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Sport for All and Fun for All is the theme

THE third National Camogie Day, sponsored by Cospoir, takes place at venues all over the country tomorrow. The level of success enjoyed by this event in the past two years, augurs well for another great day.

The theme of the day is "Sport for All — Fun for All" and the aim is to involve as many members of the community as possible. This includes active competition for every player in the Association and planning of special events to attract former players to try their hand once more and to entice newcomers to the game.

Programmes will be long and varied. Many clubs prefer to organise a day of activity on their own. In other places a group of clubs join together to run off a series of events and competition. In some counties, the County Board takes control and provides planned activity.

Many clubs really enter into the spirit of the occasion and provide dawn to dark action. Starting with a colourful parade the participants would arrive at the centre ready and eager to tackle anything from camogie matches, Poc Fada, superstars competitions, coaching sessions, field events

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to free taking and poster competition.

Clubs which put a lot of work into National Camogie Day often point to the occasion as a turning point in the club's fortunes. It is an occasion to strengthen the club, win back players who may have lost their enthusiasm and attract newcomers to join the ranks. A concert or other social event to round off the day, tightens the bond of friendship amongst the members.

That outstanding Wexford Club, Buffer's Alley have added to their long list of achievements last Sunday. They won the All-Ireland Club Championship for a record breaking fourth successive time. This victory is their fifth title in six years.

Opponents Killeagh really put it up to Buffer's Alley and led for much of the game. Backed by great vocal support, the Alley stormed back and amid great excitement got the all important scores to clinch the title.

There have been great club sides in camogie over the years. Many of these were in action years

before the Club Championship was begun. However, Buffer's Alley must rank with the best in the history of the game.

Despite being pipped at the post Killeagh had a great year. They won back the Cork title and added the Munster crown. One of their players, Patricia Fitzgibbon will be honoured with the 1984 A.I.B. / Gaelic Stars Junior Player of the Year Award.

In Croke Park on All-Ireland Day, Patricia delighted the crowd with her skill and ball control. In the second half against Cavan, she weaved in and out of their defence creating chances and taking scores.

Patricia was goalkeeper when Killeagh won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1980. Since then she has moved to a forward position with great effect.

Munster Colleges Senior Championship continues to progress. Holders, North Pres had three points to spare over St. Joseph's, Tulla in a very close contest. Scoll Mhuire, Cashel ran out easy winners over Ballincollig Community School. St. Patrick's Cork scored 2-5 without reply from St. Mary's, Charleville.

National Camogie Day

By JOAN MORLEY

SUNDAY is National Camogie Day so all fixtures have been suspended to give clubs a chance to participate fully in this special day, which is run in conjunction with Cospoir.

Clubs all over the country have planned activities for Sunday, although the response in Cork up to the time of writing was poor. Of the 35 registered clubs in the county, only seven forwarded their list of activities, as requested, to the County Board.

Two senior clubs have expressed interest. Glen Rovers will be holding the finals of their under-8 blitz competition with the runners-up final at 2.45 p.m., and the final proper at 3.30 p.m., and Eire Og will be staging a married v singles game at 12 noon, under-16 skills at 12.45 and long puck at 1.15 p.m.

Nemo Rangers and Douglas have decided to join forces for the day, with a Junior A Tournament at 12 noon at Nemo. Bishopstown will be holding an eight-a-side tournament beginning at 2 p.m.; and Fr. O'Neill's will be having an under-16 blitz at 1.45 p.m., and a junior seven-a-side tournament at 2.30 p.m.

Newcestown are unable to participate in Sunday's activities, but they are playing their part tomorrow, when they will be holding two eight-a-side competitions, as well as skills and long puck events beginning at 10.30 a.m.

On Monday next a course for experienced referees will be held at Paire Uí Chaoimh at 7.30 p.m. Cork inter-county defender and referee Miriam Higgins will be in charge.

A Day Of Fun And Sports

"Sport for All — Fun for All" will be the theme of the third National Camogie Day, sponsored by Cospoir and arranged for next Sunday. Involvement is the keynote as clubs and county boards plan programmes to cover all current players, former players, parents, potential players and the community in general.

As in the two previous years imaginative programmes will be drawn up to provide maximum activity for all. The emphasis will be turned away from winning and replaced by an attitude of participation and enjoyment.

The list of events extends far beyond camogie matches.

Poster competitions, Irish dancing contests, athletic events, free-taking and long puck competitions will entertain young and old. National Camogie Day has always encouraged the former player to try her hand again. Past p. Present and Mothers v. Daughters games give ample opportunity in this regard.

Clubs can benefit by attracting new players also. Fixtures for beginners and coaching for newcomers also feature. Following a day of outdoor activity, the participants adjourn to socialise at supper dances, ceilis, concerts, etc.

Buffer's Alley won the All-Ireland Club Championship for the fourth year in succession and for the fifth time in six years. This is a tremendous achievement and one which is unlikely to be equalled or surpassed. With great local support they put in a grandstand finish to lift the title.

Opponents Killeagh lead for much of the game and won admiration of the crowd for their stylish play. They came a long way this season, winning back the Cork crown, adding the Munstertitle and coming within a goal of ultimate honours.

They will receive some measure of consolation on Friday night when one of their players, Patricia Fitzgibbon, will be honoured with the A.I.B. / Gaelic Stars Junior Player of the Year Award. As well as playing her part with Killeagh, Patricia won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Cork last month.

In the final she showed some delightful touches as she weaved her way in and out of the Cavan defence to pick off scores or to lay them on for her team-mates. Formerly a goalkeeper, Patricia has done well since moving to a forward role. The guidance of Killeagh trainer, Fr. Bertie Troy has helped Patricia to overcome the difficulties of the change.

Further progress was made in the Munster Colleges senior championship. St. Patrick's Cork scored 2-5 without reply from St. Mary's, Charleville. Scoll Mhuire, Cashel had a convincing win over Ballincollig Community School and North Pres., the holders, emerged from a close game with St. Joseph's, Tulla, with three points to spare.

30 Years Ago

GLEN ROVERS regained the Cork County senior camogie championship title when they scored a 4-2 to 2-0 win over their old rivals Blackrock in the final at the Cork Athletic Grounds. The teams were: **Glen Rovers** — S. Cahill, N. Deane, B. Cashman, B. Lucey, N. Murphy, A. Crotty, K. Donovan, K. O'Halloran, B. Buckley, P. Lucey, M. Browne, E. Dempsey. **Blackrock** — M. Cotter, M. Flaherty, L. Kelleher, M. O'Connell, M. O'Brien, M. Hayes, L. Flynn, S. Hunter, M. Delea, A. O'Shea, A. O'Brien, N. Duggan (pic shows the Glen Rovers team)

The yesterdays of SPORT



CHAMPIONS OF 1954 — The Glen Rovers Camogie team of 30 years ago which defeated Blackrock in the Cork Senior Championship final. — ("Echo")

Third Level season now swings into action

THE onset of winter marks the start of the Third Level Camogie season.

While the students are back on campus for the past few weeks, it is too soon to appraise the relative strength of the various colleges. Colleges are counting the players who have returned for a further year and sifting through the Freshers in the hope of uncovering talent.

The CCIA League starts immediately. It will provide an opportunity for colleges to knit the new and old together to form their strongest team before the more important competitions commence.

The League is divided in to three groups. The South / West Section, with a membership of seven, will have ample competition. This Group includes UCC, UCG, Thomond, Mary Immaculate, Moylish Engineering, Cork Regional and newcomers Waterford Regional.

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The East Section attracted UCD, Trinity, Maynooth, St. Patrick's, Carysfort, Marino TC, Athlone Regional and NIHE, Dublin. St. Mary's, Belfast, Queen's, Coleraine and two teams from Jordanstown will field in the North Section.

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The annual Freshers championship will be played on November 24. The following day delegates from the colleges will collect for the Annual General Meeting of the CCIA. On the agenda will be the draws for the Purcell and Ashbourne Cups.

UCD are holders of the eagerly sought after Ashbourne Cup. Their two All-Ireland players, Germaine Noonan, and Joan Gormley have graduated and will not be available to defend the title. Trinity will host the

series on the second week-end of February.

The position of the University of Ulster relative to the Ashbourne Cup will have to be decided upon at the A.M. The NUU Coleraine and the Polytec, Jordanstown have united to form one university. The question of whether a joint team or two single entries should be included in the draw arises. Problems accompany both choices.

STEPPED DOWN

Two long serving officers of the Dublin County Board stepped back from the top table at their recent Convention. Kathleen Timmins, who has worked unceasingly for the promotion of the

game, did not seek re-election as chairman.

Her place will be taken by Pat Rafferty. Pat refereed matches all over the country and won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Dublin and a Club Championship award with Eoghan Ruadh.

Tessie Foy has prepared many a balance sheet in her time and served Dublin faithfully. Totting the books in the coming season will be Mary Matthews of Naomh Aoife. The remaining places on the Dublin Board are filled by Gretta Grey (vice-chairman), Liz Gantley (secretary) and Rita Whyte (PRO).

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This is unfair to the players

WHILE the other provincial camogie councils have wound up their programmes for 1984, Ulster Council has yet to find a winner for their senior championship trophy. Since only two senior graded counties exist in the province, it is amazing that the game has been left to mid November.

This is hardly fair to the players who have come through a long hard season. It is difficult to work up enthusiasm in wet and cold conditions. Unless a more fitting date is found in future seasons, this competition will lose its appeal.

At Portlengone on Sunday the home County Antrim take on the holders Down in the decider. For many years the outcome of the Ulster senior championship was a matter of form. Such was the standard of Antrim teams that their record of titles stands at forty.

But the position has changed. Down have improved while Antrim have slipped back. Four times in the past six years Down have engraved their name on the cup. Down, who had greater representation on the Ulster senior team and provided the Ulster club champions, should retain the cup.

Teresa Allen, Bonnie McGreevey, Sheila McCartan, Joan Gilmore, Margaret McNab and Fionnuala McGrady provide the backbone of the Down side. They form a stronger combination than Antrim players Marj Lundy, Mary McMullen, Carol McAllister, Anne McGarry, and Elizabeth Gibson.

ON SCHEDULE

The good weather over the past weeks have the Munster senior championship on schedule. Saturday next will see two interesting semi-finals. All-Ireland finalists, North Pres.

will be at home to Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

The majority of the North Pres. side which did duty in Croke Park are still available. In the meantime some of them have been prominent with Cork. Midfielder Irene O'Leary, captained the Cork Junior team to success and Evelyn Healy and Jean Paula Kent, won All-Ireland minor medals. Paula Morgan, Shirley O'Sullivan, Ger O'Donovan, Catherine Martin and Deirdre O'Shea are also on the panel.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, made a name for themselves in the seventies when their camogie teams won four All-Ireland Colleges titles. While not as prominent in the past few years, Cashel sides always give of their best. North Pres. will be favourites to advance but would not want to take Cashel for granted.

In the second semi-final St. Patrick's, Cork cross the city to play Sacred Heart. St. Patrick's have lost several top players including Regina Scouts, Mary Currid, Fiona McCarthy and Breda O'Sullivan. Linda Mellerick, a member of Cork's junior team and Cork minors Kathleen O'Keeffe and Karen Mellerick will be in the team.

Leading the opposition will be Collette O'Mahony, who captained the Cork minor team to victory in 1983. St. Patrick's have been training hard since the start of the season and will make a bold effort to qualify for the final.



Firgrove/Westgate/Melbourne (top) which defeated Kenley/Parkway (below) in the final of Bishopstown Street League (under 13) at Bishopstown GAA pitch.

Successful Trip North For Bishopstown Girls

THE Bishopstown Camogie Club under-15 team had a very successful trip to Co. Down recently when they dominated a four-team tournament, on November 24.

Hosted by the Leitrim Fontency Club, the Bishopstown girls were seen off from Cork by the Lord Mayor, Ald. Liam Burke and were met in Dundalk by their host club and travelled on to Downpatrick by bus for the weekend event.

On Friday evening, November 23, the girls attended the East Down Scor na nOg finals at the Down Leisure Centre in Downpatrick and saw members of the Leitrim Fontency take prizes in the solo singing and novelty act sections.

The following day Bishopstown got a marvellous start in the Camogie tournament when they beat local league and championship winners Clonduff by one goal to no score.

Some excellent goalkeeping from Bernie Power kept the Bishopstown girls in the hunt early in the match and, with time running out, it was Mary Walsh who scored the winner.

In their second game, this time against Dromaness, the heroine was Therese Geary who scored a goal for Bishopstown to bring them into the final.

Playing their hosts, the Leitrim Fontencys, the Cork club took the final match easily and Mary Walsh was again to the fore, on this occasion slotting in four goals and, with no reply from their opponents, they maintained a clean sheet.

The team received medals for their performance at a dinner for all the competitors afterwards and the Fontency's chairman, Mr. Pat. McCartan also presented the Bishopstown manager, Pat Murphy, with a specially designed and engraved trophy to mark the occasion.

At a formal dinner afterwards for the mentors in Newcastle, Mrs. Margaret O'Hara, a native of Co. Antrim, presented Mr. McCartan with a plaque on behalf of Bishopstown Camogie Club.

It is hoped that a return visit by the Leitrim Club to Cork can be arranged for the near future.

The Bishopstown party that travelled to Co. Down was as follows: Aine Buckley (capt.); Bernie Hayes; Linda Nicholson; Zena O'Riordan; Karen Higgins; Cheetra Bhattacharya; Joanne O'Flynn; Carol Enright; Anne Ryan; Colette Dobbyn; Leon Collins; Brid Corcoran; Oonagh Buckley; Mary Walsh; Theresa Geary; Deirdre Carroll; Edel Ryan; Judith Coughlan; Aine Walsh and Bernie Power. The mentors were: Pat Murray; Brid Ryan; John Geary; Peg Power; Pat Ryan and Margaret O'Hara.

Wexford Sport Stars

The Powers Gold Label Co. Wexford Sportstar Winners for 1984 are:—

☆ **ANGLING:** Robert Cloney (Kilmore Sea Angling Club).

☆ **ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL:** Colm Ryan (New Ross Celtic).

☆ **ATHLETICS:** John Jude Doyle (D.M.P.).

☆ **BOXING:** Jim O'Sullivan (St. Patrick's Boxing Club, Enniscorthy).

☆ **CAMOGIE:** Tina Fitzhenry (Ballindaggin Camogie Club).

☆ **EQUESTRIAN SPORT:** Sara Gordon (New Ross).

☆ **GAELIC FOOTBALL:** John O'Gorman (Taghmon).

☆ **GOLF:** Martin O'Brien (New Ross).

☆ **HANDBALL:** John Fleming (Ballyanne).

☆ **HURLING:** John Nolan (Geraldine O'Hanrahans).

☆ **SQUASH:** Mary Byrne (Columbus Squash Club, Dublin).

☆ **SPORTSTAR OF THE PAST** (confined to hurling): Ned Wheeler (Faythe Harriers).

Ex-ILGU president dies

MRS. MONICA HEGARTY of Cork, — or Girlie as she was affectionately known — whose death occurred yesterday, was a former president of the Irish Ladies Golfing Union as well as being an international and star player with her club, Douglas.

She began her golfing career at Muskerry in 1938 and four years later transferred her allegiance to Douglas. There she figured on five winning Irish Senior Cup teams before gaining international honours in 1953, '56 and '57. She reached the Irish Close Championship final in 1953 and 1956 losing to Philomena Garvey and Pat O'Sullivan, respectively.

Girlie made an enormous contribution to the administrative side of the game as well. She was elected Douglas lady captain in 1957 and also served on the Southern executive the same year. Her big moment at this level was reached in 1974 when she was chosen as President of the I.L.G.U. for a three-year period. Delegates from clubs throughout the country, in recognition of her contribution to the game, voted unanimously to elect her a life vice-president of the union in 1982.

She had a particular affection for the younger



players and only this year donated a perpetual trophy for ladies under 22 years. This competition will be played for annually at Douglas, and already a high standard has been achieved through the triumph in its inaugural year by International Ada O'Sullivan of Monkstown.

In her younger days Mrs. Hegarty played hockey with Wilton Ladies while in camogie she perfected the skills of this game at St. Aloysius School. She was a founder member of the Cara Cliona Club and captured an All-Ireland Senior medal with Cork in 1934.

UCC girls tops

UCC 3-8, Mary Immaculate 1-0

University College, Cork powered to an impressive victory over Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, in their opening Higher Education camogie League game at the Mardyke on Saturday.

Scorers—UCC: J. Riordan 2-1, A. Landers 1-0, D. Cotter 0-2, P. Kinney 0-2, C. Cronin 0-1, R. Fahy 0-1, N. Delaney 0-1. Mary Immaculate: O. Murphy 1-0.

Call for lifting of the ban on synthetic sliothars in Colleges' Games

Annual general meeting for the Third Level Camogie Councils will be held at Croke Park on Saturday, and members of the Council will be meeting.

Members of offices in the affairs of Ireland Post Schools Council will be in office as from a two year term in Lil O'Neill, Spence (Bel-Moran (Cork), na McFanus all past presi-Camogie As-

appear of the papers. Munster Colleges call for the ban on synthetic sliothars to be lifted. As the Colleges season coincides with the worst of the weather, it makes sense to use a sliothar which does not soak water.

The Connacht motion concerns banding of sticks and is likely to be deferred to the playing rules year.

The CCIA will have new secretary on Sunday morning. The occupant of the position, Gaye Moran (UCD) is not seeking re-election. Filling her shoes will be Patricia McAllister (Queen's).

Both Gaye Moran and Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin (UCD) are listed to fill

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the vacant post of treasurer. President Mary Rose O'Connor (Maynooth) will remain in command.

The meeting will air their views on a number of motions. The first concerns the hosting of the Purcell Cup series. Another proposal seeks to confine this competition to the teacher training colleges and to inaugurate a further competition for the HHE and Regional Colleges.

With the exception of Dublin, the Leinster counties were slow to take to the CCD Competition. A few years ago Westmeath joined in and

were followed by Wexford.

Now three more counties, Offaly, Longford and Kilkenny, have decided to enter. The Offaly competition is already over. Longford and Kilkenny have both planned their events for December 2 at the Lonsford Slashers Complex and Mooncoin respectively.

St. Patrick's Secondary School, Cork, are through to the Munster Colleges senior final. In an entertaining game they overcame Sacred Heart, Cork by 3-4 to 2-2. The scoring ability of Linda Mellerick was the deciding issue.

In sparkling form for Sacred Heart was Colette

O'Fahony but she lacked the necessary support from her team mates to achieve a surprise win.

The second semi-final between Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and North Pres., Cork, had to be deferred owing to an outbreak of flu in the Tipperary schools. The game has been refixed for next Saturday.

Down retained their Ulster senior title by virtue of a 3-2 to 1-3 win over Antrim on Sunday. Both sides served up good fare despite the heavy rain. Some super saves by young Laura O'Prey in the Down goal had a strong bearing on the outcome.

Antrim clubs congregate at Priglenone next Sunday

for annual convention. The nomination papers contain a number of blanks. Indeed only the positions of vice-chairman and registrar are clear cut at this state.

Maureen Smyth and Marie Doherty are unopposed and standing for these positions. Nancy Murray, Roisin McVicker and Rosina McManus have declined to accept a nomination and the shoes of these experienced officials will be difficult to fill.

FIXTURES

Saturday 2 AGM of ALL-Ireland Pot Primary Schools, Cork Park, 2.0.

Sunday 2 AGM of CCIA at Belfield, 3.0.

Mellerick stars for St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's 3-4,
Sacred Heart 2-2

THE direct and effective play of St. Patrick's Linda Mellerick was the deciding issue in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges senior camogie semi-final at Ballincollig on Saturday. Linda notched all the St. Patrick's first-half scores and left her side 2-2 to 0-2 in front on the change-over.

A good goal from Colette O'Mahony, together with lack of concentration on the part of some of the St. Patrick's players, brought Sacred Heart back into the game. A further goal from Patricia O'Shea left the game hanging in the balance. Some great camogie was seen from both teams before Linda Mellerick picked up a loose ball to hammer home the winner.

Scorers—St. Patrick's: L. Mellerick 3-2, H. Barry 0-1, A. Barry 0-1; Sacred Heart: C. O'Mahony 1-2, P. O'Shea 1-0.

St. Patrick's: M. Mulcahy, T. O'Riordan, K. O'Keefe, V. O'Brien, M. Rose, C. O'Brien, E. O'Sullivan, K. Mellerick, L. Mellerick, C. Currid, H. Barry and A. Barry.

Sacred Heart: C. Walsh, D. Ryan, M. Walsh, P. O'Shea, L. Ryan, C. Coughlan, C. O'Mahony, A. Murphy, Y. O'Neill, C. Cronin, A. Ryan, V. Cotter.
Referee: Mary Maher (Douglas).

NORTH PRES. TOOK TIME TO SETTLE

North Presentation, Cork 3-5
Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 1-4

NORTH PRESENTATION had seven points to spare over Scoil Mhuire in the Munster Senior Colleges Camogie Championship semi-final played at the Christian Brothers Grounds, Mitchelstown on Saturday.

Paying with the aid of the breeze in the opening half North Presentation, who were strong favourites, were very slow to settle and it was Scoil Mhuire who had the opening point from Joan Tobin after eight minutes. Throughout this period Scoil Mhuire had several chances of increasing their lead. North Presentation's greater attacking ability

saw them goal through Agnes Skillington mid-way through the half and this score helped them to a 1-3 to 0-2 interval lead.

Scorers: North Presentation: A. Skillington 2 goals, I. O'Leary 1-3, E. Healy and P. Morgan 0-1 each; Scoil Mhuire: N. Bonner 1-1, J. Tobin 0-3.

North Presentation: S. O'Sullivan, C. Martin, P. O'Leary, E. Healy, Martin, D. O'Leary, J. P. Morgan, M. McCarthy, J. O'Donovan, I. O'Leary, D. O'Donovan, D. O'Riordan, A. Skillington.

Scoil Mhuire: I. Butler, N. O'Dwyer, G. Loneragan, N. Bonner, M. Ryan, B. Tobin, D. Kevin, C. Troy, H. Ryan, C. Horgan, A. M. Fanning, J. Tobin. Subs: N. Tobin for A. M. Fanning, M. O'Donoghue for H. Ryan, M. Dalton for C. Horgan.

Referee: Mary Maher (Douglas).

Munster final thrills likely

THE MUNSTER Colleges Camogie final will be a repeat of last February's rip-roaring decider between Cork City rivals St. Patrick's and North Presentation. At Mitchelstown last Saturday North Pres. accounted for Scoil Mhuire Cashel to join St. Patrick's in the final of the 1984/85 championship.

The final will not be played until next term which will give both schools time to work on their skills and team play.

St. Mary's, Charleville, by virtue of a convincing win over Ballincollig Community School, have qualified for the Munster junior championship final. However, they await a challenger from the other half of the draw, as St. Patrick's drew with St. Aloysius in very poor conditions last week.

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, impressive winners of last season's First Year Blitz had three goals to spare over Mercy, Macroom in a quarter final game on Saturday. They await the winners of the St. Patrick's v St. Aloysius replay.

Not alone will the cup change hands this season but three of the four surviving schools have yet to engrave their name on the trophy.

St. Raphael's, Loughrea, completed a Connacht double last season, they are still on course to retain these titles. In the senior championship, Mercy, Ballinasloe, conceded to St. Raphael's in the semi-final as they considered their side to be too inexperienced to challenge the champions.

It will be a different story in the second semi final where Mercy, Roscommon and St. Cuans, Castle-

blakeney, will contest every ball to the final whistle when they meet on Wednesday, December 5. All three schools have lost a number of players from last season's panels so it is difficult to pick a winner.

Six schools remain in contention for Connacht Junior honours. Portumna College face St. Mary's, Ballygar, in a quarter-final, while St. Raphael's meet St. Cuan's at the same stage. Awaiting the outcome are Roscommon and Enniscrone who have byes to the semi-finals.

Leinster Colleges Council operated six zones who play on a league basis within the zone. Two teams with the greatest number of points emerge from each zone to make up twelve qualifiers. A draw will then be made for the knock out stages of the championship. Ten schools, St. Mary's, Edenderry, Athy, Voc., Wicklow, Voc., Carnew, Voc., Mooncoin, Voc., Thomastown, Granard, Oldcastle, Maryfield College and Assumption, Walkinstown are already on the list in the senior championship.

The Leinster Junior championship is not as clear cut. Scoil Iosa, Kilcock, Dominican Wicklow, Voc., Ballyhale, Maryfield College and St. John of God, Artane, await seven more qualifiers before the play off stages can commence.

Kodak prizes for amateurs

Three of the top amateur photographers of G.A.A. activity in Cork are Mary Moran, of Bishopstown, Cork; Mark Sheehan, also of Bishopstown, and Donal O'Connor of Ringaskiddy. Mary is the County Cork winner of the Kodak "G.A.A. in Action" photographic competition and she received first prize, a cheque for £75 and a Kodak Disc Camera, from David McDermott of Kodak (Ireland) Ltd., at a presentation at Paire Uí Chaoimh Clubhouse, Marina, Cork.

Runner-up in County Cork, 21 year-old Mark Sheehan, a third year medicine student at U.C.C., and third place winner Donal O'Connor, principal of Ringaskiddy National School, were also presented with prizes of Kodak cameras.

A keen amateur photographer,

Mary Moran, who works at the Allied Irish Bank in Cork, is also heavily involved in sport. Miss Moran is the national P.R.O. and a past president of the G.A.A.'s Camogie Association.

A large number of entries were received from County Cork for this nation wide amateur photographic competition which was held in celebration of the G.A.A.'s centenary year.

"This included all the G.A.A.'s local and national sporting events" said Paddy Buggy, president of the G.A.A., "its cultural and educational activities and specially its youth involvement. And we have received a wide variety of entries depicting G.A.A. activity — not only hurling and football, but camogie, handball, dancing, musical and club activity.

Adjudicators on the panel included Louis Marcus, the well-known film maker; Dermot O'Shea, president of the Press Photographers' Association of Ireland; Jack Boothman of the G.A.A., and a representative from Kodak.

The Kodak "G.A.A. in Action" photographic competition was run on a county-by-county basis, and the top winners in each county now go forward for judging in a national awards section. The best national photo will win the top prize of £500, with second prize £250, and third £100.

The winning entries, both at local and national levels, are to be exhibited at a major photographic exhibition which will be held in the Bank of Ireland Exhibition Centre, Dublin, in early December. The Co. Cork winners will be among those on view.



Winners in the County Cork Kodak "G.A.A. in Action" photographic competition pictured after they received their awards at Paire Uí Chaoimh. Picture shows, from left: Frank Murphy, secretary, Cork County Board; Mark Sheehan, Bishopstown, 2nd; David McDermott, Kodak Ireland Ltd.; Mary Moran, Bishopstown, 1st, and Donal O'Connor, Ringaskiddy, 3rd.

St. Patrick's Await Opponents

ST. PATRICK'S, Cork, are through to the Munster Senior Colleges Championship final, and on tomorrow (Saturday) they will learn whether old rivals North Presentation are to be their opponents in the decider, as that school is due to meet Scoil Mhuire Cashel in the second semi-final.

One of the Junior Colleges semi-finals will also be played tomorrow — and on Sunday the quarter-finals of the Under-16 Championship and two league games will be decided.

North Presentation, who went so close to taking the All-Ireland title last season — they only lost narrowly in the national final — will be at home to Scoil Mhuire in tomorrow's Colleges semi-final and must be fancied to reach the Munster final, as they have many of last season's players and have been training very hard for the campaign. But they will need to have respect for Scoil Mhuire, who are never an easy side to beat and are determined to get back on the winning trail, and a win over North Pres would be a marvellous way to do it.

The second Cork school involved in tomorrow's semi-finals, will be Ballincollig Community, who are due to meet St. Mary's, Charleville in the junior semi-final, and this is expected to be a very close affair.

St. Finbarr's and Na Piaras, two of the strongest teams in the Under 16 Championship will be in action on Sunday in the quarter-finals of the

competition. The Barrs will be expected to have too much strength for Aghabullogue, while Na Piaras should also advance at the expense of Bishopstown. It should be a close affair, however, in the ties between Glen Rovers and Brian Dillons and Watergrasshill and Fr. O'Neills. In the Under-16 League Eire Og will play host to Inniscarra and in the Junior 'A' Campaign Killeagh travel to Douglas.

Convention is due to take place on December 9 next, and although nominations have closed the Co. Board have no one for the position of county secretary. Mary Maher, the outgoing official, is not going forward at convention, so the County Board face a dilemma. But convention will accept nominations from the floor so, clubs are asked to consider this serious position.

Bishopstown Camogie Club have been invited to Co. Down in conjunction with the special Bord na nOg trip to that county to celebrate the Centenary Year. And 20 under-15's have expressed their wish to travel on what should be a most exciting weekend for them.

Has anybody ever heard of a camogie club called St. Bernadettes?

Apparently a presentation tray with the inscription "To Louise from St. Bernadette's Camogie Club 1984" was found recently. On inquiry it was discovered that neither Cork Co. Board or Central Council have any club registered with that name. So in order to return the tray to its



Congratulations to Patricia Fitzgibbon, Killeagh, who was recently named as Junior Player of the Year and is photographed here with her award.

rightful owner it would be appreciated if any light can be thrown on the subject. Any information could be sent to Miriam Higgins, Co. Board PRO, c/o Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

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MSC semi-final: North Presentation v. Scoil Mhuire (Cashel) at North Pres venue (actual venue and time to be arranged).

MJC semi-final: Ballincollig Community School v. St. Mary's at Charleville, 11 a.m.

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U-16 'C' quarter-finals: Watergrasshill v. Fr. O'Neills at Watergrasshill, 3 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh).

Aghabullogue v. St. Finbarr's at St. Finbarr's, 12 noon (Ref. Glen Rovers).

Na Piaras v. Bishopstown at Na Piaras, 3 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarr's).

Glen Rovers v. Brian Dillons at Glen Rovers, 3 p.m. (Ref. Blackrock).

U-16 League: Eire Og v. Inniscarra at Ovens, 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig).

JAL: Douglas v. Killeagh at Douglas, 12 noon (Ref. Nemo Rangers).

Patricia is just outstanding



PATRICIA FITZGIBBON, Killeagh, Co. Cork, who received the A.I.B./Gaelic Stars Award as the outstanding Junior Camogie Player of 1984.

PATRICIA WINS AWARD

Patricia Fitzgibbon, the brilliant Killeagh camogie star, was the recipient of the magnificent A.I.B./Gaelic Stars Award, for her outstanding contribution to Cork junior team that beat Cavan in the All-Ireland final.

The trophy, specially designed by Mary Timmons, Dublin, consists of a copper plate depicting the crest of the camogie association for the Centenary Year of the Gaelic Athletic Association. It was presented by Mary Moran, AIB, Cork, the national PRO of the camogie association.

Mrs. Sheila Spillane, chairperson of the Killeagh club, said that since the foundation of the club in 1973, they had won many honours at club, inter-county and even at national level. She added that many an award for their contribution to camogie had also wended its way to Killeagh.

"In the past, players like Pat Moloney Linehan, Marie Costine O'Donovan and Catherine Landers had won awards and it was fitting that Patricia Fitzgibbon had added to the collection. She has given great service to the club and her county. She holds three county medals, three Munster club medals, one All-Ireland club, one seven-

a-side, three Munster junior intercounty and one All-Ireland junior, won this year," said Mrs. Spillane.

Mr. Liam O'Siochan, editor *Gaelic Star*, said that in the All-Ireland final, Patricia had tormented the Cavan defence by her brilliance. He stated that 18 years ago, the award, which was won by Patricia, was open to all camogie players, but since another firm took over the sponsorship for the senior players (B+1), this prestigious award was donated to the junior players of Ireland.

Mary Moran, in presenting the trophy, said that the skill, opportunism and her ability to get and make scores was a vital make-up of Patricia's ability. Miss Moran added that Killeagh had contributed enormously to camogie, not alone in Cork but throughout the country. She mentioned Marie Costine O'Donovan, whom she said won the award in 1973, just when Patricia was learning the basics of camogie.

Mary O'Callaghan, chairperson Cork County Board, also spoke highly of the Killeagh girl's contribution to Cork's victory, adding that since their foundation, Killeagh had done enormous work for the promotion of camogie.

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Alterations to be made in the

C.C.I.A. president Maryrose O'Connor will have a new team assisting her to organise the third level colleges competitions this season. Patricia McAllister, who displayed her organisational ability at the Ashbourne series in Queen's last year, fills the demanding role of secretary.

Former colleges president, Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin, now takes care of the financial side of the council. Jordanstown student Brid Kilpatrick was elected as registrar. Outgoing

treasurer Gaye Moran will represent the council at Ard Chomhairle level.

The entry to the Ashbourne Cup will be increased by one in 1985. The annual meeting agreed to accept a team from both branches of the University of Ulster, Coleraine and Jordanstown. This arrangement is for one year and its effects will be reviewed at the next AGM.

The draw for the Ashbourne Cup reads: (D) Q.U.B. v U.C.D. on Janu-

ary 12; (A) U. of U. (D) v U. of U. (C); (B) Maynooth v U.C.G.; (C) Winners of (D) v U.C.C., all on January 26. The semi-finals will be played on February 9 between winners of B v A and winners of C v hosts Trinity.

The meeting agreed to alter the format of the Purcell Cup in 1985/86. It will then be confined to the Teacher Training Colleges and a new competition will be organised for the colleges who are

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not eligible for either the Ashbourne Cup or Purcell Cup competitions.

A goal from a free in the dying minutes of the game assured St. Aloysius School, Cork, a place in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges Junior Championship. A long range effort by Sheena Morley put paid to St. Patrick's chances. St. Aloysius travel to Ennis on Satur-

day to meet Colaiste Mhuire in the semi-final.

What are Dublin's chances of retaining their senior All-Ireland title in 1985? They will have some indication on Saturday night when news of the Open Draw filters from the Ard Chomhairle meeting. Before the draw can be made, the meeting will have to decide on applications for regrading to the junior ranks by counties Louth and Down.

Louth pipped Cork by a single point in the 1982 junior final to earn the

Purcell Cup format

right to compete at senior level. However, their record in the senior grade has been far from impressive. The performance of their second team has been poor indeed.

The position of Down is different. Three weeks ago they had five points to spare over Antrim in the final of the Ulster senior championship. Their county champions, Leitrim, are the Ulster Club Champions and nine Down girls found places on the Ulster senior interprovincial

panel. How the delegates will view these requests remains to be seen.

As usual, there will be a list of individual names before the meeting for regrading. Ard Chomhairle took a hard line last season and turned down many applications. Seeking junior status are Rita Wymes, Breda Holmes and Noreen Walsh (Kilkenny); Bernadette Carey (Antrim); Rose O'Shaughnessy (Clare); Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Agnes Sheehy, Marguerite Guiry and Mairead Treacy

(Limerick) and Julia Glynn (Galway).

Two county secretaries step down at county conventions on Sunday. The Cork meeting will have to find a replacement for Mary Maher, who has held the position for three years. In Kilkenny, Mary Mealy has decided not to seek re-election and will have to be replaced.

Yvonne Redmond joined the elite band of camogie players on Monday when she stepped up to receive the 1984 B + 1 Award. Her name has been added

to that illustrious list which includes some greats of the game like Angela Downey, Pat Moloney and Mairead McAtamney.

Yvonne had a great season. A goalkeeper of real talent and immense worth, she played a vital role in Dublin's All-Ireland senior victory. Right through the campaign, Yvonne was seen at her best. Her performances were always of a very high standard and she is a worthy recipient of the honour.

Pictured at the Centenary Dinner of Sarsfields Hurling Club and Glanmire Football Club, at the Imperial Hotel, Cork, were (Top, from left): Eileen Noonan, Lily Twomey, Sheila Barry and Geraldine Barry, all members of the Sarsfields Camogie Club. (Lower), Marie Kearney, Liz Dunphy and Ethna Barry.



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Yvonne is 'Player of the Year'

For her outstanding display in the All-Ireland final, Dublin's Yvonne Redmond was yesterday named "Camogie Player of the Year" for 1984. At a special luncheon in Dublin she was presented with the Cuchulainn trophy by Mr. Brendan Bird, Assistant Chief Executive, B+I Line.

The award is a double "First" since Yvonne is the first Dublin player to be honoured and also the first goalkeeper. Previous winners were: 1975, Bridget Doyle (Wexford); 1976, Bridie Martin (Kilkenny); 1977, Angela Downey (Kilkenny); 1978, Pat Moloney (Cork); 1979, Mairead Mac Atamney-Magill (Antrim); 1980, Marion McCarthy (Cork); 1981, Liz Neary (Kilkenny); 1982, Mary O'Leary (Cork); 1983, Clare Cronin (Cork); 1984, Yvonne Redmond (Dublin).

Yvonne, who plays club hurling with Cuchulainns, first came into camogie news while a pupil at Assumption Secondary School, Walkinstown, where she won Leinster Colleges junior and senior medals. She was also goalkeeper for the Leinster Colleges team in the special colleges inter-provincial series to mark the 75th anniversary of the Camogie Association in 1979.

Her inter-county career began in 1978 when she was selected from the Dublin under-14 side which took the Leinster Championship title. That year too, she played with the Dublin minor side which won the Leinster title and was on the losing side when Dublin were beaten by Cork in the All-Ireland final.

1981 was a special year for Yvonne and the Redmond family. She made her debut on the Dublin senior side when she teamed up with her sisters Anne at full-back and Barbara at left wing, both well established members of the championship side.

In 1982 and 1983 Yvonne was on the Dublin side which made it to the All-Ireland finals. The breakthrough for the team came this year for the first time since 1966.

Camogie player of the Year



Dublin's Yvonne Redmond, who was presented with the Cuchulainn trophy as the B + I Line Camogie Player of the Year at a luncheon held in the Gresham Hotel yesterday.



● Dublin goalkeeper YVONNE REDMOND pictured yesterday being presented with the Cuchulainn Trophy as "Camogie Player of the Year" by Brendan Bird, assistant chief executive of the B & I Line.



Girl members of Brian Dillons camogie teams who played with Cork and won All-Ireland minor and junior medals, pictured with John Fenton captain Cork hurling team, at the Brian Dillons victory dinner at

the club. (From left): Linda Mellerick, Helena Barry, Karen M., Kathleen O'Keeffe and Vivian O'Brien.



Yvonne Redmond, goalkeeper on the Dublin team which won the 1984 All-Ireland final, was yesterday presented with the B and I award as Camogie Player of the Year. She is the first Dublin player — and the first goalkeeper — to receive the award. She was presented with the Cuchulainn Trophy at a luncheon in Dublin by Brendan Bird, assistant chief executive of the B and I Line. Our photograph shows Yvonne with (left) Mary Fennelly and Anne Sheehy, president and secretary respectively of the Camogie Association.

CONVENTION ON SUNDAY

Camogie Board Needs A Secretary

THERE is a big problem facing Cork Co. Board Convention on Sunday as up to the time of writing there were no nominations for the vital post of county secretary, and now it appears that convention will have to depend on nominations coming from the meeting itself.

This, of course, is not the most satisfactory way of electing a county secretary — surely one of the most important positions on the board — as clubs will have no previous knowledge of the nominees and will have no opportunity of discussing with their members the way they should vote.

And what a problem the county board faces if there are no nominations for this vital position, from the floor on Sunday.

Mary Maher, the outgoing secretary, is not going forward this year, as having served three years in the position and two years before that as registrar, she feels she needs a break at this stage.

The outgoing chairperson, Mary O'Callaghan, who has been in the position for five years is opposed this year by Mairead O'Callaghan of Watergrasshill while there will also be a contest for the position of registrar between Mary McCarthy of Glen Rovers and Louise Cosgrave of St. Finbarr's.

The outgoing registrar, Mrs. Lil O'Sullivan of Ballincollig, will fill the position of treasurer for the new season, as the outgoing treasurer, Mairead Donovan, a daughter of Lil, is not going forward for re-election.

In the other three positions on the board Rose Malone (Eire Og) vice-chairperson; Miriam Higgins (Eire Og) P.R.O.; and Marian McCarthy (St. Finbarr's) fixtures secretary, are all returned unopposed.

There is keen competition for the various selection committees and it is good to see such interest in the county sides.

The following are the nominees for the various committees:

Senior: four to be selected from Rose Malone (Eire Og); M. O'Callaghan; Sheila Spillane (Killeagh); Mary Nott (Glen); Mrs. Goggins (Na Piarasigh); Marie Kearney (Sarsfields); Mairead O'Callaghan (Watergrasshill); Ann O'Donovan (Glen); Josie Knowles (Churchtown).

Junior: three from Mrs. O'Sullivan (Ballincollig); Mary Maher (Douglas); Mary Moran (Old Als.); Eleanor Twomey (St. Finbarr's); Bernie Murphy (Ballinora); Mary Newman (Glen Rovers); Eithne Barry (Sarsfields); Betty Joyce (Killeagh);

Annette O'Donovan (Glen); Mrs. Goggins (Na Piarasigh).

Minor: four from Mary Maher (Douglas); Eleanor Twomey (Barrs); Mary Newman (Glen); Mairead Donovan (Ballincollig); Rose Mackey (Glen); Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill); Elaine Buckley (Bishopstown); Betty Joyce (Killeagh); Liz Dunphy (Sarsfields); Mary Christie (St. Finbarr's).

Under 18: Rose Mackey (Glen); Mary Newman (Glen Rovers); Eleanor Twomey (St. Finbarr's); Rose Desmond (Bishopstown); Una O'Connor (Blackrock); Lilian Twomey (Sarsfields); Mary Moran (Old Als.).

There is a long list of motions for convention and one of these is a call from Bishopstown to have the Cork Co. Board set up a special sub-committee to organise camogie events for Cork 800. Gloughdub are calling for greater publicity and want results of all matches played to be published. The Cork under 18 captaincy is the subject of a motion from Glen Rovers, who suggest that the under 18 county champions be entitled to the captaincy the following year. At the moment the selectors have the right to name a captain.

Another motion likely to generate plenty of discussion is one from Water-

grasshill which proposes the setting up of divisional boards. And there are many others covering a wide range of subjects within camogie.

So with the job of finding a secretary, and the many motions to be discussed and decided on, it promises to be a very busy afternoon for delegates at Paire Uí Chaoimh.

In the only fixture for the weekend, St. Aloysius, Cork meet Colaiste Mhuire, in the semi-final of the Munster Junior Colleges Championship at Ennis tomorrow, and this promises to be a very exciting game.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday) at Ennis, M.J.C. semi-final, St. Aloysius (Cork) v Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday: Cork Co. Board Convention at Paire Uí Chaoimh, 2 p.m.

Maire re-elected

OUTGOING chairperson of the Cork County Camogie Board, Maire Ní Ceallachain, had to use her casting vote to remain in the chair at the board's convention at Paire Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

She had tied with Mairead O'Callaghan, Watergrasshill for the post and used her casting vote to hold the position. Rose Malone was elected Vice-Chairperson.

The problem of filling the post of secretary remained unresolved at the meeting. No nominations for the post were received prior to the meeting and nobody was willing to go forward for the vital position.

Other members elected to

the executive included Miriam Higgins PRO and Marian McCarthy fixtures secretary both of whom were elected unopposed.

Lil O'Sullivan was transferred from registrar to treasurer while Louise Cosgrave, St. Finbarr's defeated Mary Newman-McCarthy for the position of registrar. The following were elected to the various selection committees:

Senior: Rose Malone (Eire Og); Maire Ní Ceallachain (Inniscarra); Sheila Spillane (Killeagh); and Mairead O'Callaghan (Watergrasshill).

Junior: Lilie O'Sullivan, Mary Maher and Mary Moran.

Minor: Mary Maher, Eleanor Twomey, Angela Higgins and Betty Joyce.

Under 18: Eleanor Twomey, Rose Desmond, Una O'Connor, Lilian Twomey and Mary Moran.

Open draw gives the champions Dublin an easy looking start

champions to have an opening 0-985 Ali-Cham-Open Draw, the last Saturday of the season.

raw reads — 'A' B' Dublin Limerick v Round 'D' v Louth; 'E' v Down; 'F' v Tipperary; 'G' v Wexford; 'H' v Wick; 'I' v Kerry; 'J' v Clare; 'K' v Galway; 'L' v Mayo; 'M' v Roscommon; 'N' v Sligo; 'O' v Donegal; 'P' v Fermanagh; 'Q' v Londonderry; 'R' v Antrim; 'S' v Tyrone; 'T' v Northern Ireland.

cell Cup on Saturday. NIHE Limerick entertain St. Patrick's Training College and will find it difficult to prevent the visitors from advancing. Moylish RC could also be in trouble with Carpsfort Training College.

Mary Immaculate, Kimerick should prove to be too strong for NIHE Dublin. St. Mary's, Belfast are at home to Athlone RTC and should be good enough to come through. Marino Training College make the long journey to Cork RTC and should find it worthwhile.

Only one point separated Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis and St. Aloysius School, Cork in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges Junior Championship. Colaiste Mhuire advance to play St.

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Marys' Secondary School, Charleville in the Munster final next February. Neither school has ever represented the province in the All-Ireland semi-finals.

FORTUNES

Limerick full-forward Brid Stokes will guide her county's fortunes in the coming year in the role of County Chairman. Assisting her will be Tom O'Brien (vice-chairman), Bernie O'Dea (Secretary), Dan Madigan and Tom Hatchet (Joint Treasurers), Margaret Hickey (Registrar) and Helen Sheehy (PRO).

Mrs. Irene Kavanagh was appointed as Life President

of Sligo County Board at a recent reorganising meeting. Seven clubs will participate in competitions organised by Bridie Feehily (Chairman), Joe Cosgrove (Vice-Chairman), Kathleen Brennan (Secretary) and Dymphna Lag (Treasurer).

It is a case of as-you-were in Roscommon where all the outgoing officers sought re-election. Their County Board team will consist of Mary Quigley (Chairman), Kathleen Gannon (Vice-Chairman), Ann McDermott (Secretary), Jackie Rogers (Asst. Secretary), Marion Collins and Eileen Fallon (Joint Treasurers), PRO Ann Maughton and Catherine Carty (Registrar).

There are several new faces on the Longford

County Board. Ann Flanagan remains in the driving seat but the other positions are filled by Anne Duffy (Secretary), Paddy Tighe (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Connell (Treasurer), Carmel McCormack (Registrar) and Grainne McEnroe (PRO).

The position of treasurer was the only one to change hands in Westmeath. P. J. Fulham remains at the helm. Peter Farrelly (Vice-Chairman); Maureen Fulham (Secretary); Mary Gaye (Treasurer) and Rose Brennan (Registrar) complete the team.

Down, who withdrew their application for re-grading, will be served by Helen McAleavy (Chairman), Belle O'Loughlin (Vice-Chairman), Vera

McGahan (Secretary), Bridget McGinn (Treasurer) and Nuala Calhoun (Registrar).

County CCD competitions have been in full swing in recent weeks. Results from Kilkenny are Helena Teehan (solo singing), Kilmacow (Ballad Group), Tullogher (Ceili Dancing), Mooncoin (Set Dancing), Elaine Kennedy (Recitation), Maureen Kelly (Instrumental music), Piltown (Novelty Act) and Tullogher (Question Time).

Oliver Plunketts proved to be very successful in the Dublin competition. They collected the honours in the Ceili Dancing, Set Dancing and Ballad Group. Kilmore provided the winners in the Recitation and Novelty Acts.

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● AWARD WINNERS . . . in the amateur section of the Kodak 'GAA IN ACTION' competition at last night's presentation ceremony were (from left) GEORGE HATCHELL, Bishopswater, Co. Wexford (first) and MARY MORAN, Bishopstown, Cork (second) with JACK BOOTHMAN, chairman Youth Committee G.A.A.

Photographic award

THE IRISH TIMES staff photographer, Paddy Whelan (right) was last night presented with a prize of £1,000 as the overall winner of the Kodak "GAA in Action" which was organised to mark the GAA's centenary year. His winning picture (above) was an action study of the Dublin footballer, Anton O'Toole.

Two special awards, carrying prizes of £500 each, were won by Denis Minihane of the *Cork Examiner* (outstanding non-action picture) and the freelance photographer, Billy Stickland (outstanding action picture). Five prizes of £100 each for highly commended pictures, were won by Tony Reddy (*Irish Independent*), Ray McManus (*Sportsfile Ltd.*), who won two prizes in this category, Denis Minihane and Billy Stickland.

In the amateur section, the prizewinners were: 1, George Hatchell, Bishopswater, Wexford (£500); 2, Mary Moran, Bishopstown, Cork (£250); 3, (tie)

Gerry Grogan, Raheny, Dublin and Martin O'Shea, Ennistymon, Co. Clare (£100 each).

The judges of the competition were: Louis Marcus, Seamus Smyth, Dermot O'Shea, president of the PPAI, Jack Boothman of the GAA and a representative of Kodak.

Presenting the awards in the Bank of Ireland Exhibition Hall, Dublin, last evening, John Fitzgerald, managing director of Kodak Ireland, said that his company was delighted to have been chosen as sponsors of the competitions by the GAA. "We are very pleased with the tremendous response and excellent standard of the entry," he said.

An exhibition of a large number of professional and amateur entries — which was officially opened by the president of the GAA, Paddy Buggy — will be on show to the public — except Sunday — from today until next Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Kodak "GAA in action" press and amateur photographers awards were presented at the Bank of Ireland Exhibition Centre in Dublin. Present were (from left) Mr. Paddy Buggy, GAA president; Denis Minihane, *Cork Examiner* staff photographer and double award winner for the outstanding non-action picture and a highly commended picture; John Fitzgerald, managing director of Kodak (Irl.) Ltd. and Mary Moran, Bishopstown, Cork, second overall in the amateur section.

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GUESTS AT THE AWARDS RECEPTION



Marion McCarthy from Cork with Owen McCann, Co-Editor *Gaelic Stars*, and Anne Sheehy, Secretary of the Camogie Association.

Camogie at Cuala

The camogie section of the club, when founded about 1949 under Matt Kane (R.I.P.), was then known as St. Marys. This name they retained until the late 1970s, when they amalgamated with the Cuala club. Down the years the girls have won many honours in the senior, junior and intermediate grades. They had many junior and intermediate teams prior to the amalgamation, but then the junior section declined for some time. However, due to Josephine Holden and

Maire McGuirk, the club now has a junior team and we hope to see more junior teams in the future.

Over the years the girls have proudly represented the club on the inter-county scene. Shiela Wallace is the holder of a junior All-Ireland medal, National League medals and Leinster senior medals with her native Dublin. Shiela has done much work for camogie both in the club and on the county board scene. She was a selector for

Dublin senior and junior teams for some years.

Josephine Holden, a sister of the famous Mick, is another player who plays for her county, and has collected Leinster minor and junior medals, National Junior League medals, Gael Linn medals, and was a sub with the senior team this year when they won the Leinster final.

Other girls who have played for Dublin are Pamela Howard, Philomena Durkin, Bernadette Brack, a niece of the famous Sophia Brack, who won All Ireland medals with Dublin and Joan Dwyer.

The senior team reached the final of the senior B championship against Erin's Isle this season, but alas, were beaten. They made up for their disappointment during the summer when the club won the Dalkey Festival camogie tournament. They are trained by John Bailey, a well known inter-county referee, and under his guidance they hope to make it a double in 1985 by capturing the League and the championship. Under the care of Josephine and Maire the juniors will keep the Cuala flag flying for many a day yet.



Action from Feile na nGael, the annual Youth festival of hurling, camogie and handball. Eithne Duggan (Bishopstown, Cork), shows style despite her tender years against St. Finbarr's in the Cork Feile competition.



Cork, Marion McCarty.

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CAMOGIE AFFAIRS BY MARY MORAN

PLAYERS WILL LOOK BACK ON '84 WITH SATISFACTION

MANY players will look back on 1984 with a great deal of satisfaction. The year was one to remember for U.C.D., Maryfield College, St. Raphaels, Dublin Senior and the Cork Junior and Minor teams among others.

Last February Germaine Noonan led U.C.D. to their fifth successive Ashbourne Cup success and scored three goals in an exciting final against Queens in Belfast. Flying to and fro across the Atlantic, she kept in touch with Dublin's progress in the championship campaign. From the right back position, she scored a long range goal in the final which had a settling influence on the Dublin team.

Ann Colgan joined the list of illustrious names who have captained Dublin to victory in the All-Ireland senior championship. The Buttavant girl is in the company of former stars like Sophie Brack, Una O'Connor, Eileen Duffy, Gerry Hughes and Kathleen Ryder.

Injury and illness kept Edel Murphy on the sideline at times during the season. But she made her presence felt when she was on the field and played a big part in Dublin's victory. Una Crowley, Mary Mernagh and Barbara Redmond also made substantial contributions to that success.

If I was to name a Player of the Year, my vote would go to Yvonne Redmond. Yvonne set and maintained a very high standard in all her matches. While other players stepped in and out of the limelight, Yvonne continued to give

performances of high quality in the Dublin goal.

The League Final belonged to Cathy Landers who gave a powerful exhibition of centre-back play. Cathy made a huge contribution to Killeagh who regained the Cork and Munster club titles.

Two great individual goals marked the Munster colleges final. Their scorer, Irene O'Leary led a new Cork junior team through Munster and on to eventual honours at Croke Park. Others on that Cork side to catch the eye were Patricia Fitzgibbon, Una O'Connor, Paula Goggins, Mary Currid and Linda Mellerick.

Carmel O'Byrne played a key role in Maryfield's Leinster and All-Ireland double. She toured America with the school team and returned to collect an All-Ireland senior medal. Deirdre Costello also made a great impact on the colleges scene. Scoring 3-6 she played more than a captain's part with St. Raphaels in the junior final.

Cork minors added to their wonderful record in this grade. The current squad contains skilful players whose names will become well-known in the future. These include Colette O'Mahony, Evelyn Healy, Niamh Coughlan, Jean Paula Kent and Paula Carey.

Angela Downey captured Gramam Tailie in such style that her opponents looked on in appreciation. She played a lone hand in the championship with Kilkenny. Had she received support on the day, it is anybody's guess who would have finished up as champions.



Dublin Senior Camogie Team Captain, Ann Colgan, with the O'Duffy Cup.

There were stars on losing sides also. Tina Fitzhenry's displays for Westford in the championship were first class. Mary Sheedy (Tipperary), Olive Scott (Cavan), Lorna O'Flaherty (Shannon) and Anne Ryan (Galway) had their moments.

The strong counties continue to dominate the camogie scene. The All-Ireland championships and National League were shared between Dublin and Cork. It is disturbing that the junior graded counties are not making a better showing in the junior grade.

Much of the glamour of the Gael-Linn inter-provincial series is lost because players are tired after a hard season when these fixtures come around. Munster Chairman, Rose Malone, has suggested playing the entire competitions together at a central venue. A date early in the season when the pitches lend themselves to good camogie would prove more attractive.

VAT stifling game at every level from individual to Ard Chomha

A study of the treasurer's statement at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee highlighted the detrimental effect of the Government's Value Added Tax on the promotion and development of camogie. The consequences are felt at every level from the purse of the individual to the coffers of Ard Chomha.

The purpose of the meeting in question was to approve submissions from county boards in connection with the expenses incurred by their inter-county teams and applications from clubs under the Stick and Ball Subsidy Scheme.

The introduction of Government grants to sports organisations some years ago enabled the Camogie Association to entertain these applications and award a partial refund using a permitted percentage of the grant received. The applications on the table on the particular occasion in question had a V.A.T. content of £12,300.

The amount of the grant received by the Camogie Association for 1984 was £11,000. It does not take great mathematical reasoning to figure out who is on the losing side. To get the complete picture, it is

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necessary to take into consideration the total expenditure by members of the Association on sticks, sliothars, playing gear and transport. The total V.A.T. figure on this outlay is quite considerable.

The amount of development work which the Camogie Association may embark on is determined by the state of their finances. If V.A.T. was not added, it would be possible to do so much more for the game.

A ten-year-old decides to

take up the game. It takes £35 to kit her out with the essential requirements of stick, boots, helmet and uniform. Almost £12 is on its way to the Government before she swings her stick.

MORE PRACTICABLE

During the G.A.A. Centenary Year, several politicians were heard singing the praises of those who promote Gaelic games. A more constructive recognition of this unpaid work would be for these public representatives to use their influence and vote to at least

reduce the exorbitant tax on sticks.

There has been much talk in recent years of organising a sweep with the proceeds being directed to the development of sport. Let us hope that 1985 will see some definite progress in this direction. Otherwise, the future of many sporting organisations look bleak.

Connacht Colleges Council brought their championship programme up to date before the Christmas break. Holders, St. Raphaels, Loughrea will oppose Mercy, Roscommon, in both senior

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Cork relinquish camogie title

CORK had to relinquish the senior All-Ireland camogie title to Dublin in 1984, having held the title in '82 and '83, but the county still had a very

successful season, winning the National Senior League title for the first time, and also retaining the junior and minor All-Ireland titles.

Dublin had been "knocking on the door" of senior honours in recent years, having been beaten by Cork in the '82 and 1983 finals. But their

win in September came after an 18 year spell — their last win being in 1966. And this lapse by the Metropolitans was most amazing as up to 1966

they had won the title in 18 out of 19 championships.

Cork went out to Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final after yet another marvellous game between the sides, this time in Parnell Park, but the new champions had things much easier in the final when Tipperary, still waiting for their first ever senior All-Ireland win, gave scant opposition.

Cork were jubilant earlier in the season, when, again against Dublin, they took the National Senior League title for the first time, when the decider was played in Ballinlough. The Junior League title was won by Dublin.

But the strength of Cork camogie was illustrated in no uncertain terms when the junior string won their All-Ireland title. Cork won the junior crown in 1980 and again in 1983 and each time had to field a completely new side. Little was expected of the Cork juniors in '84, as it was felt that they were very young and inexperienced. However, they went from strength to strength as the season progressed and there was great excitement when they took the

title in Croke Park in September.

And to put the icing on the cake for the Rebel County, the minors retained their All-Ireland crown with a marvellous win over a fancied Galway side in the decider, and the seniors took the Munster Championship.

On the interprovincial scene Leinster dominated, taking both senior and junior Gael Linn Cups.

In other national competitions, Maryfield College, Dublin, won the senior colleges' championship at the expense of Cork's North Presentation, while St. Raphael's, Loughrea, defeated another Munster side, St. Patrick's, Shannon, in the junior final.

Dublin's U.C.D. won the Ashbourne Cup, while yet another Metropolitan side, An Caislean won Feile na nGael, but a Munster club, Castle-town-Ballyagram of Co. Limerick, took the Community Games title.

Cork teams, however, dominated the Pan Celtic competitions in Killarney, with Eire Og winning the senior competition — held for the first time in 1984 and St. Finbarr's taking the under 16 crown in most impressive fashion.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ALL-IRELAND

FINAL: October 28: Killeagh: Buffer's Alley, Wexford, 2-4; Killeagh, Cork, 1-4.

Semi-Finals: October 7. Glenamaddy: Buffer's Alley, Wexford, 3-1; St. Mary's, Glenamaddy, 2-2.

PROVINCIAL FINALS

Leinster: September 16. Rathdrum Buffer's Alley, Wexford, 4-2; Avoca, Wicklow 0-1.

Munster: September 16. Killeagh: Killeagh, Cork, 7-13; Ardkeen, Limerick, 0-3.

Ulster: September 16. Leitrim, Down, 1-7; Loughgiel, Antrim, 0-2.

COLLEGES'

All-Ireland Finals

SENIOR: March 24. Croke Park: Maryfield, Dublin, 2-5; North Presentation, Cork, 0-5.

JUNIOR: St. Raphaels, Loughrea, 5-8; St. Patrick's Comprehensive, Shannon, 2-1.

ASHBOURNE CUP

Universities' Championship

FINAL: February 12. Belfast: U.C.Dublin 4-6; Queen's, Belfast, 2-1.

Semi-Finals

February 11: Belfast: U.C.Dublin 6-5; Dublin University 0-2. Queen's 3-5; U.C.Galway 2-3.

Minor: July 22. Cork: Cork 5-6; Antrim 1-3. Dublin: Galway 5-5; Dublin 1-2.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

July 8: Sixmilebridge: Cork 4-7; Clare 1-4. Cappawhite: Tipperary 5-17; Louth 0-0. Monamolin: Wexford 7-3; Antrim 1-1.

July 15. Parnell Park, Dublin: Dublin 6-6; Kilkenny 4-4.

CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Finals

SENIOR: September 9: Croke Park: Dublin 5-9; Tipperary 2-4.

JUNIOR: September 9: Croke Park: Cork 5-7; Cavan 2-2.

MINOR: August 5: Loughrea: Cork 2-12; Galway 5-0.

SEMI-FINALS

Senior: August 12. Parnell Park, Dublin: Dublin 3-4; Cork 1-9. Monamolin, Wexford: Wexford 0-7; Tipperary 1-4. Draw. August 26. Borrisokane: Tipperary 1-10; Wexford 1-4. Replay.

Junior: August 19: Cork: Cork 1-7; Dublin 2-2. Cootehill: Cavan 8-4; Galway 3-5.

July 29. Adare: Dublin 1-11; Limerick 0-8. Rostrevor: Wexford 12-5; Down 1-5.

Those games cleared the way to the semi-finals.

NATIONAL LEAGUES SENIOR

Semi-Finals: May 20: Blanchardstown: Dublin 0-10; Kilkenny 2-1. June 2: Ballyhea: Cork 5-9; Limerick 3-2.

Final: June 17. Ballinlough, Cork: Cork 1-8; Dublin 0-4.

JUNIOR

Final: July 8. Dublin: Dublin 2-4; Armagh 1-3.

INTERPROVINCIALS

SENIOR

Final: October 21: Leopardstown Road, Dublin: Leinster 3-9; Connacht 1-4.

Semi-Finals: September 30: Adare: Leinster 2-1; Munster 1-3. Loughrea: Connacht 3-5; Ulster 1-3.

JUNIOR

Final: October 12: Leopardstown Road, Dublin: Leinster 3-6; Ulster 1-3.

Semi-Finals: September 38: Adare: Leinster 2-4; Munster 1-6, Loughrea: Ulster 5-6; Connacht 1-6.

Tipp sports stars picked

The Tipperary United Sports Panel, which celebrates its Silver Jubilee this year, has selected its ten Cidona Sports Stars '84 and its Knocknagow (Sports Personality of the Past) Award recipient. They will receive their awards at the panel's annual function in the Clonmel Arms Hotel on the last Saturday in January.

The trophies are once again being sponsored by Showerings (Ireland) Ltd., Clonmel. The stars are:

Athletics — Jacqueline Stokes, Fethard.
Camogie — Deirdre Lane, Celtic, Dublin.

Cycling — Anthony O'Gorman, Cidona Carrick Wheelers.

Gaelic Football — County Minor, Panel.

Handball — John O'Donoghue, Cashel; Kevin Mullins, Clonmel.

Hurling — John McIntyre, Lorrha.

Rugby — Rory Moroney, Clonmel.

Soccer — Kevin Kelly, Carrick United.

Sports Executive — Fr. Pierce Duggan, Upperchurch.

Weightlifting — Michael Collins, Clonmel.

Sports Executive — Paddy Cummins, Clonmel.

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THE CAMOGIE WORLD

SATISFYING THE SUPPORTERS . . .

BY MARY MORAN

AS the New Year dawned, three All-Ireland cups and the entire range of Munster trophies rested on the Cork sideboard. It was inevitable as the season got underway that the end result would be measured against this collection.

Numerically the final tally balanced. The juniors and minors played their part superbly and brought back All-Ireland titles. The seniors swapped their All-Ireland crown with Dublin for the National League trophy. Munster Council's collection of silverware remained undisturbed.



•ACTION—Deirdre O'Shea, the Na Pairsaigh goalie, clearing under pressure in the Cork senior county final. Marie Hegarty (Na Pairsaigh) watches developments in the background.

Such has been the level of success enjoyed by Cork since 1970 that nothing short of senior All-Ireland title satisfies supporters. Marion Sweeney opted out of inter-county camogie and the selectors added a number of last year's juniors to the panel as the National League campaign got underway. Of these, Lilian Zinkant, Liz Dunphy, Ann Marie Landers and Margo Twomey were given an opportunity to prove their worth.

Without reaching great heights, Cork advanced to the final. In the process they overcame Clare, Limerick and Wexford but were held to a draw by Tipperary. Cathy Landers gave an exhibition of centre-back play in the final against Dublin. With good assistance from captain, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Martha Kearney, Clare Cronin, Mary O'Leary and Eileen Dineen, Cork finished 1-8 to 0-4 ahead of their keen rivals.

As expected Cork accounted for Clare in the first round of the Open Draw. Martha Kearney, who was injured in an accident in America, was an absentee as the side took the field against Dublin at Parnell Park. Her tight marking and long clearances were sorely missed. Dublin were sharper and faster to the ball yet Cork remained in contention to the dying minutes when a Joan Gormley goal clinched the game in Dublin's favour.

Lack of pace in vital areas and inability to convert scoring chances were obvious problems on the day. Mary O'Leary, who acquitted herself with distinction, scored Cork's complete total of 1-9. Perhaps the time has come to rebuild the team.

The material for another successful run is in the county and with good training and experience will make the grade.

The present players have given much enjoyment to their supporters. Many of them shared in four All-Ireland victories since 1978. One might ask if the 1978-1984 squad was as good as or better than the 1970-73 winning combination. It is easy to point to outstanding performers on both panels. If I were to select a team from the players of both periods, my choice would be:

Hannah Dineen,	Sandie Fitzgibbon,
Clare Cronin,	Liz Garvan,
Mary O'Leary,	Rosie Hennessy,
Mel Cummins,	Martha Kearney
Marie Costine	Betty Sugrue,
Cathy Landers	Pat Lenihan.

The most pleasing and encouraging aspect of the season was the showing of the Cork juniors.

The team had to make up for lack of experience by skill and commitment. This they did in fine style. They overcame Waterford, Tipperary and Clare to emerge from Munster. The team showed its true potential in the Dublin game and by half-time in the final had contained the Cavan challenge. I expect Cork will find several seniors of the future from this team which comprised of Kathleen Costine, Liz Maher, Mary Spillane, Paula Goggins, Una O'Connor, Irene O'Leary (Capt.), Linda Mellerick, Mary Currid, Denise Cotter, Josephine Rumley, Regina Scouts and Patricia Fitzgibbon.

The minor team served notice of their intentions when they overran Tipperary in their opening match. Limerick, Antrim and Galway were defeated in turn as this young side amassed the huge total of twenty goals and thirty six points. The final with Galway was as exciting a game of camogie as one would wish to see.

A four goal scoring spree before half-time seemed to me to end Cork's hopes. The team fought their way back in magnificent fashion with Colette O'Mahony, Niamh Coughlan, Evelyn Healy and Jean Paula Kent the heroines of the hour. The team which brought the seventh

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•CORK JUNIOR TEAM — 1984 ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS. Back: Josephine Rumley, Deirdre O'Shea, Irene O'Leary (Capt.), Paula Morgan, Sarah Murphy, Christine O'Regan, Mary Spillane, Paula Goggins and Denise Cotter. Front: Brid Flaherty, Linda Mellerick, Una O'Connor, Liz Maher, Mary Currid, Regina Scutts and Patricia Fitzgibbon . . . and (on the right) Irene O'Leary with the New Ireland Cup.



All-Ireland minor title to Cork was Brid Walsh, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Viv O'Brien, Evelyn Healy, Niamh Coughlan, Patricia O'Shea, Colette Cronin, Colette O'Mahony, Ina Leahy, Jean Paula Kent, Karen Mellerick and Paula Carey.

Missing Pat Lenihan, Betty Joyce, Patsy Keniry and Barbara Kirby from their 1982 winning team.

Killeagh regained the Cork senior championship. Their final opponents, Na Piarsaigh, came in for many compliments both for their performance and their sporting attitude. The experience and ability of Marie O'Donovan and Cathy Landers in the Killeagh defence proved too great for the youthful Na Piarsaigh players.

•Cork Minors in happy mood following their victory over Galway at Loughrea: Back: Colette O'Mahony, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Colette Cronin, Deirdre Christie (Capt.), Yvonne O'Neill, Brid Walsh, Ina Leahy, Viv O'Brien and Karen Mellerick. Front: Carmel Currid, Jean Paula Kent, Paula Carey, Helena Barry, Evelyn Healy, Patricia O'Shea and Niamh Coughlan.



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A Good Year for Camogie - A Long Wait is Over for Dublin

A famous first in the field of live television coverage . . . the long-awaited return by Dublin to the top in senior championship play after 18 years . . . history by a Cavan team . . . exciting displays in Colleges' championships. These were some of the features that helped to make the past year a really good one for camogie.

The break-through in live television coverage came for the All-Ireland senior final at Croke Park in September between Dublin and Tipperary, and proved a very successful promotion. Thanks to the television cameras camogie was brought to a wider public than ever before, and although the match itself was not a classic, it proved an interesting and entertaining game all through, and generally a good public relations exercise for the sport.

Dublin won 5-9 to 2-3, and so regained the All-Ireland senior title after 18 long years. Up until 1966, Dublin were virtually unbeatable in the All-Ireland championship race, but they fell away badly after that, although the game continued to enjoy great support in the capital.

Now the Dubs are back, and the latest victory over Tipperary earned the county their 26th All-Ireland championship. This is only one title fewer than all the other counties combined.

Dublin had many stars in the win over the Munster county. **Yvonne Redmond** was soundness itself in goal, and brought off some excellent saves.

Una Crowley and **Mary Mernagh** were tremendous workers in the middle of the field. **Anne Colgan**, the team captain, led the team well in attack, where **Marie Connell** had a five-star game. She scored two of Dublin's goals, and generally proved a big danger at full forward with her clever play to the Tipperary defence.

Then, there was **Edel Murphy**, a fast, clever and always active forward. The U.C.D. representative had a magnificent

game which she highlighted with seven great points.

All the Dublin players won All-Ireland senior medals for the first time last September, other than team captain **Colgan**, who earlier in her career collected two national souvenirs with her native Cork. **Anne** is now a member of the Celtic club in Dublin.

All the stars, however, were not in the Dublin squad. **Deirdre Lane** was a superb captain and forward for Tipperary, and scored her team's two goals.

Jenny English was another to show up well in the attack, and contributed much to the game, while **Mary Sheedy** had a first-rate game at full back, and **Anne Gleeson** tried hard in the middle of the park.

HISTORY-MAKERS

Prior to the senior game, Cavan opposed Cork in the All-Ireland junior championship final, and that marked the first-ever appearance by a team from Breffni in a national camogie decider.

Cavan, playing with the breeze, opened promisingly, and had more of the play in the first half, but still only led by a point - 1-2 to 1-1 at the break.

Cork took control in the second half, and went on for a clear-cut 5-7 to 2-2 win. Even though well beaten, Cavan still put up a good performance, with **Geraldine Martin** in attack, **Catherine Clarke** at midfield, **Ita Bradley** and **Margaret Hastings** in defence among their brightest



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performers.

Patricia Fitzgibbon, the Cork full forward, had an excellent game, and scored five points. Top scorer for the Leesiders, however, was **Josephine Rumley**, who recorded a splendid 4-1.

Paula Goggins at centre half back, and **Linda Mellerick** at centre field were others to impress for the Leesiders.

As well as winning the All-Ireland junior camogie title, Cork can look back with pride on a record-making feat in the senior grade in the past year.

When the Leesiders entertained Dublin, the defending champions, in the National League final at Ballinlough in June, were still without a title triumph in the points competition. Not only that, no Munster team has even won the League.

However, Cork quickly set that record straight in the June show-down. Inspired by **Cathy Landers** at centre back, and with team captain **Sandy Fitzgibbon** at midfield, and **Mary O'Leary** in attack, the Leesiders, without even playing up to their full potential, won a famous victory by 1-8 to 0-4 in what was something of a disappointing final.

That win also gave Cork the Championship and League double for, of course the first time. Their hopes of a treble of All-Ireland senior championships were ended by a late, late Joan Gormley goal at Parnell Park, Dublin, in August, that earned Dublin a dramatic 3-4 to 1-9 win. That was an All-Ireland semi-final.



Dublin



Tipperary



Joan Gormley about to win the race for possession during the All-Ireland senior final between Dublin and Tipperary.

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CAMOGIE IN THE CENTENARY YEAR

When Cork beat Dublin back in June at Ballinlough in the National Senior Camogie League final, the Leesiders appeared firmly on course for a truly remarkable season in the national women's game. That win gave the Leesiders the big double of the Championship and League, and was an encouraging prelude to the county's bid for a third All-Ireland senior title on the trot in the Centenary Year.

However, when September came around and the All-Ireland final had ended, it was Dublin, and not Cork, who had cause to celebrate. Not only that, the Leesiders were unrepresented in the senior final. Such, indeed, are the fortunes of sport.

Cork's win in the League final was doubly historic. That was their first such win, and also the first title triumph by any Munster county. The home county, superbly captained by Sandy Fitzgibbon at midfield, won comfortably by 1-8 to 0-4 in a final that did not at all come up to expectations. Nevertheless, the breakthrough linked Cork's name in a special way in camogie history in the G.A.A.'s celebration year.

Dublin recovered well from their loss to Cork. They booked a place in the All-Ireland semi-final with some good showings and as the luck of the draw ordained, they came up against Cork, who had also impressed earlier in the championship.

It was to Dublin's advantage as well that they had a home venue, Parnell Park. However, things did not look so good for Dublin as they trailed at the interval by 1-4 to 1-2. As Dublin had lost to the Munster county in the All-Ireland finals of 1982 and 1983, and then came that League set-back, many supporters of the Liffeside must have felt that another disappointment was in store for them.

Cork continued to have the upperhand, and coming up to the close looked like earning another win over their keen rivals when they led by 1-9 to 2-4. Then, the game took a dramatic turn, as Joan Gormley got through for a late Dublin goal, and the score that clinched a famous last minute win for her side by 3-4 to 1-9.

Dublin were back again in the top match of the year. Could they bring

in a win that would have something of a "first title" euphoria about it at Tipperary's expense? That was a key question, as the Leinster county was without a final win going as far back as 1966 starting the 1984 tie.

Another question many were asking was: Will Tipperary celebrate the anniversary of the year that the G.A.A. was founded in Thurles by winning the county's first All-Ireland senior camogie championship?

Both counties, then, had more than usual to play for in an All-Ireland final, when they lined out at Croke Park.

The final was not one of the greatest in the history of the championship, but it had its bright moments as Dublin powered to a 5-9 to 2-3 win and their 25th title over-all.

Edel Murphy coloured the scene with a delightful exhibition in the Dublin attack, and also scored seven superb points. Anne Colgan led Dublin with flair and inventiveness at centre forward, and generally played a true captain's part.

Yvonne Redmond, who later in the year was awarded the B + I Line Camogie Personality of the Year award for 1984, had a capital game in goal for the Dubs. Una Crowley also played a big part in blue-printing the success with her excellent midfield play.

Tipperary players also contributed to the game's best moments. Mary Sheedy sparkled at full back, proving one of the leading players in the final. At the other end, of the field, Jenny English captured the attention with her efficient play, as did Deirdre Lane. She was Tipperary's captain, and highlighted her display with her team's two goals.

Other features of the year? Cavan must get honourable mention in this regard by virtue of the fact that the county appeared in an All-Ireland final for the first time in any grade of camogie. The Breffni county's junior side won through to the last round, and although beaten by Cork still put up a good performance.

Cork, despite their defeat by Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final have much to celebrate. Apart from that historic

National League win, the county completed a fine double at championship level nationally by winning the All-Ireland junior and minor championships.

The county also had a direct interest in another national final as well. That one was the All-Ireland club championship, and Killeagh carried Cork's hopes in the decider against Buffer's Alley, of Wexford. However, the Leinster side enhanced a truly remarkable record in this particular series by winning the championship for the fourth successive year and the fifth time in all since 1979. Buffer's Alley had a goal to spare — 2-4 to 1-4 — in a match played at Killeagh.

Indeed, it was a good year for Leinster as the province took the interprovincial championship for the Gael-Linn Cup for the second successive season.

The Eastern province, with a big number of Dublin players, excelled in a 3-9 to 1-4 win over Connacht. Edel Murphy and Carmel O'Byrne were in sparkling form in the Leinster attack. Carmel scored 3-2 and Edel recorded six points.

Leinster also had a fine win in the junior final, beating Ulster by 3-6 to 1-3.

An exciting year in many ways, then, 1984 for camogie.

Finally, a look ahead to 1985, and here is the draw for the All-Ireland open-draw senior championship:

Kilkenny at home to Clare. Dublin at home to Antrim, and Limerick at home to Wexford.

In the next round Louth will meet the winners of the Kilkenny-Clare tie. Down will be in opposition with Dublin or Antrim. Galway will entertain Cork, and Tipperary will meet Limerick or Wexford.

The semi-finals will bring Dublin/Antrim/Down in competition with Galway or Cork, and Kilkenny/Clare/Louth up against Limerick/Wexford/Tipperary.

The dates for the games had still to be announced at the time we went to press.

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Camogie Star of the Year

Patricia Fitzgibbon is the AIB/Gaelic Stars Yearbook Award winner for junior camogie for the Centenary Year. The brilliant Killeagh player was presented with the magnificent trophy by Mary Moran of AIB, Cork the national PRO of the Camogie Association at a function in the Killeagh Clubhouse at the end of the year.

The attendance included leading Cork Camogie officers including Mrs. Sheila Spillane, chairperson of the Killeagh club, Mary O'Callaghan, chairperson, Cork County Board and Liam O hOisin, editor Gaelic Stars.

The trophy, specially designed by Mary Timmins, Dublin, consists of a copper plate depicting the crest of the camogie association for the Centenary Year of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

Mrs. Sheila Spillane, chairperson of the Killeagh club, said that since the foundation of the club in 1973, they had won many honours at club, inter-county and even at national level. She added that many an award for their contribution to camogie had also wended its way to Killeagh.

"In the past, players like Pat Moloney Linehan, Marie Costine O'Donovan and Catherine Landers had won awards and it was fitting that Patricia Fitzgibbon had added to the collection. She has given great service to the club and her county. She holds three county medals, three Munster club medals, one All-Ireland club, one seven-a-side, three Munster junior intercounty and one All-Ireland junior, won this year," said Mrs. Spillane.

Mr. Liam O hOisin, editor *Gaelic Stars*, said that in the All-Ireland final, Patricia proved one of the brightest stars of the team's win over Cavan.

He stated that 18 years ago, the award, which was won by Patricia, was open to all camogie players, but when it was decided to introduce the Gaelic Stars for all the counties covering all aspects of Gaelic Games we decided to make a change in our camogie award. We felt that there was need to cater for junior players so often the forgotten players in the sport. That was why we decided to present this prestigious award for the top player in this particular grade.

We were also conscious of the fact

that senior camogie players would be catered for under the scheme we introduced in 1982 for the Stars of all Gaelic sports.

I feel particularly pleased then that Gaelic Stars Yearbook is the only publication providing tangible recognition in the form of awards for Camogie players in both the senior and junior grades.

Mary Moran, in presenting the trophy, said that the skill, opportunism and her ability to get and make scores was a vital make-up of Patricia's ability. Miss Moran added that Killeagh had contributed enormously to camogie, not alone in Cork but throughout the country. She mentioned Marie Costine O'Donovan, whom she said won the award in 1973, just when Patricia was learning the basics of camogie.

Mary O'Callaghan, chairperson Cork County Board, also spoke highly of the Killeagh girl's contribution to Cork's victory, adding that since their foundation, Killeagh had done enormous work for the promotion of camogie.

Patricia learned her camogie at Loreto, Youghal. She represented her school in Munster Colleges competitions. She played in goal for the Munster Colleges team which won the special Colleges Interprovincial series which was organised to mark the 75th anniversary of the Camogie Association.

Patricia joined her local parish club, Killeagh at an early age and helped them to win underage trophies. Killeagh's year of glory came in 1980 when the East Cork club won the Cork Senior championship for the first time. They went on to take the Munster Club title and became the first Cork Club to win the All-Ireland Club Championship. Patricia played in goal in this campaign.

She wore Cork colours in 1978 with the junior side which reached the All-Ireland final. In the same year she was selected for the Munster Juniors side which won the Gael-Linn Trophy.

regain the Cork title, but this time in a forward position. Cork selected her in this position and she played a vital part in Cork's All-Ireland Junior victory. She again represented Munster in the junior grade in 1984.

She also picked up a Munster Club medal this season and played in the All-Ireland Club final which was won by Buffer's Alley.

Patricia works in the family garage business.

UNIQUE TROPHY

The Gaelic Stars - A.I.B. Trophy, seen in our picture below, was specially designed and hand-crafted by John Timmins, Jewellers, 70 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2, to mark the occasion of the G.A.A. Centenary Year.

The emblem of the Camogie Association is emblazoned on a beaten copper background, with the award winner's name and club inscribed. The front plate describes the trophy title and sponsors of the award.



Patricia Fitzgibbon.

This season she assisted Killeagh to

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Camogie Player of the Year

For her outstanding display in the All Ireland final, Dublin's Yvonne Redmond was named "Camogie Player of the Year" for 1984. At a special luncheon in Dublin last December she was presented with the Cuchulainn trophy by Mr. Brendan Bird, Assistant Chief Executive, B+I Line. The award is a double "First" since Yvonne is the first Dublin player to be honoured and also the first goalkeeper.

Previous camogie winners were: 1975 - Bridget Doyle (Wexford), 1976 - Bridie Martin (Kilkenny), 1977 - Angela Downey (Kilkenny), 1978 - Pat Moloney (Cork), 1979 - Mairead MacAtamney-Magill (Antrim), 1980 - Marion McCarthy (Cork), 1981 - Liz Neary (Kilkenny), 1982 - Mary O'Leary (Cork), 1983 - Clare Cronin (Cork).

Yvonne, who plays club hurling with Cuchulainns, first came into camogie news while a pupil at Assumption Secondary School, Walkinstown, where she won Leinster Colleges junior and senior medals. She was also goalkeeper for the Leinster colleges team in the special colleges inter-provincial series to mark the 75th anniversary of the Camogie Association in 1979. Her inter-county career began in 1978 when she was selected for the Dublin under-14 side which took the Leinster championship title. That year too, she played with the Dublin minor side which won the Leinster title and was on the losing side when Dublin were beaten by Cork in the All-Ireland final.

1981 was a special year for Yvonne and the Redmond family. She made her debut on the Dublin senior side when she teamed up with her sisters Anne at full back and Barbara at left wing, both well established members of the championship side. In 1982 and 1983

Yvonne was on the Dublin side which made it to the All-Ireland finals. The breakthrough for the team came in 1984 for the first time since 1966.

Dublin played Kilkenny in the opening game and Yvonne gave a first class performance, particularly with some magnificent saves from Kilkenny's Angela Downey - the B+I Camogie Player of the Year in 1977. The Kilkenny game was followed by a win over Limerick. In the next round Dublin took on the reigning All-Ireland champions, Cork, and Yvonne played a vital role in Dublin's first championship win over that county since 1963. It is now generally accepted that it was Yvonne's interception of a ball from Cork's Mary Geaney which was the turning point of that memorable game.

In the All-Ireland final against Tipperary, several of the Dublin players found it difficult to find their form of

earlier games but Yvonne came through with another highly competent and impressive display.

In that, her third successive final, her concentration and judgement all the way through kept Dublin firmly on the way to a first All-Ireland final win since the victory over Antrim in 1966. In addition to her All-Ireland medal, her National Senior League medal, Yvonne has on three occasions been on Leinster's winning side in the game in Gael-linn senior inter-provincial championship.

Presenting the award, Mr. Brendan Bird, Assistant Chief Executive of B+I Line said: "The game of camogie has a worthy representative in Yvonne Redmond. Her role and vitality in the All-Ireland final against Tipperary made her the obvious choice for this award. I feel sure we will hear much of this young player in the years to come."



Yvonne Redmond the Dublin goalkeeper is the B+I Line's G.A.A. camogie player of the year. She is pictured here receiving her Cuchulainn trophy from Mr B.F. Bird, Assistant Chief Executive B+I Line.

Early start for hardy Ashbourne Cup

THE hardy girls of Queens and U.C.D. will be the first to run on to the frosty pitches to get the 1985 Camogie season underway on Saturday. The unusually early start results from the entry of the two wings of the University of Ulster in the Ashbourne Cup.

Now the Ashbourne Cup, the interspersed championship is played over four days in order to trim the entry down to four in time for the semi-finals which are listed for 9th February. The draw has matched Queens and U.C.D. in the opening game with the winners meeting U.C.C. in two weeks time.

It is a pity that two of these three great Ashbourne sides will not qualify for the final stages of the competition. Indeed, many are pointing to the surviving triplet as the eventual winner of the cup.

In Belfast last February Queens and U.C.D. met in a great final. The Dublin girls emerged to record their fifth successive title. On Saturday, U.C.D. head north once again but with a much changed side.

Gone from College are the Dublin All Ireland pair, Geraldine Noonan and Joan Gormley. Replacements have also to be found for Helena

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Broderick, Olive Quinn, Edel Nolan, Joan Shiels and Breda Twomey.

The Dublin college will be captained by Libby Lowe and will have the experienced Gerri Murphy Galway's Breda Kenny and Brid Ronaghan of Donegal in their lineout. Tanis Turley from Leitrim in County Down has returned to College and should find a spot on the team.

Queens on the other hand, retain the services of the majority of last season's side. These in-

clude Yvonne Redmond who was honoured with the B+I Award before Christmas, Teresa Allen and Kay McPartland of Down, Antrim's Deirdre O'Rawe and the Armagh players, Bernie McNally, Deirdre O'Connor and Maire Reynolds.

The bad weather on December 15 played havoc with the first round of the Purcell Cup. Several games were not played. Efforts will be made during this week to bring the programme back on schedule.

With players going on teaching practice this is not as easy as one would think but the organisers

are determined to have all in order for the semi-finals listed for January 26.

Camogie will figure prominently in the Northern Bank's Arena of Sport which is due to be staged at the King's Hall, Belfast from 14th - 18th January. Five aside exhibition matches featuring St. Patrick's, Dungiven, St. Pauls, Kilrea, St. Marys, Clady, St. Marys, Limavady and St. Patrick's, Maghera will be included in the afternoon sessions.

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A season of success for the Leinster CouK

LEINSTER Council will now a highly successful season when they sit down for their Annual Convention in Dublin on Saturday afternoon. In a report, Maureen Kennedy details the progress and successes of all affiliated counties. It is no surprise that the majority of officers are unopposed. Phyllis Breslin, Marie Woods, and Sophie Brack receive votes of confidence. Kath Timmins is nominated by Wicklow to be vice-chairman. Four counties have put forward P. J. Fulham of Wicklow to run against O'Duffy for

There will be keen competition for the selection committees. Sheila Wallace of Dublin is not seeking re-election. Outgoing selectors Sophie Brack and Marie Woods will have Mary Matthews, Mary Fennelly, Dorothy Kenny, Kathleen Tonks and Maureen Fulham challenging for places.

EXPENSES MOTION

Marie Woods, Phyllis Breslin and Gerry Foley contest for places on the junior selection committee with outgoing members, Miriam O'Callaghan, Kathleen Timmins and P. J. Fulham. A motion tabled by Dublin places the responsibility for the travelling expenses of players selected for Gael-Linn competitions on Leinster Council.

Leinster proved to be

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the most successful province in 1984. All-Ireland senior championship (Dublin), All-Ireland Club championship (Buffer's Alley), National Junior League (Dublin), Feile na nGael (An Caisleán), Gradam Tailte (Angela Downey) and both Gael-Linn trophies were among their collection.

Administration, coaching and refereeing courses were held at different venues throughout the province reflecting the desire for further improvement. On a humanitarian note, Wicklow's generous donation of £500 to Ethiopia is to be highly commended.

Munster will gather at Cois-na-hAbna, Ennis on Sunday (2.0 p.m.) for the finals of their C.C.D. Providing the home challenge will be the Clare winners who are Sixmilebridge (Figure Dancing), Ann Marie Hannan (Solo Instrumental), Deirdre O'Loughnan, Eire Og (Recitation), Ogonnello (Question Time), Eire Og (Novelty Act), Bodyke (Solo Singing), Feakle (Ballad Group) and Killenana (Set Dancing).

Queens saw a real opportunity of making an Ashbourne Cup breakthrough snatched from their grasp at the Malone Road last Saturday. The Belfast side dominated the play but failed to display their supremacy on the scoreboard.

Cup holders U.C.D.

availed of a defensive error to register the winning goal in the last five minutes. U.C.D. meet old rivals U.C.C. in the quarter final on Saturday week in Dublin.

Former President of the Camogie Association, Lily Spence, has stepped into the breach for the Antrim County Board. When younger members failed to come forward and offer their services, she has taken the vacant post of county chairman.

Maureen Smyth (Tom Williams), Marie Doherty (Portlengone) and Rosina McManus (James Connollys) will form her team in the roles of vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer.

The draws for the quarter-finals of the Leinster Colleges Senior

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Fr. O'Neills comeback just fails

St. Finbarr's 5-1 Fr. O'Neills 4-3

St. Finbarr's are Cork County Junior 'A' champions, but what a battle new junior 'A' contenders, Fr. O'Neills gave them in the final at Middleton yesterday.

The fancied Barrs side were very impressive in the first half and were ahead at the interval by 4-1 to 2-2.



Clare Cronin, St. Finbarr's

But what a different Fr. O'Neill's side in the second period as trailing by eight points with twelve minutes to go, they threw everything into the game, scored two quick goals and were back in contention. And from there to the finish the game was played out in a welter of excitement, with the city side emerging winners on the narrowest of margins.

Cork senior Clare Cronin played a major role for the winners and got marvellous assistance from Catherine Coughlan while the gallant Fr. O'Neills had outstanding players in Mary Kennefick who scored 2-2 of her side's tally, and Margaret Finn.

Scorers St. Finbarr's: Catherine Coughlan and Toinette Santry 2-0 each, Paula Carey 1-0, Colette O'Mahony 0-1, Fr. O'Neills: Mary Kennefick 2-2, Josephine Rumley 1-1, Margaret Finn 1-0.

THIRD TIME LUCKY IN CAMOGIE

Dublin ended years of frustration and disappointment in senior camogie when, in their third All-Ireland senior final appearance in succession, they regained the championship after an interval of 18 years. The Dublin girls, who were beaten by Cork in 1982 and 1983, scored a well-merited 5-9 to 2-3 win over Tipperary at Croke Park for the county's 26th title.

Una Crowley and Mary Mernagh were very impressive in midfield, while Yvonne Redmond brought off some telling saves in goal for the Dubs. However, it was Edel Murphy, who really caught the eye.

The left wing forward had a superb game. She played with great spirit and dash, caused Tipperary all sorts of problems right through the game, and set the seal on her five-star showing by finishing the top scorer of the day with seven capital points.

A display, worthy of the rare enough nature, that was the Dublin win.

Earlier in the year Dublin lost their National League title when they were well-beaten by Cork in the final in Cork. They took a handsome revenge for that defeat when the counties met in the All-Ireland semi-final at Parnell Park.

But look at the credentials of Edel Murphy! She impressed in the National League in the opening half of the year, and had a big say in restoring Dublin's morale after the final defeat by Cork by playing a major role in the Championship first round win over Kilkenny.

Edel missed the next game against Limerick because of an appendicitis operation, and for the same reason only went in as a substitute against Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final. Even so, she got on the scoring sheet.

Then came her All-Ireland final display . . . a performance rated by many



Edel Murphy.

shrewd camogie judges as one of the best ever in a final. It was all the more memorable, as that was her first full game after her illness.

With such sound credentials then, few will quibble with our selection of Edel Murphy for the award.

UCD's narrow victory

U.C.D. 2-4 QUEEN'S UNIV., BELFAST 2-3

In the Ashbourne Cup quarter-final at the Queen's Grounds Malone, UCD were lucky to beat Queen's by a single point yesterday.

Queen's dominated in the first half, but couldn't take their scores and shot ten wides to only lead at half-time by 1-3 to 0-2.

Gradually in the second half, the winners wore the margin down and went in front, but a brilliant goal by Yvonne Redmond put Queen's in front again and it looked like they were going to have a sensational victory.

However, their defence was out-maneuvred with about four minutes to go, leaving three Dublin players on mark and then Audrey Gormley picked up a loose ball and put it in the back of the net for victory.

Outstanding for UCD was Gerry Murphy at full-back, Libe Lowe, Bridie Kenny, Carmel Grey and Audrey Gormley, while Queen's stars were goalkeeper B. McNally, Sally Mooney, Yvonne Redmond, Jane Murphy, Kay McParland and Teresa Allen.

Scorers UCD - C. Gray (1-2), A. Gormley (1-0), B. Kenny (0-2), Queen's - F. Allen (1-3), E. Redmond (1-0).



Mary O'Callaghan, chairman of the Cork Co. GAA Board Camogie, presents the cup for the Cork county junior camogie championship to Claire Cronin, captain of St. Finbarr's team, winners of same by defeating Fr. O'Neills in Middleton.



ANN-MARIE LANDERS: speedy and skilful in the right-wing for U.C.C. against U.C.D. in the Ashbourne Cup this weekend.

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Belfield clash should be Ashbourne thriller

THE seventy-first Ashbourne Cup series is presently in progress. Fifty-seven titles rest between U.C.D. and U.C.C. These great rivals meet at Belfield on Saturday in a quarter-final match. Holders of the trophy for the past five years, U.C.D. have undoubtedly held the upper hand in recent times. At the muddy Mardyke last January, the Dublin College finished a goal ahead at the same stage of the competition.

U.C.D. have the advantage of having played a previous match in the current series. Two weeks ago they emerged from a close encounter with Queens which will have sharpened their side. Despite losing prominent players this season, U.C.D. can still field a formidable side.

U.C.C. are in a position to call on the majority of the girls who did duty for them last year. In their favour are two acquisitions to the team. Night student Clare Cronin is the holder of four All-Ireland senior medals and a former B & I Award winner. Denise Cotter played right forward on the Cork junior side which took All-Ireland honours in September.

QUALITY PLAYERS

These quality players should add strength and power to the team. Captained by full-back Eileen Noonan, the team includes tried and proven performers in Imelda Cronin, Ann-Marie Landers, Norma Delaney, Una O'Connor, Orla Flynn and Joan Roridan.

U.C.D. showed at the Malone Road that they are still very fond of winning. Libby Lowe, Breda Kenny, Gerri Murphy, Anne Cooper, Audrey Gormley and Brid Ronaghan.

But there is nothing that U.C.C. would like better than to dethrone the cham-

pions. The match has all the ingredients of a thriller.

Maynooth University came closest to taking the Ashbourne Cup in the days of Angela Downey and Chris Silke. Their record has been poor since these girls graduated. On Saturday, they are at home to U.C.G. in a quarter-final game. Maynooth pin their hopes on Margaret Corney, Jackie O'Donoghue, Pauline Clooney, Bernadette Birch and Margaret Hession.

SURPRISED

U.C.G. were surprised by Queens in last year's semi-final. However, they appear to carry too much strength for Maynooth to cope with. Claire Jones, Annette Ryan, Isobel McGee, Claire Moroney and Karina McDonnell should see Galway through to the final stages.

The two branches of the University of Ulster clash in the remaining quarter-final game. Fielding Ashbourne sides of their own for the first time, their capabilities are unknown. A home venue may tilt the scales in favour of the Belfast College.

The closing stages of the Purcell Cup are listed for Thomond College this weekend. Unplayable pitches, dangerous roads and teacher training practice have played havoc with the preliminary rounds. At the time of writing, it is not clear whether this competition will go ahead as scheduled.

Leinster Convention fell victim to the weather last weekend. Munster, Ulster and Connacht have their annual get-togethers arranged for the coming weekend. The three year term of office rule will see new chairmen in Ulster and Munster where Belle O'Loughlin and Rose Malone retire.

Bernadette Byrne (Monaghan) is opposed by Deirdre McAtamney (Antrim) for the northern seat. Down South, the No. 1 spot rests between Dennis O'Neill (Limerick) and Mary O'Callaghan (Cork). Secretary Eithne Neville and Vice-Chairman Brid Stokes are unopposed. Mary Casey is challenged by Míre Ni Meachair for the post of Treasurer. Rose Malone and Kitty McNicholas are nominated for registrar and the position of P.R.O. rests between Miriam Higgins and Brid Stokes.

Ulster and Leinster Colleges ran into problems with last Saturday's fixtures. A number of matches require to be re-arranged. However, Ulster can press ahead with senior quarter finals involving schools which had a bye at the one play off stages.

St. Louis, Kilkeel, proceed to meet Cavan Vocational and Ballpeastle take on Lurgan. In the junior championship, Armagh play Scoll Mhuire, Buncrana and Vocational, Buncrana face St. Aidan's, Cootchill.

The old Parochial Hall, Cloyne, is the venue for Cloyne's first pantomime for six years and while this hall has been closed for well over a decade, major construction works have made it an ideal centre for the show which starts on Sunday next.

Organised by the Cloyne Variety Troupe, which last year saw them stage the highly successful *Tears And Cheers*, under director Kitty Cahill, who along with Jim Rigney, of Middleton Variety Troupe fame, produces this pantomime. The proceeds are being devoted to the Cloyne Boy Scouts, in which Mrs. Kitty Cahill is very much involved.

The show is *Robinson Crusoe*, and here Eamonn Dorgan is cast as the Dame, while Cork junior camogie star Kathleen Costine, who is taking the part of Robinson Crusoe, shows she can act as well as playing camogie.

CORK "CHAIR" AGAIN

Mrs. Rose Malone Cork has completed her three-year term as Munster Council Chairperson, but Cork will still be represented at the helm as County Board Chairperson, Mary O'Callaghan won an election for the post over Donnacha O'Neill when the Annual Convention was held in Ennis on Sunday.

The outgoing Chairperson will not, however, be severing connection with Council as in the only other election she defeated Kitty McNicholas of Clare for the position of registrar.

Cork will have a strong representation on the Provincial Board as in addition to the above pair, they also have Mary Casey (outgoing) who was unopposed as treasurer, and P.R.O. Miriam Higgins.

Limerick are the only other county represented on Council as both Brid Stokes (Vice-chairperson) and Eithne Neville (hon. secretary) were unopposed.

In her address to convention Mrs. Malone said that looking back on her term of office she sees a great need for

development throughout the game. "Counties are now finding it hard to get officers," she said and "there is too much work falling on the shoulders of too few."

Mrs. Malone continued: "Those at the helm in each county must make an effort to attract officers who are capable, reliable, good organisers, good workers. If we have the people in charge I know there will be progress — our clubs will increase, our image will improve and we will have more support for our games. We must tackle this problem now in a positive manner."

The outgoing chairman stressed that the future development of the association depends entirely on the co-operation between all units and "it is a great responsibility on our part as administrators to ensure that we attract players and administrators to the future."

Mrs. Malone also stressed the importance of looking after the young players as they are the future of the game.

rick's may have to wait for final revenge

Presentation, and a surprise win by neighbours in the final of the Colleges championship last

have waited for an opportunity to make the score. They have won the eagerly scheduled Saturday.

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thrown in for the 1983 final. However, it was North Presentation who knuckled down to the task on hands and won in style.

Twelve months later the scene has changed. St. Patrick's have lost seven of that panel and fill the role of challengers. North Pres retain practically all their players and are the fancy of most.

VALUABLE

Irene O'Leary, who captained the successful Cork Junior team, Evelyn Healy and Jean Paula Kent, members of Cork's minor side are the best known names on the North Pres side. Other valuable players are Paula Morgan, Catherine Martin, Shirley O'Sullivan, Agnes Skillington and Ger O'Donovan.

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Linda Mellerick, holder of All-Ireland junior and minor medals, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Vivienne O'Brien, Carmel Currid, Karen Mellerick, Mary Rose, Helena and Aileen Barry form the basis of the St. Patrick's side.

Memories of last year's decider remain vivid and will urge the St. Patrick's girls to greater efforts. Some excellent camogie will be seen from both sides before the destination of the Dripsey Cup will be known.

Coach Tina Keyes had her Thomond College team finely tuned up for the Purcell Cup competition in Limerick last

weekend. Mary Lenihan, Anne Leahy, Helen Drumgoole and Maura Seymour were in brilliant form as Thomond swept St. Patrick's Drumcondra aside in the final by 9-7 to nil. Carysfort captured the Purcell Plate at the expense of N.I.H.E.

Following the weekend matches, the team to represent the Higher Colleges were chosen. It reads Maura Seymour, Helen Drumgoole, Mary O'Shea, Judy Baggott, Eileen Courtney, Helen C'ifford, Mary Lenihan, Rita Cribben, Anne Leahy, Patricia Finneran, Brege Bleihein and Chris McDonald.

Five counties participated in the Munster C.C.D. Finals at Ennis. The winners list is Six-milebridge (Figure Dan-

cing), Orla Ni Bhraidaigh, Waterford (Solo Singing), Rosemary Kelleher, Patrickswell (Recitation), Ogonnelloe, Clare (Question Time), Eire Og, Clare (Novelty), Croagh-Kilfinny (Ballad Group), Bruff (Set Dancing) and Mary O'Callaghan, Eire Og, Cork (Solo Instrumental).

SPARKLING

Clare Cronin, Patsy Keniry and Norma Delaney were in sparkling form for U.C.C. as they dispatched U.C.D. from the 1983 Ashbourne Cup.

With not a weak link be seen the Cork College were impressive winners and must stand an excellent chance of bringing the historic trophy south in two weeks time.

The Leinster Junior

Colleges final will be an all Dublin affair. Holders, Maryfield College scored 1-1 without reply from Vocational, Wexford. Assumption, Walkinstown had a closer call. Only one point separated them from Vocational, Ballyhale. The Leinster Finals are listed for Croke Park on 9th February.

Mary O'Callaghan is the new Munster Chairman. The remaining positions on her Council team are taken by Brid Stokes (Vice-Chairman), Eithne Neville (Secretary), Mary Casey (Treasurer), Rose Malone (Registrar) and Miriam Higgins (P.R.O.). A return of snow put paid to Ulster Convention and has seriously disrupted the Ulster Colleges programme.

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Girls from the Melbourne-Westgate-Firegrove team winners of the Bishopstown camogie club's under-13 street league and the runners-up Parkway-Kenley, who received trophies from the Lord Mayor of Cork, Ald. Liam Burke, T.D. (centre) at Bishopstown GAA club. Also included are Fr. John Galvin, club president; Sheila Harrington, chairperson; Joe O'Hara, vice chairman; Pat Murray, secretary; John O'Flynn, PRO; Margaret O'Hara, treasurer; Noel Kelleher, Kenley; Teresa Walsh, registrar; Dominic Murphy, chairman, Bishopstown GAA club and Pat Ryan.

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Arch Rivals Meet In Colleges' Final

ON tomorrow (Saturday) arch rivals North Presentation and St. Patrick's will meet once again in the Munster Senior Colleges Final at Ballinora. And the meeting of these two Cork sides promises to be yet another thriller.

On Sunday there are two senior league and two under 16 championship, ties listed, so the weekend will be another busy one.

Last year when Cork colleges North Presentation and St. Patrick's met in the Munster Championship final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh, the latter were strongly fancied, not only to win the provincial title but also to go all the way. But with a devastating display North Presentation upset all the predictions and took the title. They later went on to reach the All-Ireland decider, only to lose narrowly.

Now they will be anxious to get another crack at national honours while St. Patrick's will be determined that this time it will be their turn to prove to their supporters that they are Cork's top side, especially following last season's big disappointment.

Both sides are very strong with many Cork minors, and juniors in their line up.

North Pres. can call on Cork junior captain Irene O'Leary, as well as county

minors, and juniors in their line up.

North Pres. can call on Cork Junior captain Irene O'Leary, as well as county minors, Paula Morgan, and the very promising Evelyn Healy. They also have Shirley O'Sullivan, Catherine Martin, Ger O'Donovan and Agnes Skellington and overall have a very strong side indeed.

For their part, St. Patrick's have Cork minors Linda and Karen Mellerick, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Viv O'Brien, Aileen Barry, Helena Barry and Carmel Currid to call on so there is no lack of talent in their side either.

Making predictions on any encounter between these sides is a difficult business, so it may be best to say that the stage must be set for yet another classic between Cork, and Munster's top camogie colleges.

In the first of the senior league games listed for Sunday Eire Og with home venue and top class players in Marian McCarthy, Miriam Higgins, Clare Kelleher and Mary Geaney, should have too much power for Sarsfields, in spite of the presence of Lillian Zinkant, Liz Dunphy and Marie Kearney.

In the other league tie it should be close between Killeagh and Glen Rovers, 1984 and 1983 county cham-

pions respectively. Killeagh, who are very much back to form since their county win will be very difficult to halt, especially if Catherine and Ann Marie Landers, Mary and Shelly Spillane, Marie O'Donovan and Ann Leahy strike top form.

However Glen Rovers have the advantage of a home venue, and if Marie Mackey, Ger McCarthy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, and Regina Scoutts all play up to form then a most exciting game should be on the cards.

The under 16 championship continues on Sunday with two games listed. In these Brian Dillons should have a close encounter with Watergrasshill, and there should be a marvelous tie between Na Piar-saigh and St. Finbarrs who are both very strong in under age camogie.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Sat) at Ballinora: Munster CC final: St. Patrick's v North Presentation (holders 2.30 p.m. Ref. Miriam Higgins).

Sunday: S.L. Eire Og v Sarsfields at Ovens 12 noon. Ref. Ballincollig: Killeagh v Glen Rovers at Goen or Mon. field 2.30 p.m. Ref. Miriam Higgins. U16C: Brian Dillons v Watergrasshill at Brian Dillons 2.30 p.m. Ref. Sarsfields: Na Piar-saigh v St. Finbarrs at St. Finbarrs 12.00.

SAINTS MASTER OLD RIVALS

ST. PATRICKS 4-3
NORTH PRES. 1-4

THE final scoreline in the Munster Colleges senior camogie championship final between St. Patrick's and North Pres. at Ballinora on Saturday did not reflect the closeness of the game.

St. Patrick's, beaten last year by their old rivals North Pres in the final, had to fight hard to hold on to their 3-2 to 1-2 half-time advantage.

North Pres. battled bravely to get back into the game in the second half and after 25 minutes had improved their score by two hard-won points to put the score at 3-2 to 1-4.

St. Patrick's faced several anxious moments in the dying minutes as North Pres. made a last desperate effort, but were foiled by the superb goal-keeping ability of Mary Mulcahy.

The North Pres. back slipped up in the closing seconds to allow St. Patrick's their only score of the second half — a point in injury time. This was followed by an own goal seconds later by Deirdre O'Leary to put the final score at 4-3 to 1-4.

It was a well-deserved victory for St. Patrick's, who, while playing against the wind in the first half, took advantage of every weakness in the North Pres. defence.

Inspired by a goal by Carmel Currid in the opening seconds, St. Patrick's went on to put the score at 3-0 to no score after only 12 minutes with two superb goals, one from a solo run, by Linda Mellerick.

It was into the second quarter before North Pres. opened their account with a point scored by C. Martin followed a short time later by a goal from Lorraine Kelly.

Stars of the game for St. Patrick's were Linda Mellerick and goalkeeper Mary Mulcahy, while Irene O'Leary was undoubtedly the star player of the North Pres. side.

St. Patrick's — M. Mulcahy, K. O'Keeffe, V. O'Brien, T. O'Riordan, M. Rose, C. O'Brien, E. O'Sullivan, K. Mellerick, L. Mellerick, H. Barry, A. Barry and C. Currid.

North Presentation — S. O'Sullivan, D. O'Leary, M. McCarthy, C. Martin, P. Morgan, C. Buckley, E. Hesby, G. O'Donovan, I. O'Leary, J. Kent, A. Skellington, L. Kelly. Sub.: D. O'Riordan for A. Skellington.

Referee: Miriam Higgins.



North Pres. making a vain late attack which was repelled by the eventual winners St. Patrick's during the Munster Colleges' Senior Camogie Championship final at Ballinora on Saturday. ("Examiner")

Playing For "Blue Riband" of U16 Camogie

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THE Blue Riband of the Under 16 grade — the championship — will be played for on Sunday, when Brian Dillons and St. Finbarr's meet in the final at Ballincollig.

There are three senior League games also listed for Sunday.

The Under Age grades are always interesting to watch as the stars of tomorrow show their paces. Sunday's Under 16 championship should be no exception and followers can expect a most exciting tie at Ballincollig.

St. Finbarrs, winners for the last two seasons will almost certainly start as favourites for their hat-trick of titles. They have an excellent young side with promising players in Collette Cronin, who captains the side, Marie O'Sullivan, Valerie Cotter, Colette Carey and Aileen Morris, and will take a great deal of beating.

However, Brian Dillons have a number of the victorious St. Patrick's School side in their line-up and fresh from their marvellous Munster Colleges win over old rivals North Presentation, these players could inspire Brian Dillons to new heights. Brian Dillons have their star players in Karen Mellerick, Vivienne O'Brien, Helena Barry, Aileen Barry and Mary Mulcahy and if these players play to form, then anything can happen. But word is out that some of Brian Dillons key players are going on a school educational trip to Switzerland and will not be available for the game. This would be a major blow to Dillons, who have done so well to reach the final.

In the other League games listed it should be close between Watergrasshill and Sarsfields when they meet in the Senior League on Sunday. Watergrasshill have Mary O'Leary and the Higgins sisters to lead them while Sars will be depending a

great deal on Cork senior panelist Liz Dunphy.

It is difficult to suggest likely winners in the Junior B clash between Eire Og and Newcestown, but a home venue could see the former through. In the Under 18 tie between Cloughduv and Aghabullogue it is also difficult to name the favourites, but it should be a good game.

The Cork Co. Board, who have been without a County Secretary since Mary Maher announced that she would not be going forward, have at last succeeded in filling the post. At Convention in December there were no nominees for the position and appeals at the annual meeting failed to produce a single name. The Co. Board then sent out circulars to clubs appealing for a County Secretary, and at last Monday night's County Board meeting it was announced that Thomasina Hegarty of St. Catherine's, had agreed to fill the job. Now it is up to club delegates to give all the help they can to Thomasina, who is taking on quite a daunting task.

The Cork senior selectors have announced their panel for the forthcoming National League campaign, and there are quite a number of changes from last season, and there are some notable absentees

from the list. These missing include Ger McCarthy, Mary Ring, Lilian Zinkant, Angela Higgins, Margo Twomey, Noelle O'Driscoll, and Liz Lynch.

Among the newcomers to the senior scene are Cork junior captain Irene O'Leary of Na Piarasigh, Shelly and Mary Spillane and Bernie Costine of Killeagh and after a year away from inter-county camogie, Marian Sweeney is again available and is included in the panel.

Cork's first outing in the League is against Dublin on March 3 and although it is early days in the competition, any meeting between these sides always engenders high excitement with very little between the sides. It will be remembered that last season, Cork won the title when they defeated the Dubliners in the final, but the Metropolitan had their revenge when they knocked Cork out of the All-Ireland chase.

Cork Panel: M. McCarthy (Eire Og), E. Dineen (do), C. Landers (Killeagh), M. Higgins (Eire Og), L. Dunphy (Sarsfields), C. Cronin (St. Finbarrs), S. Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers), V. Fitzpatrick (do), M. O'Leary (Watergrasshill), I. O'Leary (Na Piarasigh), P. Keniry (Killeagh), S. Spillane (do.), A. M. Landers (do), M. Geaney (Eire

Og), B. Costine (Killeagh), M. Sweeney (Killeagh), C. Kelleher (Eire Og), M. Spillane (Killeagh).

There is a special GPC meeting being held on February 25, to examine the gradings of all clubs in the country, and any club wishing to be regraded — up or down — should have their request into the County Board before that date, and then their case can be considered by the meeting.

St. Patrick's Youth Club Camogie Club from Armagh paid a visit to Cork recently in conjunction with the Cork-Armagh footballgame. They were hosted in Cork by Bishopstown Camogie Club and the whole weekend was a huge success, as well as being a welcome meeting between girls from the North and the South, who all had a marvellous time together.

FIXTURES

Sunday: U16 C final, St. Finbarrs v Brian Dillons at Ballincollig, 3.30 p.m. (ref. Brenda Newman).

S.L., Watergrasshill v Sarsfields at Riverstown 12 noon (ref. Killeagh).

JBL, Eire Og v Newcestown at Eire Og 12 noon, (ref. Ballinora).

U18L, Cloughduv v Aghabullogue at Coachford, 12 noon (ref. Inniscarra).

St. Patricks collect Dripsey Cup



MRS. LIL O'NEILL, President of All-Ireland Colleges Council, presenting the Dripsey Cup to Linda Mellerick following St. Patricks victory in the Munster Colleges Senior Championship on Saturday.



MAURA McNICHLAS

UCC Girls Bid For Ashbourne Glory

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UCC head for Dublin this weekend for the Ashbourne Cup inter-university finals and following their fine win over UCD in the preliminary round, they must have an excellent chance of bringing the title to Cork for the first time since 1977.

The Munster Junior Colleges final will also be decided this weekend and ten of our Under 18 clubs will be in action.

UCD, the holders for the last five years, are out of the Ashbourne Cup, thanks to UCC, who had a most impressive 4-6 to 0-3 win over their arch-rivals in the preliminary round, two weeks ago in Belfield. Now

the semi-finals and final are fixed for the coming weekend at Santry and UCC will be hopeful that the many disappointments and frustrations of recent years can be put behind them. However, they will have to be very careful, for although they should account for Trinity in the semi-finals tomorrow (Saturday), it could be a very different story on Sunday, for if UCC get through to the decider — and it is expected that they will have too much power for University of Ulster (Jordanstown), — then the Cork girls will find themselves up against a very strong side indeed.

The Connacht University have a number of inter-county stars in their team including the marvellous Clare Jones, as well as Annette Ryan, Mairead Coyle and Brid Kelly, and they are not going to give up the chance of Ashbourne honours without a tough battle.

However, Cork must surely have one of their strongest sides for many years and their win over the holders will have given them a marvellous boost. They have senior Cork players in Clare Cronin, and Ann Marie Landers, as well as Imelda Cronin, Una O'Connor, Denise Cotter, Patsy Keniry, Jean Riordan and Norma Delaney, all of whom have played for Cork at junior level. And they will take no chances this time, as they are bound to remember their disappointments of recent years.

But of course, they have to account for Trinity first and no doubt Orla Courtney, Siobhan Bryson, Clare Dowdall and Susan Turley, will have plans to call a halt to Cork's victory march, while Galway will have to contend with Jordanstown's Karen Coyle, Sally McKeown and Mary McKeogh, before they can look forward to their final appearance.

UCC panel: R. Desmond (Bishopstown); E. Noonan (Sarsfields, capt.); I. Cronin (Na Piarasigh); M. Fitzpatrick (Sarsfields); A. Duggan (Bishopstown); G. Lynch (Cloughduv); C. Cronin (St. Finbarrs); A. M. Landers (Killeagh); U. O'Connor (Blackrock); M.

Murphy (Ballinora); D. Cotter (Glen Rovers); M. Walsh (Cloughduv); P. Keniry (Killeagh); R. Fahy (Feakle); M. O'Flynn (St. Finbarrs); J. Riordan (Aghabullogue); N. Delaney (Aghabullogue); E. Buckley (Bishopstown); O. Flynn (Lismore).

Two very young sides will contest the Munster Junior Colleges Final at Cusack Park, Ennis, tomorrow. The stylish Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis won the first year competition last April and all but one of the side will be eligible again next season. They have exciting young players in Catherine O'Loughlin, Jackie Hickey, Clare Bracken, Anne Hennessy and Shelly Hegarty, and with a home venue may be fancied to shade it. But St. Mary's, Charleville, with most of their players having been involved with Castletown-Ballyagran, who won the National Community Games, last year, will be no easy opponents. They will have eleven of their side eligible again next year, and have promising young players in Mairead Cagney, Frances Broderick, Eve Watson and Ann Quill. So, whatever the result, a most exciting final must be on the cards.

On the local front, the Under 18 championship and league continue. In the four championship games listed there should be plenty of excitement, as Eire Og take on Nemo

Rangers, Na Piarasigh play host to Cloughduv. Fr. O'Neills are at home to Blackrock and Killeagh entertain Brian Dillons.

In the only league game listed, old rivals St. Finbarrs and Bishopstown will be in action.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Sat)

MICC final: Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis) v St. Mary's (Charleville) at Cusack Park, Ennis, 2.30 p.m.; Ashbourne Cup semi-finals at Santry Grounds, Dublin: UCC v University of Ulster, 12.30; UCC v Trinity, 2 p.m.

U.C.C. favourites for Ashbourne

THE ups and downs of sport are portrayed in the semi-final pairings of the Ashbourne Cup scheduled for the coming weekend. Queens and U.C.D. fought out an exciting final last season. Already eliminated from this year's competition, they have to be content with a sideline view of the main action and chance of the loser's plate.

U.C.C. move into the favourites position by virtue of their impressive victory over U.C.D. Like any Cork team, they do not like being out of the winner's enclosure for long. The Ashbourne Cup has not rested by the Lee since 1977. They have strung a good side together and are very keen to do well.

SOUND DEFENCE

Hosts Trinity College will provide the opposition to U.C.C. in the semi-final. While nothing in sport is

certain, Cork must be strongly tipped to advance. A sound defence built around captain Eileen Noonan includes Rose Desmond, Imelda Cronin, Marcella Fitzpatrick and Anne Duggan.

Competition for places in centrefield and in the forward line is keen with Anne Marie Landers, Patsy Keniry, Clare Cronin, Joan Riordan, Orla Flynn, Denise Cotter, Una O'Connor, Margaret Murphy and Norma Delaney in contention.

Trinity College do not have the same numbers to choose from. As hosts they will be eager to do well. Orla Courtney, Claire Dowdall, Susan Turley, Siobhan Quinn, F. O'Kelly, Eunice Keogh and Siobhan Bryson will do all in their power to cause a surprise.

U.C.G. meet University of Ulster (Jordanstown) in the second semi-final. The Galway side overcame the

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challenge of Maynooth easily in the quarter-final. Similarly, Jordanstown recorded a clear cut win over Coleraine to qualify for the semi-final.

Sally McCone, Siobhan McKeogh, Carol Coyle and Grainne McGrath are players of inter-county experience who will help Jordanstown put pressure on U.C.G. However, The Galway college has a good all round side. Claire Jones, Annette Ryan, Brid Kelly, Isbeal McGee, Mairead Coyle and Claire Moloney should see them through to the final.

St. Patrick's Secondary School, Cork, were the first provincial colleges champions to be crowned for 1985. At Ballinora on Saturday, their first half performance paved the way to

success against arch rivals, North Pres. Goals from Aileen Barry, Linda Mellerick and Tracy O'Riordan helped them to a 4-3 to 1-4 victory.

Before a match was played in the current Leinster Colleges senior championship Maryfield College were widely tipped to retain their provincial title. Such is the uncertainty of colleges camogie that the All-Ireland champions fell at the quarter-final stage. Their conquerors, Vocational, Mooncoin have since fallen as the surprises continue.

Consequently, a unique pairing takes the field in the decider tomorrow. F.J.C. Buncloody face St. Marys, Edenderry to decide the destination of the Stuart Cup. Buncloody accounted for Mooncoin and, not to be outdone, Edenderry shocked Assumption, Walkinstown. The junior final has a familiar appearance

with Maryfield and Walkinstown in opposition.

Cusack Park, Ennis, will stage the Munster-Colleges Junior final between the novel pairing of Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, and St. Marys, Charleville. Colaiste Mhuire took part in the first provincial decider in 1968 but have yet to win their first championship. Michael Maher has revived the game in the school and placed emphasis on teaching skill.

His charges won the Munster First Year competition in impressive fashion last April. With practically the same team, he has reached the Munster Junior final. Catherine O'Loughlin, Jackie Hickey, Mary Sheedy, Jackie McCarthy, Brid Rohan and Anne Hennessy are talented youngsters who will be difficult to stop.

Fr. Liam Kelleher of athletic fame revived camogie in Charleville a few years ago. The school draws on

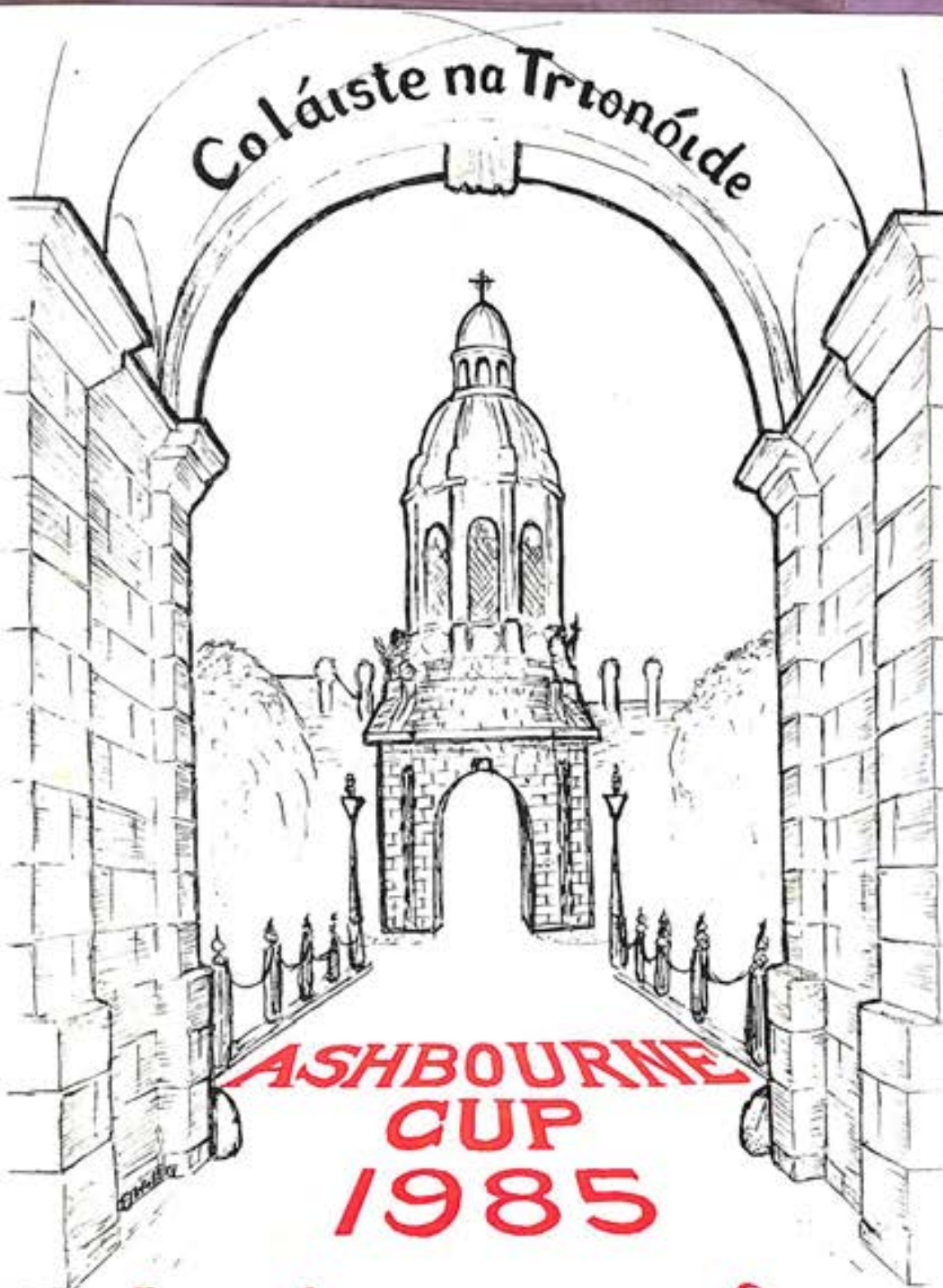
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UCC side notch the Cup

U.C.C. 3-0

U.C.G. 0-6

AMID scenes of great jubilation at Santry yesterday, University College Cork won the Ashbourne Cup by scoring a decisive victory over an out-classed Galway side.

The Cork girls, who showed an eagerness which matched the extremely cold but dry conditions, were always in command, leading by 3-0 to 0-5 at the interval.

In the second half, the southerners' dominance was maintained and they added three goals to their tally whereas the Galway girls only scored a single point.

U.C.C. thus ended U.C.D.'s seven-year reign as champions and adding lustre to their feat was the fact that they beat the Dublin students in a preliminary round.

A notable feature of Cork's success was that their defence did not concede a goal during the entire competition.

Scorers — U.C.C. — N. Delaney (3-0), P. Kenelry (2-0), R. Fahy, J. Riordan, A. M. Landers (0-1 each). U.C.G. — M. Coyle (0-4), C. Jones (0-2).

Shield — U.C.D. 4-1, Queens 2-3.

Galway and Cork final

UCG and UCC battled the way past their Semi Final opponents in bitterly cold conditions at Santry yesterday to earn a tilt at each other in this afternoon's final of the Ashbourne Cup.

UCG 1-7
UNIV OF ULSTER ... 0-2

It was only in the final 10 minutes of this entertaining semi final that Galway managed to get the better of Ashbourne Cup newcomers University of Ulster, with Clare Jones and Mairead Coyle grab-

bing the crucial late scores.

UCG—C. Jones (1-1), M. Coyle (0-3), A. Ryan (0-2), C. Maloney (0-1). UU—H. Loughran (0-2).

UCC 5-2
TRINITY 1-1

UCC earned themselves favourites tag for this afternoon's final with an impressive 13 points win over a gallant Trinity side. The Cork heroines proved to be Mary Walsh and Patsy Kenelry who contributed 3-2 between them.

UCC — M. Walsh (2-1), P.

Kenelry (1-1), J. Riordan and M. Murphy (1-0 each). Trinity — E. Kehoe (1-1).

MARYFIELD COLL. ... 4-0
ASSUMPTION,

WALKINSTOWN 3-1

Maryfield College retained their Leinster Junior camogie title at Croke Park yesterday, but only just. The Maryfield girls were 3-0 to 1-0 ahead at halftime but slipped up badly in the second half when they fell behind, 3-1 to 3-0. However, a great last minute goal from Grainne O'Hara robbed Walk-

instown of what had seemed to be a certain victory.

Maryfield College — Grainne O'Hara (2-0), Fiona Hall and Linda Bennett (1-0) each. Assumption — Michelle Dwyer (2-0), Elaine Quinn (1-0), Hilary Marnell (0-1).

F.C.J. BUNCLODY ... 2-2
ST. MARY'S,

EDENDERRY 1-1

A goal from Magella O'Neill and a point from Noeleen Jordan and Catherine Purcell (0-1) each. Edenderry—Teresa Hanley (1-0), Ita Holten (0-1).

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U.C.C. girls win Ashbourne Cup

U.C.C. 8-0, U.C.G. 0-6

A tremendously eager and determined University College Cork team were most convincing winners of the camogie Ashbourne Cup, when they easily defeated U.C.G. in bitterly cold but sunny and dry conditions at Santry, Dublin yesterday.

They thus broke the stranglehold which U.C.D. held on the trophy for the past seven years and did it in glorious style, as coach Michael Lyons put it, "without conceding a goal in the entire competition."

In yesterday's decider, the Cork students great enthusiasm, combined with their superior skills, presented too many problems for the hard-trying Galway girls.

Cork led by 5-0 to 0-5 at the interval and it is significant that they added 3 goals to their rivals single point in the second half.

The excellent defence, in which captain Eileen

Noonan, Clare and Imelda Cronin, Marcella Fitzpatrick and goalkeeper Rose Desmond shone brightly, as well as the midfield play of Ann Marie Landers, gave the forwards a solid platform and Patsy Keniery and Norma Delaney used their chances well.

U.C.C. had already beaten the holders U.C.D. in a preliminary round.

Scorers — N. Delaney 3-0, P. Keniery 2-0, R. Fahy, J. Riordan, A. M. Landers 1-0 each; U.C.G. — M. Coyle 0-4, C. Jones 0-2.

U.C.C. — R. Desmond, M. Fitzpatrick, E. Noonan, I. Cronin, C. Cronin, M. Murphy, O. Flynn, A. M. Landers, R. Fahy, N. Delaney, P. Keniery, J. Riordan. Subs — U. O'Connor for Delaney, A. Duggan for I. Cronin, M. Walsh for Fahy.

In the semi-final U.C.C. defeated Trinity by 5-2 to 1-1, Cork scorers — M. Walsh 2-1, P. Keniery 1-1, J. Riordan, M. Murphy 1-0 each. U.C.G. beat University of Ulster by 1-7 to 0-2.

Ennis girls' first title

Colaiste Mhuire 2-5; Convent of Mercy 1-2
IN bitterly cold conditions at the Eire Og G.A.A. pitch in Ennis on Saturday, Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis captured their first Munster Junior Colleges camogie final when they proved too strong for Charleville.

The strong wind, which was mainly cross-field, favoured the visitors in the

opening half, but it was the home side who did the early scoring, leading by 1-1 to a point after 10 minutes. At the interval the sides were level at 1-2 each before Colaiste Mhuire with a strong midfield, took control in the second period to take the title.

The winners had an outstanding defence in which Shelly Hegarty (goalkeeper), Eimer Landy, Angela Killeen and Louise O'Donnell excelled. Their midfield trio of Clare Bracken, Catherine O'Loughlin and Jackie Hickey played superbly in the second half while up front Ann Hennessy was their top scorer.

Helen Cagney was without doubt Charleville's best player while others to do well were Frances Cremin, Ann Cotter and Eileen Weston.

Scorers — Colaiste Mhuire: C. O'Loughlin 1-1, M. Glynn 1-0, A. Hennessy 0-3, C. Bracken 0-1. Charleville: A. Cotter 1-0, H. Cagney and F. Cremin 0-1 each.

Colaiste Mhuire: S. Hegarty, E. Landy, A. Killeen, L. O'Donnell, M. Sheedy, C. Bracken, C. O'Loughlin, J. Hickey, J. McCarthy, A. Hennessy, M. Glynn, B. Ronan.

Charleville: M. Cagney, A. Quill, F. Cremin, T. Sheehy, E. Weston, A. McCarthy, S. Sheehy, H. Cagney, F. Broderick, A. Cotter, R. Daly, F. Reidy.



Ann Marie Landers, U.C.C., races clear from U.C.G.'s Mairead Coyle in the Ashbourne Cup camogie final at Santry Avenue yesterday.



Members of the U.C.C. camogie team, winners of the Ashbourne Cup for the first time since 1977, during their visit to the Lord Mayor of Cork Ald. Liam Burke, at the City Hall.

WE'LL DONE GIRLS

THE U.C.C. camogie team was received by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Ald. Liam Burke, T.D., at the City Hall yesterday. The reception was in honour of UCC's triumph in the Ashbourne Cup, the inter-varsity camogie championship, recently. They defeated UCD, Trinity and UCG in the final, in Dublin, to win the title for the first time since 1977.

The Ashbourne is the longest-established camogie competition, first played for in 1915, and UCC's victory this year was their 26th in all.

It was great to see UCC doing so well, said the Lord Mayor, to the assembled players. "Keep up the good work," he

said, adding that in view of the Cork 800 celebrations he hoped they would enjoy further success this year.

The team was captained by Eileen Noonan from Sarsfields and apart from Orla Flynn from Waterford and Rose Fahy from Clare, all the players were from Cork clubs.

The panel was as follows: E. Noonan (Sarsfields, capt.), R. Desmond (Bishopstown), M. Fitzgerald (Sarsfields), I. Cronin (Na Piaras), C. Cronin (St. Finbarrs), A. Landers (Killeagh), O. Flynn (Lismore), M. Murphy (Ballinora), P. Keniery (Killeagh), J. Riordan and N. Delaney (Aghabullogue), R. Fahy (Feakle), D. Cotter (Glen Rovers), M. Walsh and G. Lynch (Cloughduv), E. Buckley (Bishopstown), A. Duggan (St. M.

Flynn (St. Finbarrs), E. O'Connor (Blackrock). The team was trained by Sean Brady and coached by Michael Lyons.

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AN EXCITING NEW SEASON

A varied and interesting inter-county season in camogie will get under way on March 3 with the first round games in the National Senior and Junior Leagues, leading up to the build-up to the All-Ireland title race.

OWEN McCANN looks forward to the up-coming programme, and highlights some of the principal features in a season in which Cork, League champions, and Dublin, All-Ireland title-holders, will be defending their crowns.

More of the exciting Dublin-Cork rivalry that has enlivened the scene in modern times; a somewhat short season for the All-Ireland open-draw senior championship, and a splendid field of 22 counties for the National Junior League. These are some of the features of the arrangements for what promises to be an exciting and successful new season in inter-county camogie.

The National Senior League will again be run off in two groups, with the winners of each meeting in the final. Dublin and Cork will compete in the same section. Not only that, they have been paired in one of the three games that will ring up the curtain on the new campaign on March 3, and the Leesiders will have home advantage.

So, right away we can anticipate a great start to the year as these keen rivals meet in what many will regard as the group final — right at the start of the League. Certainly, the winners of this appealing match will have to rank as favourites to come out on top in the section, and advance as a result to the national final.

After all, these counties have dominated the scene of late. Remember their two stirring clashes in the All-Ireland senior finals of 1982 and 1983? Cork won both matches. Then, there was their clash in last year's National League final in Cork.

That game did not match the earlier championship ties in terms of thrills and high grade play. Dublin disappointed somewhat, and lost the League crown they had won in 1983 for the third time as they went down by seven points.

The issue was much closer when Dublin and Cork last met, and the standard of play was also very high as they provided a great All-Ireland semi-final at Parnell Park in Dublin last August. Cork looked like furthering their aims for a treble of All-Ireland titles as they led by two points with time almost up. However, Dublin made a great last effort, and Joan Gormley scored a dramatic goal in the last minute to give the Dubs a memorable one point win.

The Leinster girls went on from there to beat Tinnerary and so bring



Yvonne Redmond.... Dublin goalkeeper with the scoregetting touch.

the All-Ireland championship back to the county after a long break of 18 years.

The All-Ireland champions expect to have most of last year's title winning side again available for the new season. Interestingly enough, their brilliant goalkeeper, Yvonne Redmond, who won the B+I Line Camogie Player of the Year award for 1984, plays out field with Queen's University, and scored a goal in the Belfast team's great bid against defending champions U.C. Dublin in the 1985 Ashbourne Cup, Universities senior championship. Queen's just lost by a point.

Tipperary are in the same group of the Senior League as Dublin and Cork. No doubt the Munster county will profit greatly from last season's experience, when the Deirdre Lane-led side finished gallant runners-up to Dublin in the All-Ireland championship.

The Premier County girls, then, might well cause a few upsets in the competition.

Clare, Limerick and Wexford are the other counties in this section. titles last season. In each championship they took the title for the second year on the trot, so that Cork can be depended on to have another strong combination this season.

The successful team at Galway gets a semi-final ticket against Dublin, Antrim or Down, and that game will be played on August 25. Indeed, the two All-Ireland semi-finals are listed for that date.

NEW PRESIDENT

Tipperary are through to the quarter-finals. They will make their bow against Limerick or Wexford, who are due to meet at a Limerick venue on July 28.

Kilkenny are also in this section of the draw. They start off with a home game against Clare, also on July 28. The winners will be well fancied to beat Louth in the next round for a place in the semi-finals.

All in all, then, camogie followers have much to look forward to in the coming months. The All-Ireland minor final, but the way, will be played on August 4, and the junior decider will act, as usual, as a curtain-raiser to the national senior championship tie.

The Annual Congress has been arranged for Ballinasloe at the end of March. A feature of the meeting will be the election of a new President.

KILKENNY FANCED

Five counties will compete in the other group, and here the most fancied will be Kilkenny. Of all the contenders in this section, the Noresiders alone have won the National Senior League — they were last champions in 1982. The Noresiders lost by two goals to Dublin in last year's All-Ireland title race.

Antrim, Down, Louth and Galway will complete this group, and the opening games will be played on March 10. Kilkenny appear to have an easy first hurdle — a home game against Down. Antrim will have Galway as visitors on the same day.

The last series of group matches will be on May 12, and the final has been arranged for June 2. The actual venue will be announced later.

The National Junior League will be run off in five zones. All four provinces will be represented, with Leinster having the strongest hand with nine starters. Ulster come next with seven contenders.

Dublin, who have won the Junior League for the past two years, will not field a team this season. The competition will start on March 3, and the final will be played on July 7.

The All-Ireland senior open-draw championship will not commence until the end of July, and will be completed in around two months — the shortest playing season for the series in some years.

I believe that this will help to increase interest in the All-Ireland series. Delays between rounds hit the interest in any competition, and rob matches of much of their appeal.

The short playing season, will, I am convinced, do much to enhance the appeal of the open-draw championship overall, and should also help to boost the attendance at the All-Ireland final.

The one disappointing aspect of camogie is that the attendances at the top match of the year in September declined over some seasons past, although there was a welcome upturn in this regard last year.

And, incidentally, last year's campaign over-all was shorter than previous ones, although a few weeks longer than will be the case this summer.

Believe it or not, Dublin and Cork will be in the same half of the championship, and the odds must be that they will meet as was the case in 1984 in the semi-final stage.

The defending champions appear to have a somewhat easy first round draw. They will be at home on July 28 to Antrim, who have not been cutting much of a dash in the game since their



Kathleen Tonks....brilliant Wexford and Leinster goalkeeper, who will also be seen as a referee this year.

last O'Duffy Cup win for the All-Ireland final in 1979.

The winners will then come up against Down for a place in the last four.

Cork will start their campaign with a visit to Galway on August 11.

The Leesiders have one of the strongest panels of rising talent, having won the All-Ireland junior and minor



Deirdre Lane....led Tipperary to last year's All Ireland final.

Mary Fennelly, the former Kilkenny inter-county player, who has guided the affairs of the Association so astutely and so efficiently over the past three years, reaches the end of her term of office. She deserves the thanks of all interested in the national women's game for her dedication and tireless efforts in furthering the cause of the Association and the sport.

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t a good year for the champions

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junior crown. They scored a comfortable win over keen rivals, Mercy, Roscommon.

At the same venue today, the same two schools renew acquaintance in the senior final. On duty for St. Raphaels will be Deirdre Costelloe, Brid Stratford, Caroline O'Loughlin, Angela Cooney, Fidelma Coyne, Slobhan Maher and Claire Robinson. (Attempting to turn the tables on behalf of Roscommon will be Emer Morgan, Ann Hynes, Una Quinn, Mary Gannon, Elizabeth Lee, Teresa Bracken and Attracta Brennan.

The plans of Ulster Colleges Council were scuttled on Saturday as snow blocked roads and covered playing fields. Some matches will have to be played during the

week to make up ground and pave the way for next Saturday's semi-finals.

In the senior grade Ballycastle and Letterkenny will meet at Faughanvale in the semi-final. Armagh and Maghera must play off to decide who meets Vocational, Cavan in the second semi-final. In the junior grade Armagh await the winners of Kilrea and Letterkenny while Loreto, Cavan are through to meet Ballycastle.

FIRST TITLE

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis wrote their name into the Munster Colleges history books with their first championship title. A fine first half finished with both sides level at 1-2.

Backed with a biting cold wind, the more skilful Ennis girls picked off vital scores to win out.

Catherine O'Loughlin, Anne Hennessy, Claire Bracken and Shelley Hegarty are young players whom we will hear of again.

P.C.J. Bunclody are the new Leinster senior champions. In Saturday's final they scored a comfortable win over St. Marys, Edenderry. Maryfield College snatched the Leinster junior trophy from the hands of Assumption, Walkinstown with a last minute goal scored against the run of play.

U.C.C. won the Ashbourne Cup in impressive fashion over the weekend. Played in arctic conditions, the Cork girls were clearly superior. On

Saturday they accounted for Trinity on the scoreline of 5-2 to 1-1.

In the final they found the Galway net on eight occasions. On an all round side, Clare Cronin, Patsy Keniry and Norma Delaney were particularly impressive.

Four counties were present at Connacht Convention to elect the following officials for the coming year: Chairman — Conal Duffy (Galway); Vice-chairman — Michael Kennedy (Galway); Secretary — Jackie Rodgers (Roscommon); Assistant Secretary — Mary Kennedy (Galway); Treasurer — Marion Collins (Roscommon); P.R.O. — Frank O'Grady (Galway); and delegate to Ard Chomhairle Marion Collins.

The Western provincial

was pleased with the standard of their C.C.D. finals. The winners list reads: Figure Dancing — Ardagh (Mayo); Solo Singing — Delia Boyce (Mervue, Galway); Instrumental music — Annette Walsh (Davitts, Galway); Recitation — Derbla Holmes (Moygownagh, May); Novelty Act — St. Dominics, Roscommon; Ballad group — Mervue, Galway; Set Dancing — Moygownagh, Mayo; Question Time — Ardagh.

Ulster Convention at Cootehill elected Bernie Byrne as their new chairman. She will be assisted by Belle O'Loughlin (Down), vice-chairman, Helen McAleavey (Down), Secretary, Mary Lynch (Monaghan), treasurer, and Maureen Smyth (Antrim) — P.R.O.

A great day for girls from Ennis



COLAISTE MHUIRE, ENNIS, who won the Munster Junior Colleges Championship for the first time ever by defeating St. Mary's, Charleville, at Ennis, Co. Clare.



The winners in the **Cork Examiner Youth Sports awards presentations** in Mallow Golf Club (from left): Barry Jacquelline Stokes, Fethard, Co. Tipperary (Athletics); Tom Reidy, Adare, Co. Limerick (Badminton); Barry Joyce, Cork (Boxing); Irene O'Leary, Cork (Camogie); Brian Osborne, Blarney (Cycling). Back: Paul Leisk, Cork (Disabled Sports); Owen O'Connell, Ballydesmond, Co. Cork (Golf); Anthony Riordan, Bruff, Co. Limerick (Hurling); Deirdre O'Sullivan, Midleton (Karate); and John Hyde, Cork (Racing).

Camogie — IRENE O'LEARY: Last year proved to be a memorable one for Na Piarsaigh camogie star Irene O'Leary. After missing out the chance of an All-Ireland medal in 1983 because of illness, she fought her way back to fitness and had the distinction of captaining the Cork junior team which won the All-Ireland.

Earlier in the year she captained the North Presentation Convent team which qualified for the All-Ireland final.

She was also a leading member of the Na Piarsaigh senior team which contested the county final.

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Will 1985 honours be any different

THE 1985 Inter-county fixture list is in the hands of the County Secretaries. Team mentors and players alike have access to the programme laid out for them and may plan their training accordingly.

The National League opens in a week's time. Eighteen teams will be in action on March 3. The Leagues run right through March, April and May. The senior final is listed for June 2 and the junior decider is scheduled for July 7.

The Open Draw commences on July 28 and will be completed over a shorter period than usual. The All-Ireland Finals revert to late September with Sunday the 22nd as the chosen date. If all games are played as scheduled, the season will close on October 27 with the final of the Club Championship.

Quite a lot is packed into the eight-month season. In addition to the

major championships and leagues, provincial championships, Feile na nGael, Gradam Tailte, Pan Celtic and the National Coaching Course will be accommodated. Players would be advised to catch a glimpse of the fixture list and jot down the relative dates before booking their holidays.

1984 saw the traditionally strong sides take the honours. Will 1985 be any different? Tipperary made a brave bid to breakthrough last season but, on their own admission, fell down from lack of preparation. The Open Draw relieves them of a match in the preliminary round. With almost six months to their first championship commitment, the answer lies in their hands.

Wexford looked good at times in 1984 but lacked scoring power when they were up against tight defences. The draw is reasonably kind to them

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and if they use the league to good effect they should have a strong team put together by the time the championship arrives.

Limerick took the 1980 All-Ireland champions to a replay. However, many of that team are now married and family commitments do not permit the same scope for training as before. The county will have to introduce new talent and allow experience to be gained.

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Galway has produced outstanding colleges players and minors and continues to do so. However, many of these do not mature to become great seniors. If Galway can find the solution to this, their breakthrough at senior level cannot be far off.

The northern counties,

Antrim and Down, have their own problems. Understandably, they are somewhat behind the other counties at the moment. Louth has found the transition to the senior grade a bit difficult. Yet Louth has been the only county to be upgraded since Derry in 1978.

St. Raphael's Loughrea make it a Connacht Colleges double on Wednesday when they added the senior title at the expense of Mercy, Roscommon. The accuracy of their free-taker enabled them to edge ahead and win by 1-8 to 2-1.

The Loughrea girls will have to sit it out before learning of their All-Ireland semi-final opponents. The position in Ulster Colleges is little short of chaotic. More snow and freezing temperatures played havoc with hopes of finishing in time. Pitches were frozen last

weekend and no games were played.

A strong side has been named to represent the Combined Universities in their annual match with the Combined Colleges. This year's fixture will be played in Dublin on 23rd March.

The Universities side is: Bernie McNally (Queens), Claire Dowdall (Trinity), Clare Cronin (U.C.C.), Isobel McGee (U.C.G.), Sally McCone (U. of U.), Ann Marie Landers (U.C.C.), Breda Kenny (U.C.D.), Clare Jones (U.C.G.), Mairead Coyle (U.C.G.), Teresa Allen (Queens), Norma Delaney (U.C.C.) and Patsy Keegan (U.C.C.). The reserve is Karen Coyle (U. of U.), Kathleen Elliott (U. of U.), Anne McGee (U. of U.) and Joan Keadan (U.C.C.).

Leinster will be represented in the All-Ireland Finals of C.C.D. on March 2 by Oliver Pin-

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Dublin and Cork show changes for NL clash

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ALL Ireland champions Dublin travel to Ballincollig to take on Cork, the holders, in the opening round of the National League on Sunday. Two other senior and six junior league matches are scheduled for decision to make it a busy opening to the new season.

The sides show changes in personnel from their Open Draw engagement in Parnell Park. Dublin's All-Ireland captain, Anne Colgan has retired from the inter-county game and centre-back, Bernie Toner is unavailable. Edel Murphy will lead Dublin this year. Back on the panel comes Anne Redmond who did not feature in 1984.

Dublin will not take part in the National Junior League and, consequently, they have added a number of up and coming players to the senior squad. Patricia Clinton, Jo Holden, Suzanne Doyle and Denise O'Leary may get an opportunity to prove themselves during the league. The Dublin selectors have not named the side for Sunday but they will cause some surprise if they omit Una Crowley, Marie Connell, Barbara Carroll, Yvonne Redmond, Germaine Nonan and Marion Conroy.

Cork have axed five of their championship team and seven members of their 1984 panel have been discarded altogether. Ger McCarthy, Angela Higgins and Margo Twomey who played in the Parnell Park game did not receive a call for duty this year. Full forward Mary Geaney is not available for Sunday's match but the greatest omission must be the exclusion of 1984 captain, Sandie Fitzgibbon.

At Rathnure, Wexford entertain Limerick. Wexford are in the happy position of

having their entire 1984 squad available for selection. On home ground, Tina Fitzhenry, Caroline Farrington, Elsie Cody, Stella Sinnott and Kathleen Tonks should make it a profitable start for Wexford.

Limerick will have to find replacements for a number of regulars who are unavailable at the moment.

All-Ireland finalists, Tipperary meet Clare at Cappawhite. Anxious to take up from where they left off, Tipperary have been active much earlier than usual this season. However, they are not in the happy position of having their entire All-Ireland panel on call. Anne Gleeson is working in England. Triona Bonnar is in America and Kirsty McCluskey is spending a year in France.

Tipperary are able to call on Deirdre Lane, Mary Sheedy, Ger Ryan, Maura Hackett and Jenny English. The visitors will bring Veronica Casey, Anne Marie Russell, Liz Condron, Claire Jones and Mary Howard but they will have to be at their best to bring home the points.

A number of midweek games enabled the Ulster Colleges final to go ahead as originally planned. Loreto, Letterkenny defeated St. Patrick's, Maghera by 6-1 to 1-5 to take the senior title. St. Paul's, Kilrea overcame Cross & Passion, Ballycastle by 4-3 to 1-0 in the junior final.

The scene is now set for the All-Ireland Colleges junior semi-finals on Saturday. St. Raphael's, Loughrea will journey to Kilrea to face St.

Paul's. St. Raphael's are, of course, All-Ireland champions and with Mary Dolphin, Cora Curley, Imelda Hobbins, Rita Dolan and Ger Fahy in the line-up they will be favourites to advance.

St. Paul's surprised a fancied Maryfield side at this stage and venue two years ago. If Sharon Quinn, Deirdre Esler, Deirdre O'Boyle, Marie O'Kane and Clare Morgan rise to the occasion, they could do it again.

Participating in their first All-Ireland semi-final, Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis face Maryfield College, Dublin. The Clare school has fine players in Angela Kileen, Catherine O'Loughlin, Shelley Hegarty, Clare Bracken, Anne Hennessy and Jackie Hickie. Tradition and experience favours Maryfield who will pin their hopes on Collette Hanley, Niam Power, Grainne O'Hara, Linda Bennett and the Hogans.

Excellent entertainment will be enjoyed by those who go along to Colaiste Mhuire, Parnell Square on Saturday night (7.0) for the finals of the All-Ireland C.C.D.

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SATURDAY

All-Ireland Colleges Junior Semi-Finals — At Cusack Park.
Ennis (2.00) — Colaiste Mhuire v Maryfield College, At Kilrea.
(2.00) — St. Paul's, Kilrea, v St. Raphael's, Loughrea.

SUNDAY

NATIONAL LEAGUES

At Ballincollig — (2.30)
Senior Cork v Dublin 2.30. At Rathnure — Junior — Wexford v Limerick, 2.0. Senior — Wexford v Limerick, 3.0. At Cappawhite — Junior — Tipperary v Clare, 2.0. Senior — Tipperary v Clare, 3.0. At Omagh — Junior — Tyrone v Donegal, 2.45. At Cappagh — Junior — Kildare v Waterford, 3.0. At Tuilamore — Junior — Offaly v Armagh, 3.0. At Lisnakeary — Junior — Fermanagh v Meath, 3.0.



MARY O'LEARY

Old Camogie Rivals Clash At Ballincollig

CORK begin their National Senior League campaign on Sunday next and what a tough task they have to begin with, in this first round tie they meet All-Ireland Champions and arch rivals, Dublin.

There are a number of changes on the Cork team for Sunday and the biggest surprise is the omission of Sandy Fitzgibbon of Glen Rovers. Sandy has played some marvellous games for Cork in the last number of years, and is always consistent, so her dropping must be wondered at.

The defence for Sunday is on familiar lines with Marian McCarthy in goal Eileen Dineen at full back, Catherine Landers at centreback, and Miriam Higgins. Liz Dunphy, who had a number of outings with Cork in the League last season, in the centre, has been selected at corner back to complete the back-line.

The centres for the game are Clare Cronin and Ann Marie Landers, both of whom have been training intensely and played major roles in U.C.C.'s recent Ashbourne Cup win, and Irene O'Leary of Na Piar-saigh, who recently won the Cork Examiner Youth Award for Camogie. Irene will be making her debut at senior level in this game.

In the forward line the ever-present and sharp shooting Mary O'Leary will be joined by Patsy Keniry of Killeagh, another of the successful U.C.C. side, Clare Kelleher of Eire Og and Glen Rovers' Val Fitzpatrick, and this quartet are all capable of being matchwinners on their own.

Listed among the substitutes is Marian Sweeney, who play so many match-winning games for Cork, but who took a year off from inter-county camogie last season.

Dublin will be without two members of last year's side as Ann Colgan last year's captain, has retired from the game while Bernie Toner is indisposed at present.

Supporters who travel to Ballincollig for this game are certain to see a thriller, and although teams at this time of year often tend to be less than fully fit, there will be no lack of tension or

commitment as these old rivals battle for these first two vital points.

As part of their contribution to the celebrations of Cork 800 U.C.C. are organising the U.C.C.-7 Up Cork School of Sport, to be held on April 10, 11 and 12 next.

Ten sports have been chosen for this school and camogie is one of them. The idea of the school is to take a number of young players with the greatest sporting potential and give them three days of intensive coaching with the top coaches in each code participating.

Forty-five youngsters in the 14-16 age group will be selected by the Cork Minor Camogie selectors to take part in this exciting venture and in charge of the girls will be Camogie's National Coach, Mary Moran.

The Cork Minor Selectors have already received names from some clubs for consideration for the Cork Minor Team, and now the Co. Board is asking that clubs who have not submitted names of their top young players to the selectors should do so immediately, or they can submit them to the Co. Secretary. As players suggested for the Minor County team, will now be in the running for this school.

FIXTURE

Sunday at Ballincollig N.L. Cork V Dublin 2.30 p.m.

Cork Team: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, L. Dunphy, C. Cronin, A. M. Landers, I. O'Leary, M. O'Leary, P. Keniry, C. Kelleher, V. Fitzpatrick. Subs: S. Fitzgibbon, S. Spillane, M. Sweeney, M. Spillane, B. Costine.

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DUBLIN ARE SO CONVINCING

Cork 2-2, Dublin 3-12

ALL-IRELAND champions Dublin scored a comprehensive win over National League champions Cork in their opening game of the League at Ballincollig, yesterday.

Dublin settled faster and raced into the lead with a goal from star player, Edel Murphy after just five minutes. Team skipper Murphy went on to torment Cork and score 1-6 of her side's total.

Dublin led 2-8 to 1-0 at half time after completely dominating the opening half with Murphy, Joan Gormley, Marie Connell causing Cork all sorts of problems. The game was 15 minutes old before Mary O'Leary, Cork's most impressive forward broke their duck with a goal to make it 1-3 to 1-0. Dublin stepped up the tempo again however and within two minutes Marie Connell hit the second goal to push them into a 2-3 to 1-0 advantage.

Dublin added points virtually at will as Edel Murphy, Joan Gormley and Carmel O'Byrne, gave Dublin a 2-8 to 1-0 half time lead.

Scorers for Cork: Mary O'Leary 2-1; Irene O'Leary 0-1.

For Dublin: Edel Murphy 1-6 (4-1 free); Joan Gormley 1-4; Marie Connell 1-4; Una Crowley 0-1; Carmel O'Byrne 0-1.

CORK: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, C. Landers, M. Higgins, L. Dunphy, C. Cronin, A. M. Landers, I. O'Leary, M. O'Leary, P. Keniry, C. Kelleher, V. FitzPatrick. Sub: Sandy Fitzgibbon for Clare Kelleher (26 minutes).

DUBLIN: Y. Redmond, C. Ledwith, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, G. Bourke, U. Crowley, E. Murphy (capt.), B. Redmond, J. Gormley, D. O'Leary, M. Connell, C. O'Byrne.

Referee: Orla Ryan (Dublin).

Dublin in command

CORK 2-2
DUBLIN 3-12

DUBLIN, the All Ireland champions, scored a comprehensive 3-12 to 2-2 win over the National League holders, Cork in the National League at Ballincollig, Co. Cork yesterday. Dublin led 2-3 to 1-0 at half-time after Edel Murphy, their team captain netted after just five minutes play and she went on to contribute 1-6 to the team tally.

LIMERICK 4-3
EXFORD 2-3

HIGH WINDS and a soft pitch spoiled this closely contested senior national camogie opening round league game at Rathnure yesterday. Play was even enough in the first half when the visitors led by 2-2 to 1-2

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and they continued the initiative during the second period.

Scorers - Limerick, B. Stokes (2-1), E. O'Sullivan (2-0), M. McCarthy, M. Lenihan (0-2 each). Wexford - J. Codd, A. Reddy (1-1 each), A. Cody, G. O'Leary, E. Keogh (0-1 each).

Junior National League results - Offaly 2-3, Armagh 2-3, Meath 5-0, Fermanagh 0-3, Wexford 0-3, Limerick 0-3.

All Ireland post primary junior schools semi-finals - Colaiste Mhuire Ennis 6-1, Maryfield College, Dublin 1-1, St. Raphael's Loughrea 2-3, St. Paul's Kerea (Derry) 2-1.

Clare the way, it's Veronica!



Clare camogie star, Veronica Casey, who will be in action in the National League at Cappawhite at the weekend.

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Dublin end an 18 year wait

"It is a long road with no turning". That "turning" came for Dublin in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship last September when the county that was once invincible in the series regained the title after an 18-year gap by beating Tipperary by 5-9 to 2-3 at Croke Park. The win gave Dublin their 26th title, which helps to underline the dominance they enjoyed for so long in the championship, as their closest rivals, are twelve titles behind the Leinster county.

The final made its own special niche in Irish sporting history as the game was the first senior match in the code televised live. The decider did not come up to general expectations, but it still held interest all through, and had some worthwhile features, not least being on the individual scene.

Edel Murphy, of Dublin, turned on what many shrewd judges of the game rated as one of the best performances in an All-Ireland final. She never stopped working efficiently all through and capped her display by scoring seven golden points to finish the top scorer in the final.

Edel's display was all the more meritorious because of the fact that she was playing her first full inter-county match after an appendicitis operation.

However, she was not the only bright light in the team. Yvonne Redmond had fine game in goal, and more recently was presented with the B+I Camogie Personality of the Year award for the Centenary Year.

Una Crowley played splendidly in midfield, while Mary Mernagh had an excellent game in the second half, also in the centre of the park. Marie Connell, playing in her first senior final, had an excellent game at full forward and finished with two superb goals to her credit.

It would be unfair to give the impression that Dublin's winning return was carved out by a few individuals. Those singled out were undoubtedly very bright stars, but every member of the side, plus the two substitutes who went into the game, contributed handsomely to what was essentially a great team effort.

Dublin had a hard, hard road to the Centenary title. They were paired against Kilkenny in the second round, and gave supporters hope for the future with a 6-6 to 4-4 win. That win was badly needed, as some weeks earlier Dublin gave a very disappointing showing when losing their National League title to Cork in the final, played in Cork.

The revival continued at Adare later in July, when Limerick were well beaten - 1-11 to 0-8. The success gave Dublin a place in the semi-final, and another clash with Cork, who as well as having beaten the Liffesiders in the League final of '84, ended Dublin's All-Ireland ambitions of 1982 and 1983.

It looked as though Cork were once again to prove Dublin's "bogey" side as they led by two points at Parnell Park as a very keenly contested match of high standard play reached the concluding minute. But then, in the final minute, Joan Gormley scored one of the most crucial goals of the Centenary Year to give Dublin a dramatic 3-4 to 1-9 victory.

Carmel O'Byrne and Marie Connell scored Dublin's other goals, and it was the ability to take the goal opportunities when they presented themselves that proved the main factor in turning the key in the door to what must rank as one of Dublin's most famous victories in years -

the All-Ireland final triumph of last September notwithstanding.

After that, there were great ambitions by the Liffeside of at long last ending the county's long absence from the All-Ireland senior championship, and the success over Tipperary was particularly sweet in view of the disappointments of finishing runners-up in the previous two seasons.

Anne Colgan captained Dublin, and so joined the ranks of great players who have been presented with the sport's most coveted prize. This was the title winning side:

Yvonne Redmond; Marion Conroy; Germaine Noonan, Bernie Toner, Catherine Ledwidge; Una Crowley, Mary Mernagh, Barbara Redmond; Joan Gormley, Anne Colgan, Edel Murphy; Marie Connell.

Substitutes: Carmel O'Byrne for Marie Connell; Noreen Fleming for Bernie Toner.



● Yvonne Redmond receives the Cuchulainn trophy as the B+I Line Camogie Player of the Year from B. F. Bird, Assistant Chief Executive B+I Line.

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St. Finbarrs aim for senior success

St. Finbarrs camogie club is an integral part of the oldest club in the G.A.A. — the "Barrs" of Cork. Our club draws its players from the Lough and Togher parishes of the city. Camogie has been played in the Lough area since the early part of the century. St. Finbarrs fielded teams at different times during this century, but with limited success. A junior team won the county championship in 1964, but disbanded shortly afterwards.

With the move to a magnificent new pavilion and playing fields at Togher in 1970, it was decided to re-form the camogie section. Frances Barry-Murphy (sister of Jimmy) re-organised the club uniform of royal blue jersey with gold collar and gold trim on the sleeves, and a royal blue skirt with royal blue socks was chosen. This followed the traditional Barrs colours.

The nineteen-seventies has a limited amount of success. One junior team reached the county final in its first season, but were beaten by a more experienced Glanworth side. An under-18 league title was won in 1974 and a junior league title in 1979. Although there was a lack of major success, the club was starting to attract more players and becoming more organised within itself.

From 1980 onwards, the committee began a policy

of coaching under-age teams, and has reaped the rewards of their hard work. The record of titles won since then is as follows:

1980: Junior "A" League.

1981: Junior "A" Championship and League. Pan Celtic "B" competition winners.

1982: Intermediate Championship. Under-16 championship. Under-14 league. Cork representatives in Feile na Gael — narrowly beaten by Marino in "A" final.

1983: Under-16 championship. Under-18 runners-up. Under-16 league. Under-14 league. Under-18 league. Pan Celtic "A" section winners.

1984: Junior "A" championship. Under-16 championship finalists (final not played yet). Under-16 and Under-18 leagues as yet unfinished. Junior and senior leagues as yet unfinished. Pan Celtic "A" winners.

The winning of the intermediate championship in 1982 meant up-grading to senior ranks. This was a long cherished ambition of the club. We hope to field in five grades in 1985 — Under-14, Under-16, Under-18, intermediate and senior and possibly junior B to cater for a growing number of players.

In 1984, we participated in the Munster Senior League and we found this an invaluable experience for our major players.

One of the most prominent players is Claire Cronin, who has won All-Ireland championships with Cork teams. Claire was named a B + I Camogie Player of the Year in 1983. She also won the Gradam Tailte Award that year. Marie O'Sullivan, Stephanie Curtin, Carol-Ann O'Connell and Louise Cosgrave have won All-Ireland medals with Cork. Marie O'Sullivan also won a senior championship medal. Colleen O'Leary, Dolores Duffy, Mary-Ann Horgan and Finola Broderick have won Under-18 Munster championship medals.

Our record in the Cork minor competitions in 1982 and 1983 gave two of our girls the honour of

captaining Cork to victory in the All-Ireland minor series. They were Colette O'Mahony (1983) and Deirdre Christie (1984). Paula Carey won minor medals in those years. Colette Cronin and Yvonne O'Neill were also on the Cork team in 1984. Colette O'Mahony who is a most skillful player represented Cork in the Feile na Gael skills competition in 1981.

We have received tremendous financial and moral support from the hurling and football sections of the club throughout the years. Our present senior and junior trainer is Eamonn Fitzpatrick who won several Cork senior championship medals with the Barrs in hurling and football. The camogie section helped to win the All-Ireland club of the year title in 1984. We participated in two television programmes on the Barrs recently, *Trom Agus Eadrom* and *Anything Goes*. Camogie players also avail of the other facilities of the club, such as squash, handball, racquet ball and badminton. There is also a considerable social life such as discos, dances and outings.

Another feature of our



St. Finbarr's, Cork County Junior A champions.



St. Finbarr's — Cork Under-16 champions 1983.

club is the link between camogie players of the past and present. Mrs. Marie Santry (nee Barrett) played on the Barrs team which won the County Championship title in the 60's. Her daughter, Antoinette Santry, had a brilliant game at corner-forward in the junior county championship final in 1984. Our president Mrs. Betty Mohally is a former player, who played in the '30's.

We also contribute to camogie in Cork county. Two members are Board Officers, Marian McCarthy (fixtures Secretary) and Louis Cosgrave (registrar).

Eleanor Twomey, Louise Cosgrave, Mrs. Santry and Mary Christie have acted as Cork selectors in the past. Elizabeth Murphy is secretary of the Cork Primary Schools Board.

What of our plans for the future? Our main ambition is to do well in the Cork Senior Championship over the next few years. We also wish to coach the younger players as well as possible, to provide a firm basis for the growth of the club.

Éilís Ní Mhurchú,
Rúnaí,
Cumann Camógaiochta Barra Naofa,
Corcaigh.



St. Finbarr's camogie committee 1984

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THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY CAREER

Anne Colgan, captain of Dublin's All-Ireland winning Senior Camogie team, talks to Owen McCann.

"It just has to rank as the highlight of my career. I cannot see anything in the future in sport beating that experience". That was the reaction of Anne Colgan when I talked her after she had time to reflect on her achievement in leading Dublin to their first All-Ireland senior camogie championship final win in 18 years.

"I recall with particular affection my first medal win with Buttevant in Cork when I was about 13, and I also look back with delight on my All-Ireland senior medal wins with Cork in 1971 and 1972.

"But captaining an All-Ireland senior title-winning team is something special", maintains Anne.

How was it that a native of Cork led Dublin to that first All-Ireland senior championship since 1966? The answer is simple enough.

Anne Colgan has been playing with the Celtic club in the capital for the past few years, and she has also been a regular with the county side for most of that time.

"The selectors choose the Dublin county team captain each year, and I was nominated for the first round championship game of the year against Down. It was a great honour".

Anne told me that she did not feel any extra pressures as a result of the captaincy in the early rounds. However, things changed somewhat coming up to the All-Ireland final.

"I was more conscious of the pressures as the final with Tipperary approached, but I tried not to allow those upset me".

So much so, in fact, that Anne did not

even consider preparing an acceptance speech before the final.

"I just went out and played my own game, and when the time came to accept the Cup I made my remarks spontaneously".

Anne Colgan now lives with her husband in Mulhuddart, Co. Dublin. She was born in Mallow. There is no tradition of camogie in her family and she was in her teens before she took up the game. That was with a then newly formed Buttevant team.

She won League and championship medals with the club, and followed on by winning her place with Cork county team at minor and junior. The next step was a

call-up to senior, and this came early in her career - at only 16.

During those years, Anne had great admiration for a number of Cork players, notably Hannah Dineen, one of the outstanding full backs in the game, who led Cork to their 1972 title win, among a number of All-Ireland senior medals gained in the top bracket.

Anne Colgan also speaks highly of Liz Garvan, a forward colleague of hers in Cork's 1971 and 1972 title winning teams.

"I have always admired Liz's style and great determination", says Anne.

It was in 1978, shortly after she married, that Anne and her husband came to live in Dublin. Her first club in the capital was Presentation, Terenure. She was a member of the Dublin substitutes panel when that club went out of senior ranks. She then joined Celtic.

MUCH TIME

That was the start of a great association. Already she has won two senior county championship and two senior League medals with Celtic.



● Anne Colgan (Dublin) left, and Deirdre Lane (Tipperary) shake hands before the All-Ireland senior camogie final, as referee Kathleen Quinn (Galway) prepares to toss the coin.

Dublin's Centenary Year captain devotes much time to camogie. Last Summer, for instance, Anne trained two nights with Dublin, and one evening with Celtic, as well as turning out with both teams up until mid-August when the Dublin county champions were knocked out of the Leinster club series.

Anne has very definite views about camogie. For one thing, she feels that the sport is deserving of more support than is forthcoming at present from rank and file supporters in Gaelic Games.

"The majority of supporters at the All-Ireland final were friends and relations of the players. I doubt if many footballers or hurlers, or G.A.A. officials for that matter, attended the Dublin/Tipperary game.

"Yet camogie players are to be found regularly at Gaelic football and hurling matches".

The gifted Dublin forward would like to see camogie being treated more favourably by the media.

"The game does not receive anything like the publicity it deserves, especially when you consider the numbers playing camogie in all age groups", she argues.

That's also why she was delighted that the All-Ireland senior final was televised live last September.

That was a forward step. It must do good for the game, especially coming after two excellent games between Cork and Dublin for the 1982 and 1983 titles".

The Celtic club player also believes that there is scope in camogie for an All Stars selection, as in football and hurling.

"Such a promotion would help to focus greater interest on the sport, and would also prove a good promotional exercise".

HEAVY SCHEDULE

Anne, who maintains that the general standard of camogie has improved in re-

cent years, is convinced that the camogie calendar is heavy enough.

"We have all the competitions necessary at present over the various grades, Leagues, championships and inter-provincials, and I just cannot see that any others are needed".

When I talked to Anne about great players in the game she told me that she put much emphasis on friendliness of team-mates, and on players who encourage their team-mates. Some players are great in their own right, but do not encourage team-mates enough she maintains.

Then, she went on to talk about Marion Conroy, who was moved back from the attack to defence by Dublin for the 1984 championship, and made a real success of the transfer.

"I have a great admiration for Marion. She played in the attack in the 1982 and 1983 finals against Cork, and then moved to full back, one of the most difficult positions in the team, for the 1984 series, and proved one of the stars of the victory run.

"It takes a great player to do that".

She also spoke highly of Edel Murphy, who had such a splendid game for Dublin against Tipperary in the All-Ireland final, and scored seven grand points.

"Edel is a great competitor, always encouraging and spurring on team-mates, and she runs and runs as if there is no tomorrow".

On a personal note, Anne singled out another of her county colleagues, Barbara Redmond, for special mention.

"When I first joined the Dublin team, Barbara made me feel very much at home, and was a great encouragement".

CHANGES ?

I asked Anne if she felt that any changes were needed in the playing rules of camogie.

"I don't think many changes are needed. I would favour an extension of the playing time from 25 to 30 minutes in each half. I think a 25 minutes playing period in each half is somewhat short.

"I would also be in favour of widening the playing pitch somewhat, and I believe a case can be made as well for a "40" yards free, rather than our "30".

But when I suggested that perhaps the numbers of players should be extended, Anne would have none of it.

"I think our panel of twelve in camogie is ideal for our game. I don't believe there would be any need either to increase the number of players if the pitch were widened. The centre half forward in camogie can have a very commanding influence on the game, and generally I would not favour extra players".

Anne's husband gives her every encouragement in her camogie career, and does not mind the amount of time she devotes to the sport both in training and playing.

Dublin's climb back to the top naturally prompted me to ask Anne if she had any views as to why the return to All-Ireland glory was so long delayed.

She did not point to any single reason, but felt that the retirement of top players after the last golden years, allied to the upsurge of the game in a number of counties, like Kilkenny and Wexford, were factors that contributed to Dublin's long absence from the All-Ireland rankings.

As for the future - Anne feels that she has accomplished everything possible in the game.

"As I have said, the captaining of the All-Ireland senior title winning team was the pinnacle of my career. I have now achieved every honour.

"However, I have no intention of giving up camogie. Whatever about the future in inter-county competitions, I still intend to keep playing with my club".

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PATSY WINS AWARD

NINETEEN-YEARS old Patsy Keniry, Killeagh, one of the stars of the U.C.C. side that won the Ashbourne Cup, for the first time in eight years, is the Searsons Seasonal Sports Star for the winter months - December, January and February.

Miss Keniry, one of a family of eight, has been playing camogie for the past nine years and has an All-Ireland Junior medal, two All-Ireland minor medals, three Cork County, three Munster Club Championships, one All-Ireland Club Championship and one All-Ireland Seven-a-side medal, as well as an Ashbourne Cup medal.

While her contribution to Killeagh's first win in the Senior League against Glen Rovers last month was enormous, she scored seven points, her magnificent displays with the students was the main factor to her winning the award.

Mrs. R. Searson, wife of the sponsor, presented the trophy to Patsy at a luncheon in Searsons, where amongst those present were Mrs. Shelia Spillane, chairperson of the Killeagh Camogie Club, Father Bertie Troy, trainer of the Killeagh team, Mrs. J. Scott-Baird, wife of John, President Middleton & East Cork Chamber of Commerce, and John & Nellie

Keniry, Patsy's parents.

Speaking at the function Mrs. Spillane called for the setting up of an East Cork Junior Camogie Board. She said it was tough enough for small clubs to survive, but asking teams like Youghal to travel to Castlemagner was ridiculous. She felt that with clubs like Youghal, Fr. O'Neills, Castlemartyr; Churchtown North, Carrigtwohill; Sarsfields, Watergrasshill, St. Catherine's, they could have their own East Cork League, East Cork Championship and still go forward for the County Championships.

Picture shows Margaret Searson presenting the Searson Winter Sport Star award to Patsy Keniry. Included is Fr. Bertie Troy C.C. and Sheila Spillane.

Gaelic Games Enthusiasts

Gaelic games enthusiasts photographed at a Cork Association's function in New York.

Back row from left: Jimmy Coleman, Secretary, New York G.A.A. Minor Board, Dolores Kelly (Offaly), Ann Treanor (Monaghan), Breige Lavery (Tyrone), Margaret Dunne (Offaly), Eileen Gallagher (New York).

Middle row: Una Connell (Galway), Rosaleen Quinn and Bernadine Coary (Tyrone), Oliver O'Donnell, President, New York G.A.A.

Front row: Kathleen Brennan (Galway), Paulie Briody (Cavan), Kathleen McDonagh (Tipperary), Monica McCabe (Cavan), Bernadette Ward (Galway).



Now St. Raphaels seniors hope to m

THE semi-finals of the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship are scheduled for Saturday.

At Loughrea the home school, St. Raphaels, will endeavour to qualify for both senior and junior finals for the second year running. The second semi-final will be staged at Buncloody where the local FCJ Secondary School will meet St. Patrick's, Cork.

St. Raphaels drew the admiration of the crowd in Croke Park in last season's junior final for their skilful camogie. Several of that team have now stepped up to the senior grade.

Anne Fahy, Claire Robin-

son, Brid Stratford, Deirdre Costelloe, Caroline Loughnane, Fidelma Coyne, Angela Cooney from the nucleus of a side which will be hard to stop.

Their opponents, Loreto, Letterkenny travel with high hopes of causing an upset. Loreto reached this stage two years ago and four of that team remain. These experienced players, Noreen McCusker, Emer McDonagh, Andrea McHugh and Rosemary Kerr will endeavour to guide Letterkenny to success.

TRADITION

Munster champions, St. Patricks, Cork, journey to North Wexford where they

meet FCJ Buncloody. All-Ireland champions in 1981, the Cork school has greater tradition.

Backed by a number of Cork minors, St. Patricks field a good all round side. Karen and Linda Mellerick, Aileen and Helena Barry, Viv O'Brien, Kathleen O'Keefe, Tracy O'Riordan, Mary Rose and Carmel Currid are fine young players with their eyes on a final place.

FCJ Buncloody came through a hard campaign in Leinster and fully deserve to have reached this stage. Coaching by Wexford hurler Rory Kinsella, the team possesses plenty of ability.

CAMOGIE

Catherine Murphy, Catherine Purcell, Breda Doyle, Noleen Jordan, Majella O'Neill and Catherine Atkinson will aim to take their school a step further.

IMPRESSIVE

In Spring-like conditions, Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis turned on the style in the junior semi-final last Saturday. With the wind at their backs in the second half, they disposed of the challenge of Maryfield College and ran out impressive winners by 6-5 to 1-1.

The second semi-final was a closer affair. A mere two points separated winners, St. Raphaels from St. Paul's, Kildare on the scoreline of 2-3 to 2-1.

The final of the CCIA League will be staged in Galway on Saturday. Ashbourne Cup champions put themselves out of contention by infringing a rule thus leaving the competition to be decided between UCD and UCG.

The Galway side were Ashbourne Cup finalists and have quality players in Claire Jones, Mairead Coyle, Claire Moloney, Annette Ryan and Brid Kelly. The standard of the UCD side is not on a par with recent

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Camogie President, Mary Fennelly, with Yvonne McInerney of Sixmile-bridge, Co. Clare, winner of the Feile Skills Competition

MARY Fennelly will step down as Uachtaran of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael at Congress in Ballinasloe. She has every reason to feel pleased with her performance in office. Never one to spare herself, she travelled far and wide to promote the game.

A former secretary of the Kilkenny County Board and Leinster Council, Mary took the hot seat without previous experience of chairing meetings. The workings of Ard Comhairle and its many sub-committees were new to her.

During her period in office, Mary worked with three Ard Runai. Two of these were new to camogie administration and took some time to find their feet. The loss of Agnes Purcell (R.I.P.) was a great blow. Like so many other young officials, Mary had looked to Agnes for guidance, encouragement and support.

A person of lesser spirit and character than Mary might have succumbed under such handicaps and difficulties. But not Mary, she was determined to succeed and do her best for the Association.

Mary related well to the players. No generation gap existed as they

remembered her accomplished play on the wing for Kilkenny. Her interest in young players and, in particular, Feile na nGael is well known.

The development of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael and proper planning for the future occupied her thoughts. She saw great potential in this area. She urged members to tackle the problem in a positive manner as a matter of urgency.

She put forward the idea of introducing Liaison Officers who would adopt two or three counties convenient to her base. She felt that past players or administrators might be coaxed into taking such a role.

Mary was the first Camogie President to be invited to address the Congress of the Gaelic Athletic Association. She acquitted herself with distinction and played no small part in improving relations between the two bodies.

She may reflect on a job well done. She saw Gradam Tailte become well established, the short history of the Camogie Association reach the bookshelves and the televising of the All-Ireland final. However, I do not expect her well earned rest to last too long. A person of Mary's ability

OUTGOING PRESIDENT CAN REFLECT ON A JOB WELL DONE

BY MARY MORAN

cannot be lost to camogie. It is likely that she will be back in harness, in some capacity or other, sooner rather than later.

The 1985 inter-county season is upon us. The National Senior League opens on 3rd March. What better way to set the scene for the new season than a clash of Dublin and Cork? On this occasion, these top teams meet in Cork.

At this time of the year rumours of pending retirements abound. It takes a competitive match to separate fact from fantasy. If both the All-Ireland Champions and the league holders have their full compliment of players, this game should act as an indication of form.

Dublin will be anxious to prove their victory in September was no flash in the pan but rather a return to the glory of old. Cork were not too happy watching from the stands and would dearly love to celebrate Cork 800 with the return of the O'Duffy Cup to the southern capital.

Several counties will have other ideas. Tipperary acknowledged that their short preparation for the All-Ireland Final was inadequate to meet the task. They have plans to alter that situation in the coming months.

Kilkenny hope to wipe out the memory of the championship match with Dublin and know that they are capable of a much better showing.

Wexford had high hopes last summer but the scoring touch of earlier rounds deserted them in the Tipperary games. Hope of a historic breakthrough is ever present in the hearts of Limerick, Galway, Clare and Down. As the March winds dry out the pitches, we look forward with interest to another great season.

a double final double

The absence of regular goalkeeper Carol McAllister leaves a place for Karen Coyles.

Also in the Antrim line-up will be Mary Lundy, Margaret Stockman, Anne McGarry, Jo McAllister, Mary McMullan and Claire McAleese.

Anne Gallagher, Noreen Treacy, Madge Hobbins, Chris Silke, Anne Briscoe, Margaret O'Reilly and Breda Kenney will make what may be a successful trip for Galway.

Kilkenny host Down in both senior and junior grades. Kilkenny had a convincing win in the corresponding game last season and with Angela Browne,

Bridie McGarry, Anne Downey, Jo Dunne, Biddy O'Sullivan and Anne Whelan available, it points towards another Kilkenny victory.

Down will be anxious to improve their record with Teresa Allen, Noreen O'Prey, Joan Gilmore, Bonnie McGreevey and Shelia McCartan will have that in mind.

EXPERIENCE

Cavan had their best season last year when they reached the All-Ireland junior final. They hope to build on that experience when they open their programme with Monaghan on Sunday.

In an all Leinster game, Carlow and Wicklow meet for two valuable league points.

SATURDAY
ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES LEAGUES
SENIOR SEMI-FINALS
At Buncloody (3.30) — F.C.J. Buncloody v St. Patrick's, Cork.
At Loughrea (2.0) — St. Raphael's v Loreto, Letterkenny.
At U.C.G. Sportsground (2.30) — C.C.I.A. League Final UCG v UCD.

SUNDAY
NATIONAL LEAGUES
At Loughgiel (2.0) Senior Antrim v Gilway.
At Tullaroan — Junior Kilkenny v Down (2.0); Senior — Kilkenny v Down (3.0).
At Carrickmacross — Junior Monaghan v Cavan (3.0).
At Myshall — Carlow v Wicklow (3.0).

St. Raphael's in decider

St. Raphael's, Loughrea 6-10; Loreto, Letterkenny 0-2. ST. RAPHAEL'S COLLEGE, Loughrea, had an easy passage into the final of the All-Ireland Senior Colleges' Camogie Championship when beating Loreto, Letterkenny, by 6-10 to 0-2 in a one-sided semi-final at Loughrea yesterday.

Scorers — Loughrea: A. Fahy (2-3), D. Costello (3-5). Letterkenny — G. Blaney (0-1), M. Devine (0-1).

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Mary is Monaghan's first President

ANNUAL Congress, which scheduled for Ballinasloe two weeks time, will see the election of president. Kilkenny girl, Mary Fennelly, will step down having commanded three very successful years. The prestigious post will be taken by Mary Lynch, who will become the fifth and Monaghan's first president.

As Mary Kelly, she was introduced to the game while at secondary school in Carrickmacross. She progressed quickly and made the county team while still a schoolgirl. Mary joined the Celtic Club on taking up employment in Dublin. Incidentally, she becomes the fifth former president of that club to reach the top post in the association.

Mary's worth as a player drew the attention of the selectors. She secured a position on the team partnering Helena Cody at midfield.

With Dublin Mary won Leinster and All-Ireland medals and will bring to eight the number of All-Ireland medal holders to be honoured with the presidency.

LIMITED

On the occasion of her marriage to Willie Lynch, Mary returned to Carrickmacross. Her involvement in camogie was limited for the next few years due to family commitments. However, she found time to coach the players of her alma mater.

When the task of reorganising the game in Co. Monaghan was undertaken, Mary stepped forward to fill the role of county chairman. She retained the position until the game was firmly established throughout the county. Mary acted as trainer-manager to the Monaghan minor and junior teams putting her own inter-county experience to good use.

CAMOGIE

Her initial connection on the Ulster Council was as a Monaghan delegate but she advanced to hold each position on the council in turn. She served as a member of the Fixtures and Referees Sub-committees. When the All-Ireland Primary Schools Council was established Mary was named as a member.

HER HOPES

Mary is perhaps best known as a referee. She has officiated at minor, junior and senior All-Ireland finals. Mother of a grown-up family, she has also found time for local community work. She has helped on the committees for Social Services, Care of the Aged, Youth and Recreational Organisations and Girl Guides.

Mary's hopes for the association include an improvement in the standard of refereeing, better team management and greater attention to administration.

She will bring the experience gained from her many years of service to her new office. The best wishes of camogie supporters will be with her as she takes on the demanding new role.

Aided by the stiff breeze, St. Raphael's, Loughrea were quickly into their stride against Loreto, Letterkenny in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Colleges senior championship on Saturday. Fahy and Deirdre Costello caused great problems for the Donegal girls and will be extremely difficult to stop in the final.

At Buncloody the game between the local FCJ Secondary School and t. Patrick's, Cork was much closer. Some fine camogie was seen by both teams in excellent conditions. St. Patrick's had the better balanced side and scored a merited 3-5 to 1-1 victory.

The meeting of St. Raphael's and St. Patrick's will be one worth travelling to see.

UCG captured the CCIA League title with a two point win over UCD. Officials in Westmeath have been busy producing a master fixtures plan covering all competitions, local and inter-county. They have issued their entire fixtures in booklet form together with other valuable information. IUT is an idea which other counties could copy.

The finals of the All-Ireland CCD attracted a great crowd recently. The list of winners is Fidelma King, Na Finna, Dublin (instrumental music), St. Oliver Plunketts Dublin (figure dancing), Delia Boyce, Mervue, Galway (solo singing), Cremadain, Monaghan (novelty act), Ogonelloe, Clare (question time), Vera Gilligan, Ballylin, Derry (recitation), Bruff, Limerick (set dancing), and Croagh, Kilkenny, Limerick (Ballad group).

ST. PATRICK'S IN DECIDER

St. Patrick's (Cork) 3-5, FCJ Buncloody 1-1

ST. PATRICK'S (Cork), had a fruitful trip to Buncloody on Saturday where they qualified for the final of the All-Ireland senior colleges' championship when they defeated FCJ Buncloody in ideal weather conditions.

Buncloody were first on the score-sheet with an early point but, once Helena Barry smashed home a fine goal soon afterwards, the Cork girls were never led again, and were worthy winners at the end.

Deirdre O'Brien excelled in defence and Helena

Barry was in brilliant form at full-forward on the St. Pat's team. But, for the most part, this was a team effort with each player playing their part in bringing the Cork girls to the All-Ireland decider.

Scorers — St. Patrick's: L. Mellerick 2-0, H. Barry 1-2, K. Mellerick, C. Currid and A. Barry 0-1 each. Buncloody: E. Atkinson 1-0, C. Purcell 0-1.

St. Patrick's: P. Mulcahy, K. O'Keefe, V. O'Brien, M. Rose, T. O'Riordan, L. O'Sullivan, C. O'Brien, K. Mellerick, C. Currid, L. Mellerick, A. Barry, H. Barry.

Buncloody: D. O'Neill, C. Murphy, P. Lee, Mary Cowman, P. Rankin, B. Doyle, C. Murphy, C. Atkinson, A. Atkinson, G. Maguire, N. Jordan, M. Purcell.

Referee: Mary Mealy, Dublin.

St. Raphael's (Loughrea) 6-10, Loreto (Kilkenny) 0-2

A feature of St. Raphael's win in the second semi-final was the scoring prowess of Ann Fahy and Deirdre Costello, who scored 3-4 each, with G. Blaney and M. Devine adding a point apiece.

Other results — St. Killeagh 5-9, Sarsfields 0-2; U-18C: Na Piarraig 1-10, Eire Og 0-0.

CAMOGIE SCORES

National Senior League — Galway 3-6; Antrim 1-2; Kilkenny 6-3; Down 0-9.

Junior National League — Kilkenny 7-2; Down 1-3.

All Ireland Colleges — Semi-Finals — St. Patrick's Cork 3-6; FC Buncloody 1-1. St. Raphael's Loughrea, 6-10; Loreto Letterkenny 0-2.

Dublin League — Senior — Celtic 3-12, Na Flanna 1-1. Camuslinmill 2-2, Phoenix 1-0. Marino 3-7, Woodville 0-1.

Intermediate — St. Oliver Plunkett's 5-1, Round Towers 5-1. Kilmacud 2-2, Na Fianna 1-4.



● MARY LYNCH... from Monaghan who takes over the presidency of the Camogie Association at Congress in two weeks time.

St. Raphaels now after the double!

LEAHY PARK, Cashel, stages the All-Ireland Colleges Finals on Saturday. St. Raphael's Secondary School, Loughrea, brought a talented bunch of young players to Croke Park last year and came away as All-Ireland Junior Champions. Now they travel with two teams. The best of their winning junior side have graduated to the senior team and promising up and coming players have slotted into the vacant places as the Loughrea school searches for a double.

Converging on Cashel with the ideas in mind will be the players and supporters of St. Patrick's Secondary School, Cork, and Colaiste Muire, Ennis. The Cork school, who were All-Ireland champions in 1981, provide the opposition to St. Raphaels in the game while Colaiste Muire contest the junior final.

St. Raphaels have a number of class players who impressed in the Connacht championship and in the semi-final with Loreto, Letterkenny. Their forward division is particularly strong.

Deirdre Costello and Ann Fahy display great ball control and accurate shooting. They are well supported by Sile Stratford and Ger Fahy. This quartet will pose problems for the St. Patrick's defence.

In the centre of the field, St. Raphaels have fine strikers in Clare Robinson, Siobhan Maher and Fidelma Coyne. The half back line of Carmel Linnane, Mary Dolphin and Brid Stratford is capable of dealing with what comes their way. Behind them are the Cooney sisters, Angela at full-back and Joan in goal.

To reach this final, St. St. Patrick's disposed of Shanahan, Sacred Heart, North Pres. and F.C.J. Buncloody. They field a balanced side and do not depend on a few players to carry them through.

Mary Mulcahy, who represented Cork in the Felle Skills at Wexford, figures in goal for St. Patrick's. Her defence contains two Cork minors, Viv O'Brien and Kathleen O'Keeffe. Tracy O'Riordan and Mary Rose complete this section which is determined to give nothing away.

Karen Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan and Caroline O'Brien work hard at mid-field. Up front team captain, Linda Mellerick holds both All-Ireland minor and junior medals. She will link up with Aileen Barry, Carmel Currid and Helena Barry in an effort to prise open the Loughrea defence. St. Raphaels are fancied in many quarters but form can be so unpredictable in colleges games.

Colaiste Muire will be making their first appearance in an All-Ireland. Camogie has been played in the school for decades and many well-known players and officials are past pupils including Claire Harrington, Jo Golden, Maureen Kelly and Kitty Murphy. On route to the final, they overcame St. Joseph's, Tulla, St. Patrick's, Shannon, Mercy, Mary's, etc.

THE results in the term events of the British Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships are as follows:

TABLE TENNIS	
Grade A — 1. B. Lacey (France) 244.	239. 4. B. Flynn (France) 241.
Grade B — 1. O. Newcombe (England) 221.	2. D. Lowe (France) 204.
Grade C — 1. P. Clark (France) 177.	2. E. O'Neill (France) 177.
Grade D — 1. M. McMillan (France) 105.	2. M. Lacey (France) 105.
Grade E — 1. A. Richardson (Australia) 101.	2. J. M. Nolan (France) 101.
Grade F — 1. O. Lennon (France) 70.	2. B. O'Neill (France) 45.
Grade G — 1. K. Nicholson (France) 45.	2. K. Nicholson (France) 45.
Grade H — 1. M. Harris (France) 39.	2. D. Burton (France) 39.
Grade I — 1. P. Henderson (France) 25.	2. D. Burton (France) 25.

Caroline Loughnane will stand on the goal line where she kept a clean sheet in the semi-final. She will be protected by Ger Fahy at full-back and the half-back line of Anne Bugler, Mary Dolphin, the team captain and Marlene Linnane.

Aideen Murphy, Cora Curley and Rita Dolan are a hard working midfield trio. Up front Brigid Fahy, Imelda Hobbins, Carmel Ryan and Triona Dolphin are capable of taking their chances.

Colleges games are often unpredictable. One thing is certain. We should see two excellent games on Saturday. On an interesting note, the referees on duty will be Angela Browne and Bridie McGarry.

Both are former colleges stars, B&I Award Winners and complete masters of our game. Will many of the players in action on Saturday reach the same heights?

SELECTIONS
ST. PATRICKS — M. Mulcahy,

T. O'Riordan, V. O'Brien, K. O'Keeffe, M. Rose, K. Mellerick, L. O'Sullivan, C. O'Brien, L. Mellerick (capt), A. Barry, C. Currid, H. Barry.

ST. RAPHAELS (Senior) — J. Cooney, A. Cooney, C. Linnane, M. Dolphin, B. Stratford, C. Robinson, S. Maher, F. Coyne, D. Costello (capt), S. Stratford, G. Fahy, A. Fahy.

COLAISTE MUIRE — S. Hegarty, A. Kileen, E. Landy, M. Sheedy, L. O'Donnell (capt), B. Ronan, C. Bracken, J. O'Loughlin, A. Hennessy, J. McCarthy, J. Hickey, M. Glynn.

T. RAPHAELS (Junior) — C. Loughnane, G. Fahy, A. Bugler, M. Dolphin (capt), M. Linnane, A. Murphy, C. Curley, R. Dolan, B. Fahy, L. Hobbins, C. Ryan, T. Dolphin.

FIXTURES SATURDAY
All Ireland Colleges Final at Leahy Park, Cashel. Junior — St. Raphaels, Loughrea v Colaiste Muire, Ennis, 2.0. Senior — St. Patrick's Secondary School, Cork, 3.15.

SUNDAY
National Leagues
At Loughrea — Galway v Louth, Junior 2.00; Senior 3.00.
At Portaferry — Down v Antrim, Senior, 3.00.
At Cappawhite — Tipperary v Wexford, Junior 2.00; Senior 3.00.
At Delaney's Grounds — Cork v Clare, Senior, 3.00.
At Silver Park — Dublin v Limerick, Senior 3.00.



• MARY ROSE



• CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN

Double For St. Raphael's!

THE climax of the All-Ireland Colleges Championships will be staged at Leahy Park, Cashel on Saturday. St. Raphael's Secondary School, Loughrea meet St. Patrick's Secondary School, Cork, in the senior final. In the second leg of their double attempt, St. Raphaels face Colaiste Muire, Ennis for the junior title.

St. Raphaels and St. Patrick's have tasted the atmosphere and excitement of a final previously. Colaiste Muire will be competing at this stage of the championship for the first time. The Ennis school won the Munster Colleges First Year championship in impressive fashion last season. The side has progressed nicely since and has reached the final on merit.

The acquisition of Michael Meagher, a hurler from Kilkenny, to the teaching staff at Colaiste marked a turning point. He set about teaching the skills of the game and the young girls responded very well. A number of this young side are very talented for their age group.

Their greatest test lies there before them on Saturday. Opponents, St. Raphaels are, of course, the All-Ireland Colleges junior champions.

Ennis have a very capable netminder in Shelly Hegarty. In front of her will be Angela Kileen who impressed in recent games. The half back line of Emer Lundy, Mary Sheedy and captain Louise O'Donnell know their job.

Up front Colaiste have the accurate Anne Hennessy, Jackie McCarthy, Jackie Hickey and Maeve Glynn. Facing them will be a St. Raphael's side which includes five members and three reserves of the team which won in Croke Park last April.

Caroline Loughnane keeps a sound goal for St. Raphaels. The backline of Geraldine Fahy, Anne Bugler, captain Mary Dolphin and Marlene Linnane forms a strong defence. Aideen Murphy, Cora Curley and Rita Dolan will keep the ball moving in the middle of the field and set up opportunities for the attack. The entire forward division of Brigid Fahy, Imelda Hobbins, Carmel Egan and Triona Dolphin were members of last season's squad and will have gained from that experience.

It is unusual for junior champions to win the senior title twelve months later. A number of schools took two years to achieve this in the past. However, St. Raphaels were so far ahead of their opponents last season that the gap to be bridged may not be that wide. St. gPatricks and the

All-Ireland senior crown in 1981 when the final was also played in Cashel.

Opposing goalkeepers are Mary Moloney, the Cork Felle Skills champion in 1984 and Joan Cooney, sister of galway hurler, Jimmy. Joan's sister, Angela is placed at full-back where she will have to cope with Helena Barry. The St. Raphael's half-back line is made up of Carmel Linnane, Mary Dolphin, who is listed for both games and the stylish Brid Stratford. They will endeavour to put reins on Barry and Carmel Currid who form a fast and hard working line for St. Patrick's.

St. Patrick's: M. Mulcahy, T. O'Riordan, V. O'Brien, K. O'Keeffe, E. Rose, K. Mellerick, L. O'Sullivan, C. O'Brien, L. Mellerick (Capt), A. Barry, C. Currid and H. Barry.

St. Raphaels (senior): J. Cooney, A. Cooney, C. Linnane, M. Dolphin, F. Stratford, O. Robinson, S. Maher, F. Coyne, D. Costello, (Capt), S. Stratford, S. Fahy and A. Fahy.

Colaiste Muire: S. Hegarty, A. Kileen, E. Landy, M. Sheedy, L. O'Donnell (Capt), B. Ronan, C. Bracken, C. McCarthy, J. Hickey and M. O'Loughlin, A. Hennessy, J. Glynn.

St. Raphaels (Junior) C. Loughnane, C. Fahy, A. Bugler, N. Dolphin (Capt), M. Linnane, A. Murphy, C. Curley, H. Dolan, E. Fahy, T. Hobbins, Ryan, D. Dolphin.

Fixtures

SATURDAY
ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES FINALS
At Leahy Park, Cashel—Junior —St. Raphael's, Loughrea v Colaiste Muire, Ennis (2.00). Senior—St. Raphael's, Loughrea v St. Patrick's, Cork (3.15).

SUNDAY
NATIONAL LEAGUES
At Loughrea—Galway v Louth, Junior (2.00) Senior (3.00).
At Portaferry—Down v Antrim, Senior (3.00).
At Cappawhite — Tip v Wexford, Junior (2.00), Senior (3.00).
At Delaney's Grounds—Cork v Clare, Senior (2.00).
At Silver Park — Dublin v Limerick, Senior (3.00).

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Colaiste Mhuire Face Stiff Test in All-Ireland Final

Colaiste Mhuire Ennis will be chasing their first All Ireland camogie title when they take on St. Raphaels, Loughrea in the junior final at Cashel on Saturday at 2 p.m. In fact no Clare team has ever won the junior title and for Saturdays game St. Raphaels, the holders of the title, having beaten St. Patricks, Shannon in the final last year, will be the favourites.

Prior to the Munster final Colaiste played the Loughrea side in a friendly and the Ennis school certainly want to forget about that match as they lost by a whopping 23 points. However Colaiste were without centre back Mary Sheedy for that game and the bad weather conditions did not suit their side. Since the Munster final the side has trained exceptionally hard under coach Mick Meagher and while they realise that Loughrea will be hard to beat, they are confident that they can upset the odds. Colaiste's campaign started last October when they had a one point win over St. Josephs, Tulla, and since then they have gone from strength to strength beating Shannon, Macroom, St. Als., Cork, before accounting for Harleville in the Munster final. They followed this up with a comprehensive win over Maryfield, Dublin in the All Ireland semi-final. They have an extremely tight marking defence that can be relied upon not to concede many scores. Much will depend on the performance of the midfield trio of Brid Ronan, Clare

Bracken and Catherine O'Loughlin, all of whom are superb players when they play to their full potential. They have a good forward line which includes the free scoring Ann Hennessy and Jackie Hickey and they should give the Galway side's defence plenty to think about.

The Colaiste team, seven of which are eligible for this competition next year, will line out as follows: Shelley Hegarty (Kilnamona), Angela Killeen (Kilmaley), Emer Landy (Crusheen), Mary Sheedy (Ballyea), Louise O'Donnell (Crusheen), Brid Ronan (Kilmaley), Clare Bracken (do.), Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona), Anne Hennessy (Kilmaley), Jackie McCarthy (Clooney), Jackie Hickey (Kilmaley), Maeve Glynn (St. Flannans). Subs.: Geraldine O'Grady (Eire Og), Martina Quinn (Sixmilebridge), Shelley Fitzpatrick (Kilmaley), Marie Hayes (do.), Martina McNamara (Eire Og), Catherine Tobin (Eire Og), Katie Fitzgerald (Kilmaley). Incidentally St. Raphaels are coached by Galway team

manager Cyril Farrell. Its expected that many Clare fans will travel to Cashel for Saturdays final for which a large number of buses will be travelling from Colaiste Mhuire.

CLARE V CORK

Clare travel to play Cork on Sunday in the second round of the national camogie league. After been somewhat unlucky to lose to Tipperary two weeks ago, Clare will be hoping to do well on this occasion. Cork have included a number of junior players in their line up for this match. The fact that the Leesiders lost their opening game to Dublin will make them very determined to succeed on this occasion.

The Clare team will be picked from the following panel: A. M. Russell, L. Moroney, M. Davoren, L. Moroney, M. Howard, C. Wall, C. Keating, L. Condron, L. Fox, A. McInerney, V. Casey, N. Quinn, M. McNicholas, H. Cusack, T. Naughton.



St. Patrick's forward Aileen Barry cutting inside St. Raphaels, Loughrea defenders Brid Stratford and Mary Dolphin during the All-Ireland Camogie Schools final in Cashel, Co. Tipperary. (Picture by Des Barry, (Examiner))

For Colleges showdown in Cashel



Competing in the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie finals at Leahy Park, Cashel on Saturday: TOP LEFT— Karen Mellerick, centrefield for St. Patrick's; TOP RIGHT: Deirdre Costello, captain and top scorer for St. Raphael's senior team; BOTTOM LEFT: Brid Ronan, on the right wing for Colaiste Mhuire; BOTTOM RIGHT: Mary Dolphin, centre back for St. Raphael's juniors.

ST. RAPHAEL'S FOIL MUNSTER CLUBS

By JOAN MORLEY

THE Munster clubs involved in Saturday's All-Ireland Colleges finals at Leahy Park, Cashel had to settle for runners-up medals as the day was dominated by St. Raphael's, Loughrea who took both senior and junior national crowns.

ST. RAPHAEL'S (LOUGHREA) 4-7: ST. PATRICK'S (CORK) 3-3

St. Patrick's, Cork, got a dream start in the senior final with a marvellous individual goal from Linda Mellerick, but from an early stage it was obvious that the Leesiders were up against it. The first half was a closely contested and exciting affair and at half time Loughrea were ahead by 1-4 to 1-1.

St. Pat's began the second half in determined mood but then St. Raphael's Deirdre Costello came into her own and three brilliant goals from this most promising player put the game beyond the Cork girls' reach. St. Pat's never gave up trying but on the day had to accept defeat at the hands of a better side.

For the winners, Deirdre Costello, Ann Fahy, Brid Stratford, Fidelma Coyne and Imelda Hobbins were always impressive, while, for St. Pats, Linda and Karen Mellerick, Helena Barry, Kathleen O'Keefe and Elizabeth O'Sullivan were best.

Scorers: St. Raphael's — D. Costello 3-1, A. Fahy 0-4, I. Hobbins 1-0, B. Stratford and C. Robinson 0-1 each.

St. Patrick's: K. Mellerick 1-3, L. Mellerick and H. Barry 1-0 each.
St. Raphael's: C. Loughnane, C. Linnane, A. Cooney, M. Dolphin, B. Stratford, C. Robinson, F. Coyne, D. Costello (capt.), S. Maher, I. Hobbins, G. Fahy, A. Fahy.
St. Patrick's: M. Mulcahy, T. O'Brian, V. O'Brien, K. O'Keefe, M. Rose, K. Mellerick, E. O'Sullivan, C. O'Brien, L. Mellerick (capt.), A. Barry, C. Currid, H. Barry.
Referee: Bridie McGarry (Kilkenny).

ST RAPHAEL'S 3-4: COLAISTE MHUIRE (ENNIS) 1-0

The Galway girls completed the first leg of their double with a comprehensive win over Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, prior to the senior game.

St. Raphael's were ahead at the break by 1-3 to 0-0 and it was only in the last quarter of the game that the Ennis girls showed anything like the form which had brought them to the final. But at that stage, in spite of a great goal from Clare Bracken, it was too late to stop the victory march of their quicker and more accurate opponents.

Scorers: St. Raphael's — C. Ryan 2-2, B. Fahy 1-0, I. Hobbins 0-2.
Colaiste Mhuire: C. Bracken 1-0.
St. Raphael's: C. Loughnane, G. Fahy, A. Bugler, M. Dolphin (capt.), M. Linnane, A. Murphy, C. Curley, R. Dolan, B. Fahy, I. Hobbins, C. Ryan, T. Dolphin.
Colaiste Mhuire: S. Hegarty, A. Kileen, E. Landy, M. Sheedy, L. O'Donnell (capt.), B. Ronan, C. Bracken, C. O'Loughlin, A. Hennessy, J. McCarthy, J. Hickey, M. Glynn.
Referee: A. Browne (Kilkenny).

St. Raphael's chase



St. Raphael's College, Loughrea senior camogie team — back row, left to right: Mary Fahy, Anne Fahy, Siobhan Maher, Pauline Linnane, Imelda Hobbs, Caroline Loughnane, Teresa Molloy, Kathy Keane, Sheila Stratford, Fidelma Coyne, Claire Robinson. Front row, left to right: Geraldine Fahy, Joan Cooney, Brid Stratford, Deirdre Costello (captain), Mary Kenny, Carmel Linnane, Mary Dolphin, Angela Cooney.

CAMOGIE PLAYERS may live in an unglamorous world but the St. Raphael's College, Loughrea senior and junior camogie teams will be feted on Saturday night if they manage to pull off an unique All-Ireland double, writes John McIntyre.

D-day on Saturday at Cashel when St. Raphael's senior team bid to win the championship for the first time ever against St. Patrick's of Cork (3.15 p.m.), while in the curtain-raiser, the school's junior side attempts to retain the All-Ireland title in opposition to Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis (2.00 p.m.)

However, this is not the first time that St. Raphael's have had both teams reaching the All-Ireland finals in one year, for in 1982 the two sides qualified for the same

stage but success eluded them on that occasion. Now St. Raphael's are bidding to atone for those narrow defeats three years ago, but the school have its work cut out to bring that elusive championship back on Saturday.

St. Raphael's have captured the senior title, but are high hopes that the school will finally make the breakthrough this grade against St. Patrick's particularly after a comprehensive defeat of the champions, Letterkenny, in the Ireland semi-final.

But if St. Raphael's are to overcome the strong challenge the Cork school there will have to be good performances forthcoming from team captain Deirdre Costello, the Cooney sisters Angela and Joan, and centre back Brid Stratford.

The junior team survivors from last year's

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Reiteoir: Angela Browne
Kilkenny

3.00 SINSEAR

Scoil Naomh Reafail,
Baile Locha Riach

v

Scoil Naomh Padraig
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Reiteoir: Bridie McGarry
Kilkenny

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St. Raphael's College, Loughrea Junior camogie team — back row, left to right: Marlene Linnane, Carmel Ryan, Dorothy Leahy, Sharon Maher, Caroline Loughnane, Cora Curley, Aileen Murphy, Marian Corcoran. Front row, left to right: Ann Bugler, Rita Dolan, Imelda Hobbins, T. Dolphin, Mary Dolphin, Brigid Fahy, Patricia Mitchell, Eilish Kilkenny, Geraldine Fahy.

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St. Patrick's Seek All-Ireland Glory

Cork take full points

CORK 4-8
CLARE 1-1

CORK took their first National Senior League points of the season at Delany Rovers Park yesterday, with a fine win over Clare.

Cork showed a vast improvement over their disastrous game against Dublin, and played with a great deal more determination and commitment.

Changes were made for yesterday's game and Mary Spillane made an excellent debut at corner back. Sandy Fitzgibbon was particularly impressive in midfield while Marian Sweeney made a dramatic return to inter-county camogie as top scorer with 2-1.

In spite of good performances from Liz Condon, Carmel Wall, Noleen Quinn and Maureen Davoren, Clare had no real answer to a rampant Cork on this occasion.

Scorers, Cork: M. Sweeney 2-1, V. Fitzpatrick 2-0, P. Keniry 0-3, C. Cronin, S. Fitzgibbon and I. O'Leary, M. O'Leary 0-1 each.
Clare: A. M. McInerney 1-0, M. McNicholas 0-1.

Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Spillane, C. Landers, L. Dunphy, I. O'Leary, C. Cronin, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Sweeney, P. Keniry. Sub. C. Kelleher for M. O'Leary.

Clare: H. Cusack, M. Davoren, A. Fahy, L. Condon, M. Howard, N. Quinn, C. Wall, R. Shaughnessy, L. Fox, C. Fahy, M. McNicholas, M. A. McInerney.

TOMORROW will be a big day for St. Patrick's School, Cork, as they will be playing in the All-Ireland Senior Colleges final, against St. Raphael's, Loughrea, at Cashel. The Loughrea girls will also be involved in the Junior final in which they will meet Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis.

On Sunday, the Cork Senior team will be in action when they meet Clare in the National Senior League at Delaney Rovers grounds, Cork.

St. Patrick's won the All-Ireland Colleges title in 1981 and since then have always been a force to be reckoned with in Munster. This season among their victories was a marvellous win over old rivals North Presentation who were strongly fancied to take the title. And that Munster Championship final win gave them a great boost. In the All-Ireland semi-final they had a rather easy win over F. C. J. Bunclody and now face the big one tomorrow.

John Ring, who trains St. Patrick's, is an excellent man for the job and he will have his side very fit and ready to take on any opposition in their efforts to bring the title back to the Lee.

The Cork girls have plenty of talent in the side with Mary Mulcahy, who won the Cork Feile Skills

title last season, in goal, Cork minors Vivienne O'Brien and Kathleen O'Keefe and the very strong Mary Rose in defence.

They also have the exciting Linda Mellerick and her sister Karen, as well as Carmel Currid, Aileen and Helena Barry, all capable of playing very good camogie.

St. Raphael's, Loughrea, have a great tradition in Colleges camogie and last season took the Junior title. Now they are back in the Senior final — and in the Junior one also — and they are all out for the double.

In their All-Ireland semi-final they had a runaway win over Loretto, Kilkenny, and in that game Ann Fahy and Deirdre Costello scored 3-6 each so they are obviously two who will have to be watched tomorrow. In addition to that duo St. Raphael's have plenty of talent and will take a great deal of beating indeed.

The Cashel pitch will probably be more of a "home" venue to St. Patrick's as they have played many games there, and if they can reproduce the form which saw them account for North Pres and Bunclody and if they can put the "shackles" on Deirdre Costello and Ann Fahy then they must be there with a great chance.

In the Junior final, Munster representatives Colaiste Mhuire take on St. Raphael's and this should be a most exciting encounter also.

St. Patrick's: M. Mulcahy, T. O'Riordan, V. O'Brien, K. O'Keefe, M. Rose, K. Mellerick, L. O'Sullivan, C. O'Brien, L. Mellerick (capt.), A. Barry, C. Currid, H. Barry.

St. Raphael's (Senior): J. Cooney, A. Cooney, C. Linnane, M. Dolphin, B. Stratford, C. Robinson, S. Maher, F. Coyle, D. Costello (capt.), S. Stratford, G. Fahy, A. Fahy. Colaiste Mhuire: S. Hegarty, A. Kileen, E. Luncy, M. Sheedy, L. O'Donnell (capt.), B. Ronan, C. Bracken, C. O'Loughlin, A. Hennessy, J. McCarthy, J. Hickey, M. Glynn.

St. Raphael's (Junior): C. Loughnane, G. Fahy, A. Bugler, M. Dolphin (capt.), M. Linnane, A. Murphy, C. Curley, B. Dolan, B. Fahy, I. Mobbins, C. Ryan, T. Dolphin.

The Cork Senior team

will be in action on Sunday when they meet Clare in the National League and following their big defeat at the hands of Dublin, they will be very anxious to make amends this time.

The Cork selectors had not named their side at the time of writing but no doubt there will be changes following Cork's very disappointing game against arch rivals, Dublin. At this time of year Cork are never fit and this probably accounts in part for the game — Dublin had been training — but even so the selectors are now almost certain to give some of the younger players a chance and use the League as an experimenting ground for the championship later in the year.

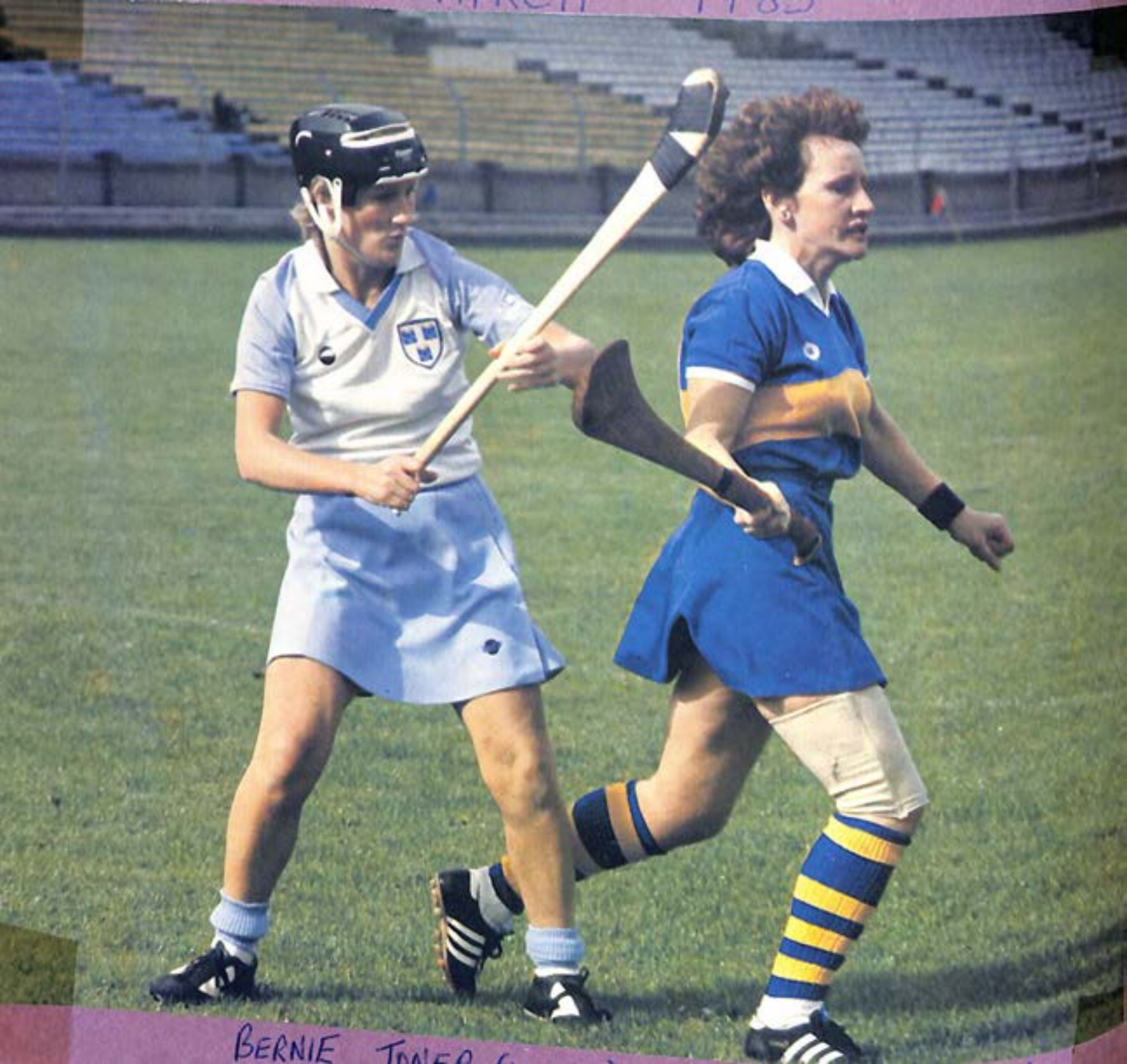
Clare have not had a great deal of success in recent years and Cork, with the home venue, should not have too much trouble in taking both points. But they will have to shake off the Dublin disaster and play a greater deal better on Sunday. Clare will be depending on Maureen Davoren and Maura McNicholas to head them and of course a win over Cork would be a great boost. However, it should be Cork at the end of the day.

Cork panel: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, L. Dunphy, S. Fitzgibbon, I. O'Leary, C. Cronin, A. M. Landers, M. O'Leary, C. Kelleher, P. Keniry, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Geaney, R. Costine, S. Spillane, M. Spillane, M. Sweeney.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday): All-Ireland Colleges finals at Leahy Park, Cashel — Junior, St. Raphael's, Loughrea v Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, 2 p.m.; Senior, St. Raphael's, Loughrea v St. Patrick's, Cork, 3.15 p.m.

Sunday, N.S.L.: Cork v Clare at Delaney Rovers Grounds, 3 p.m.; Tipperary v Wexford, at Cappawhite, 3 p.m.; Junior, Tipperary v Wexford, 2 p.m.; N.S.L.: Dublin v Limerick at Silverpark, Dublin, 3 p.m. L.L.: Blackrock v Youghal at Blackrock, 3 p.m. (Ref. Na Piar-saigh). J.A.L.: Fr. O'Neill's v Nemo Rangers at Nemo Rangers, 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballyphehane). J.B.L.: Fr. Mathews v Eire Og at Rochestown, 12.00 (Ref. Douglas). U.101.: St. Finbarr's v Bishopstown, at St. Finbarr's, 12 noon (Ref. Ballinora).



BERNIE TOWERS

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Elizabeth Murphy (St. Finbarrs Camogie Club), Mary O'Callaghan (Chairperson Cork Camogie Board)

Derry champs should make it to final

St Paul's (Kilrea) 4-5
Cross and Passion Convent
Ballycastle (1-0)

By this merited victory over Cross and Passion Convent Ballycastle at windswept Faughanvale in the Ulster final they now have another obstacle to overcome when they meet St Raphaels College Galway the Connacht champions on Saturday at Kilrea.

Favoured with a home draw the Derry and Ulster champions should make it all the way to the final, a repeat of two years ago.

That was their first big break in Camogie under trainer Mrs Kathleen Henry and this year with many think a more

talented all round team, should take the all-Ireland title.

This year again, Mrs Henry aided by Mrs Neil O'Boyle the team have swept aside all opposition and the team that beats them will certainly deserve the title.

On their way to the semi-final they have beat last years Ulster champions Dungiven and Limavady to win their section, then it was Letterkenny and Armagh to meet Ballycastle in the Ulster final.

On a perfect playing surface both teams scored early St Paul's a point by Deirdre Esler and Cross and Passion by Claire McVey.

St Paul's again edged ahead by a goal with good play involving all the forward line and then coming up to the half way stage Sharon Quinn added a point to be followed by a Lisa McNeilly goal. Making it 2-2 to 1-0 at that stage.

The second half was only minutes old when Denise O'Boyle added another goal for St Paul's and then a series of wides by both sides followed.

Cross and Passion Ballycastle tried hard by a rock solid St Paul's defence kept them at bay.

Coming into the last quarter the Derry side took command and had scores by Elaine Donagh a point Sharon Quinn (1-2) to give a final tally of St Paul's 4-5 Cross and Passion 1-0.

The Ballycastle side it must be pointed out gave everything but their match in the semifinal against Cavan the previous day showed its results.

The referee was Miss Lily Spence Ulster Colleges treasurer.

The match on Saturday at Pearse Park Kilrea starts at 1.00.

☆☆ MEET THE STARS ☆☆



JIMMY BARRY MURPHY

Occupation—Lombard & Ulster Representative

Age — 30yrs

Married to —Jean (Kennefick)

Children — 2 Brian and Deirdre

Biggest Thrill—Winning All-Ireland Senior Football Medal in 1973 and All-Ireland Senior Hurling Medal in 1984

Greatest Disappointment— Captain on losing All-Ireland Teams twice — 1982 & 1983

Favourite TV Show— Minder & Hill Street Blues

Favourite Film Stars—George Cole & Charles Bronson

Other Interests—Greyhound Racing & Snooker

Most Difficult Opponents—Leonard Enright(Limerick) Denis Mulcahy (Midleton)

Favourite Playing Pitch—Paire Uí Chaoimh & Thurles

Rules he would like to see changed in Hurling —
Abolish Scores by Hand or Foot— Less protection for Goalkeepers

Rules he would like to see changed in Football—
Strict interpretation of Personal Foul Rule by Referees. Pulling and Dragging is spoiling the game

Is there too much emphasis on Coaching—?

No. Coaching by people who know the game is essential. Present Coaching Scheme in Cork School's is the best idea ever introduced in the GAA

What advice would you give to young players—

Plenty of Training. Listen to advice from people in charge of club. Do not be too concerned with winning. The important thing is to enjoy all games. Winning must come second to enjoying hurling and football.



CATHERINE LANDERS

Occupation— Secretary.

Club —Killeagh Camogie Club

Age—25yrs.

Honours Won— 3 Munster Club Medals: 4 Senior All-Ireland Medals, 1 All-Ireland Club Medal;
1 All-Ireland Club 7-a-side Medal: 7 Senior County Medals: 2 Inter Provincial Medals:
1 National League Medal: Searson's Sports Award.

Biggest Thrill—Winning my first Senior County Championship Medal with Killeagh

Greatest Disappointment—Losing the All-Ireland Club Final of 1984 as we were the better team and had most of the play. My other disappointment was when I was captain of Cork in 1981 when three Killeagh players played a practice game before a League game with the County. We were dropped for the All-Ireland Semi-Final v Dublin and also the final against Kilkenny which was a draw. We were not brought back for the replay. I was disappointed especially being captain of the side and sitting on the stand watching the drawn game. Cork lost the replay.

Favourite Food— Steak & Curry.

Are GAA Club doing enough to promote Camogie—
No. They don't support us as they should because they think we have not got a high standard, which is completely wrong.

What advice would you give to young players ?

They must have determination, the will to learn new skills and to improve the skills you are weakest at. Start young as everything comes easier when you are younger. It is a new club it will take time to get on the right road, it won't happen overnight. Listen to the people coaching you, be prepared to take advice, criticism and praise and be fit at all times

Raphael's girls are the toast of home town

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IT WAS LIKE that never-to-be-forgotten September night in 1980, when the Galway senior hurlers returned in triumph bearing aloft the McCarthy Cup as All-Ireland senior hurling champions, when the St. Raphael's College senior and junior camogie teams returned to Loughrea after scoring a tremendous double to win the All-Ireland titles at Cashel, in both grades, on Saturday.

As in September of 1980, huge crowds of people turned out to greet and applaud the conquering heroines on a fantastic achievement. Never before in any code had Galway and Connacht champions beaten two Munster champion teams on the same day as the St. Raphael's girls had done in

Cashel, County Tipperary, earlier that afternoon.

Under a banner spanning the Main Street and bearing the inscription, Loughrea Abu, the members of the two teams were received on a platform and accorded a tumultuous reception. There to greet and congratulate

them on their achievements, was His Lordship the Bishop of Clonfert, Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Cassidy. Alongside him to add their tributes were Mr. Sean Kelly, T.C., Chairman of the Town Commissioners, Mr. Tommy Kelly, St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club, Mrs. Jane Beatty, County Camogie Board and Mr. J. P. Cusack, G.A.A. Club.

Glowing tributes were paid to the team tinders and coach, Sr.

Loughrea

turn expressing thanks for the wonderful reception praised especially, the spirit, commitment and co-operation of the team members, without which success at All-Ireland level would be impossible.

they also thanked the parents of the girls for their support, encouragement and interest in the teams and their achievements.

While players in many codes wait a lifetime oftentimes in vain in their particular sport, for the supreme honour of winning an All-Ireland medal, four of the St. Raphael's College terams, achieved the rare distinction of winning two All-Ireland medals each, in Saturdays finals.

The four, Caroline Loughnane (goalie), Mary Dolphin, Imelda Hobbins, and Geraldine Fahy, first played on the junior team which defeated Munster champions from Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, by 3-4 to 1-0. Then after a brief rest, they turned out again to help the senior side to success over Munster champions, St. Patrick's, Cork by 4-7 to 3-3.

To add to her cup of joy, Mary Dolphin captained the junior side and Imelda Hobbins had the added distinction of scoring 1-0 for the senior side and 0-1 for the junior

St. Raphael's capture All-Ireland camogie double

ST. RAPHAEL'S College, Loughrea junior and senior camogie teams wrote their own bit of history in Cashel, Co. Tipperary on Saturday when they became only the second college in the history of colleges camogie to win both senior and junior All-Ireland titles in same year.

JUNIOR

ST. RAPHAEL'S COLLEGE 3-4
COLAISTE MUIRE 1-0

WHILE the score suggests a facile victory for St. Raphael's juniors, this was far from the truth. From the start Colaiste Mhuire attacked strongly but found scores hard to come by. With play swinging from end to end it became evident that both teams had very strong backs and brilliant goalkeepers.

For Ennis, Shelly Hegarty had to be in top form as St. Raphael's forwards soon showed that any lapses of concentration would be punished as indeed they were with all of St. Raphael's front four registering scores.

While Colaiste Mhuire had a couple of class players, it was the team-work and simple approach work of the Loughrea eleven that won on the day. In goal, Caroline Loughnane was cool under pressure and dealt very capably with all the Ennis attacks. She was only beaten once and that from a free in the closing minutes.

In front of her was a rock-solid defence, unwilling to give anything away. At centre back, team captain Mary Dolphin was quietly efficient and her powerful ground play drove back many an Ennis attack.

On the other side Ann Bugler and Marlene Linnane worked tirelessly and sealed off any gaps. At full back, Geraldine Fahy was the 'sweeper' supreme. Centre field was not to be outdone and came up with another five star performance.

Aideen Murphy's long deliveries swung defence into attack, Cora Curley gave a great display of determined no nonsense camogie and Rita Dolan's all action effort was a delight.

Up front the forward quartet had to work very hard for their scores against the hard-tackling Colaiste Mhuire backs. Brigid Fahy was rewarded for her hard work with two well taken goals, Carmel Ryan availed of any opportunity that came her way, while Imelda Hobbins was a very able leader and at full forward Triona Dolphin was a constant threat.

St. Raphael's: C. Loughnane, G. Fahy, A. Bulger, M. Dolphin (captain), M. Linnane, A. Murphy, C. Curley, R. Dolan, B. Fahy (1-0), I. Hobbins (0-2), C. Ryan (2-2), T. Dolphin.

Colaiste Mhuire: A. Hegarty, A. Kileen, E. Landy, M. Sheedy, L. O'Donnell (captain), B. Ronan, C. Bracken, C. O'Loughlin, A. Hennessy, J. McCarthy, J. Hickey and M. Glynn.

Referee: A. Browne (Kilkenny).

SENIOR

ST. RAPHAEL'S COLLEGE 4-7
ST. PATRICKS SEC. SCHOOL, CORK 3-3

WITH the first half of the double accomplished, St. Raphael's took the field full of determination but it was soon evident that a lot of skill was also needed. St. Patrick's swept up field and were a goal up within four minutes.

Counter attacking strongly St.

This tremendous feat had been accomplished once before by another Galway team — Presentation College, Athenry — in 1974. St. Raphael's feat is all the more meritorious when it is considered that St. Raphael's had four players taking part in both finals.

Raphael's forced their opponents to foul for which they were punished by the deadly accuracy of Ann Fahy to bring them to level terms.

A snap goal by Imelda Hobbins and a further point from a free by Ann Fahy put St. Raphael's ahead at the interval — 1-4 to 1-1.

Having played into a stiffish breeze this was a respectable rather than a safe lead. But it could have been much less, were it not for the heroic efforts of the St. Raphael's defence and goalkeeper.

Caroline Lughnane was again giving a wonderful performance and could not be blamed for any shots that got past her. She was well protected by Angela Cooney at full back where her determination and ability to read the game turned many a Cork attack.

Carmel Linnane was a very tenacious defender and never allowed her opponent a clear shot at goal. Mary Dolphin again filling the number four position played with a maturity that belied her years. Brid Stratford was the 'rock' on which many a St. Pat's attacks perished, as her control of the dropping ball and long clearances broke up numerous attacks.

As the second half got under way, St. Patrick's again laid siege on the St. Raphael's goal and in the course of the half, scored two very good goals and two well taken points. But with their backs holding out the St. Raphael's centrefield and forwards began to show their undoubted class.

Siobhan Maher gained in confidence. Fidelma Coyne continued her tireless displays of harassing opponents, always showing

up where danger threatened, Clare Robinson began to find gaps which she exploited with exciting solo runs and she was rewarded with a great point.

Geraldine Fahy, playing a different role to that in the junior game, found the more open play to her liking and was always willing to go for goal. Imelda Hobbins relieved of being the leader of the attack found the wing play more suited to her talents.

Deirdre Costello after a quiet first half finally got the chance she had been looking for and romped through the St. Patrick's defence to score with a brilliant individual effort.

Ann Fahy's exciting play at full forward was now creating more space and when Mary Mulchay saved her powerful drive for goal, Deirdre Costello was on hand to smash the rebound to the net. In the meantime B. Stratford scored a long rang point. A further goal from Deirdre Costello and points from play from Ann Fahy left the final score — 4-7 to 3-3 in St. Raphael's favour.

St. Raphael's: C. Loughnane, C. Linnane, A. Cooney, M. Dolphin, B. Stratford (0-1), C. Robinson (2-1), F. Coyne, D. Costello (3-0), captain, S. Maher, I. Hobbins (1-0), G. Fahy, A. Fahy (0-5).

St. Patrick's: M. Mulchay, T. O'Riordan, V. O'Brien, K. O'Keefe, M. Rose, K. Mellerick (1-3), E. O'Sullivan, C. O'Brien, L. Mellerick (captain), A. Barry, C. Currid, H. Barry (2-0).

Referee: Bridie McGarry (Kilkenny).

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ALL IRELAND COLLEGES FINALS

UNIQUE DOUBLE FOR ST. RAPHAEL'S



Referee Angela Downey, Kilkenny in centre with opposing captains. On left Mary Dolphin of St. Raphael's and Louise O'Donnell of Colaiste Mure, Ennis on right. Mary played in both matches and won two All Ireland medals.



Above: Catharine O'Loughlin of Colaiste Mure heading goalwards followed by Emer Landy of St. Raphael's.



Deirdre Costello holding Corn Sceig following St. Raphael's victory in the senior final. Deirdre scored 3-1 in captaining her side to success.



Above: St. Raphael's, Loughrea, All-Ireland Colleges senior champions. They defeated St. Patrick's secondary school Cork in the senior final by 4-7 to 3-3.



St. Raphael's, Loughrea, All-Ireland Colleges junior champions. They beat Colaiste Mure, Ennis by 3-4 to 1-0.

Double champions from the West



St. Raphael's of Loughrea senior (above) and junior teams which won the All-Ireland Colleges camogie championships.



CAMOGIE

Serious financial position revealed

DELEGATES will assemble in Ballinasloe on Friday night in readiness for an early start to Annual Congress on Saturday morning. A change of President, 24 motions and a variety of reports form the main business of the gathering.

Mary Lynch of Monaghan, who was introduced to readers of this column two weeks ago, will take over the reins of the Association. Stepping down will be Mary Fennelly, who may sit back and reflect on a very successful term of office.

To highlight the serious position, Treasurer Jo Golden has written a forward to the Financial Statement. She expresses concern at the dependency on grants and sponsorship.

She urges proper financial planning at every level with the objective of being able to function without grants and subsidies. Such income should be a bonus to be spent on promoting our game and broadening our horizons rather than being essential to financial survival.

It is no surprise, therefore, to read a motion calling for an adult membership fee of which 50p per head would be submitted to Ard Chomhairle. A glance at the Statement shows over £8,000 tied up in stock of rule books, coaching books, histories and registration forms. Efforts will have to be made to accelerate distribution and sale of these items.

A number of motions relate to competitions. One calls for the staging of the Gael Linn interprovincial competitions over a weekend. Another seeks to allow junior graded counties two

consecutive All-Ireland titles before promotion to the senior grade.

The position of camogie players within the universities has led to lively debate in the past. Permission has been afforded to these players to play for both the university club and their home club. Dublin seek to limit their activities with their college to inter-varsity competitions.

Roscommon proposed that the three year limit on the term of office of a provincial chairman should be scrapped. This Connacht county has sponsored a number of motions including a request for two separate Junior National Leagues, one for counties. They would also like all counties taking part in the League to play on the same day.

Tyrone ask that National Camogie Day be staged earlier in the season. Wexford favour trophies for the runners-up in All-Ireland and Club Championships. Galway are concerned at the dress of umpires and line-judges and also the affiliation of adjudicators at the C.C.D. Finals.

St. Raphael's, Loughrea joined Presentation College, Athenry in the history books of Colleges Camogie on Saturday last. These two Galway schools share the honour of capturing both All-Ireland Colleges senior and junior championships in the same season.

At Cashel St. Raphael's

scored a notable double, defeating St. Patrick's, Cork in the senior tie by 4-7 to 2-3 and taking the junior crown at the expense of Colaiste Muire by 3-4 to 1-0.

The individual class of Deirdre Costello separated the senior sides. St. Patrick's contained her threat in the opening half but she cut through their defence to score two brilliant goals and was on hand to finish a third in the second period. Colaiste Muire were unable to produce the form they showed against Maryfield in the semi-final and had to concede to a better team on the day.

Four players Caroline Loughrane, Mary Dolphin, Geraldine Fahy and Imelda Hobbs — played in both games. Mary captained the junior side but had to swap the cup for her stick shortly after the presentation and start all over again. Imelda managed to score in both games. Caroline kept goal for the afternoon while Geraldine changed from a defensive role to an attacking one for the senior game.

Galway find themselves with this pool of talented young players. With good organisation and coaching in the years to come, the county should take further honours. Perhaps the long awaited All-Ireland senior title is not too far off.

FIXTURES

Saturday (1.0) and Sunday (11.0) — Annual Congress at Hayden's Hotel, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

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Mary Lynch the new president

MARY LYNCH of Monaghan is the new President of the Camogie Association. Mary took over office at the Association's Annual Congress in Ballinasloe over the weekend. Miss Lynch succeeds Mary Fennelly of Kilkenny who had completed her three-year term.

There were no elections at Congress. The president Mary Lynch, national treasurer Jo Golden and national PRO Mary Moran were unopposed and full-time general secretary Ann Sheehy completes the council, without having to be elected.

The outgoing president had a most successful three years during which time she improved relations with the GAA saw the All-Ireland championship final televised and also the publication of the *History of the Association*.

The new president has many years of experience in the association, both as a player and administrator. Mary Lynch won an All-Ireland medal with Dublin during the time she worked in the Civil Service in the capital and has great experience on the administrative side as she was for many years chairperson of both Monaghan County Board and Ulster Council.

She is also a competent referee and has refereed all three All-Ireland finals — minor, junior and senior.

Among the motions passed at Congress was a novel idea for the Gael Linn Cup — interprovincial championships — which will now be played over a weekend. Eight teams — four junior and four senior — will gather in one centre on the Saturday for the semi-finals with the finals on the following day.

This idea, which was originally advocated by Cork's Rose Malone while she was Munster chairperson, will see the top players in the country gathering together for what should be most exciting weekend.

There is also a new rule concerning the junior All-Ireland championship. Now junior counties will have to win the title on consecutive years before they are upgraded senior. But the old rule, for senior counties, like Cork, which makes a player senior once they win the title once will still stand.

A new membership fee of 50p per adult member of the association was also introduced and although this gave rise to long discussion it was passed on a 32-11 vote.

Congress also want National Camogie Day changed from its November date to a summer one, so that the whole family can get involved. And another motion passed was that in future minor All-Ireland final referees, in addition to junior and senior, will receive a medal.

There were a number of motions calling for various changes in the running of the National Leagues, but again after much discussion it was decided to continue running them on the usual lines.

Camogie development plans inhibited by shortage of finance

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THE annual Congress of Cumann Camógachta na nGael was held in Ballinasloe at the weekend. There was a big attendance of delegates from all over the country present for the two day event which began in Hayden's Hotel on Saturday morning.

Before the formal business of Congress began, the delegates were welcomed to Ballinasloe by Councillor Sean Tully, deputising for the Chairman of the Ballinasloe Urban Council. Councillor Tully said the people of Ballinasloe regarded it as an honour to have the Camogie Congress in the town which was so closely linked with the G.A.A. over the years.

A special Mass was celebrated for delegates by Dr. Joseph Cassidy, Bishop of Clonfert in the ballroom of the hotel on Saturday evening. Delegates bearing the flags of Ireland, the four Provinces and Galway stood on either side of the altar as Fr. Tony Spelman, C.C., Loughrea concelebrated with Dr. Cassidy. In a brief homily, Dr. Cassidy commended the Association for the fine work it was doing for young people and wished the delegates a happy and fruitful Congress.



Miss Mary Fennelly (left), outgoing President of the Camogie Association receives an A.T. Cross writing set from Mrs. Jane Beatty, Chairperson, Galway Camogie Board at the annual Camogie Congress in Ballinasloe.

Competitions were run off on schedule. All Ireland finals day was an unqualified success with RTE's television coverage a big breakthrough.

She told the delegates that Ard Chomhairle was negotiating new Insurance cover for members and details of the proposals would soon be available. She suggested that each county might consider appointing a Development Officer or Officers who would liaise with the Development Officer in Croke Park.

the treasurer Ms. Jo Golden, said in her report that the discontinuance of Government grants and the decline in sponsorship set against steadily rising costs, made for difficult days ahead.

The report said that gate receipts were totally inadequate. Total gate receipts for 1985 were £7,590.55, these included: All Ireland senior and junior championships £4,600. All other fixtures (125) £2,990.

Stating that expenditure may be expected to rise at a rate of 15% per annum in the period 1985-1990, Ms. Golden said that all units of the Association were facing rising costs and decreasing purchasing power. Financial planning was needed at every level with the underlying aim of being able to function without grants or subsidies.

She suggested that all units should be in a position to invest a certain portion of annual income as a safeguard against an uncertain

economic environment.

After lunch on Saturday, the incoming President, Mrs. Mary Lynch of Monaghan was installed. Before that the outgoing President Ms. Fennelly was presented with an inscribed Cross Writing Set as a mark of appreciation of the delegates of a job well done and as a memento of her visit to Ballinasloe. The pens were the gift of the manufacturers, Messrs A. T. Cross (Ireland) Ltd., Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.

Ms. Golden returned unopposed as treasurer as was the P.R.O., Ms. Mary Moran, Cork.

The new President paid tribute to the work of her predecessor. She said that during her tenure of the Presidency she would be hoping for a general improvement in the standards of the game.

She hoped too that the number of referees would increase and that they would be given the opportunity to raise their standards. Mrs. Lynch told the delegates she would wish to see a big improvement in the finances of the Association and she called for a special effort in that area from all members. She saw, too, the need for a review of administration at all levels.

It was agreed that Congress would be held in Westmeath in 1986. A coaching course will be held in Gormanstown on July 5-7 and the Summer School will be held in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny later in July.

A new look for Gael Linn Cup

THE GAEL-LINN CUP competitions will have a new look over the next two years at least. Congress at Ballinasloe decided to stage these inter-provincial championships over a weekend in October.

Presently, these competitions lie in the shadow of the All-Ireland Championships. The delegates were anxious that these fixtures should continue and sought to revitalise them. The eight teams will arrive at the agreed venue where the four semi-finals will be played on the Saturday and the two finals staged on the following day.

This move will bring the best players in the country together. It will provide an opportunity to see and meet one another. The Cork delegation sought to hold the 1985 event in the Southern Capital in conjunction with Cork 800. However, a decision on the venue will be taken by Ard Chomhairle.

The wide gulf between the junior and senior inter-county grades was another item which had the attention of the delegates. Hitherto the winners of the All-Ireland Junior Championship automatically moved up to the senior grade. Some counties experienced great difficulty in finding their feet in the higher grade.

A motion passed on Saturday will upgrade players from a junior county who have won two medals in consecutive years. This will allow these players to become established and to prepare for promotion. However, a county may apply to move after one victory if they consider that they are ready for the senior grade.

REFEREES' AWARD

The referee of the All-Ireland Minor Championship will receive an award. This brings the minor competition in line with the junior and senior championships.

In an effort to improve the financial position of the Association, a motion seeking 50p from each adult

member was passed comfortably. A similar motion seeking a fee from all members of the Association was defeated last year. However, the delegates considered by three to one that a fee from adult members was reasonable.

National Camogie Day will be held earlier in the season. It had a November date in 1984 which curtailed the activities planned due to cold wet weather. It is hoped that a summer date will enable clubs to arrange a full family day of sport and entertainment.

However, the meeting did not give the thumbs up to all the motions. The three year term of office limit for provincial chairmen remains. Runners-up medals for All-Ireland Championships will not be given. It was felt that the addition expense could not be entertained at the present. Some were of the opinion that these awards would have little appreciation from the recipients.

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MARY LYNCH TAKES OVER CAMOGIE PRESIDENCY

Mary Fennelly can look back with a great deal of satisfaction on her just completed three year term as President of the Camogie Association. She was without doubt one of the real successes in the onerous post.

I well remember attending a function in Dublin in connection with the launching of Gradam Tailte, camogie's day of sporting competition involving the player of the year in each county. That came very quickly after Miss Fennelly's election as President, and it was obvious to those of us who at that function met the charming Kilkenny lady for the first time in her new role that the Camogie Association had chosen well.

From the very start, Mary Fennelly did not spare herself on behalf of the sport as President. She worked tirelessly, planned well, travelled extensively, and greatly helped to strengthen the organisation in many ways.

She made history as well when she addressed the Centenary Year Congress of the G.A.A. in Belfast - the first Camogie President to speak at such an annual gathering. Miss Fennelly created a big impression, and it is true to say as well that the always good relations between the G.A.A. and the Camogie Association were strengthened even further during her Presidency.

What added all the more to her success was the fact that she took over as President only a few short years after winning three All-Ireland senior medals, the last as recently as 1977.

The organisation certainly owes a deep debt of gratitude to the latest past President.



Ann Marie Landers will be helping Cork in their bid to regain lost glory in 1985.

Mary is the only Kilkenny native to hold the top executive post. And, her successor in the position, Mary Lynch, is the first President from County Monaghan.

A native of Carrickmacross, she played with Monaghan county, and then on joining Celtic in Dublin went on to win provincial and national senior medals with the Metropolitans.

Mrs. Lynch is now living in Carrickmacross, and she has been very active in camogie affairs within the county and at provincial and national level. She has served on the Monaghan County Board, and has held the position as Chairman, among others. She has also held various posts on the Ulster Council, and made a reputation as well as a referee. So much so, in fact, that Mrs. Lynch has had charge of All-Ireland finals in all three grades.

The new President, then, brings a great deal of experience over many and varied fields to her latest exacting position within the Camogie Association. There can be no doubt that the movement is not only in safe hands, but destined to propel further under

the leadership of the Northerner.

Mrs. Lynch has the good wishes of all as she steps into the three-year term of office as President.

DUBS AGAIN

Are Dublin going to prove the county they will all have to beat for major honours in 1985? It is a bit early yet to be making firm predictions in this regard, but the Dubs are already serving notice that they are not going to be easily knocked from the high position they won last year by regaining the All-Ireland senior championship after an 18 year interval.

The girls from the Liffeside took a major step towards regaining the National League right at the start of the competition

when they journeyed to Cork and scored a big win over the defending champions in round one, and followed up that success with an equally good win next time out over Limerick.

Dublin are without a number of last year's stars, but still have a solid framework from last season, and players like Edel Murphy, who is this year's captain, and scoring well again, Yvonne Redmond, in goal, Marion Conroy in defence, and Joan Gormley and Marie Connell, have all begun where they left off a year ago.

So, while there is still a long way to go, Dublin certainly appear to be the team they will all have to beat this season.



Mary Fennelly, left, who has just completed her term as President of the Camogie Association, is seen here fulfilling one of her many duties during her term of office as she presents the Feile Skills Award to Yvonne McInerney, Sixmilebridge.

New Camogie President

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MARY STAR OF CORK VICTORY

Cork 44, U.C.C. 1-2.

A spectacular scoring
by ace forward Mary
Kearney propelled the Cork
seniors to victory over
Ashbourne Cup holders
U.C.C. in a Cork '800' camo-
gie challenge at the Mar-
dyke last evening.
In a very competitive and
enjoyable game Mary
scored 3-3 of Cork's
total and played the

principal role in the defeat
of an impressive College
side.

Indeed U.C.C. really put
it up to Cork in the first
half. They led by 0-2 to 0-1
before Mary pounced for
her first goal in the 15th
minute. But College were
well and truly in the hunt
at the interval when turn-
ing to play with the breeze
they trailed by just 1-3 to 0-2.

Their pride stung, how-
ever, Cork responded to the
challenge and two more
goals from Mary put the
game beyond the reach of
U.C.C. They tried valiantly
to come back into conten-
tion but lost opportunities
cost them dearly and their
only reward was a goal
from a free from Patsy
Kearney minutes from the
end.

Scorers: Cork — M. O'Leary 3-3;
C. Kelleher 1-0; V. Fitzpatrick 0-1.
U.C.C. — P. Kenney 1-1; U.
O'Connor 0-1.

Cork: M. McCarthy, M. Higgins,
E. Dineen, M. Spillane, C. Land-
ers, S. Fitzpatrick, S. Spillane, L.
Dunphy, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kelleh-
er, M. Sweeney, M. O'Leary, Subs: 1
M. Geaney for Sweeney, Sweeney
for M. Spillane; L. O'Leary for S.
Spillane.

U.C.C.: B. Desmond, E. Noonan,
M. Fitzpatrick, L. Cronin, C.
Cronin, U. O'Connor, A. M. Land-
ers, O. Flynn, D. Cotter, P.
Kenney, J. Riordan, M. Delaney,
Sub: M. Murphy for Riordan.
Referee: M. Kearney.

CAMOGIE will have a new
President from this
weekend as Mary Fennelly,
of Kilkenny, has completed
her three years in office.
And following a very im-
pressive term, Mary now
hands over to Mary Lynch
of Monaghan, who is un-
opposed for the position.

In fact there will be no
election of officers at Con-
gress, which will be held in
Ballinasloe on tomorrow
and Sunday, as the
Treasurer, Jo Golden, and
the P.R.O. Mary Moran,
have been returned un-
opposed. And of course the
General Secretary, Ann
Sheehy continues in her
full-time post.

However, although there
will be no elections the
weekend will be a very busy
one with twenty-four mo-
tions to be discussed.

That old bugbear — splic-
ing — again rears its head

with a motion from Ros-
common asking that the
present rule banning the
use of any metallic sub-
stance, be amended to read
"A player may play with a
stick which is bound with a
metallic substance."

Of course, it is under-
standable that in these
times of recession that
such a motion would come
up. Hurleys are a huge
expense on clubs and play-
ers, and banding would
certainly help. But camogie
is a game for women, until
such time as a completely
safe form of "banding" can
be found, then such a
motion will hardly be
passed.

There is an interesting
motion from
Ardeomhairle suggesting
that the Gael Linn competi-
tions (Inter Provincials) be
held over a weekend in
October with the four semi-

finals on the Saturday and
the two Finals on the
Sunday for a trial period of
two years. This sounds like
a good idea, as at present
the competition has not
generated the interest one
would expect from Inter-
provincial championships.

Derry are asking that
referees who officiate at
the All-Ireland Minor
championship Final receive
medals, while Roscommon
are calling for two Junior
All-Ireland competitions,
one for counties with
Senior teams and one for
Junior counties.

Wexford have an inter-
esting motion which asks
that a meeting be arranged
between the Camogie
Association and the Ladies
Football Association at
County and National level,
with a view to ensuring
closer co-operation be-
tween the two bodies and
thereby avoiding fixture
clashes where possible.

Co-operation between
camogie and any other
sporting associations is
always a good idea and this
is particularly so with an
Association playing our
national games. The foot-
ball body is a comparatively
new Association, and it is
good to see Wexford
coming up with a sugges-
tion of co-operation.

These are only a few of
the motions listed for the
weekend and there are
plenty more to keep the
attention of the delegates
for the long sessions. The
Cork delegates at Congress
will be Mary O'Callaghan,
County Chairperson,
Miriam Higgins, P.R.O.,
and Mrs. Li O'Sullivan,
Treasurer, Cork Co. Board.

On the playing fields
Cork seniors will be in
action again this coming
week when they take on
U.C.C. in a special Cork 800
Challenge at the Mardyke
on Wednesday evening
next.

Four of the Cork panel
will be playing with College
— Clare Cronin, Ann Marie
Landers, Patsy Kenney and
Una O'Connor (who was
added to the Senior panel
on Wednesday evening) so
once again the Cork selec-
tors have had to make
changes.

Marian McCarthy will
again be in goal with Eileen

Dineen at full back. Miriam
Higgins, left out for the
Clare game, returns to her
usual right corner with
Mary Spillane, who played
so well in her debut last
Sunday, moving to the left.

Li Dunphy moves from
corner back to wing centre,
where she joins Sandy Fitz-
gibbon, who switches
wings, and Shelly Spillane
who comes on at full centre
in place of Clare Cronin.

Val Fitzpatrick retains
her centreforward berth.
Marian Sweeney moves
from corner to full forward
to replace Patsy Kenney,
with Mary O'Leary still on
the other wing and Clare
Kelleher coming in at left
corner.

U.C.C. won the
Ashbourne Cup this season
for the first time since 1977
and after that glorious
victory are now ready to
take on the full strength of
the Cork Seniors.

In addition to their
senior intercounty quartet
they have excellent players
in Imelda Cronin, Rose
Desmond, Marcella Fitzgib-
bon, Joan O'Riordan,
Norma Delaney and Eileen
Noonan, and will be deter-
mined to put up a good
performance against the
county side.

The Lord Mayor of Cork
will present the trophies
for the challenge, which is
part of the Cork 800
celebrations and a visit to
the Mardyke on Wednes-
day, at 6.30 p.m., should be
well worthwhile.

FIXTURES

Saturday and Sunday at
Hayden's Hotel, Ballina-
sloe: Congress.

Sunday — Under 18C.
Quarter Final — Glen
Rovers v Aghabullogue at
Glen Rovers, 3.30 (Ref.
Marie Kearney); U18 Semi
Final — Na Piarraigh v
Brian Dillons at Brian Dil-
lons, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Louise
Cosgrave); S.L. Eire Og v
Watergrasshill at Eire Og,
12.00 (Ref. Inniscarra);

S.L. St. Finbarr's v Sars-
fields at St. Finbarr's, 12.00
(Ref. Na Piarraigh); J.A.L.
Fr. O'Neills v Ballincollig,
at Fr. O'Neills, 3 p.m. (Ref.
Killeagh).

Wednesday — Cork 800
Challenge: U.C.C. v Cork at
Mardyke, 6.30 p.m.



Camogie teams from Derry and Belfast, pictured with the Lord Mayor of Cork, Ald. Liam Burke T.D., at the City Hall.



Camogie Doing Bit For Cork

THERE will be a number of visiting camogie teams in Cork over the coming weekend, as Easter has been set aside by Cork Co. Board as a special time to invite teams to Cork as part of the celebrations of Cork 800.

The visiting teams will be received by the Lord Mayor at the City Hall tomorrow morning at 10.30 a.m. and the weekend should be a most enjoyable one for visitors and hosts alike.

During the coming week there is an exciting time ahead for 40 young Cork girls, who have been chosen to take part in the U.C.C. 7-Up School of Sport. The most promising players in various sports have been invited to take part in the School, which again is part of the Cork 800 celebrations. Top coaches in each code will put the young players through their paces and for the Camogie girls their "teacher" will be National Coach Mary Moran, who will be assisted by Angela Higgins and Noelle O'Driscoll.

The school will involve two and a half days of intensive training in all the aspects of the game and is a golden opportunity for the lucky under-16's who have been chosen. The sessions begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, and continue until 5 p.m. Then on Thursday and Friday they will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with all camogie activity being held at Curraheen Road. The young players involved in the coaching are due to meet at the City Hall at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, where a bus will take them to Curraheen Road and they should arrive with full training gear, boots, hurleys and tracksuits.

There are no County Board fixtures for the weekend but the coming week will be a busy one.

lions are at home to Nemo Rangers.

Finally, next week's Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, instead of the usual Monday, because of the Bank Holiday weekend.

FIXTURES

This Evening (Friday): S.L. Killeagh v. Watergrasshill at Killeagh, 6.45 p.m. (Ref. Fr. O'Neill).

J.A.L. St. Finbarr's v. Cloughduv at St. Finbarr's

5.15 p.m. (Ref. Blackrock)

Saturday and Sunday: Visiting Teams for Cork 800 Celebrations.

Tuesday: J.A.L. St. Finbarr's v. Douglas at Finbarr's, 7 p.m. (Ref. E. Og).

Inniscarra v. Brian Lyons at Inniscarra, 7 p.m. (Ref. Cloughduv). u League, Glen Rovers v. Piarasigh at Glen Rovers, 7 p.m. (Ref. Fr. Matthews).

Thursday: S.L. Killeagh v. Watergrasshill at Killeagh, 6.45 p.m. (Ref. Fr. O'Neill).

First Points For Wexford

Wexford 5-8
Clare 0-2

Wexford collected their first points in a National senior camogie league when they defeated Clare in a one sided encounter played at Cusack Park, Ennis yesterday.

The winners had the game well in hand at the break when they led 1-6 to nil.

Wexford: A. Reddy (3-1), C. Murphy (1-4), E. Cody (1-0), D. Kenny (0-1). **Clare:** C. Jones (0-2).

Other results: Senior League: Dublin 5-8, Tipperary 3-1. **Junior League:** Donegal 2-0, Cavan 1-2, Westmeath 4-2, Monaghan 3-4, Clare 1-4, Wexford 1-1, Kildare 1-3, Carlow 0-1.

WEXFORD COAST

Wexford 5-8; Clare 0-2. Wexford had a decisive victory over Clare in their third senior league game played at Ennis yesterday. Wexford led 1-4 to 0-0 at the break.

Camogie Doing It's Bit For Cork 800

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The young players on the Dublin team, notably Marie Connell and Carmel O'Bryne, have gained in confidence from the All-Ireland victory and should really come into their own this season Catherine Ledwidge, who had a fine outing in Ballincollig, Edel Murphy, Joan Gormley, Barbara Carroll and Yvonne Redmond should carry sufficient power to collect a further two points for Dublin.

Galway have four points to their credit as a result of victories over Antrim and Louth. Next Sunday's assignment, an away game with Kilkenny, will prove far tougher than the games to date. Teresa Rafferty, Anne Morris, Una Jordan, Breda Kenny and Chris Silke will need to be at their best to come away from Danesfort with any points. Bridie McGarry, Jo Dunne, Angela Downey, Deirdre Malone and Anna Whelan will provide formidable opposition in their attempt to place Kilkenny on four points.

Attical is the venue for the meeting of Down and Louth. Neither has picked up a point to date. Louth field the majority of the team which won the 1982 Junior Championship including Mary O'Connor, Anne Currid, Teresa Bates, Viv Kelly, Anne Harrington and the Crehan sisters. Down feel that their side is improving and good showings from Laura O'Prey, Anne Trainor, Bridget O'Neill, Nuala McCartan, Teresa Allen and Bonnie McGreevey can swing it in their favour.

Clare and Wexford meet at Cusack Park. They are jointly propping the ladder in Section 2. Wexford are usually slow to get into their stride and this season is proving no exception. Elsie Cody, Stella Sinnott, Tina Fitzhenry, Kathleen Tonks, Anne Reddy and Geraldine Wynne are all talented players but their present level of fitness is responsible for their low position.

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A trip to Cashel, to cheer a Clare school in the colleges final instead of attendance at a training session, kept three Clare regulars on the sideline for the Cork game. Clare management will need to get this problem sorted out as they need all the players at their disposal. Liz Condon, Mary Howard, Noleen Quinn, Carmel Wall, Maureen Davoren and Rosie Shaughnessy will try hard to achieve a home win.

Limerick and Cork, who have both suffered at the hands of Dublin, line out against one another at Adare. Cork had a run during the week against the Ashbourne champions, U.C.C. Mainly due to the work of Clare Cronin, the college side dominated the first quarter. The county team fought their way back into the game and won comfortably in the end. The outing will have helped them and showed Marion Sweeney, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Liz Dunphy and Mary O'Leary in eager mood.

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The Cork minor team will be chasing their third successive All-Ireland title this season, and from last year's winning team five girls remain — Paula Carey, who will captain the side, Jean Paula Kent, Brid Walsh, Karen Mellerick and Ina Leahy, and these girls will, no doubt, form the nucleus of Sunday's team.

The Cork selectors can also call on Helen O'Connor, Aileen Barry and Carmel Currid who were members of last season's panel.

The actual team for Sunday was not selected at the time of writing as the selectors felt they needed a further look at the players on Friday evening, and were also coping with some injury problems. But they did pick a panel and no less than eleven clubs are represented. Bishopstown have the largest contingent with five players — Bernice Hayes, Deirdre Carroll, Sheenagh Morley, Aine Buckley, and Bernie Power.

Five clubs have two representatives — St. Finbarr's have Paula Carey and Deirdre Ryan; Killeagh have Ina Leahy and Helen O'Connor; Na Piaras have Jean Paula Kent and Loraine Kelly, Brian Dillons have Aileen Barry and Karen Mellerick and Glen Rovers have Tracy Riordan and Carmel Currid. And to complete the panel are Brid Walsh (Cloughduv), Joy Nicholls (Erins Own), Betty Buckley (Watergrasshill), Brid Kelleher (Aghabullogue) and Bernice Cashman (Blackrock).

On the club front the Leagues continue to make steady progress and during the coming week five further senior, one intermediate, three junior 'A', and two Under-18 games will be decided.

In the senior games listed there will be plenty of keen competition for points. On Sunday, county champions Killeagh should manage to take both points against St. Finbarr's, but they could find themselves up against it on Thursday evening when they take on old rivals Eire Og, always very strong League contenders. And Killeagh will also be in action on Tuesday night when they should take full points from Na Piaras.

Glen Rovers have two senior ties this coming week. On Sunday morning they meet Watergrasshill and this promises to be a closely-contested affair, although Glen will be fancied to take the points. Then on Thursday they meet Sarsfields who will hardly be good enough to stop them.

There is only one intermediate League tie listed in which Eire Og will be at home to Blackrock this evening (Friday) and here it is difficult to suggest likely winners.

Eire Og will also be in action in the eagerly awaited replay of the under-18 section play-off in which they drew with Aghabullogue recently. Now the replay is fixed for Monday next at Coachford and again there should be plenty of action with victory at all times in the balance.

In the other under-18 game listed there should be a great clash between Glen Rovers and Na Piaras on Monday.

Brian Dillons have a hectic programme in the Junior 'A' League for the coming week as they are listed to play three games. In the first of these they meet Ballincollig this evening; on Tuesday they are away to St. Finbarr's, and on Thursday they are away to Douglas, so they have a tough programme ahead of them in which points will be hard to come by.

FIXTURES

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Sunday

MMC — Cork v. Clare at Ballyanley, 2 p.m.

SL — St. Finbarr's v. Killeagh at St. Finbarr's, 12 noon (Eire Og); Glen Rovers v. Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill, 11.30 a.m. (Bride Rovers).

Monday

Under-18L — Na Piaras v. Glen Rovers at Na Piaras, 7 p.m. (Eleanor Hackett).

Under-18 Section Play-off — Eire Og v. Aghabullogue, 7.30 p.m. (Cloughduv).

Tuesday

JAL — St. Finbarr's v. Brian Dillons at St. Finbarr's, 7.15 p.m. (Eire Og).

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SL — Eire Og v. Killeagh at Owens, 7.30 p.m. (Mairead Donovan); Glen Rovers v. Sarsfields at Riverstown, 7 p.m. (Watergrasshill).

JAL — Brian Dillons v. Douglas at Douglas, 7.30 p.m. (St. Finbarr's).

CAMOGIE—MUNSTER MINORS

Cork make it by the narrowest margin!

Cork 2-3
Clare 0-8

The small attendance at Ballyanley, yesterday when Cork's all-Ireland title was on the line almost up to the final whistle, was entertained to an exhibition of excellent stick work and wholehearted endeavour served up by two evenly matched teams in this first round Munster minor camogie championship game.

Cork emerged winners by a single point in a scoreless last quarter stalemate in which Cork had a goal disallowed and were clinging desperately to a flimsy one point lead.

The game opened with a spirited Cork attack on the Clare posts, and what might have been a first minute goal was cleared by the Clare goalkeeper, Ema O'Halloran, who received excellent cover from her full-back line not only in this opening test, but all through the game.

In fact, Clare's full-back line was the banner county's best line on the field. The first score of the game came on the third minute when Catherine O'Loughlin sent over.

As quick as summer lightning, Aileen Barry was back with the equaliser for Cork. In the settled tempo of the game, Clare with the advantage of the wind pressed for early scores and when Catherine O'Loughlin got possession 15 yards out from a rather open goal in the 12th minute, the cheer that moved the clouds was not

for a Clare goal, but for Bernie Walsh's great attempt at stopping the ball that was deflected over the bar for a point.

Jean Paul Kent, Cork's outstanding performer all through the game shot the second equaliser from 30 yards out in the 20th minute.

Clare's best performer Clare Bracken was a constant threat to the defence. Her speed and sensible distribution of the ball accounted for points from Paula Rughan and Catherine O'Loughlin. However, the major score of the first half came from Cork's Bernie Cashman, who received a cross from Jean Paul Kent and took a shot at the net from 35 yards out.

Clare came back strongly and had three successive points up to the half-time whistle which signalled Clare leading by two points, the scores being Clare 0-7, Cork 1-2.

Cork with the wind after the changeover, were expected to mount the scores, but again it was the Clare defence that exhibited an impregnable soundness in a five minute joust in the Clare goalmouth, the ball was stopped three times by the defence and ultimately cleared.

Cork made two hurried changes. Aine Buckley replaced Loraine Kelly and Bernie Hayes replaced Aileen Barry, another Cork change later in the second half was Sheenagh Morley for Karen Mellerick.

Clare also made changes in this half, Maureen

Twomey replaced Pauline Roughan and Ann Hennessey who replaced Pauline O'Brien, was switched to full-forward and Evan McInerney was moved out-field.

A Cork switch to curb the potency of Clare's dominant player Clare Bracken was the move of Bernie Hayes to centre half-back. The Cork captain Paula Carey gave excellent leadership all through the game, and gave her side inspiration with a goal seven minutes after the change-over, but midway through the second half Jean Paul Kent restored Cork's one point lead after Clare had previously scored a point.

Cork held on to this one point lead despite intense Clare pressure up to the final whistle. In addition to the outstanding play of Jean Paul Kent and Paula Carey, Brid Walsh gave an excellent performance in goal.

SCORERS

Cork: B. Cashman 1-0; P. Carey 1-0; J. P. Kent 0-2; A. Barry 0-1.

Clare: C. O'Loughlin 0-4; C. Bracken 0-2; P. Rughan 0-1; E. Drysdale 0-1.

Cork: B. Walsh, M. Kelleher, D. Ryan, L. Kelly, J. Riordan, K. Mellerick, A. Barry, I. Leahy, C. Currid, J. P. Kent, P. Carey, B. Cashman.

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Killeagh in good form

Killeagh 2-6,
St. Finbarr's 1-0

County titleholders Killeagh continued on their winning way when they accounted for St. Finbarr's at the latter's venue yesterday in the senior league and discovered a new star in 14½-year-old Breeda Kelly, who scored 2-1 of her sides tally.

The winners were without the services of Marie O'Donovan and Bernie Costine yet they were far too strong for the city side and led at the break by 1-2 to nil.

With Anne Marie Landers and Shelley Spillane in fine form in midfield they added 1-4 to their first class tally while the Barrs had a goal from Stephanie Curtin mid way through the second-half.

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The game has undoubtedly suffered in the county due to the troubled situation. There are fewer players and consequently, girls are being promoted to the senior side before they have gained the desired experience.

Young players like Margaret Stockman and Anne McGarry have moved up the ranks very quickly to join the more experienced Mary McMullan and Mary Lundy. In spite of the long trip, it would be quite a surprise if the home county took the points.

There has been a swift response to the Congress

CAMOGIE

called for a summer date for National Camogie Day, June 24 is the date set aside for this popular event.

The U.C.C. / 7 Up School of Sport was a new development for camogie. It brought together 40 talented under 16 year olds for three days intensive coaching. Demand for places was such that the Cork Board could afford to be selective. The players responding enthusiastically and worked hard despite the inclement weather.

This was the first time that a camogie course was staged on the same campus with numerous courses in other sports. It was interesting to see first hand how other sporting bodies approached their

programmes and to compare our efforts with them.

The organisers and sponsors intend to repeat the exercise next Easter and have indicated that camogie will be welcomed back.

While on the subject of coaching, Sligo have a course planned for the coming weekend. The Administration Committee has been working hard in re-organising the game in the county. A number of new clubs have been formed. This course is to introduce newcomers to the skills of the game.

Eleven teams have entered for the Cork County Championship. Holders, Killeagh were first out of the hat and meet Imokilly in a preliminary round. The two other preliminary rounds match Sarafeld and St. Finbarrs (B) and

Glen Rovers with Blackrock (C).

In the first round Na Piarasigh play U.C.C.; Aughabullogue face Eire Og; Ballinora meet winners of A and winners of B and C are paired together. If the matches go on form Killeagh should reach another final. Their likely opposition at that stage should be either Glen Rovers or Eire Og.

Camogie is being played on the Isle of Man! An invitation has arrived for three clubs to participate in a festival on the weekend after next. Prominent clubs like St. Paul's, Kilkenny, Croagh-Kilfinny and Buffer's Alley are giving it serious consideration.

Munster open their championship season with two first round minor matches. Tipperary, provincial champions in 1981,

are unlikely to be troubled by Waterford who have yet to make any real impact in this grade. With no post primary schools playing camogie in the county, Waterford are at a real disadvantage at this age level.

Clare journey to Cork to tackle All-Ireland Champions for the past two seasons, Catherine O'Loughlin, Angela Kileen, Anne Hennessy and Clare Bracken of the Colaiste Muire team are likely to be included in the Clare panel. Cork have seven of their winning side eligible for selection including Paula Carey, Jean Paula Kent, Niamh Coughlan, Karen Mellerick and Ina Leahy.

FIXTURE

National Senior League
— At Dunloy (2.30) —
Antrim v Kilkenny.



city College, Cork, Camogie team pictured with the Ashbourne Cup and Corn Uí Mhaolagáin at the of a very successful Inter-varsity season. FRONT (l. to r.) Margaret Murphy, Patsy Keniry, Clare Cronin, Nounan (capt.), Imelida Cronin and Orla Flynn. BACK: Joan Riordan, Rosemary Fahy, Norma Delaney, Marie Landers, Marcella Fitzpatrick and Rose Desmond.

KILKENNY PILE ON SCORES

KILKENNY 6-8
ANTRIM 0-2

Antrim were no match for Kilkenny in their third Senior National League game played at Dunloy yesterday. With a half-time lead of 3-1 to nil, the winners coasted to victory in the second period.

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Dublin Results — Senior League — Celtic 4-2; Crumlin 1-3; An Caisteán 2-0; Na Fianna 2-3; U.C.D. 4-3; Cum. Uí Chaoil 1-3; Senior 'B' Kilmore 2-3; Celtic 1-1; Inter 'A' Na Fianna 2-4; Round Towers 2-1; St. Oliver Plunketts 4-2; Naomh Aoife 2-2.

Bishopstown Win First Junior Title

Bishopstown 2-7
St. Catherine's 0-1

BISHOPSTOWN won their first junior camogie title when they defeated County champions, St. Catherine's in the final of the Junior 'B' league at Dungourney, by 2-7 to 0-1.

Earlier in the season St. Catherine's had accounted for Bishopstown in the semi-final of the County but yesterday it was the youthful city side's turn to come out on top.

The first half of the tie was particularly exciting and although the winners were ahead at the break by 1-3 to 0-1 it was anyone's game well into the second half. But then Bishopstown's superior fitness and first time pulling began to pay dividends as they clinched the vital scores to run out impressive winners.

This was a game in which defences were on top for the most part and both goalies — Sheila Curley of St. Catherine's and the winners Bernie Power brought off some superb saves. Others to impress for the winners were Liz Towler, Liz O'Neill, Elaine Buckley and Rose Desmond, while St. Catherine's had other fine players in Marie O'Regan, Marie Spillane and Lily Geary.

St. Finbarrs Take U-16 League Title

ST. FINBARRS 4-7
NA PIARSAIGH 1-4

AT Delaney Rovers Park recently St. Finbarrs added the U-16 league title to their championship crown when they defeated Na Piarasigh by 4-7 to 1-4.

This game was closer than the score might suggest. Barrs were ahead at the interval but only by a single point (1-3 to 1-2) and it was only in the closing ten minutes that the cham-

pions took control. Colette O'Mahony, Paula Carey, Niamh O'Sullivan and Fiona Harte were best for St. Finbarrs while Jean Paula Kent, Agnes Skillington and Evelyn Healy were most impressive for Na Piarasigh.

Scorers: St. Finbarrs: N. O'Sullivan 3-0, C. O'Mahony 1-4, F. O'Sullivan, M. O'Sullivan and P. Carey 0-1 each. Na Piarasigh: M. McCarthy 1-0, J. P. Kent and A. Skillington 0-2 each.

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Selectors Continue To Make Changes

THE coming week will be yet another hectic one on the Camogie scene with the Cork Senior team in action on Sunday, an Under-16 final on this evening Friday, and the Junior 'B' league decider on Sunday. And there is a long list of fixtures in addition to these vital ties.

The Cork senior selectors continue to make changes in their league campaign and when the Cork side takes the field on Sunday against Tipperary it will be yet another new combination.

For Sunday's game both Sandy Fitzgibbon and Mary Geaney are unavailable but Eileen Dineen returns.

The selectors continue to have confidence in that stalwart goalie Marian McCarthy, but the defence is again changed from the side which defeated Limerick. Eileen Dineen is back at full back, following her unavailability for that game. Miriam Higgins returns from the full back berth to her usual corner back position, and Liz Dunphy is again in the other corner.

Catherine Landers also finds herself back in her usual position at centre-back, following her stint in the centre field, while Clare Cronin also reverts back to her more usual centrefield spot, from the centreback position.

Shelly Spillane of Killeagh comes on in place of Sandy Fitzgibbon at wing centre, where she joins Clare Cronin and Ann Marie Landers.

Clare Kelleher gets another chance to establish herself as a senior regular on Sunday, as she is selected at full forward in place of Marian Sweeney, while Val Fitzpatrick continues at centre-forward and Patsy Keniry and Mary O'Leary fill the wing positions.

Dublin continue to dominate the National

Senior League and are still undefeated. And if they are not stopped then they have to win their section. However, in the event of their race to victory being halted then Cork have to stay in contention. They are only down two points (lost to the Leaders) but they must win all their games to stay in the hunt.

Sunday's opponents will be no easy task however, although they too lost to the Metropolitans, but not as heavily as the Leesiders. Tipp, it will be remembered, reached the All-Ireland decider last year and although they lost to Dublin in that too they showed great signs of a comeback in the county by reaching the national final. They have never won the All-Ireland title and after last year's fine run are determined to go one better this season. And what better preparation than a win over Munster rivals Cork.

They have very strong players in Deirdre Lane, Jenny English, Margaret Griffin and Triona Bonner and they will come to Cork full of optimism and confidence so Cork must be in top form if they are to secure two further vital points.

Cork Team — M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, L. Dunphy, A. M. Landers, C. Cronin, S. Spillane, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, P. Keniry, C. Kelleher.

Old rivals St. Finbarrs and Na Piarasigh should serve up a marvellous game this evening when they meet in the Under-16 league final. Both these clubs have paid a great deal of attention to their young players and between them have many great stars in the making. From last Sunday's Cork minor side St. Finbarrs can call on Deirdre Ryan and Paula Carey, and from last season's Cork side they can field

Colette O'Mahony, Deirdre Christy.

For their part Na Piarasigh have that brilliant Cork minor Jean Kent as well as Aine Catherine Martin and Elaine Kelly.

The Barrs, who are holders, have already won the Championship, and will be fancied to complete the double. But Na Piarasigh will have other ideas so a thriller must be on the cards.

St. Catherine's, who won their first County title some months ago, are hoping to complete their Junior 'B' double when they meet Bishopstown in the league final on Sunday.

This should be another exciting final as St. Catherine's with excellent players in Marie O'Regan, Marie Spillane, June Flanagan, Dettie Hogan and Liz Geary, do battle with the young Bishopstown side who have their best players in Liz O'Neill, Liz Towler, Elaine Buckley, Deirdre Enright and Rose Desmond.

FIXTURES

This evening, Friday
Under-16 final — St. Finbarrs v Na Piarasigh at Na Piarasigh, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Miriam Higgins).

Tomorrow, Saturday
Under-16 league, Na Piarasigh v Brian Dillon's at Na Piarasigh, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Bishopstown).

Sunday
N.S.L. Cork v Tipperary at Church Road, 3.00 p.m. (Ref. Tipperary). J.H.L. Final — St. Catherine's v Bishopstown at Dungannon, 12 noon. (Ref. Betty Joyce). Under-16 league semi-final — Aghabulbin v St. Finbarrs at Coachford, 7.00 p.m. (Ref. Cloughduff).

Tuesday
J. A. League St. Finbarrs v Fr. O'Neills at St. Finbarrs, 7.15 p.m. (Ref. Brenda Newman).

Kilkenny, Dubs look set for June clash

KILKENNY and Dublin are the only undefeated teams in the National Senior Camogie League and at this stage seem destined to meet in the Final on June 2.

Both have accounted for what would be considered the strongest opposition in their relative sections and a glance at the League Tables shows how each county has performed to date.

In the Junior League five counties stand on full points. Galway have their game against Down and on previous form should come through to take section honours. Clare should stand at the top of Zone B on Sunday evening.

Zone C is less clearcut. Both Westmeath and Donegal are unbeaten with four points. Donegal have an opportunity to forge ahead on Sunday when they meet Monaghan at Scotstown. Westmeath are without a fixture and will await the outcome with interest.

WIDE OPEN

Kildare have an away game with Wicklow which will decide the outcome of Zone D. Zone E is still wide open. Armagh entertain Derry and Meath journey to Offaly. These games may narrow the race for section honours.

At Croke Park on Saturday, the Referees committee host a seminar for the entire panel of inter-county referees. The gathering will consider uniform interpretation of playing rules and terms of reference for county referees committees.

All-Ireland Minor Champions Cork had an extremely close call from a talented Clare side on Sunday. Drawn mainly from St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon and Colaiste Mhuire Ennis, finalists in last two Colleges Junior Championships, ran Cork to a single point vic-

tory in a game of particularly high standard.

SENIOR LEAGUE — ZONE A

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Kilkenny	3	3	0	0	6
Galway	3	2	1	0	4
Louth	3	1	2	0	2
Down	3	0	3	0	0
Antrim	3	0	3	0	0

SENIOR LEAGUE — ZONE B

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Dublin	3	3	0	0	6
Tipperary	3	2	1	0	4
Cork	3	1	2	0	2
Limerick	3	0	3	0	0
Wexford	3	0	3	0	0
Clare	3	0	3	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE — ZONE A

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Galway	3	3	0	0	6
Down	3	2	1	0	4
Kilkenny	3	1	2	0	2
Louth	3	0	3	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE — ZONE B

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Wexford	3	3	0	0	6
Clare	3	2	1	0	4
Tipperary	3	1	2	0	2
Limerick	3	0	3	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE — ZONE C

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Westmeath	3	3	0	0	6
Donegal	3	2	1	0	4
Monaghan	3	1	2	0	2
Tyrone	3	0	3	0	0
Cavan	3	0	3	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE — ZONE D

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Kildare	3	3	0	0	6
Waterford	3	2	1	0	4
Carlow	3	1	2	0	2
Wicklow	3	0	3	0	0
Laois	3	0	3	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE — ZONE E

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Meath	3	3	0	0	6
Armagh	3	2	1	0	4
Offaly	3	1	2	0	2
Derry	3	0	3	0	0
Fermanagh	3	0	3	0	0

FIXTURE LIST SUNDAY

National Leagues

At Loughrea — Galway v Down (2.00 junior, 3.00 senior); At Blackrock — Cork v Tipperary (1.00 senior); At Silver Park — Dublin v Wexford (3.00 senior); At Roslevin — Clare v Limerick (2.00 junior, 3.00 senior); At Killybegs — Cavan v Tyrone (2.30 junior); At Myshall — Carlow v Waterford (3.00 junior); At Scotstown — Monaghan v Donegal (2.30 junior); At Ashford — Wicklow v Kildare (3.00 junior); At Tullamore — Offaly v Meath (3.00 junior); At Portmore — Armagh v Derry (2.30 junior); At Venue to be arranged — Louth v Antrim (3.00 senior).

CORK KEEP UP THE PRESSURE

Cork.....1-11
Tipperary.....0-4

CORK kept the pressure on leaders Dublin with a comfortable victory over a sadly out of touch Tipperary in a National League game at Church Road yesterday.

With the very strong wind at their backs in the first-half, Cork did all the pressing and by the interval they had built up a commanding lead of 1-7 to 0-1.

The game's only goal came midway through and what a "soft" one it proved to be. Val Fitzpatrick's long speculative effort seemed to be covered by goalkeeper Ann Keeshan, but she allowed the ball to squeeze in near the post.

On the changeover a sound Cork full-back line never allowed Tipperary into their stride, while goalkeeper Marian McCarthy was alert to everything. Top scorer Mary O'Leary hit three fine points, which sealed this Cork victory.

Scorers — Cork: M. O'Leary 0-6, V. Fitzpatrick 1-0, M. Sweeney, S. Spillane, A. M. Landers, P. Keniry and L. Mollerick 0-1 each. Tipperary: M. Quigley 0-2, M. Madden and M. Lane 0-1 each.

CORK — M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, L. Dennehy, K. Landers, A. M. Landers, C. Cronin, S. Spillane, V. Fitzpatrick, P. Keniry, M. Sweeney, M. O'Leary, Sub: L. Mollerick for Keniry.

TIPPERARY — A. Keeshan, S. McDonnell, M. Coughlan, M. Sheedy, G. Ryan, M. Madden, B. Maher, S. Hickey, J. English, D. Lane, M. Quigley, B. Kennedy.

Referee: S. Golden (Cork).



DEIRDRE LANE, Tipperary's dangerous forward who will be in action against Cork at Blackrock

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1985 Pan Celtic Festival attracts 38 teams

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includes Ardkeen, Celtic, St. Finbarrs, Glen Rovers, Eire Og, Craobh-Kilfinny and Woodville. Participating in the senior B division will be Crecora, Rathnure, Imokilly, Cameron Park, Blackrock and Phoenix.

The under sixteen section will be run of in two groups of twelve teams. In the stronger section Broadford, Salthill, Shannon St. Ibars, Oranmore and Roscommon will meet the best of Cork and Limerick. The weaker group includes Mervue, Black and Whites, Cloghane, Roscarbery, Drishane, Rathnure and the hosts Killarney.

Matches will go on all day on Saturday with two pitches at Fitzgerald Stadium and three pitches at St. Finian's Park in use. The finals will be staged on Sunday starting on 1 p.m.

Gradam Tallie will be staged at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny on Saturday, July 20. Although open to both senior and junior inter-county players, a junior graded player has yet to capture the title. Jo McClements (Antrim), Clare Cronin (Cork) and Angela Downey (Kilkenny) have been the winners to date. The winning performance of Angela last season leaves a very hard act to follow for any potential champion.

Féile na nGael will be staged in Wexford again this year. The draws for the three grades have been made and 20 clubs will journey to the Model County in late June for what is always a great weekend. In the meantime,

each county will organise their own Féile competition to determine their representatives.

At Cashel on Saturday, the up-and-coming stars of the Munster Colleges scene will be on view. The annual First Year Blitz will be hosted by Scoil Mhuire. Winners of the last two events have progressed to the final of the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship within twelve months. Next Saturday's visitors will be followed with interest.

Tomorrow night, the semi-finals of the Munster Minor Championship are down for decision. Tipperary, who overcame Waterford by four points, travel to Cork for what should be a great game. Cork had to pull out all the stops to pip Clare by a single point.

Cork have a number of survivors from last season's winning team. However, these girls were made look ordinary by a talented Clare side which was unlucky to lose. Cork will be looking for an improvement and hoping that Paula Carey, Karen Mellerick, Bernie Cashman, Carmel Currid and Aileen Barry find their best form. Tipperary will be led by Portroe player, Tina Madden. She will get good support from Joan Tobin, Noreen Dwyer, Maeve Stokes and Josephine Freeman.

Limerick have not won the Munster Minor Championship since 1977 when current interprovincial player, Helen Collins was on the side. They open their 1985 campaign with a game in Killarney. They will be expected to advance as

Kerry are regarded as the weakest side in the competition.

The strength of the Limerick side is unknown. They field strong players in Janice McCarthy, Kate McHenry, Donna Rohan and Bridget O'Dwyer. Clara Brosnan, Margaret McCarthy, Anne Kelly, Margaret Galvin and Kathleen Cronin will spearhead the Kerry challenge and endeavour to cause a surprise.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Tomorrow — Semi-finals at Killarney: Kerry v. Limerick, 7.00. At Cork, Cork v Tipperary, 7.00.

PAN CELTIC FESTIVAL

At Killarney — Saturday 10 p.m. Sunday Finals, 1 p.m.

Tough One For The Cork Minors

THERE will be plenty of action on the camogie scene again this weekend. Tonight, Cork minors meet Tipperary in the semi-final of the Munster Championship at 7 p.m.; tomorrow a semi-final of the Under 18 League will be decided and on both Saturday and Sunday the Pan Celtic competitions will be held in Killarney.

In their first outing against an excellent Clare side, Cork minors had to fight all the way for the narrowest of victories. And this evening could see them with a fight on their hands again as they take on a very good Tipperary side, who had a most exciting four point win over Waterford in their first round tie.

For Sunday's game Cork will be without two of their panel as Karen Mellerick has a broken finger and Bernie Hayes has just had an appendicitis operation. However, the remaining eighteen are all fit.

The team has been picked and the selectors have made a number of changes from the side which defeated Clare. Brid Walsh, so good in the Clare game, is retained in goal and Cork's best defenders that day, Tracy O'Riordan, Deirdre Ryan and Brid Kelleher, are also retained although Brid Kelleher has been moved to the unusual position of full centre, while Ina Leahy comes back to centre-back to strengthen that sector. Aine Buckley, who came into the side at corner-back in the last tie, and played very effectively, retains her position to complete the defence.

Joining Brid Kelleher in the centre-field will be Aileen Barry and Carmel Currid, while in the attack Jean Paula Kent, who was Cork's best player last time out is at left-corner-forward, with Ber Cashman on the other wing, Paula Carey at centre-forward and Joy Nichols makes her first appearance on the side at full forward.

There is plenty of individual talent in this side, and if they can settle more quickly than they did against Clare, then they must have an excellent chance of reaching the Munster final.

However, although the Tipperary side was not

available at the time of writing, it is reported that they were most impressive against Waterford, and with a great camogie nursery in Scoil Mhuire in that county, they are bound to be good at this level.

But a home venue is always a big advantage in minor camogie and this could give Cork the edge they need.

Cork team: B. Walsh, D. Ryan, A. Buckley, J. Leahy, T. O'Riordan, A. Barry, B. Kelleher, C. Currid, B. Cashman, P. Carey, J. P. Kent, J. Nichols. Subs: H. O'Connor, B. Buckley, S. Morley, B. Power, D. Carroll, L. Kelly.

Pan Celtic is a big weekend in the camogie calendar and these Killarney competitions attract top teams from all over the country each year.

Last year the organisers introduced a senior competition and this time there will be an 'A' and 'B' senior section. Cork teams travelling to Killarney this weekend are Glen Rovers, Eire Og and St. Finbarrs who will be in the top section and Imokilly and Blackrock in the 'B' section. Other clubs involved in the 'A' section will be Craobh-Kilfinny of Limerick, and Celtic and Woodville from Dublin.

There will be plenty of exciting competition too in the Under 16 competitions, with Bishopstown sending three teams, while St. Finbarrs, Eire Og and Blackrock clubs as well as teams from Roscarbery, Mount Mercy and Drishane Schools will also be involved.

All the action will take place in Austin Stacks Park, Killarney, and the weekend promises to be a highly entertaining one.

In the only other game listed Killeagh will meet the winners of the Na Píarsaigh-Brian Dillons clash in the Under 18 league semi-final at Killeagh tomorrow evening.

Finally congratulations to Killeagh, Bishopstown and St. Finbarrs who won the senior, junior 'B' and Under 16 league titles respectively, during the last week.

Fixtures: This evening (Friday) M.M. Semi-finals at Ballyanley (Inniscarra): Cork v Tipperary, 7

p.m.; At Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, Limerick v Kerry, 7 p.m.; Tomorrow (Saturday) U-18 Semi-final at Killeagh, 7.30 p.m.; Pan-Celtic competitions at Killarney; Sunday: Pan Celtic competitions at Killarney.

Super Glen

GLEN ROVERS (Cork) 1-4
CELTIC (Dublin) 0-2

Glen Rovers wrote themselves into the history books again last weekend by capturing the Pan Celtic senior camogie title at Killarney.

Glen Rovers led at half time by 0-2 to 0-1 and playing with the breeze in the second half added 1-2 to their tally.

Scorers Glen Rovers: C. McCarthy 1-0, M. Currid 0-3, J. Hamill 0-1. Celtic: D. Lane 0-2.

Easy win for Cork minors

Cork 6-7
Tipperary 1-3

Cork had an easy passage to the Munster minor final when they defeated Tipperary in their semi-final at Ballyanley last evening.

Scorers: Cork — A. Barry 2-0, J. P. Kent 1-2, B. Cashman and J. Nichols 1-1 each, P. Carey 0-3, C. Currid 1-0.

Tipperary: M. Browne 1-0, J. Tobin 0-2, B. Ryan 0-1.

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Pan Celtic Finals: Senior, Glen Rovers (Cork) 1-4 Celtic (Dublin) 0-2; Senior 'B' Phoenix (Dublin) 0-4 Imokilly (Cork) 1-1; U-16 'A' Bishopstown (Cork) 2-4 St. Finbarrs (Cork) 2-3; U-18 'B' Black & Whites (Kilkenny) 10-3 Rathnure (Wexford) 0-1; Munster Minor semi-final: Limerick 0-10 Kerry 0-1.

Killeagh In Command

KILLEAGH 2-7
EIRE OG 1-5

KATHLEEN COSTINE wrote her name in the history books of camogie last night when she scored two goals from puck-outs in the final of the 1984 senior league played at Eire Og's pitch. Costine aided by a stiff breeze saw two of her long puck-outs deceive the home sides defence and this advantage set the East Cork girls on the road to victory in the County Senior League Final.

Eire Og tried hard, none more so than Miriam Higgins, Eileen Dineen and Margo Twomey but Killeagh with Catherine Landers rampant at centre back and Ina Leahy and Annmaria Landers controlling midfield, their forwards especially Patricia Fitzgibbon caused the Eire Og defence all kinds of problems. Killeagh led at the break by 2-1 to 0-2, and while Eire Og came back hard and strong in the second half the all round superiority of the county champions gave them the coveted double.

Scorers for Killeagh: Kathleen Costine 2-0, Patsy Keniry 0-2, Patricia Fitzgibbon 0-2, Ann Leahy, Catherine Landers, Marian Sweeney 0-1 each.

Eire Og: Sara Murphy 1-0, Noelle O'Driscoll 0-2, Mary Geaney 0-2, Ger Mackey 0-1.

Referee: M. O'Sullivan, Ballincollig.

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Kilkenny can seal their place in final

UNLESS some surprise results are returned, six of the seven National League Group winners should be known on Sunday night. Before the last series of matches are played, it is clear that Galway, Clare and Kildare will head their sections in the Junior League.

A few weeks ago, the outcome of the senior tie between Kilkenny and Louth would have been considered as an easy assignment for the Noreiders. In the meantime, Louth have captured points from Down and Antrim and are enjoying the best run so far in the Senior League.

However, the margins by which Kilkenny defeated these northern counties suggests that they are still several places ahead of Louth. A win for Kilkenny will seal their place in the final on June 2.

Dublin round up their programme with a home game against Clare, fielding something like a full team for the first time this season. Clare took the points from Limerick in their last outing. Despite this improved showing, it would be a major surprise if the Banner County halted Dublin's gallop to the final.

Donegal, who have full points in their group sit it out on Sunday. They will anxiously await the result from Breffni Park where their main rivals, Westmeath, play Cavan.

Cavan had a runaway win over Tyrone to collect their first points, but they will find Westmeath a more difficult proposition. Indications are that this group will not be decided until the

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meeting of Donegal and Westmeath on May 19.

Derry, who handed out a 10-point dubbing to Armagh two weeks ago, have a vital engagement with Offaly. Offaly stand on five points and a draw would be sufficient to see them through. Derry can come from behind to win what should be a keenly contested game.

Camogie players and officials, past and present, gathered in Limerick at the weekend to bid farewell to Cries O'Connell. Up to her untimely death, she was President of the Limerick County Board. A defender in her playing days with St. Patrick's Club, she served Limerick camogie faithfully.

An excellent chairman, she was quick to grasp the

situation and get others to accept her authority. In this capacity, she administered to Limerick County Board, Munster Council and Munster Colleges Council. In 1962, she was elected as President of the Camogie Association. An accomplished singer, Cries added to many a social occasion.

For many years, former Dublin players, Kay and Connie Lyons have coached and guided the young girls of Marino. They steered their young players through the under-age ranks and up to senior level.

How proud they must have felt as their charges dethroned Celtic by 12 points in the Dublin Senior Championship. The display of Carmel O'Byrne, Patsy Murphy, Patricia Clinton and Germaine Noonan suggests that it will not be long before the Marino side land a major title.

Limerick and Cork will contest the Munster Minor Final on June 30. On Friday night Cork overcame Tipperary by 6-7 to 1-3 and Limerick scored a runaway win over Kerry.

Glen Rovers won the Senior A competition at Pan Celtic. Their excellent defence kept Celtic at bay. In the final, Phoenix took Senior B honours with a clearcut win over Imokilly while Bishopstown had one point to spare over St. Finbarr's in the final of the Under 16A.

These neighbouring clubs played the best match of the day. Black and Whites of Kilkenny proved too strong for Rathnure in the final of the under 16B.

For the second time in three years, St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, won the Munster

Colleges First. They Aloysius by 1-5, very exciting. St. Patrick's player of the talented middle Phelan. Colin Fennis and reached the stages.

FIXTURES
National League
At Greenhills, Offaly, Junior, 2.30 p.m.
At Loughlin, Kilkenny, Junior 2.00 p.m.
At Adare, Tipperary, Junior, 2.00 p.m.
At Silver Park, Clare, Senior, 3.00 p.m.
At Monomolin, Cork, Senior, 2.00 p.m.
At Breffni Park, Westmeath, Junior, 2.00 p.m.
At Ballyvaughan, Monaghan, Senior, 2.00 p.m.
At Walsh Park, Wicklow, Senior, 2.00 p.m.
At Derrydown, Fermanagh, Senior, 2.00 p.m.

Cork Girls Shouldn't Take Wexford Lightly

CORK continue their National Senior League campaign on Sunday next when they meet Wexford at Monomolin. Cork are only two points down and must keep a clean sheet at this stage, but even a win on Sunday may not be enough for Cork as, if Dublin win their final game against Clare also on Sunday, then they will be undefeated section winners and Cork will be out.

On Tuesday next, St. Finbarr's and Brian Dillons will meet in what should be a most exciting Junior A

league final between two exciting young teams, while on Thursday the 1985 leagues get underway with no less than seven under 14 ties listed for that evening.

The Cork selectors have made more changes for their clash with Wexford on Sunday. Una O'Connor, who played so well for Cork juniors last season comes into the left corner-back position, although the remainder of the defence is back to the 'old guard' with Marian McCarthy again in goal, Eileen Dineen at full-

back, Catherine Landers at centre-back and Miriam Higgins at right corner.

Ann Marie Landers, Clare Cronin and Sandy Fitzgibbon will make up the midfield trio, while Linda Mellerick, who came on as a substitute in the Cork outing against Tipperary and scored a lovely point, gets another chance at corner-forward, where she joins Mary O'Leary, Val Fitzpatrick and Patsy Keniry.

Wexford, at home, are never an easy prospect, and although they have already

lost to Dublin, Limerick and Tipperary, but did account for Clare, they will not give the Cork girls any easy chances. And this will be especially so if Elsie Coady, Kathleen Tonks, Geraldine Butler, Deirdre Cussens and Dorothy Walsh strike top form.

Dublin play Clare on Sunday and if they win they are through to the decider possibly to meet Kilkenny, who with only one game to play on Sunday and so far undefeated, should account for Louth.

However, in order to keep their chances alive, in case of a surprise result on Sunday, Cork will need to fight all the way for the points.

Cork team: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, U. O'Connor, A. M. Landers, C. Cronin, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, L. Mellerick, P. Keniry.

Subs: I. O'Leary, M. Geaney, S. Spillane, M. Spillane, M. Sweeney, L. Dunphy, D. Cotter.

St. Finbarr's, who won the double in the under 16 grade, will be hoping to add yet another double to their sideboard on Tuesday night

when they meet Brian Dillons in the Junior A league final, having already annexed the championship in this grade.

St. Finbarr's have an abundance of talented young players and no doubt they will field such promising youngsters as Colette Cronin, Colette O'Mahony and Deirdre Christie. And, of course, they could have a trump card in Cork senior Clare Cronin, who will be eligible to play in this tie.

However, Brian Dillons, who are also likely to field a very young side, will not accept defeat easily and if new Cork senior Linda Mellerick, Aileen Barry, Vivien O'Brien and Mary Mulcahy hit top form then the Barrs could find themselves with a tough game on their hands.

The Cork area final of Gradam Tailte, the Camogie Superstars competition, was supposed to be held this weekend but as there were no entries submitted it has been postponed for two weeks.

This is a prestigious competition, which was won by Cork star Clare Cronin, two years ago, and the county was also represented in the

competition by Mary O'Leary and Sandy Fitzgibbon.

All members of Cork's senior and junior teams of last season are eligible for the Gradam Tailte, and it is hoped that there will be very many entries before the next date fixed.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

N.S.L. Wexford v Cork, at Monomolin, Co. Wexford, 2.30 p.m., Ref. Mary Maher.

TUESDAY

J.A.L. final, St. Finbarr's v Brian Dillons, at Ballydooley (provisional), 7.30 p.m., Ref. Brenda Newman.

THURSDAY

All u 14, all 7.30 p.m.: Ballinora v Inniscarra at Ballinora, Ref. Inniscarra; Ballinacorney v Cloughduv, at Ballinacorney, Ref. Cloughduv; Grenagh v Eire Og, at Grenagh, Ref. Eire Og; Newcestown v Aghabullogue, at Newcestown, Ref. Aghabullogue; Douglas v Bishopstown 'D', at Douglas, Ref. Bishopstown; Na Piarsaigh v Brian Dillons, at St. Piarsaigh, Ref. Brian Dillons; Eirias Own v Sarfields, at Caherlag, Ref. Sarfields.

CAMOGIE
National Senior League — Dublin 4-14, Clare 1-4, Wexford 3-3, Cork 3-4. National Junior League — Waterford 3-7, Wicklow 1-0. Final — Dublin v Kilkenny, June 2.

O'CONNELL, (Limerick) — May 2, 1985, at the Mater Hospital, Dublin. Christina (Chris), 'Tis Mhuire', I. Pennywell (ex-president of Camogie Association) very deeply regretted by her loving brothers Mick, Sean and Matt, sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Removal from Cross's Funeral Home to St. John's Cathedral this (Saturday) evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass Monday at 2 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.



St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, who are the Munster Colleges First Year Camogie Champions of 1985.

ST. PATS., SHANNON

ST. PATRICK'S: G. Carrigg (Wolfetones), M. Murphy (Tir na n-Og), M. Costelloe (Wolfetones), I. Mulready (Sixmilebridge), D. McGuane (Wolfetones), D. McGee (Wolfetones), P. Meaney (do.), P. Jones (do.), P. Brennan (do.), A. Johnston (do.), J. Murphy (Sixmilebridge) 0-2, A. Keane (Wolfetones) 1-1, K. Halpin (do.), C. Downes (Sixmilebridge) 1-2.

Subs.: G. McIntyre (Wolfetones) for Molloy, P. O'Rourke (Wolfetones) for Johnston.

SCARIFF: S. Doyle; P. Crotty, T. O'Donoghue, P. Sheedy, J. Kelly, N. Dillon, P. Nugent, M. Casey (Capt.) and N. Keogh; S. Brady, A. Sheedy, M. McKenna; G. Conway, A. Hickey, K. Doyle.

Referee: M. Quinn, Ennis. St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, scored

another notable success at Cashel on Saturday last when they captured the Munster Colleges first year's camogie blitz for the second time in three years and the fourth time in all.

Showing great determination they overcame Hospital and Tulla to win out in their division before they beat Mercy Macroom in the semi-final. In the final they beat St. Aloysius of Cork in the final on the score of 1-0 to 0-2.

The St. Patrick's panel comprised of Audrey Carrigg, Sharon Kelly, Colette Sweeney, Deborah McGettrick, Liz Keane, Sandra McCoy, Frances Phelan, Sile Ni Dhonaile, Majella O'Connell, Michelle Halpin, Rebecca Tuohy, Roisin McManus, Lorraine Moran, Dolores McInerney, Deirdre Sherlock, Annette McDonnell, Niamh Lawlor and Paula White.



St. Patricks Shannon winners of the Clare post primary schools under 16 title last week.



Sheila Golden, Chairman of Inniscarra Camogie Club presenting a memento of their visit to Cork to the Rossa Camogie Club from Belfast



Carmel Currid, also a member of the St. Patrick's team. Carmel plays for Glen Rovers

30 YEARS AGO

A GOAL by Cremin gave Crosshaven a one goal to nil win over Cobh Ramblers, when they met in the Beamish Soccer Cup final at St. Colman's Park, Cobh.

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ST. ALOYSIUS "A" team won the Cork Schools camogie championship title when they scored a 6-1 to 2-5 win over their "B" team in the final. The teams were: "A" — S. Hegarty, R. McCarthy, J. Dineen, D. McCarthy, M. Wiley, E. Wiley, K. Looney, C. O'Leary, E. O'Donovan, J. Clancy, M. Murphy, R. Byrne. "B" — B. Carroll, M. Murphy, C. Cahill, E. Horgan, P. Reilly, E. Ryan, M. Clancy, R. Manley, A. McCarthy, E. Good, J. Long, L. Cogan.



Linda Mellerick who captained St. Patrick's Secondary School Cork to victory in the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Championship. Linda plays with Brian Dillons, holds All-Ireland Junior & Minor Medals.

MAY 1985



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK— Ashbourne Cup Winners 1985
 Back—Patsy Keniry, Mary Walsh, Marion O'Flynn, Rosemary Fahy
 Joan Riordan, Norma Delaney, Ann Marie Landers, Marcella
 Fitzpatrick, Rose Desmond, Denise Cotter.
 Front—Margaret Murphy, Una O'Connor, Claire Cronin, Eileen
 Noonan (capt), Imelda Cronin, Orla Flynn (photo—M. Moran)



THE INNISCARRA UNDER 16 CAMOGIE TEAM WHO DEFEATED
 THEIR VISITORS ROSSA CAMOGIE CLUB, BELFAST OVER THE
 EASTER WEEK END

40 Years Ago

D. HORGAN of Ballymore Cycling Club won the 20 miles massed start race, held by the Cork Cycling Board over the Monahan Road circuit, from his clubmate W. O'Brien, S. Meighan of St. Finbarr's CC and P. J. Isaacs of Cork Road Club.

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WATERGRASSHILL ROVERS advanced to the next round of the Cork County Minor Hurling Championship when they defeated Cove by 3-0 to 1-0 at Rivers-town. P. Coughlan, J. Regan and J. Curtin each had a goal for the winners, while L. Butler scored the Cove goal.

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SCOIL TRACHTALA "A" team won the Cork Schools Camogie Championship title when they had a 5-1 to 3-0 win over St. Aloysius School in a very entertaining final.