the home side who are a rather surprise package could just edge it over Barryroe.

In the final game, Brian Dillons will be expected to have too much in hand for Watergrasshill when they clash at the latter's venue.

SUNDAY
(November 11)

**JUNIOR "A"
CHAMPIONSHIP
FINAL REPLAY**

Castlemagner v. Inniscarra at Grenagh at 2.30 (referee, Mary Byrne).

**UNDER-16
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Kilbrittain v. Aghabullogue at Kilbrittain at 12 noon (referee, Newcestown).

Barryroe v. Middleton at Middleton at 2.30 (referee, Killeagh).

Watergrasshill v. Brian Dillons at Watergrasshill at 3 p.m. (referee, Fermoy).

**ALL-IRELAND CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL**

Glen Rovers (Cork) v. Swatragh (Co. Derry) at Swatragh at 2 p.m.

Sturdy Sarah to lift her side

CHAMPIONS of Ulster for the past three years, Swatragh (Derry) have the significant advantage of home venue for their All-Ireland Club Championship semi-final against Glen Rovers (Cork).

Backed by strong vocal support, the Derry club aims to reach the decider for the first time.

Provided that the 300-mile trip does not take too much out of the Cork players, Swatragh may have their hands full.

The Glen Rovers team is sprinkled with senior inter-county players who have considerable experience.

Sandie Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Claire McCarthy, Ger McCarthy, Mary Ring and Linda Mellerick will take some beating if they are permitted to settle to their game.

All-Ireland champions in 1986, Glen Rovers harbour aspirations of regaining the cup.

CORNERSTONE

Sarah McNicholl is the cornerstone of the Swatragh side. A gifted player, she can lift those around her. She will be ably assisted by Sinead O'Kane, Brid Doherty and Patsy Quinn.

All-Ireland champions, St. Pauls (Kilkenny) travel to meet Mullagh (Galway) in the second semi-final. St. Pauls registered a 14-point win when these teams met in the 1989 final.

St. Paul's scoring ace, Angela Downey did not field in the recent interprovincial semi-final against Munster. An injury received in the Leinster club final was aggravated in the Gaelic Park games. Angela would be a huge loss to St. Pauls if she has not recovered in time.

St. Pauls will look to Ann Downey, Clare Jones, Breda Holmes, Noelle O'Driscoll and Bridie McGarry to see them safely through to their fifth consecutive final.



Lynda Mellerick (Glen Rovers)

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Glen girls in decider

BY TOM HIGGINS

**GLEN ROVERS 1-9
SWATRAGH 0-0**

GLEN ROVERS, the Cork champions, qualified for the All-Ireland Inter-Club camogie final, in which they will face St Paul's of Kilkenny on November 25 in Kilkenny, when they defeated Swatragh of Derry in a hard fought game at Swatragh yesterday.

The Cork side had much the better of the opening half but poor shooting and a superb display by Mairead McAtamney in the Swatragh goal denied them on many occasions. Still they managed to turn over leading by 0-5 to 0-0 at the interval.

Although the visitors improved somewhat in the second period they found the home defence hard to break down and although they were worth winners at the end they will have to show quite a deal of improvement and get their shooting right if they hope to take the title.

For the winners the defence, ably led by Sandy Fitzgibbon, were in top form and she got great support from Ann O'Donovan and Clare McCarthy. Diane Deane

and Mary Currid played well in the middle of the field while Ger McCarthy and Linda Mellerick were the pick of the forwards.

For Swatragh, in addition to McAtamney, Leen McGuckian, Marie Mulcahy played well in defence while Patsy Quinn stood out in the middle of the field. Sinead O'Kane and McQuinn tried hard in front.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: Ring 1-2; G. McCarthy 1-4 (30's); L. Mellerick 0-2.

SWATRAGH: M. McAtamney; B. Mullins; E. McGuckian; M. Mulcahy; E. A. Mullins; O'Doherty; P. Quinn; B. Mullan; G. McQuinn; S. O'Kane; J. Lynn; D. O'Doherty.

GLEN ROVERS: McCarthy; D. McCarthy; O'Donovan; C. McCarthy; Fitzgibbon; D. Deane; O'Callaghan; M. Currid; McCarthy; L. Mellerick; Ring: D. Cronin.

Referee: B.O'Loughlin (Down).

**Castlemagner 1-6
Inniscarra 0-2**

CASTLEMAGNER captured the Cork Junior "A" Championship title at Grenagh yesterday when they had an easy win over Inniscarra in replay. In the very heavy going, the winners adapted to the conditions much better and against a much lighter side and came out on top after leading 1-4 to 0-2 at the interval.

The underfoot conditions took their toll in the second-half with the winners managing to add only two points to their half-time total.

For Castlemagner Aine Murphy and Catherine Sheehan were outstanding while Geraldine O'Sullivan and goalkeeper Marie O'Brien were the pick of the Inniscarra side.

Scorers for Castlemagner: C. Sheehan 1-1; A. Murphy 0-2; C. Sheehan 0-1; B. Hannan 0-1; Inniscarra: S. O'Sullivan 0-2.



■ The Castlemagner team, (above), who beat Inniscarra in the Cork county junior camogie championship final replay at Grenagh on Sunday. —(Examiner).

St. Paul's reach another All-Ireland Club final

**ST. PAUL'S..... 2-14
MULLAGH..... 1-11**

ALL-IRELAND senior club camogie champions St. Paul's came within inches of losing their title at Mullagh (Galway) on Sunday, but a determined last 10 minutes earned them a great victory over a very fast and determined Galway side.

Having led by 7 points at half time (1-8 to 0-5) St. Paul's had to face a very strong breeze for the second half. The home side had a huge following, who cheered them into unstoppable action after the restart. After 15 minutes the Mullagh girls had reduced that seven point lead to just the minimum margin. But the experienced visitors steadied up, and during the next few minutes opened up a five point

lead. A splendid goal by Angela Downey and some outstanding play from Claire Jones saw them through to another final.

No time during the game were St. Paul's in control. But this game had everything, two skilful committed teams, great scores, near misses and a breath-taking finish. Full credit to St. Paul's for plugging away when the game appeared to be slipping away from them. Claire Jones had another outstanding game for her club. She along with Helen and Caroline Holmes and Angela Downey looked very sharp.

St. Paul's will hope to do themselves justice in two weeks time when they take on the mighty girls from Glen Rovers from Cork. A replay

of the 1986 and 1987 final.

Scorers: Angela Downey (1-5), Claire Jones, Breda Ryan (0-1 each), B. Holmes (0-2), Ann Downey (1-5).

Team: Maria Lawlor, Caroline Holmes, Helen Holmes, Bridie McGarry, Claire Jones, Geraldine Ryan, Ann Downey, Ciara Holmes, Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Breda Ryan, Noelle O'Driscoll, Mariam Holland for Geraldine Ryan, Catherine Neary, and Sarah Russell.

The juniors

The Kilkenny Junior Team will set out on the first encounter in the 1990/91 inter-county camogie competition when they take on Waterford in the National Junior League.

The Noresiders were very successful in this competition last year having reached the final, however, they were out-

classed by All-Ireland junior champions, Kildare on this occasion. With Kildare now promoted to senior ranks this should leave the way open for better competition in this grade.

The Kilkenny panel for Sunday next is:

Mary Lyng, Anne Marie Hughes, Anita White, Ashling Cullen, Catherine Dunphy, Catherine Neary, Sarah Russell, Tracey Millea, Sinead Millea, Una Murphy, Bridget Barnaville, Bridget Sharkey, Mary McGrath, Esther Kennedy, Elaine Butler, Anne Harrington, Joan Aylward, Geraldine Ryan, Deirdre Lannon, Stella Nolan.

FIXTURE:

National Junior League: Kilkenny v Waterford in Ballyduff, Waterford at 12 p.m. Bus will leave the Parade, Kilkenny at 10.15 a.m.

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Munster chasing camogie double

THE Munster senior and junior teams make the long journey North this weekend to play Ulster in the Gael Linn interprovincial finals. Both teams qualified with fine victories over Leinster last weekend in Cork and will now be seeking a "double" not achieved by Munster teams for quite a number of years.

At club level the Cork under-16 championship continues with four second round games for decision.

The Munster teams are expected to be along the same lines, but the senior team should see Cork player Irene O'Leary lining out from the start. Irene came on midway through last Sunday and played a big part in her side's victory.

Marian McCarthy will

be in goal, Liz Dunphy lines out at full-back with Paula Goggins and Siobhan Reidy filling the corner-back positions. Breda Kenny is the centre-back with the midfield positions going to Therese O'Callaghan, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Irene O'Leary.

Liz O'Neill is expected to retain her position at centre-forward with Colette O'Mahony, Lynda Mellerick and Mairead Twomey completing the full-forward line.

The junior team is expected to be the same and that would see Ann Keeshan from Tipperary in goal, Marguerite Guirey, Limerick, at full-back with Claire Madden and Marie Collins filling the corner-back positions. Evelyn Healy will be at centre-

back with Mairead Tierney, Mairead Kennedy and Ann Linnehan completing the mid-field line. Paula Carey will be at centre-forward with Jean Paula Kent, Deirdre Hughes and Ann Gleeson completing the full-forward line.

At Cork club level the under-16 championship continues with four interesting ties listed.

In the first, Sarsfields play Valley Rovers at Riverstown and the home side should have the edge.

Killeagh make the long journey to play Newcestown and Killeagh, who have had great success at under-14 level in recent years, should have too much experience for Newcestown.

Eire Og, who had a

comprehensive victory over Blackrock in the first round last Sunday, should advance again at the expense of Middleton, while St. Finbarrs, the home side, could find the going tough against an up and coming Barryroe side.

Cork players who are on the Munster Gael Linn panels are asked to assemble at the Opera House on Saturday at noon.

Sunday — Gael Linn Interprovincial finals: Senior, Munster v. Ulster, at Ballymacnab, Co. Armagh, at 2.45. Junior: Munster v. Ulster, at Ballymacnab, Co. Armagh, at 1.30.

Cork under-16 championship: Sarsfields v. Valley Rovers, at Sarsfields, 12 noon; Killeagh v. Newcestown, at Newcestown, 12 noon; Eire Og v. Middleton, at Ovens, 3 p.m.; St. Finbarrs v. Barryroe, at St. Finbarrs, 11.30.

O'Grady's glory day

Munster 10-10, Ulster 1-2

A brilliant solo performance by Patricia O'Grady from Sixmilebridge shattered Ulster's ambitions and brought the Gael-Linn Camogie Cup to Munster for the first time since 1982. On a day when the Clare full-forward could do no wrong she broke records with a personal tally of 9-1.

From early in the game it was obvious that Munster were superior in all departments. Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan and Colette O'Mahony won the lion's share of the ball in midfield and supplied the forward line continuously.

Patricia O'Grady, Irene O'Leary and Mairead Toomey took their chances and had Munster 5-6 to 0-2 ahead at the break. Munster continued to dominate in the second period and ran out easy winners.

Scorers: Munster: P. O'Grady 9-1, I. O'Leary 0-5, M. Toomey 1-1; T. O'Callaghan, B. Joyce 0-1 and C. O'Mahony 0-1. Ulster: D. O'Doherty 1-2.

Munster: M. McCarthy, L. Dunphy (capt), P. Goggins, B. Kenny, S. Reidy, T. O'Callaghan, C. O'Mahony, L. Mellerick, M. Toomey, I. O'Leary, L. O'Neill and P. O'Grady. Subs used: B. Joyce, M. Finn and N. Quinn.

Ulster 5-11, Munster 5-3

In sharp contrast to the senior game, Munster found themselves up against a very fine Ulster junior side. Munster made the early running and were two goals up at the end of the first quarter.

Approaching half-time Ulster showed signs of getting on top. Munster's one point advantage was quickly neutralised as Ulster sensed victory. With the Munster midfield unable to match their opposite numbers the defence came under severe pressure.

Maureen McAleenan, Brid Doherty and Rosita McCabe notched some excellent scores. Goals from Denise Cronin and Paula Carey marked a Munster rally, but there was too much leeway to be made up.

Scorers: Ulster: M. McAleenan 1-6; B. Doherty 2-3, R. McCabe 2-0; O. Leonard 0-2. Munster: P. Carey 3-1; D. Cronin 2-0 and M. Lenihan 0-2.

Munster: A. Keeshan, M. Guiry, M. Treacy, E. Healy, C. Madden, D. Cronin, M. Collins, A. Lenihan, J. P. Kent, M. Lenihan, D. Hughes and P. Carey.

Munster can lift trophy

A COMMITTED Munster camogie team ended the monopoly of Leinster in the Gael-Linn Cup semi-final last weekend. In a keenly contested game, they kept plugging away to earn a place in the final against Ulster on Sunday next.

Munster last won the Gael-Linn Cup in 1982, and only the goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy, remains from that side. Marion played her part last Sunday, and she will look to Liz Dunphy, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Paula Goggins to give her the same protection in the final.

Patricia O'Grady, who came into the Munster side as a replacement, was a revelation at full-forward. She beat Marie Fitzpatrick with three great efforts, and will need special attention next Sunday. Therese O'Callaghan, Colette O'Mahony, Linda Mellerick and Irene O'Leary are other key players in the Munster side.

Ulster's only victory in the Gael-Linn Cup was in 1967 when helped by those greats of the game, Mairead McAtamney, Maeve Gilroy, Moya Forde and Lily Scullion.

While players like Mary McMullan, Teresa Allen, Ursula McGivern and Grace McMullan have ability, Ulster will need to perform at their very best to lift the trophy. However, the spirit which Munster displayed against Leinster suggests that they are the ones who will take the cup.

The junior final, in which the same provinces will compete, should be a keenly contested affair. Ulster are the holders and will be very difficult to defeat on their own soil. They had a fine win over Connacht in the semi-final, in which Sarah McNicholl, Ann Coyle, Maureen McAleenan, Brid Doherty and Rosita McCabe proved their worth.

Munster defended excellently against Leinster and will attempt to shut down Ulster in similar fashion.

Fixtures — Sunday — Gael-Linn Finals (at Ballyholland, Co. Down). Senior — Ulster v Munster, Junior — Ulster v Munster.

MumhaSóisearGorm is Bán

1. Áine Ní Chiseáin (Ann Keeshan) Tiobraid Árann
2. Mairéad Ní Ghadhra (Marguerite Quiry) Luimneach
3. Mairéad Ní Threasaigh (Mairéad Treacy) Luimneach
4. Eibhlín Ní Éilí (Evelyn Healy) Corcaigh
5. Clár Ní Mhadáin (Clare Madden) Tiobraid Árann
6. Denise Ní Chróinín (Denise Cronin) Corcaigh
7. Máire Ní Choileáin (Marie Collins) An Clár
8. Áine Ní Loingeacháin (Ann Lenihan) Luimneach
9. Sinéad Paula Cheannt (Joan Paula Kent) Corcaigh
10. Máire Ní Loingeacháin (Mary Linehan) Luimneach
11. Deirdre Nic Aodha (Deirdre Hughes) Tiobraid Árann
12. Paula Ní Chiara (Paula Carey) Corcaigh

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13. Áine Ní Ghliasaín (Ann Gleeson) CAPTAIN Tiobraid Árann
14. Córa Ní Chinnéide (Cora Kennedy) Tiobraid Árann
15. Máire Ní Bhriain (Marie O'Brien) Corcaigh
16. Máire Ní Mhurchú (Mary Murphy) Corcaigh

UlaídhCróch is Bán

1. Lora Ní Phreith (Lora O'Prey) An Dún
2. Áine Nic Giolla Chomhaill (Ann Coyle) An Dún
3. Ide Nic Thiarnáin (Ita Mc Kernan) An Cabhán
4. Sorchá Nic Comhain (Sally Mc Cone) Ardmhacha
5. Briainín Nic Giolla Eon (Bernie Mc Glone) Doire
6. Moncha Nic Artáin (Monica Mc Cartan) An Dún
7. Mairéad Ní Chearbhaill (Margaret Carroll) An Cabhán
8. Oilbhe Ní Lionáird (Olive Leonard) CAPTAIN Ardmhacha
9. Máirín Nic Giolla Fhinnéin (Maureen McAleenan) An Dún
10. Eibhlín Ní Dhonnaile (Ellen Donnelly) Ardmhacha
11. Bríd Ní Dhochartaigh (Bríd O'Doherty) Doire
12. Róis Ide Nic Cába (Rosita Mc Caba) An Cabhán

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13. Donna Spéir (Donna Speers) Doire
14. Siobhán Nic an Tuile (Siobhán Tully) An Cabhán
15. Nuala Nic Artáin (Nuala Mc Cartan) An Dún
16. Shara Nic Giolla Comhain (Shara Mc Ilhona) Doire

MumhaSinsearGorm is Bán

1. Muireann Nic Cárthaigh (Marion McCarthy) Corcaigh
2. Éilís Nic Dhonnachaidh (Liz Dunphy) CAPTAIN Corcaigh
3. Siobhán Ní Riada (Siobhan Reidy) An Clár
4. Bráin Nic Cionaoith (Breda Kenny) Corcaigh
5. Paula Ghógan (Paula Goggins) Corcaigh
6. Treasa Ní Cheallacháin (Therese O'Callaghan) Corcaigh
7. Nóilín Ní Chuinn (Noeleen Quinn) An Clár
8. Linda Ní Mhaolghéiric (Linda Mellerick) Corcaigh
9. Pádraigín Nic Bhrádaigh (Patricia O'Grady) An Clár
10. Éilís Ní Néill (Liz O'Neill) Corcaigh
11. Colette Ní Mhathúna (Colette O'Mahony) Corcaigh
12. Mairéad Ní Thuama (Mairéad Toomey) An Clár

IONADAITHÉ

13. Irene Ní Laoire (Irene O'Leary) Corcaigh
14. Mairéad Nic Fhinn (Mairéad Finn) Corcaigh
15. Éilís Ní Sheosaigh (Betty Joyce) Corcaigh
16. Póilín Ní Bhriain (Pauline O'Brien) An Clár

UlaídhCróch is Bán

1. Mairéad Nic an Tionánaigh (Mairéad Mc Atamney) Doire
2. Máire Ní Mhaoláin (Mary Mc Mullan) CAPTAIN Aontroim
3. Oilbhe Nic Saoghair (Olive Seoir) An Cabhán
4. Treasa Nic Ailín (Teresa Allen) An Dún
5. Donna Nic Lochlainn (Donna O'Loughlin) Aontroim
6. Gráinne Ní Mhaoláin (Grace Mc Mullan) Aontroim
7. Deirdre Ní Dhochartaigh (Deirdre O'Doherty) Doire
8. Léan Nic Mhaonghail (Elaine Mc Monagle) Doire
9. Sinéad Ní Chatháin (Sinéad O'Kane) Doire
10. Moncha Ní Uallacháin (Monica Woolahan) Doire
11. Máire Ní Dhaimhín (Mary Davine) Dún na nGall
12. Áine Nic Craith (Ann Mc Grath) Dún na nGall

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13. Caitríona Nic Giollagáin (Caitríona Mc Gilligan) Doire
14. Siobhán Nic Aímhíre (Siobhán Convery) Doire
15. Róis Máire Ní Mhearaigh (Rosemary Herry) Muineachán
16. Treasa Nic Cionaoith (Treasa Mc Kenna) An Cabhán

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Tipp a tough test for Cork

THE Cork Junior camogie team go into action this weekend when they travel to Thurles on Sunday to take on Munster Champions Tipperary in the second round of the National League.

On the Cork front the Under-16 Championship continues with two quarter-final games for decision. In the first Sarsfields are away to Cloughduv, while at Delany's pitch the home side and near neighbours Glen Rovers will be in action.

In the remaining games Ballinhassig, Ballygarvan, Blackrock, Bishopstown, Newcestown and Kilbrittain all compete in the Under-16 League.

The Cork Junior team hope to continue their winning streak. They have already defeated Waterford in an opening round, but

are certain to find the going tough against Tipperary.

The last time the two sides met was in the Munster Championship semi-final when Tipperary ran out convincing winners. So, no doubt, Cork will be very anxious to reverse that result.

Cork will have regular 'keeper Maria O'Brien between the posts. Ina Leahy is named at full-back with newcomer Noelle Ahern from Sarsfields in the right-corner and Jackie Dunlea in the left-corner. Evelyn Healy will be at centre-back with Jean Paula Kent, Aine Murphy and Leslie Walsh, completing the midfield line. Paula Carey will be at centre-forward with Hilda Kennealy at full-forward and Mary Byrne and Irene O'Keeffe filling the corner-

forward positions.

In the Under-16 Championship there are two very interesting clashes. In the first, Cloughduv are at home to Sarsfields and it is difficult to see Cloughduv, powered by the experience of Stephanie Dunlea, being halted by the Sars girls. But the second clash between Glen Rovers and Delany's promises to be a much closer affair. Delany's looked a very good side in defeating Na Piarsaigh in a first round game, while Glen Rovers made heavy work of beating Ballincollig.

On form Delany's could just edge it, but when it comes to Championships, Glen are never easily defeated.

In the remaining games Ballygarvan, Kilbrittain and Bishopstown will all be expected to gain league

points.

Cork Junior Panel: Maria O'Brien, Noelle Ahern, Ina Leahy, Jackie Dunlea, Evelyn Healy, Jean Paula Kent, Aine Murphy, Leslie Walsh, Paul Carey, Irene O'Keeffe, Hilda Kennealy, Mary Byrne, Rose Desmond, Ellis Murray, Liz Towler, Catherine Sheehan, Sharon Meade, Helen Moynihan, Patsy Walsh.

All members of the Cork Junior Panel are asked to be at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

Fixtures: Sunday: National Junior League, Cork v Tipperary at Thurles, 12.30 p.m.

Under-16 Championship: Sarsfields v Cloughduv at Cloughduv, 12.30 p.m.; Glen Rovers v Delany's at Delany's, 12 noon.

Junior "A" League: Douglas v Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill, 2.30 p.m.

Under-16 League: Ballinhassig v Ballygarvan at Ballygarvan, 12 noon; Blackrock v Bishopstown at Blackrock, 12 noon; Newcestown v Kilbrittain at Newcestown, 12 noon.

O'Leary on the rampage

Tipperary 7-4, Cork 1-5

TIPPERARY maintained their unbeaten run in the Junior Camogie National League when at Thurles yesterday they scored a comprehensive win over Cork.

Helen O'Leary, scorer of seven goals, was Tipperary's heroine, but all round Tipperary were the slicker outfit.

With the breeze in their favour, Tipperary soon established control and with Helen O'Leary in top form at full-forward they opened a 6-2 to 1-4 lead at half-time, Cork's goal coming from Mary Byrne.

Little changed in the second-half and though Cork fared better and enjoyed a greater share of the play they never looked like catching Tipperary.

While Helen O'Leary's goal scoring performance entitled her to star of the match rating, Tipp also had good displays from Kirsty McCluskey, Clare Madden and Deirdre Hughes. For Cork Ina Leahy, Jean Paula Kent and Irene O'Keeffe tried very hard.

Scorers for Tipperary: H. O'Leary 7-4, A. Gleeson 0-3, D. Hughes 0-1.

Cork: M. Byrne 1-2, J. P. Kent, A. Murphy, H. Moynihan 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: A. Keeshan, R. O'Heara, C. Kennedy, K. McCluskey, G. Madden, O. Hogan, K. Moloney, S. Nealon, M. Kennedy, A. Gleeson, D. Hughes, H. O'Leary.
CORK: M. O'Brien, J. Dunlea, I. Leahy, E. Murray, E. Bealy, L. Walsh, A. Murphy, J.P. Kent, I. O'Keeffe, M. Byrne, H. Kenneally, H. Moynihan.
Referee: M. Kelly, Kildare.

St. Mary's unseat champions

St. Mary's, Midleton 2-3, Scoll Mhuire, Cashel 0-7

ST. MARY'S, Midleton, unseated champions Scoll Mhuire, Cashel, in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges senior camogie championship at Cashel on Saturday.

The sides were level at half-time but a goal from Evelyn Leahy proved to be the decisive score.

Scorers — Midleton: F. O'Driscoll, E. Leahy (1-1 each), M. Flavin (0-1). Cashel: J. Delaney (0-5), N. O'Dwyer (0-2).

Midleton: T. Ahern, H. Walsh, S. Cahalane, M. Flavin, C. McSweeney, D. Hayes, B. Hennessy, A. O'Connor, E. Leahy, F. O'Driscoll, A. Hennessy and B. Kearney.

Cashel: C. Dunne, R. Nash, T. Bargary, E. Keane, M. Tobin, A. Barry, P. Fitzgerald, J. Keating, N. O'Dwyer, S. Murphy, P. Bulfin and J. Delaney.

St. Patrick's, Cork 2-3, St. Mary's, Nenagh 0-4

A COMMITTED performance from St. Patrick's ensured an all-Cork Munster final.

Louise Fleming, who scored all of St. Patrick's total, Allison Dilworth, Louise Hurley and Valerie O'Mahony, played their hearts out for the Cork school.

Nenagh scorers: C. Madden (0-2), C. Burns and A. Hogan (0-1 each).

St. Patrick's: A. Twomey, E. McCarthy, L. Fox, L. Hurley, A. Dilworth, L. Fleming, C. McCarthy, N. O'Regan, C. O'Leary, V. O'Mahony, G. Hanlon and U. Donovan.

Nenagh: C. Kennedy, M. Hogan, E. Kennedy, C. Madden, D. Carney, C. Burns, O. Logan, E. Quinlan, E. Nealon, N. Kennedy, M. Regan and A. Hogan.

Paul's bid for ninth title

WHEN ST. PAUL'S take on Cork's Glen Rovers in the All-Ireland Camogie Club final at Nowlan Park on Sunday, they will be bidding for their ninth national club title.

It's a remarkable achievement for the club which was only founded in 1963. In 1990 St. Paul's is known throughout the country and has produced such fine players as Ann Carroll, Helena O'Neill, Liz Neary and Mary Fennelly (who went on to be president of the Camogie Association).

St. Paul's astonishing statistics speak for themselves. Within five years of their foundation, the club had clinched its first All-Ireland club championship. The county has won the senior All-Ireland on ten occasions and each time the club supplied the winning captain.

In 1989 five St. Paul's players won every honour in the game — senior league, Leinster final, All-Ireland final, Leinster club final, All-Ireland club final and the Gael Linn trophy. They were Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Claire Jones, Bridie McGarry and Ann Downey.

The longest serving club member is Mary (Conway) McCorry who is a selector for the current team, and is also the club secretary. In her playing days she won six club All-Ireland titles and two senior All-Ireland medals.

The St. Paul's trainer is Georgie Leahy who is hoping to lead the side to its fourth club All-Ireland in-a-row. Georgie also trains the Laois hurling team.

ST. PAUL'S

MARIA LAWLOR

CAROLINE HOLMES

CLAIRE JONES BRIDIE MCGARRY HELEN HOLMES

CIARA HOLMES ANN DOWNEY GERLADINE RYAN

BREDA HOLMES

BREDA RYAN NOELLE O'DRISCOLL ANGELA DOWNEY

Subs: Miriam Holland, Catherine Neary, Sarah Russell.

It's Glen versus the Downneys!

All-Ireland Club Championship, All-Ireland Club Championship, All-Ireland Club Championship

By EOIN EDWARDS

IT'S the Glen versus the Downey sisters. That in all probability will be the story on Sunday next in the All-Ireland Club Camogie Final.

The Blackpool girls will be playing St Paul's,

Kilkenny and we all know of Kilkenny's great camogie tradition, and St Paul's have over the years supplied many great players to the county team that has won so many All-Irelands.

The crunch game, there's no love lost be-

tween these fierce rivals, will be a repeat of the '86 and '87 finals with the state of play being one win each. The Glen, who had a fine win over Swartragh, from Derry two weeks ago in Derry, will be anxious to reverse the '87 result when they were

defeated by a mere two points.

The Downey twins, Angela and Ann, have been a thorn in many a club and county side over the years but the Glen girls are all set to take them on and beat them at their own game. St Paul's

have many other fine players (Breda Holmes, and Bridie McGarry have played many fine games with Kilkenny, and they are two of the finest exponents of the game) in their side for the big game, which is being played at a Kilkenny ven-

ue, the Glen having lost the toss.

But the Glen will be bringing with them many fine players into St Paul's home soil, most notably stars like Linda Mellerick and Sandie Fitzgibbon (who won't be arriving back in Ireland

until tomorrow (Thursday), she is presently on tour with the Irish basketball team in America). Glen team captain, Therese O'Callaghan, will also be anxious to stamp her authority on the game.

It promises to be a

thriller with Paul's striving to win their fourth All-Ireland club championship in a row and Glen striving to attain Cork's only All-Ireland camogie title this year. Can the Glen stop the mighty Kilkenny Cats in their tracks? 'We were

very annoyed at losing the '87 game and will be going all out to win this one. We'll be playing what is probably the best team in the land, but by Sunday we hope to reverse that', said selector Mary Newman during the week.



Left: Therese O'Callaghan, captain of Glen Rovers camogie team. Centre: Members of the team (from left): Mairead O'Leary, Fiona McCarthy, Mary Ring, Mary Currid and Ger McCarthy. Right: Mary Ring, one of the stars of the team. (Pictures: Eddie O'Hare)

Ann hopes to teach Paul's a lesson!

CURRENT Cork senior selector and holder of All-Ireland senior and junior medals, Ann O' Donovan, a teacher at Saint Aidan's Community College in Dublin Hill, will be hoping to teach St Paul's a lesson or two on Sunday as she sets out to bring the cup back to Blackpool.

And she have the whole college, which is situated in the heart of Glen 'territory' behind her, so the Downeys and co better beware, writes Eoin Edwards.

Ann, who has given sterling service to the Glen Camogie Club, has the honour of being the longest serving player as the Blackpool club goes into the final.

The daughter-in-law of Donie O' Donovan, trainer of the All-Ireland winning Cork football team of 1973, Ann will be playing in her third club final, having played on the winning Glen side in '86 and on the losing side to St Paul's in '87.

She had the honour of leading the Glen in 1983 when they won the county championship after a lapse of 15 years. Her husband Diarmuid is a prominent St Nick's footballer and a Cork u-21 selector. As well as playing her part on the field, Ann is also vice-chairman of the camogie club, coach to the Saint Aidan's camogie teams and has a seven year old son, Donal Og.



Deirdre McCarthy, Glen Rovers, will be playing in her first camogie All-Ireland final against St. Pauls, Kilkenny, on Sunday.

(Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

Nora's seen it all before

WHILE the Glen girls are battling it out with St Paul's on the pitch on Sunday, one person who knows what will be going through their minds is Nora Newman, the chairwoman of the club since the 60s, writes Eoin Edwards.

Having played for the club for several years and partaken in many a tussle on the pitch, Nora now concentrates on the administration aspect of the game.

She was a member of the first Glen team to win a senior county championship in 1950 and went on the following year to add another. Her commitment and loyalty to the club is second to none, she even travels from the southside, where she resides, to Blackpool on a regular basis to be with the girls at their training sessions and games.

At the County Camogie Convention of 1988 she was elected as Honorary President in recognition of her services to the game over the years. Indeed Nora served for many years as a Cork Senior selector and vice-chairman of the County Board, and her experience, which is vast, has been of great benefit to the club over the years. Let's hope she can come up trumps again next Sunday with some words of advice to the team contesting the All-Ireland Club Championship.



Pictured at the Glen Rovers Hurling and Football Club, were, from left — Finbarr O'Neill, trainer and selector; Nora Newman, Chairperson; Mary Newman McCarthy, selector.

—(Picture: Ted McCarthy)

At a glance the All-Ireland line-up

FIONA McCARTHY: Has played in goal with Glen Rovers since under-14 level. Won County Championship, All-Ireland club, Munster Club medals. A past pupil of St. Patrick's, Gardiner's Hill.

CLARE McCARTHY: A holder of All-Ireland senior, junior, and minor, medals. Clare is a player of class and has excellent reading of the game.

DEIRDRE McCARTHY: First season on the senior team, holds u-18 and intermediate County medals. Also attended St. Patrick's School.

ANN O'DONOVAN: Is presently a Cork senior selector, is the holder

of All-Ireland senior and junior All-Ireland medals. Employed at St. Aidan's Community College, Dublin Hill.

SANDIE FITZGIBBON: International basketball player, is presently in America with Irish squad. Has won numerous honours with Cork, Munster and Glen Rovers.

THERESA O'CALLAGHAN: Captains the side. A native of Mallow, she holds County Championship medals in the senior and junior grade.

DIANE DEANE: Is the holder of u-18, junior and senior County medals. Employed in O'Donovan's,

Prince's Street.

MARY CURRID: Playing with the Glen since under-14 level. She has a junior All-Ireland, U-18 senior County medals and a senior colleges medal.

LINDA MELLERICK: Holds junior and Gael-Linn medals. Has played on Rest of Ireland team. Is employed at Bournes Electronics.

GER McCARTHY: Has won All-Ireland senior, junior, and minor medals. She also holds County medals with the Glen.

DENISE CRONIN: Her second year on the senior team, has

previously played in goal, and in the backline. Made the transformation to the forward line this season.

MARY RING: Captained the Glen in their All-Ireland Club win in 1988, and has given great service to the club. Has played inter-county with Cork, holds an All-Ireland junior medal.

JUNE HAMILL: Holds All-Ireland minor and county medals. Is employed by Scottish Legal Insurance.

FIONA TWOMEY: A past pupil of St. Aidan's Community College, she holds u-18, intermediate and Senior

Championship medals. First introduced last season.

MANDY KENNEFICK: The daughter of Seanie Kennefick who hurled with the Glen, she is another young player who has recently come up the ranks from underage level.

HELENA MULLINS: Is married to Tommy Mullins who plays hurling with Na Piarsaigh. A very dedicated member of the panel she captained Glen Rovers to intermediate honours in 1983 and holds minor and junior All-Ireland medals.

MAIREAD O'LEARY: Another

player who has come up the ranks from under age. Performed exceptionally well in the All-Ireland seven-a-side final recently.

PATRICIA MURPHY: Came onto the senior panel after the County Championship. Has under-18 and intermediate medals. Plays with UCC.

TRACY O'RIORDAN: Playing with the Glen since under-14. Has played in the Feile na Gael and holds All-Ireland minor medal with Cork. Is the granddaughter of John "The Kid" Cronin who is the Cork hurling and football masseur.

Paul's set to make it three!

ST. PAULS, Kilkenny, defend their All-Ireland Club camogie championship title against Glen Rovers (Cork), at Kilkenny on Sunday.

These teams met in the 1986 final in Cork when Glen Rovers scored a 4-11 to 5-7 win in a heart-stopping contest. At Ballyraggett the following season, St. Paul's reversed that decision by 1-4 to 0-5. In the meantime, St. Paul's successfully defended their crown against Glenamaddy and Mullagh.

To say that there is nothing between these sides is an understatement. Both camps recognise the quality of the opposition and know that a simple mistake or fortunate score may be sufficient to decide the issue on Sunday.

The composition of the teams has not altered much since their previous meeting. Liz Neary has called it a day having won medals in both the colours of St. Paul's and Austin Stacks.

Glen have lost Marie Ryan, who has retired, and Val Fitzpatrick, who is living in Boston. But they are fortunate to have acquired the services of Linda Mellerick and Claire McCarthy, two established inter-county players.

An enthusiastic Mullagh side made St. Paul's fight hard for victory in the semi-final. However, the experience of the champions told in the end. Glen Rovers made the long trip to Swatragh where they found the going tougher than the score of 1-9 to nil suggests.

There are players of real quality on both teams. Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Clare Jones, Anne Downey and Bridie McGarry have proved their ability time and again. On the other hand, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Ann O'Donovan, Mary Ring, Linda Mellerick and Claire McCarthy make the Glen a formidable side.

Knowing the prize at stake, neither coach will have a problem motivating their players. Despite the effect of a slow pitch at this time of the year, the attendance may be assured of a lively and interesting contest.

St. Paul's — M. Lawlor, C. Holmes, H. Holmes, B. McGarry, C. Jones, G. Ryan, A. Downey, B. Holmes and N. O'Driscoll.

Glen Rovers — F. McCarthy, C. McCarthy, D. McCarthy, S. Fitzgibbon, A. O'Donovan, D. Deane, T. O'Callaghan, M. Currid, G. McCarthy, L. Mellerick, D. Cronin and M. Ring.

FIXTURE

Sunday — All-Ireland Club Championship Final — St. Paul's, Kilkenny v Glen Rovers, Cork, at Kilkenny.

ST. PAUL'S DEFEND

The curtain comes down on the 1990 inter-county camogie season in Kilkenny on Sunday with the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship. St. Pauls, the holders, and Glen Rovers (Cork), the last side to defeat them, will provide a fitting climax.

It will be the third time these teams have contested the All-Ireland final. Glen Rovers were successful in 1986 but the Kilkenny champions triumphed in 1987. St. Paul's have successfully defended the title in the past two seasons, against Glenamaddy and Mullagh, while the Glens failed to come out of Cork.

With the exception of Liz Neary, who has retired, the St. Paul's team has changed little since their last meeting, while the Glen team shows a number of changes. Marie Ryan has retired and Val Fitzpatrick now lives in Boston.

Linda Mellerick and Claire McCarthy, two Cork senior players, have joined

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the Glens in the meantime. Young Denise Cronin, a current Cork junior, is a regular on the Glen team.

St. Paul's had a good work out in the semi-final against Mullagh. The Galway club put it up to St. Paul's, but the experience of the champions told in the end. Glen Rovers played Derry champions, Swatragh, and they found the going tougher than the score of 1-9 to nil suggests.

Both teams contain outstanding players. Angela and Ann Downey, Clare Jones, Bridie McGarry and Breda Holmes will don the colours of St. Paul's. The Glen will have Sandie Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Mary Ring and Ger McCarthy.

ST. PAUL'S — M. Lawlor, C. Holmes, H. Holmes, B. McGarry, C. Jones, G. Ryan, A. Downey, B. Holmes, B. Ryan, C. Holmes, A. Downey and N. O'Driscoll.

GLEN ROVERS — F. McCarthy, C. McCarthy, D. McCarthy, S. Fitzgibbon, A. O'Donovan, D. Deane, T. O'Callaghan, M. Currid, G. McCarthy, L. Mellerick, D. Cronin and M. Ring.

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