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# Girls can keep Kildare flag flying in Croker

KILDARE GAA teams have had a disastrous year. The hurlers and footballers at every grade disappointed and there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel.

Although its no consolation to the Co. Board, the Gaelic tradition in the county is being upheld on the field of play by the fairer sex with the Lilywhites junior camogie team having qualified for the All-Ireland final for the first time ever.

Kildare meet Clare in the decider in Croke Park on Sunday at 2 p.m. in their first ever trip to the venue for a national final and this time they hope to reverse a previous semi-final result, won by Clare in 1981.

The Lilywhites qualified for the All-Ireland series when defeating Carlow in the Leinster decider in Clane by 1-4 to 0-4 in late July. It was the winners sixth provincial title, the first coming fifteen years previously.

The Lilywhites have only been in two All-Ireland semi-finals losing to Cork and Clare and now that they got through (over Derry) in their attempt they hope to clinch the championship for the first time.

## Good form

And their form is good enough. They opened the campaign with an April victory over Dublin and groomed their game since, helped with a success in the National Junior League, the first national title ever won by the County.

Clare pose quite a problem. Although defeated by Dublin in the N.L. semi-final, it was felt that the Munster champions had been coaxing along a good side, having given the senior grade a miss so as not to poach juniors.

Kildare have the same team as that which defeated Derry in Bellaghy and it is hoped that when they attend a celebration in Clane GAA centre on Monday, the All-Ireland Cup will be centrepiece. The team will be met by a local band at Woods Grange at 7 p.m.

Kildare field an experienced team, none more so than Miriam Malone (nee

Miggin) their captain who is in her 21st season in inter-county competition, having made her debut with Meath in 1965. She was the first junior to 'make' the senior provincial team (1972) and in '76 captained the Leinster junior team.

Central midfielder Miriam has won 11 senior championships and leagues with Broadford and was Co. Camogie Player of the Year in '72, '83 and '84. She has also won medals at cross-country running and badminton.

Anna Dargan (nee Miggin) is another reliable player of note playing in the centre of the half-back-line. She has won two Gael Linn

## Kildare team

THE Kildare team for Sunday's All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final is Rose Merriman (Prosperous), Geraldine Dwyer (do), Melanie Treacy (St. Laurences), Anna Dargan (Broadford), Antoinette Merriman (Prosperous), Patricia Keatley (Broadford), Miriam Malone (do), Gemma Cooney (Prosperous), Liz Donohoe (St. Laurences), Marianne Johnson (Prosperous), Kathleen Elliott (do), Phyllis Bambury (Cappagh). Subs: Nual Kerrigan (Johnstownbridge), Nora Egan (Broadford), Elizabeth Conway (do), Bernadette Farrelly (do), Aisling Treacy (St. Laurences), Tessie Mullaly (Broadford).

medals and like her sister, has captained the provincial team.

Full-back Geraldine Dwyer once played with Athy but transferred to Prosperous when that club disbanded. She has won five Co. championships and was on the Leinster title-winning team in 1981.

Gemma Cooney has been a regular on the Kildare team since 1972 apart from a sojourn in Australia in '82 and '83, and has been a stumbling block for many a raid.

Marianne Johnson has won seven championships

and nine leagues with her club. The Co. Camogie Secretary, her six brothers all play hurling, the best known Francis who has been on the SH team since the early '70s.

The youngest of the team, is 16 years old Melanie Treacy from St. Laurences. Still a schoolgirl at St. Mary's Athy, she was a minor for the last two years and was the Camogie Sport Star for '85. Her grandmother, Brigid Blanchfield (nee Malone) captained the Laois team.

## Long walk

Camogie has been played in Co. Kildare since 1908 when Athy was the 'seat' of the sport. Later Newbridge, Naas, Blacktrench, Edenderry and several teams from the Sallins area applied to affiliate but did not get a favourable hearing.

The 1933 senior championship was won by Castledermot from Clane, Straffan and Ballytore while Carbury won the junior title.

The following year saw the formation of the Co. Board and later that season Dublin defeated Kildare in their first official Leinster championship tie in Kill by 3-2 to 2-2.

The team, — which defeated Dublin, received a w.o. from Laois and beat Wexford before accounting for Carlow in the final — is trained by Limerick hurler Pat Herbert who handled the Kildare hurling team for a spell.

## History

■ The Camogie Association — Irish Wheelchair sponsored walk by Donacha O'Dulaing from Cork to Dublin will stop overnight in Ballylinan on Thursday and at Kilcullen on Friday. He will trek through Castlecomer (12 o'clock), Newtown (4 p.m.) before arriving in Ballylinan at 5.30 p.m. Leaving Ballylinan at 9 a.m. on Friday Donacha and entourage will visit Athy (11 a.m.), Fontstown Seven Stars and finally Kilcullen at 7 p.m. before beginning the final leg to Dublin at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning.

There will be a camogie game in Chanterlands between Athy and St. Laurence's on Thursday at 7 p.m. followed by a function in the Castle Inn. The Kilcullen club has organised a function in the White Horse Inn on Friday at 8 p.m. Clubs will join Donacha on his walk through Co. Kildare.



Half-forward Kathleen Elliott.



Midfielder Gemma Cooney.



Centre-back Anna Dargan.



Half-back Antoinette Merriman.



# THE DUBS CAN GAIN REVENGE

The All-Ireland Finals, the climax of the camogie season, will be staged at Croke Park on Sunday. Dublin get the chance to reverse last year's decision when they meet Kilkenny in the senior final. Kildare appear in their first final when they take the field against Clare in the junior decider.

The score at the finish of the 1985 senior final stood at Kilkenny 0-13, Dublin 1-5. The Dublin girls have waited twelve months for a chance to erase that memory. They remember all too well their poor showing, particularly in the second half when they only managed to score a single point.

Dublin, now under the guidance of Judy Doyle, show three changes in personnel from the team which did duty in Croke Park last September. Anna Condon and Bernie Toner are listed in the substitutes and Anne Redmond was not available for selection.

Into their places come three newcomers to big time camogie. Crumlin's success in the All-Ireland club championship did not go unnoticed. One of the successes of that team, 20-year-old Cathy Walsh comes into the side at number eight.

Good performances at club level by U.C.D. defender won a spot for the red-headed Helena Broderick. Former Galway player Breda Kenny decided to throw in her lot with Dublin and was immediately invited to join the side.

## Changes

Kilkenny show two changes from last season. Margaret Farrell is now in the colours of Cork and Deirdre Malone, whose employment away from home makes it difficult for her to train, is in the reserves. Rita Wemyes, who has been on the Kilkenny panel for some time, gets her opening. Former Clare player Clare Jones moved to St. Paul's and Kilkenny and is a decided asset to them.

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The Kilkenny defence of Marie Fitzpatrick, Liz Neary, Anne Holden, Bridie McGarry and Biddy O'Sullivan had the better of exchanges over the Dublin attack in the 1985 final. Dublin make one switch to counter this advantage. Edel Murphy moves to centre-forward.

The Dublin forwards were finding scores hard to come by some weeks ago. Five goals against Wexford in the semi-final has boosted their morale. It is unlikely that either side will dominate midfield. Una Crowley, Mary Mernagh and Cathy Walsh should win reasonable possession for Dublin but Anna Whelan, Anne Downey and Clare Jones are unlikely to be starved.

For many seasons it appeared that there was an over-dependence on Angela Downey in the Kilkenny attack. Breda Holmes and Joe Dunne are dangerous forwards in their own right and will need careful watching. Rita Wemyes will do important grafting between midfield and attack. As always, Angela Downey will require one hundred percent surveillance.

Dublin field two newcomers to this level in the sector responsible for the Kilkenny attack. The game could hinge on how they cope with this assignment. Yvonne Redmond, Marion Conroy and Germaine Noonan have proved themselves time and time. But if Kilkenny sense that there is any weakness in the Dublin rearguard, they will re-arrange their attack to exploit it.

The junior final pits youth against experience. The Kildare combination has been together for several years. Under the watchful eye of Limerick hurler Pat Herbert, the team has prepared well. This is their

twelfth match of the season. With eleven wins behind them, they have reason to be confident.

The Clare team contains many outstanding colleges players of recent years. The majority were on the Clare under 18 team which won the Munster championship in 1985. Apart from a lapse against Dublin in the National League, Clare are enjoying a good season.

Kildare are strong in defence, where Anna Dargan, Antoinette Merriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy and Rose Merriman have subdued various attacks this season. However, they need to be good in this area for Clare have forwards who need careful attention. Maura McNicholas and Catherine O'Loughlin are top of this list but Carmel Wall and Catherine Molloy are not far behind.

Kildare may have the edge at midfield where Patricia Keatley, Miriam Malone and Gemma Cooney operate. No doubt, Patricia Rynne, Sheila O'Halloran and Noelle Comyns, the Clare trio, will have other ideas.

The Kildare attack is not renowned for mounting high scoring totals. They will have to turn every half chance to advantage to outwit Noeleen Quinn, Helen Cusack, Patricia Ryan and Siobhan Reidy. The capable Pauline O'Brien will guard the Clare net should any balls slip through.

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● Una Crowley, who captains the Dublin camogie team in the All-Ireland senior final against Kilkenny at Croke Park on Sunday. A regular on the team since 1979, Una holds one senior All-Ireland medal.



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In action in next Sunday's All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final: from left — Ann Downey (Kilkenny), Cathy Irish (Dublin), Marie Fitzpatrick (Kilkenny), Edel Murphy (Dublin), Rita Weymes (Kilkenny) and Mary Meenagh (Dublin).

# Dubs are eager for final revenge



MAURA McNICHOLAS, the Clare captain and scoring star.



MIRIAM MALONE, captain of the Kildare junior team.

THE LONG wait for Dublin is over. Bitterly disappointed at failing to Kilkenny in the 1985 Camogie final, they have yearned for an opportunity to redress the situation. At Croke Park on Sunday, they will line out against their keen rivals in an eagerly awaited repeat performance.

Dublin place their faith in the side which overcame Wexford in the semi-final. That means that three girls, Breda Kenny, Helena Broderick and Cathy Walsh, will play in their first senior final on Sunday.

Yvonne Redmond crosses the Atlantic once again to take her place in the Dublin goal. Yvonne's value to the Dublin team cannot be over-estimated. The other players perform confidently when she is behind them.

Marion Conroy is an excellent full-back with very good positional sense. Germaine Noonan is a consistent player who affords her opponent little room. On the right wing of the defence, Helena Broderick is a strong and tenacious tackler.

The display of newcomer Breda Kenny in the vital centreback berth could have a significant bearing on the game. Captain, Una Crowley, is carrying a nose injury but is expected to take her usual position at right wing. Una's speed and fast striking is needed.

The Crumlin pair, Mary Mernagh and Cathy Walsh complete midfield. Both are hard workers who can pick off the long range score. Edel Murphy is positioned at centre-forward where her industry and skill should pose problems for Kilkenny. Her accurate free-taking

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will punish any indiscretions by the opposition.

Joan Gormley, Carmel O'Byrne and Marie Connell find themselves in the same positions as in last year's final. Each one has the skill and opportunism to be a match winner. Dublin reserves look much stronger than their opposite numbers. Patricia Clinton, Bernie Toner, Anna Condon or Loraine Drmond would be equal to the task if called upon.

Kilkenny goalkeeper, Marie Fitzpatrick has grown in stature and confidence in the past twelve months. The experienced Liz Neary, who held Mary Geaney scoreless in the semi-final, gives excellent cover. The Kilkenny half back line of Anne Holden, Bridie McGarry and Biddy O'Sullivan were on top of the Dublin half forwards in last year's final. However, the total of 3-12 registered against Kilkenny in the semi-final must be a cause of concern to coach, Tom Ryan.

Anne Downey is positioned in the middle of the field where she has plenty of scope for her style of play. She is flanked by the energetic Anna Whelan and former Clare player, Clare Jones. Clare covered acres of ground in the semi-final and is a very definite asset to Kilkenny.

Rita Weymes gets her chance at centre-forward. The goalscoring Jo Dunne and the ever-improving Breda Holmes will need careful watching. Top of the left will be Angela Downey, the game's greatest exponent. She brought Kilkenny back from the dead in the dying moments of the semi-final and will

do the same on Sunday if not carefully policed for the entire game.

The Junior final between Kildare and Clare has the ingredients for an intriguing game. For Kildare it will be a very special occasion. It will mark their first appearance in an All-Ireland final.

Kildare are enjoying a tremendous season. Already the National Junior League and Leinster championship cups are placed on the sideboard. From their point of view victory on Sunday would be the crowning glory.

Kildare have an experienced team. Their average age is a few years higher than their young opponents. They have played and won eleven matches this season and must be hopeful of coming through.

Kildare field a tight defence in which Rose Merriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy, Anna Dargan and Antoinette Merriman excel. Kildare's trump card and captain, Miriam Malone fields in her favourite number seven shirt. She will be assisted by Patricia Keatley and Gemma Cooney in attempting to dominate midfield.

## IMPRESSIVE FORM

Many of Kildare's games have been low-scoring affairs. Liz O'Donoghue, Marianne Johnson, Kathleen Elliott and Phyllis Bam-bury have the speed to use the open spaces of Croke Park to create scoring chances.

Clare, who won this title in 1974 and 1981, are hopeful of doing well. With the exception of the league outing against Dublin, they have been impressive. When they

shook off the shackles of Roscommon in the semi-final, they moved very well.

Their defence is built around a fine centre-back, Noeleen Quinn. She is ably supported by Pauline O'Brien, Helen Cusack, Patricia Ryan and Siobhan Reidy. Patricia Rynna, Sheila O'Halloran and Noelle Comyns form a hard-working midfield line.

Clare feature two gifted young players in attack. Catherine O'Loughlin and Maura McNicholas, whose mother Kitty was on the 1974 winning team, have lovely skill and pick off delightful scores. They receive good back up from Catherine Molloy and Carmel Wall.

Hopefully, the weather will be kind on Sunday. If it is, the Croke Park attendance should be treated to two outstanding games. While form on the day counts for so much, Kilkenny and Kildare would appear to have the edge.

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## SATURDAY

Kilmacod Sevens at Glenabryn and Silver Park, 11.00.

## SUNDAY

All-Ireland Finals at Croke Park: 2.00 Junior, Clare v Kildare; 3.30 Senior, Dublin v Kilkenny.



# Camogie queens hoping for third time luck

**KILKENNY** will be hoping for third time lucky when they lay their title on the line against fancied Dublin in the all-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday.

Already this year the teams have clashed twice, and on both occasions the Dubs proved best. So the locals will be doubly determined as they bid for their sixth all-Ireland crown.

*This showdown is a re-take of the 1985 decider, which was won by the Noresiders. The winners put in a powerful display then, and chalked-up a fine 0-13 to 1-5 victory.*

However, Kilkenny haven't recaptured the same fire and enthusiasm this season,

Ryan (Shamrocks) the Kilkenny girls have gone through a tough build-up to Sunday's final, and one thing for sure, they will not be lacking in fitness. If Kilkenny can resurrect the same hunger that was so apparent in their play during the entire '85 season, then they will take a lot of beating.

## Two girls gone

Selectors Carmel Savage (St. Paul's), Billy Malone (St. Brigid's, Ballycallan) and Tom Ryan didn't have to build a team from scratch. The main structure of the side was there from last year.

Margaret Farrell and Ann-Marie Brennan have departed the scene.

Indeed, Margaret Farrell played against her native county in the all-Ireland semi-final with Cork. Margaret played the proverbial stormer in last year's final and scored five points, and one feels sure the champions would not mind having her available this time.

But the two replacements in the panel are girls with plenty of ability. Claire Jones has transferred from Clare, and has improved with every outing. She was the junior camogie player of the year in 1981, so she has plenty to offer. The second girl, Geraldine Cuddihy (Lisdowney) only took up competitive camogie two years ago and her progress has been little short of remarkable. With a bit more experience, she could be a leading player in a few years time.

As expected, it was hard for Kilkenny to keep up the same level of performance as in 1985. The double victory took a lot out of the players, but like in hurling, the championship is the big one and they are all fired up for Sunday's decider.

To date the Noresiders have seen off Limerick and Cork, without much fuss, they haven't set the world alight, but with the additional training they hope to be able to rise their game considerably. They will need

to against a county that has 26 all-Ireland titles to its credit.

The Dubs were, naturally, disappointed after last year's defeat. They have put in a mighty effort this time, and have spared no expense or effort in their bid to land another title.

Dublin goalkeeper, Yvonne Redmond, has been working in America for the Summer. The Co. Board valued her so highly they flew home for the semi-final, and she will also be between the posts on Sunday. So you see, the Dubs are serious about their camogie business.

They have many fine players, including midfielder Una Crowley, Marie Connell, who cracked home three goals in the semi-final win over Wexford, Edel Murphy, Germaine Noonan and the experienced Marian Conroy.

The Dubliners really fancy their chances, because they reckon they were caught on the hop by Kilkenny last year. And they felt

their victories this season proved that.

But on their day Kilkenny can beat anyone. They have a couple of players who could prove match winners. The whole thing for the Noresiders will be their state of mind. They must forget about last season, and all that has happened this term, and give it all in this game. With that single minded approach, the county could be celebrating another all-Ireland victory.

## Succeeded

The Downey twins, Angela and Ann, Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Bridie McGarry and company have been around a while, and they know what will be expected of them.

Unfortunately, due to a clash of fixtures — the local semi-finals — the ladies will be robbed of some support at Croke Park. What a pity. They have succeeded in adverse circumstances in the past, and they won't be found wanting this time.

# Meet the ladies who are chasing the glory

Marie Fitzpatrick (St. Brigid's, Ballycallan) — Marie was called on last season to fill the problem goalkeeping job. She quickly established herself on the team. A former Feile kills champion, she has played colleges' camogie with Mooncoin V.S. Mairread has fielded with Kilkenny minors and juniors and figured in an outfield position with the Leinster junior team in the autumn of '84. Holds National League and Gael-Linn junior, in addition to college medals.



Angela Downey... Kilkenny will be hoping she hits top form.

Ann Downey (St. Paul's) — A fine defender, noted for a good catch and lengthy clearance. Daughter of All Ireland hurler Shem Downey and twin sister of forward Angela, Ann has commanded a place in the Kilkenny defence for the past decade. An excellent squash player, she has won five all Ireland senior, four National League, 7 club championships, 2 Gael-Linn and 8 Kilkenny championship medals.

Ann Holden (St. Thomas's, Galway) — Although conceding height advantage to the majority of her opponents, Anne is rarely beaten. Previously lined out with Shamrocks but now married and living in Gort, Co. Galway. Anne had four all Ireland, 4 National League, 3 Leinster and 3 Kilkenny junior medals.

Bridie McGarry (St. Paul's) — Bridie has won admirers all over the country for her attractive style of camogie. Possesses great ball control and loves to come forward from the centre-back position.

As Bridie Martin she was awarded the B+I award. A tax official with a firm of accountants, Bridie has five all Ireland, 4 National League, 2 Gael-Linn, all Ireland club, Leinster and Kilkenny championship medals.

Biddy O'Sullivan (Tullagher) — A versatile player who has featured for Kilkenny in several positions. Biddy works on the family farm. Her collection includes two all Ireland, 3 National League, two Gael-Linn, Leinster championship and Kilkenny junior and intermediate medals.

Liz Neary (St. Paul's) — She will captain the team. Liz is capable of giving a top class performance in any position. An excellent defender, she played in the forward line last year and scored four goals. Honoured with a B+I award in 1981. Her vast collection includes all Ireland colleges with Pres. Kilkenny, all Ireland club with St. Paul's and Austin Stacks, five senior all Ireland, National League and Gael-Linn medals.



Ann Kelly... a dedicated Kilkenny player.

Deirdre Malone (St. Brigid's, Ballycallan) — Deirdre was a reserve on the Kilkenny all Ireland side of 1981 but has since won a place. A strong midfielder player. She is a daughter of Kilkenny official Billy Malone. Deirdre, who works on the family farm, has two National League medals in addition to two all Irelands.

Anna Whelan (Lisdowney) — A former colleges player with Pres. Castlecomer, Anna

is a very effective performer, who is equally at home at midfield or in attack. Small and light, she lets her fine stickwork make up for any disadvantage here. Holds two all Ireland, 3 National League and a Leinster championship medal.

Joe Dunne (Carrickshock) — An experienced forward, Joe has scored many a vital goal for Kilkenny. Tall and strong, she combines well with the forwards around her. A clerical worker, Joe has four all Ireland, 4 National League, 3 Leinster championship, Gael-Linn and Kilkenny junior and intermediate medals.

Angela Downey, (St. Paul's) — A player with marvellous individual skill, she rates as one of the top forwards to grace the game. Captain of Kilkenny's all Ireland winning team in 1977, when she was honoured with a B+I award. A highly competitive performer, she has proved herself an outstanding all-round athlete in Graham Talbot.

A teacher in Thomastown V.S., she has won 4 all Ireland, National

League, Gael-Linn, club championship, Leinster and Kilkenny medals.

Breda Holmes (St. Paul's) — A relative newcomer to the team, Breda has fitted in nicely at full-forward. She captained Carysfort college and represented the Combined Colleges. A national teacher, he hopes to add a second all Ireland medal to her National League award.

Rita Wemyss (Bennettsbridge) — Rita has established herself on the team. She featured with the Kilkenny junior side in last year's Leinster championship. Rita is National League and all Ireland medals.

Jobhan Ryan (Shamrocks) — Second season in the junior team, Jobhan was brought on in the League final of 1985 and was in the semi-final against Wexford. Can slot in either as a forward or in either a half or forward position. A third level student, she has National League and all Ireland medals.

Anna Whelan (Blacks and Whites) — Last year joined the panel, Nora played



Liz Neary... the captain will be hoping to lead Kilkenny to another title.

colleges' camogie with Thomastown V.S. The National League last year was her first inter-county award.

Claire Jones (St. Paul's). She was an outstanding player at colleges level and she played with St. Patrick's comprehensive school. She captained her native Clare to an all-Ireland junior win in 1981, and the same season was elected the junior player of the year. She has played in the Ashbourne

Cup with U.C.G. A good cross-country runner, she won six all-Ireland medals at the sport.

Geraldine Cuddihy (Lisdowney). One of the rising stars of the local game, she only took

up competitive camogie two years ago. She played a bit of camogie with Johnstown V.S. but nothing too serious. A very good cross-country runner with local and Leinster wins to her credit.

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Marie Fitzpatrick (St. Brigid's)

Liz Neary Capt. (St. Paul's)

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Angela Downey (St. Paul's)

Breda Holmes (St. Paul's)







# Pen pictures of the players

**MIRIAM MALONE** (née MIGIN), Captain, Broadford Club, Employee of Oral B, Newbridge, mother of one daughter. Started playing for Longwood in 1965 and played on the Meath county team that year. She has been in the Broadford club since they started in 1966 and has been on the county team since then also. She won Leinster Championships in 1969, 1981 and 1986. She was also a sub on the team which won in 1967. She became the first Junior player to play on a Senior Inter-provincial team when she came on as a sub for one of the Cassin twins in 1972. She also was on the '73 team. In 1976 she captained the first Junior Leinster team and won. She also won medals in '82 and '84. She has played full-back, centre-field and forward for Leinster. She has won eleven Senior Championships and eleven Leagues, eight runners-up medals in the League, one Junior Championship with the club. Camogie player of the year 1972, 1983 and 1984. Leinster Junior Club Championship 1972. President's (Mrs. Corcoran) sporting award three times. Miriam has been in the final of Graham Taitte three times and on the first occasion finished in fourth place. Her sister, Irene, was second to Angela Downey. Miriam was educated in Longwood Vocational School and Carbury National School where her teacher was the famous Dermott Bourke. Four of the Burke girls played camogie for Carbury in the '30s and '40s.

**PATRICIA KEATLEY**, Broadford, 23, Farmer. Educated in Crookstown National School and St. Mary's, Athy. Patricia started playing in St. Mary's, Athy, when she was 11. Her original club was St. Laurence's and while she was with them she won a Junior Championship and League. She transferred to Broadford in 1984 and won the Senior Championship and League with them in 1985 and Senior Championship 1986. She has been on the County panel since 1981. Patricia has mostly played mid-field and forwards. All her family are in sport. Her father played Senior Football for the county and so have her brothers. They also have won U-14, Minor and U-21. Her aunt Margaret Keatley, now Whelan, played camogie for Ballymore. Patricia has been Chairperson of the county since convention last December.

**MARIANNE JOHNSON**, Prosperous, 26, Secretary. Educated in Coill Dubh National School, Scoil Mhuire Clane and did a secretarial course in Prosperous Vocational School. Marianne started playing in school in 1972 and joined Prosperous in 1974. She has won seven County Championships and nine League medals with her club. She has won two Leinster Championships 1986 and 1981 and National Junior League 1986 with the county. She played Minor with the county in 1975 and 1976, and has been a regular on the Junior team since 1977. She has always played in either centre-field or forwards for the county and club, and also at centre-half-back for the club. Marianne's brothers have played hurling for the county also. Francis won Senior B in 1974 and 1980. Paul and Liam won Special Minor All-Ireland 1976, and U-21 1978. Francis, Liam, Declan won National League Division 3, 1983. All of her six brothers play Hurling and Football. Barbara plays camogie with the club. Catherine also plays for the club and was on the county panel in 1984 and 1985. Marianne has been County Secretary for the past four years and was assistant secretary for a number of years before that. She has been awarded the referees cup on a number of occasions. She

was Sportstar of the year in 1978. Received President's sporting award in 1982.

**ROSE MERRIMAN**, Prosperous, 23, Secretary/Accounts Clerk. Educated in Clane Presentation Convent National School, Scoil Mhuire Clane, Waterford R.T.C. Holds computer programming certificate. Rose is playing for eleven years. She started in school and then joined Clane club in 1976. She played on the Minor county team in 1979 and joined the Junior panel in 1980. She has been the regular goalkeeper since 1981. She has always played in goal except on a few occasions when she moved outfield for the club. Rose won two Junior Championships and two Leagues with Clane. When the Clane club disbanded in 1983 she joined Prosperous and has won a Senior League medal with them. She has won two Leinster Championships 1981 and 1986, National Junior League 1986 and two Interprovincials since joining the county. She was in goal for the Leinster team in 1985 and was sub goalie a number of times before that.

**ANTOINETTE MERRIMAN**, Prosperous, 21, P.C.B. Assembly Operator/Machine Setter. Educated in Clane Presentation Convent National School and Scoil Mhuire. Antoinette started playing in school where she won U-14 and U-16 medals. She joined Clane club in 1979. She won one Junior Championship and one Junior League with Clane. She moved to Prosperous in 1983 and won a Senior League medal with them. She played on the county Minor team in 1980 and '81, and has been a regular on the Junior panel since 1980. She has played corner back on the Leinster team since 1982. She has won two inter-provincial, two Leinster, and one National League. She has always played wing back on the county and Leinster teams, and centre-half for her club.

**LIZ O'DONOHUE**, St. Laurence's, 23, Employee of Avonmore, Ballymore. Educated in Hollywood National School, St. Mark's, Blessington and Carlow R.T.C. Holds N.C.E.A. degree Applied Biology and City and Guilds Quality Control. Liz has been playing camogie since she was 6 years of age. She played in the schools competitions in Wicklow with St. Mark's and was on the colleges team with Carlow R.T.C. She lives in Hollywood but has permission from Leinster Council for the past two years to play in Kildare as there is no club in Hollywood. She plays full-back and centre-field for the club and forward for the county. Her two brothers play Gaelic football, her sister plays camogie and was on the county U-14 team this year. Her mother played for Donard.

**GEMMA COONEY** (née Kane), 29, Ward Sister, Peamount Hospital. Educated in Coill Dubh National School and Scoil Mhuire, Clane. Gemma started to play camogie in 1970 with Rathcoffey. She moved to Broadford in 1971 as there was no Rathcoffey club and transferred to Prosperous when they started up in 1972. She also joined the county panel in 1972 and has been a regular since except for 1982 and 1983 when she was in Australia and 1985 when her son was born. While she was in Australia she played soccer and did some diving. She also got married whilst there. She has two Leinster Championships '81 and '86 and National League '86. She was sports star of the year in 1979. Gemma's husband Shramie and her brother play Gaelic football.

**GERALDINE DWYER** (née Deering), Prosperous, 31, Housewife, mother of one son. Educated in Athy Mercy Convent National School and Athy Vocational School. Geraldine started playing in school and was first picked for the county while at school. She played for Athy club for two years and transferred to Prosperous when Athy disbanded. She is now twelve years with Prosperous and has won five County Championships and seven Leagues with them. She has two Leinster Championships 1981 and 1986, and National League 1986. She also represented the county on the Leinster team. She has always played full-back except for one year when she played full-forward for the county.

**NORA EGAN** (née Sutton), Broadford, 28, Garden Centre owner in Newbridge. Educated in Clonard National School, Scoil Iosa, Kilcock, Longwood Vocational School. Mother of two children. Nora first played on the county team 1972 to 1978. She joined the panel again in 1986. She played in the backs in the '70s on the county team and full-forward through the Leinster Championship and League in 1986. She has played centre-field, centre-half back, wing back, centre-half forward and full forward for the club. Won three U-16 Championship medals with Scoil Iosa. Eight Senior Championships and Nine Senior League medals with Broadford, Leinster Junior Club Championship medal 1973, Centenary medal 1984 and Leinster Championship and National League 1986.

**NUALA KERRIGAN**, Johnstownbridge, 19, Veterinary Secretary. Educated in Kilshearoe National School. Has leaving Certificate and Secretarial Certificate. Nuala started playing camogie only in 1983. She has won two Junior League medals 1983 and 1984 and Junior Championship 1984. Her brothers Noel and Declan have played on the county football and hurling teams. Her sister Claire has played on the county U-14 team. All the family are involved in sport of some kind. She has played centre-field, forward, and also in goal for her club and forward for the county. 1986 is Nuala's first time appearing in the county colours. She has played in the forwards up to and including the Leinster Final and has a number of scores to her credit.

**PHYLLIS BAMBURY**, Cappagh, 27, Housewife, mother of two children. Educated in Kilshearoe National School, St. Mary's Secondary School, Edenderry, College of Marketing, Cathal Brugha St. Holds Inter Cert and Diploma for Sales and Marketing. Phyllis started playing camogie in 1972 with Johnstownbridge and was with them until 1975 when they disbanded. She joined Broadford in 1976, played with them until 1984 and transferred to Cappagh for the 1985 season. She won a Junior Championship medal with Johnstownbridge, four Senior Championships and three Leagues and a Centenary medal with Broadford. She also won Pae Fada. All of her six sisters play camogie and Mary plays for Carlow. Her father and uncles played Gaelic football and her cousins also play.

**KATHLEEN ELLIOTT**, Prosperous, 26, Educated in Ballymore-Eustace National School, St. Mary's College, Naas, University College, Maynooth. Holds M.A. degree in Geography. Kathleen is playing camogie for 15 years. She started in St. Mary's College, Naas. She won a County Junior Championship with Naas in 1984. While she was in Maynooth she won two combined university medals and she was sports lady of the year, two years in succession, 1983 and 1984. She joined Prosperous club in 1985 and has won a Senior League medal 1985 with them. She has played in backs, centre-field and forwards for her club and county and at centre-field for Maynooth. Kathleen has had an interrupted spell on the county team due to studies. She first played in 1977, then came back for the 1983 season and has been a regular since 1985.

**BERNADETTE FARRELLY**, Broadford, 15, Student in Edenderry Vocational School. Was also educated in Derrinturn National School. Bernadette has been on county teams since 1983 when she was on the U-14 team and again in 1984. 1986 she was star of the Minor team which beat Dublin in the first round of the Leinster Championship. She also came on as a sub on the Junior team that day and has been making regular appearances as a sub since. The only game which she did not come on in was against Derry. Bernadette plays mid-field on the county under-age teams and club Junior team. She plays forward for county Junior team.

**TEESIE MULLALLY** (née Kavanagh), Broadford, 32, Housewife, mother of three girls. Educated in Broadford National School and Kilcock Secondary School. Teesie has been playing camogie since her school days. She has won three U-16 medals with Kilcock School, one Leinster College medal with Kilcock, one Junior Championship, eight Senior Championships, one Junior Club Championship, nine Senior League, and one Centenary medal with the club. Leinster Championship medal with

county. Teesie plays in the forwards and previously played on the county team in the seventies. Her biggest thrill was winning five Senior Championships in a row.

**ANNA DARGAN** (née Miggin), Broadford, 31, Housewife. Educated in Broadford National School and Scoil Iosa, Kilcock. Anna has been playing since she was in school. She has won the following: Two U-14 medals with Broadford school, two U-16 with Kilcock, one Leinster College medal with Kilcock, one Junior Championship medal with Broadford, ten Senior League medals, ten Senior League, one Championship with the club. Junior Club Championship with the club. Sportsstar of the Year 1982. Centenary medal 1984. Two Leinster medals '81 and '86. National League '86. Two Gael Linn medals with Leinster. Anna started playing with the county in 1970. She played in goal for six years and moved to centre-half back where she has been ever since. Like her sister Miriam she also captained the Leinster team.

**MELANIE TREACY**, St. Laurence's, 16, Student in St. Mary's, Athy, and her National School was St. Michael's, Athy. Has just commenced Leaving Cert. year. Melanie started playing camogie in 1982. She won an U-21 Championship in 1984 with her club. She played on the county Minor team in 1984 and 1985, and the Junior team 1985 and 1986. In 1985 Melanie was Camogie Sportsstar of the Year. Camogie is in her blood because her grandmother captained the Laois county team in days gone by. She was Brigid Malone now Blanchfield. Melanie normally plays in centre-field but in 1986 she has been the regular right wing back on the county team. Her two brothers play rugby, and they both got Player of the Year this year but with different clubs.

**AISLING TREACY**, St. Laurence's, 15, Student in St. Mary's, Athy, National School, St. Michael's, Athy. Aisling is younger sister of Melanie. She started playing in 1982. She has won an U-21 Championship with St. Laurence's in 1984. She played on the county U-14 and Minor teams in 1985 and was also on the U-14 team in 1984. She was on the county Minor team which beat Dublin in the first round of the Leinster Championship in April. She was added to the Junior panel before the Leinster Final. Aisling usually plays in the backs.

**ELIZABETH CONWAY**, Broadford, 18, Student, Broadford National School, Edenderry Secondary School. Biggest thrill being part of the All-Ireland winning team, and Centenary medal with club. Forward, but playing backs in '83. Two sisters also play Camogie with Broadford, and brother John plays hurling with Broadford. Mother played camogie with Clogherinkoe and Kildare, and father played hurling with Broadford, and football with Johnstownbridge.

**PAT HERBERT**, trainer, Ballyboden St. Enda's, Dublin, for two years. Army Captain. Pat has been playing with Limerick county team since October 1973. He won two National Leagues '84 and '85, two Munster Championships, two Railway cup medals with Munster '84 and '85, eleven all army medals for hurling and football. Limerick hurler of the Year 1983. This is his third Kildare team to train. He trained the hurlers in 1976 and the footballers in '79/'80. He feels the camogie players are a great bunch and if there was the same commitment from the other teams there would be many an All-Ireland coming to Kildare. He has been associated with the Rabene's Club since he came to Kildare in 1976.



Liz Conway, Aisling Treacy, Bernadette Farrelly



Anna Dargan, Liz O'Donohue, Teesie Mullally

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# Camogie origins in Co. Kildare

Kildare camogie started in 1908 when an advertisement in the *Leinster Leader*, by the Athy club stated they wished to play other clubs. There were some clubs in the county at the time and friendly games were organised.

Newbridge, Naas, Blacktrench, Edenderry, Clogherinkoe and two teams from the Sallins area called 'The Wasps', St. Brigid's and St. Anne's applied for affiliation to the Kildare G.A.A. Board of 1921 but did not receive a favourable hearing.

A senior championship was organised in 1933 with Clane, Straffan, Ballymore and Castledermot taking part. Great rivalry existed then as does now with Castledermot winning the title. A Junior Championship was also held in 1933 and won by Carbury.

The first ever Kildare Co. Board was formed in 1934. The following season Kildare played Dublin in the Leinster Senior Championship at Kill. Dublin were victorious on the occasion on the score 3-2 to 2-2. Kildare had

the outstanding player on the field that day in Molly Lavin.

Records indicate Carbury won the Senior Championship in 1934-1937, and the Senior League 1931-1935. Camogie was not played very much during the war years and was reorganised in the county in 1951. The first chairman was Mrs. Crosby with Kilkennyman Tom Johnson also very much involved. He started a club in Straffan, where Clane were also organised. Those were the only clubs in the county at that time, they regularly played friendly games. One of those games played in Straffan, had an admission charge of six old pence, with total takings for the game amounting to £21. Following this game clubs were organised in Athy, Prosperous, Naas, Caragh and in the early 60s Sallins, Ballyroe, Carbury, Kilcullen, Rathcoffey, Broadford, Two-Mile-House, Kill, Celbridge and Milltown took part in county competitions. Milltown disbanded in the 70s but like Celbridge have recently regrouped. Leixlip played in the Dublin leagues in the early 80s and have played in the Kildare championship and leagues since 1982.

Colleges competitions were entered by Naas in 1960. They were the first Kildare team to play in the Colleges championships, other schools which participated were Scoil Iosa, Kilcock; Mercy Convent, Athy; Naas, Athy and Prosperous Vocational schools. The Leinster Junior championship was won by St. Mary's, Naas in 1968 and Scoil Iosa, Kilcock in 1971.

The Leinster Championships commenced in 1968 and was won by Kildare in 1969, Kildare won the Smylo Cup in 1961, '66 and 1967.

The Junior League was inaugurated in 1980. Kildare contested the first final with Armagh but were beaten in the last minute when Armagh scored a goal. Kildare played Galway in the 1985 final and were beaten 3-10 to 3-3.

## LINKS WITH THE PAST

The Merrimans great grandfather, Bill, was a member of Kildare All-Ireland Senior Football winning team of 1905, he also played hurling with the county, winning Special Leinster Junior All-Ireland Championship in 1907. He was a member of the Clane/Rathcoffey clubs. His stepbrother, Larry 'Hussey' Cribbin, played on the Kildare football team from 1903 to 1919. Peter, Jack, Tommy and Larry Cribbin

all played hurling with Clane, winning all County Senior Hurling Championships until 1922. Bill Merriman, at the age of 55, came on as a sub in the County Hurling Championship between Rathcoffey and The Army in the 1934-35 final. Bill's son, Willie, Hurlled with Rathcoffey from 1920 until 1943, and was on the Clane Senior Football team that won the Leinster Leader Cup in 1931.

Patricia Keatley's aunt, Margaret Keatley, now Whelan, played camogie for Ballitore. Miriam Malone's father,

Stephen Miggin, was on the Kildare hurling team of 1941.

Melanie Treacy's grandmother captained the Laois county team.

Tom Johnson played Minor hurling with Kilkenny and helped Eire Og to win Senior Hurling Championships and played on the Kildare hurling team from 1952 to 1954. His sons Francis and Declan won All-Ireland Senior 'B' medals with Kildare in 1974 and 1980, also National Hurling League (Div. 3) medal in 1983.

Paul Johnson won Special Minor Hurling All-Ireland with Kildare in 1976 while Liam won Special U-21 All-Ireland medal in 1978. Francis was county hurler of the year in 1977 and 1984.

## Donncha's Walk

Sunday next is Camogie All-Ireland day in Croke Park. Unlike the first and third Sundays in September, this day is spoken very little about. Outside of Kildare, Clare, Dublin and Kilkenny it is sure that only a handful of people outside of the game knows that it is Camogie day.

Donncha O'Dualing is endeavouring to change all that. On Sunday last he began his walk, Coiscéim, from Cork to promote the game of camogie. Along the way he will be doing his charitable work, collecting for the Wheelchair Association. As he threads the roads along his route from Cork to Dublin he will be joined by camogie players and there are functions being organised at all his overnight stops.

Kildare county will have the pleasure of his company on two nights. This Thursday evening he will arrive in Ballylinan at 5.30. There will be a friendly camogie match between Athy and St. Laurence's in Charterlands, Athy at 7 p.m. The function is being held in the Castle Inn and music will be provided by local man Fergal Blanchfield. This Friday night Kilcullen club will be meeting Donncha at 7 p.m. The function in Kilcullen will be in the White Horse Inn at 8.00 p.m. Music will be by Unit 3. There will be no charge on the door in either place.

People are expected to come and join in during Donncha's visit to Kildare. It is hoped to make this a memorable occasion. A number of clubs are going to join in on the walk on Saturday morning. They will walk from Kilcullen to Naas. From there Donncha will be travelling to the seven-a-side's in Kilmacud. On Sunday morning the walk will leave the Shelbourne Hotel at 12.15 led by the Artane Boys Band and will arrive in Croke Park for the Junior match. Donncha will be broadcasting his programme 'Donncha's Sunday' from Croke Park.



Nora Egan



Miriam Malone, captain.



Rose Merriman, Marianne Johnson, Geraldine Dwyer



Patricia Keatley



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# Una can inspire Dublin victory

## Kilkenny again

A YEAR is a long time to wait for revenge but it will be worthwhile for the Dublin camogie squad if they beat Kilkenny in the All-Ireland senior final at Croke Park today.

Kilkenny had five points to spare last year, a result which bitterly disappointed Dublin, mainly because they scored just once in the second half. Kilkenny came very close to being defeated in the semi-final but ace forward Angela Downey struck just in time to save the champions.

As always she will be a vital figure this afternoon and can expect good attacking support from Breda Holmes and Jo Dunne. Marie Fitzpatrick, Liz Neary, Anne Holden, Bridie McGarry and Biddy O'Sullivan form a strong Kilkenny defence which will pose a severe test for the Dublin attack which looked good when scoring five goals against Wexford in the semi-final.

All-Ireland camogie final day always brings its own brand of magic to Croke Park and today should be no exception. It

looks likely that Kilkenny will retain their title. The junior decider is between Clare and Kildare.

**DUBLIN:** Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, B. Kenny, H. Broderick, U. Crowley (capt), M. Mernagh, C. Walsh, J. Gormley, E. Murphy, C. O'Byrne, M. Connell.

**KILKENNY:** M. Fitzpatrick, L. Neary (capt), A. Holden, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, A. Whelan, Anne Downey, C. Jones, J. Dunne, R. Wymes, Angela Downey, B. Holmes.

Dublin's bid to regain the O'Duffy Cup, which they lost to Kilkenny in last year's final, takes place tomorrow in Croke Park when they again face the Noreiders in a repeat of that 1985 tie. This will be Dublin's fifth consecutive appearance in the final during which time they have managed to capture the major honours only once.

That was in 1984 when a splendid goal from all of 60 yards by Germaine Noonan set the metropolitans on the high road to victory.

Last year brought heartache to the Dubliners when Kilkenny, who had already gained national League honours at the expense of the girls in blue, brought off a splendid double by again being victors in the Championship decider.

Defeats in the 1985 final coupled with similar fates in the National League finals of the last two years has made this Dublin side even more determined than ever to bring the O'Duffy cup back to the Liffeside tomorrow.

They have the benefit of the knowledge that already this season they have twice beaten their opponents and, while they are sensible enough to realise that finals are won and lost on the day, there must be a certain amount of confidence about their ability to take Kilkenny again this time.

Not surprisingly, the selectors have kept faith in the players who started the semi-final against Wexford. Experienced goalkeeper Yvonne Redmond, who came back from America for that game has also returned for tomorrow's final. She will once again be fronted by Marian Conroy, Germaine Noonan, Breda Kenny and Helena Broderick.

This quartet has proved itself a very capable unit throughout this season, but they will need to be on their toes for the full 50 minutes as the opposition includes Angela Downey who is widely regarded as one of the most dangerous forwards ever to grace the camogie field.

### Late Strike

There was only minutes remaining in the semi-final

between Kilkenny and Cork when Angela struck in determined fashion and put paid to the ambitions of the Leesiders who were leading by five points up to that stage. She, however is not on her own in this forward line for throughout the league and championship, Jo Dunne and Breda Holmes have certainly proved their value to Kilkenny.

Time and again they have taken the pressure off Angela and gone in for vital scores themselves and tomorrow they will be joined by another experienced player in Rita Wymes.

So much will depend on the Dublin defence and their handling of the forward line. Across the middle of the pitch the mobility of captain Una Crowley on the right wing, Mary Mernagh in centre field

league final, their inability to notch scores at vital times in games have put them under tremendous pressure but thankfully the selectors seem to have got it right at the proper time and their final goal spree against Wexford will have given them a tremendous confidence booster. Particularly full forward Marie Connell whose four goal contention against Anne Butler in the semi-final really put paid to the Slaneysiders hopes. Marie thrives in scoring goals and her personal duel against the Kilkenny captain Liz Neary should be one of the fascinating features of this game.

Edel Murphy takes her customary place at centre forward where she will be confronted by that famous Kilkenny centre back Bridie McGarry. Edel's ability to come away from her player and her uncanny accuracy from placed balls should play a big part if Dublin are to succeed tomorrow.

Elsewhere, the two corner forwards will have their hands full in trying to outwit the corner backs Anne Holden and Biddy O'Sullivan but while Joan Gormley has been struggling with her form all season she very seldom has a bad game in Croke Park while Carmel O'Byrne has sparkled in her last two inter-county

appearances and could prove to be a matchwinner tomorrow.

Her classy style and ability to turn opponents has marked her down as a very dangerous player and hopefully she will turn up trumps tomorrow.

All-in-all it is a very delicately balanced final with victory going to the team who produces the goods on the day. One can't deny that Dublin have a tough task ahead of them. Too often in the past they have failed to succeed when much was expected of them, but they are fed up with being referred to as the also rans.

They are determined to make amends this time. In Una Crowley they possess a captain who will run until nightfall for her county and if she can inspire her teammates to the same heights I think that Una will make the triumphant climb up the steps of the Hogan Stand to receive the coveted O'Duffy cup from president Mary Lynch.

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# DOWNEYS ACES FOR KILKENNY

By GERRY McCARTHY

KILKENNY ..... 2-12  
DUBLIN ..... 2-3

Kilkenny retained the All-Ireland senior camogie crown with a decisive victory over Dublin in this final at Croke Park yesterday. It was a disappointing game, because the losers' challenge was extremely feeble and the outcome obvious long before the end.

Dublin had first use of the breeze, but managed only two points by the interval. Edel Murphy struck both, the first from a long-range free, the second in injury time when she collected a weak puck-out by Marie Fitzpatrick.

The result was reasonably clear when Kilkenny led by 0-5 to 0-2 at the interval. Their defence with Liz Neary unbeatable, was impregnable.

Anne Downey was a midfield powerhouse and her twin sister, Angela, lived up to her rating as the code's outstanding performer by making and taking scores with aplomb.

Jo Dunne's accuracy was another telling factor in Kilkenny's favour, while the hard-working Rita Weymes and Breda Holmes completed a very-effective attack.

Overall, however, Kilkenny were the superior strikers and tacticians. They combined expertly, their tackling was sharp and decisive, while they had, in Angela Downey, a match-winner in her own right.

Dublin's hopes briefly flickered five minutes after the resumption when Edel Murphy caught a line-ball by Cathy Walsh, soloed goalwards and shot to the far corner of the net.

Kilkenny's lead was reduced to the minimum, 0-6 to 1-2, but Angela Downey got possession from the puck-out and crashed the ball to the net at the other end.

That score effectively ended this match as a contest, and Kilkenny had stretched their advantage to eight points before Breda Kenny pointed for Dublin with six minutes of actual time remaining.

Again, the riposte was deadly. Breda Holmes raced in from the right corner, hand-passed to Angela Downey and the sharpshooter-supreme almost tore the net from its rigging.

Anna Condon's close-range goal for Dublin was a case of too little, too late, but the winners had the last say when Angela Downey placed Rita Weymes for a point.

KILKENNY: M. Fitzpatrick, L. Neary, A. Holden, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, A. Whelan, Anne Downey (0-2), C. Jones, J. Dunne (0-4), R. Weymes (0-1), Angela Downey (2-4), B. Holmes (0-1).

DUBLIN: Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, B. Kenny (0-1), H. Broderick, U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, C. Walsh, J. Gormley, E. Murphy (1-2), C. O'Byrne, M. Connell. Subs: B. Toner for M. Mernagh, A. Condon (1-0) for J. Gormley, P. Clinton for C. O'Byrne.

REFEREE: Betty Joyce (Cork).

•Girl of the Match: ANGELA DOWNEY.

CAMOGIE



• GROUNDED . . . Liz Neary of Kilkenny keeps possession, despite falling, with team-mate Anne Holden in support while Dublin's Joan Gormley and Carmel O'Byrne challenge.  
Our photographer was JOHN ROWLEY.



CAMOGIE CLASS as Clare's Catherine O'Loughlin goes on a solo run with Kildare's Melanie Treacy in pursuit in the All-Ireland Minor final in Croke Park.  
Photo: Frank McGrath, Jr.



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## Third title for Clare

CLARE ..... 1-13  
KILDARE ..... 3-4

Clare yesterday maintained a remarkable record of never losing an All-Ireland junior camogie final. In winning this title for the third time, they outplayed a fancied Kildare team that was flattered to be only two points behind when full-time was eventually signalled at the end of a second half that lasted 32 minutes writes GERRY MCCARTHY.

Catherine O'Loughlin was the star of Clare's successful appearance in Croke Park. The Kilnamona girl tormented the opposing defence with her strong running and accurate shooting, with the result that the marker, Antoinette Merriam, was replaced by Phyllis Bambury in the 16th minute.

Miss O'Loughlin finished with six excellent points to her credit and she had an able assistant up front in her captain, Maura McNicholas, whose accuracy from frees and play was also commendable.

Clare, physically stronger, harried the neater-striking Kildare girls into mistakes. They conceded many frees in the process but the losers' captain, Miriam Malone, and Kathleen Elliott wasted too many of the resultant opportunities.

Miss Malone did bring her team into contention in the tenth minute when shooting to the net after her fiercely-driven free had rebounded from the cross-bar.

That tied the scores, 0-4 to 1-1, but three points from Catherine O'Loughlin and another from a free by Maura McNicholas left Clare leading by 0-8 to 1-3 at the break.

Miss O'Loughlin increased her team's advantage three minutes after the resumption but, completely against the run of play, the losers equalised when Miriam Malone's long free deceived the winners' defence and hopped over the line.

Clare's reply was devastating as Maura McNicholas goaled at the other end, to leave the score 1-9 to 2-3, and they led by 1-12 to 2-3 when actual time was up.

Maura McNicholas pointed a free two minutes into injury time, to put her team seven points ahead, but Kathleen Elliott scored 1-1 to reduce the losers arrears to three points before the final whistle brought relief and joy to The Banner.

CLARE — F. O'Brien, H. Cusack, P. Ryan, N. Quinn, S. Reidy, P. Ryan, S. O'Halloran, N. Conyns, C. O'Loughlin (0-6), M. McNicholas (1-7), C. Molloy, C. Wall.

KILDARE — R. Merriman, G. Dwyer, M. Treacy, A. Dargan, A. Merriman, G. Cooney, K. Elliott (1-2), P. Keatley, L. O'Donoghue, M. Johnson (0-1), B. Farrelly, M. Malone (2-1). Subs. — P. Bambury for A. Merriman, N. Kerrigan for J. Johnson, J. Egan for L. O'Donoghue.

Referee — Eoin Ryan (Dublin).  
• Girl of the match — Catherine O'Loughlin.

# Downeys are outstanding for Kilkenny

KILKENNY ... 2-12; DUBLIN ... 2-3

KILKENNY, once more inspired by the Downey sisters, Angela and Anne, enjoyed an edge in general play over Dublin to wipe out earlier defeats this season and take the biggest prize the game can offer in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

The wonder was how Dublin had beaten this fast, well-drilled and skilful Kilkenny team in the Leinster final.

The match was slow to develop and reach the high standards set earlier in the junior final in which Clare beat Kildare.

When it did warm up there were passages of real splendour produced, notably by the Kilkenny girls.

Dublin's lack of zip in the showed real class in an-

## CAMOGIE: SENIOR FINAL

attack was ominous in the first half. They could manage only two points, the first from a free and the second when a weak Kilkenny puck-out was punished by Edel Murphy with a gift point.

Meanwhile, Anne Downey roving in midfield had

anticipating the loose play and in decisive driving towards the Dublin area where her sister Angela and Joe Dunne always spelt danger for the Dublin defence.

The strong Ann Whelan and Rita Weymes also posed problems for the Dublin rearguard but surprisingly Kilkenny, for all their dash and industry had only three points to spare at the interval, 0-5 to 0-2.

Edel Murphy's last point of the half was scored in lost time.

Kilkenny stretched their half-time advantage to 0-6 to 0-2 within four minutes of the resumption but then, out of the blue, came a Dublin goal from Edel Murphy, who careered in from the left to crash home a great score.

## O'Loughlin is Clare heroine

CLARE ..... 1-13 KILDARE ..... 3-4

CLARE had a super solo runner and scorer in Catherine O'Loughlin who repeatedly tore the Kildare defence apart to lay the basis for her county's victory in an exciting All-Ireland Junior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

This was a worthy curtain raiser with Kildare, not having the strength in depth of their opponents, gamely staying reasonably in touch for so long.

But the speed of O'Loughlin as she rounded her opponents and cut through for classy points a was the main feature.

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Maura McNicholas, the Clare captain was also prominent in a victory more

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decisive than the score suggests.

Scorers: Clare — C. O'Loughlin (0-5), M. McNicholas (0-5).

Kildare: M. Malone (2-1), C. Elliott (1-2), M. Johnston (0-1).

Clare: P. O'Brien; H. Cusack; P. Ryan, N. Quinn, S. Reidy; P. Ryan, S. O'Halloran, N. Conyns; C. O'Loughlin, M. McNicholas, (capt.), C. Molloy; C. Wall.

Kildare: R. Merriman; G. Dwyer; M. Treacy, A. Dargan, A. Merriman; P. Keatley, M. Malone (capt.), G. Cooney; L. O'Donoghue, M. Johnson, K. Elliott; B. Farrelly. Subs: N. Kerrigan for M. Johnson, P. Bambury for Keatley, N. Egan for O'Donoghue.

Referee — R. Ryan (Dublin).

## NARROWED GAP

That narrowed the gap to a point but the score nudged Kilkenny into more positive action and Angela Downey, from the puck-out, got through for a goal at the other end.

That, in essence, was Dublin's swan song and the Kilkenny performance blossomed as the game went on.

Anne Whelan was just off target and Jo Dunne, Angela Downey (2), Ann Downey and Dunne again had a string of Kilkenny points.

Angela Downey topped off this particular spell of dominance with a crashing goal after having been placed by Breda Holmes.

There was no way back for Dublin now, although they did put in a strong finish. The Kilkenny defence was rock solid and time was running out fast when substitute Ann Condon hit a Dublin goal to reduce the deficit from 11 points to eight inside the last five minutes.

Had Dublin got a player of the calibre of Angela Downey or another midfielder of the class of her sister Ann, it would have been a lot closer.

SCORERS — Kilkenny — Angela Downey (2-4), J. Dunne (0-4), Anne Downey (0-2), B. Holmes and C. Jones (0-1 each).

Dublin — E. Murphy (1-2), A. Condon (1-0), B. Kenny (0-1).

Kilkenny — M. Fitzpatrick; L. Neary (capt.); A. Holden, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan; A. Whelan, Anne Downey, C. Jones; J. Dunne, R. Weymes, Angela Downey; B. Holmes.

Dublin — Y. Redmond; M. Conroy; G. Noonan, B. Kenny, H. Broderick; U. Crowley (capt.), M. Mernagh, C. Walsh; J. Gormley, E. Murphy, C. O'Byrne, M. Connell. Subs. — B. Toner for Mernagh (32 mins.), A. Condon for Gormley (39 mins.), P. Climen for O'Byrne (42 mins.).

Referee — B. Joyce (Cork).



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# Downey sisters shine in Kilkenny victory

By PAT ROCHE

KILKENNY.....2-12  
DUBLIN.....2-3

WHEN Kilkenny were at their best they looked a couple of classes ahead of Dublin in general strength in the All-Ireland senior camogie final that only sparkled in places, before a 5,000 crowd at Croke Park yesterday.

Kilkenny's power was mainly generated by the Downey sisters, Angela and Anne, Kilkenny match-winners for over a decade. One plays with number seven on her back, which means she has the freedom of the pitch. She spent most of the afternoon breaking up Dublin attacks and leading her side forward with daring drives into a front-running division that included her sister, Angela, whose lightning sorties and skills are designed to frighten any defences.

There have been few hurling matches played at headquarters or any other venue this season that could compare with individual skills of many of the combatants. Yet it was not a good match, it was slow to develop and marking was close and tense.

The redeeming features were a blistering spell coming up to half-time, when the ball was almost constantly in flight, and much of the second half, when Kilkenny set out to give the Dubliners a lesson after a shock Dublin goal by Edel Murphy five minutes after the interval.

This score did a lot for Kilkenny's resolve. From the puck-out Angela Downey almost ripped

the Dublin net with a booming shot to stamp out any Dublin illusions of grandeur. It was a sickening blow for the metropolitan side, who were trying to find some inspiration that would possibly lead to a performance strong enough to confirm their earlier defeats of Kilkenny this season.

Kilkenny led 0-5 to 0-2 at the break. The rate of their subsequent work was devastating. The whole tenor of the game changed and, from having a four-points advantage, they worked steadily to enjoy an 11-points margin in the last quarter. Angela Downey (1-2), Joe Dunne and Anne Downey were the chief architects of that lead.

Angela Downey's second goal was a cracker, delivered off a square pass from Breda Holmes.

Earlier her sister, Anne, had

her second point, a superb score worthy of special mention and driven on the turn from fully 60 yards.

Three substitutions on the Dublin team emphasised the extent to which they had lost their way in terms of developing a stronger team mix. One of these, however, Anna Condon did well to drive home a late goal, but nothing was going to stop the cup from returning to Kilkenny at that stage.

Marie Connell was also just wide off a rebound but any Dublin success attained in the closing stages, as Kilkenny relinquished midfield supremacy, was as much an indication of Kilkenny's easing off as of Dublin's ability to threaten seriously.

One of the major differences between the teams was the drive

and panache of the Kilkenny attack, by contrast to the weakness of the Dublin forwards.

**KILKENNY** — M Fitzpatrick; L Neary, capt; A Holden, B McGarry, B O'Sullivan; A Whelan, Anna Downey (0-2), C Jones (0-1), J Dunne (0-4), R Weymes, Angela Downey (2-4), B Holmes (0-1).

**DUBLIN** — Y Redmond; M Conroy; G Noonan, B Kenny (0-1), H Broderick; U Crowley, capt, M Mernagh, C Walsh; J Gormley, E Murphy (1-2), C O'Byrne; M Connell. Subs: B Toner for Mernagh (32 mins), A Condon (1-0) for Gormley (39 mins), P Clinton for O'Byrne (42 mins). Referee: B Joyce (Cork).

**KILTEGAN**.....1-9 **ST PATRICK'S**.....1-5

Kiltegan won their first ever Wicklow senior football championship title yesterday when they beat firm favourites St. Patrick's, of Wicklow town, in the final at Aughrim.

The second half was completely dominated by Kiltegan, who came back from being 1-4 to 1-2 down at half-time. St. Patrick's managed only one point in the second half, and that was a last-minute point by wing back Matthew Carroll.

Scorers: Kiltegan (N Cremin 0-4, H Murphy 1-0, S Keogh 0-2, M Byrne 0-2, M O'Toole 0-1); St. Patrick's (J Healy 1-1, P Spollen 0-2, B Finegan 0-1, M Carroll 0-1).



The Kilkenny captain, Liz Neary, raises the All-Ireland camogie trophy in celebrating their victory over Dublin.

## Minor final

# O'Loughlin paves way for Clare

CLARE.....1-13  
KILDARE.....3-4

CLARE had a great solo runner and scorer in Catherine O'Loughlin who repeatedly tore the Kildare defence apart to lay the basis on which victory was built for her county in the fast and skilfully contested All-Ireland junior final at Croke Park yesterday.

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the strength in depth of their opponents, gamely staying reasonably in touch for so long. But the athleticism of O'Loughlin as she rounded her immediate opponent and cut through for classy points was the main feature.

A Miriam Malone goal off a parried free in the first half kept Kildare within shooting distance and they were only two points adrift at the interval 0-8 to 1-3.

Maura McNicholas, the Clare captain, was also prominent in a victory more decisive than the score suggests.

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**KILDARE** — R Merriman; G Dwyer, M Treacy, A Dargan, A Merriman, P Keatley, M Malone (capt) (2-1), G Cooney, L O'Donoghue, M Johnston (0-1), K Elliott (1-2), B Farrelly. Subs: N Kerrigan for M Johnston, P Bambray for Keatley, N Egan for O'Donoghue. Referee — R Ryan (Dublin).



Rita Weymes, the Kilkenny centre half forward, makes a last gasp attempt to prevent Dublin's centre half back, Breda Kenny (left) from hooking the ball clear in yesterday's All Ireland camogie final at Croke Park. — (Photograph: Peter Thursfield)



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THE NUN AND THE REBEL Sister Kathleen Elliott playing for Kildare  
action for Leixlip. Pictures by JOHN ROWLEY and COLMAN L

## Nun scores Croker first

By NOIRIN HEGARTY

SISTER KATHLEEN, beaten, unbowed and blissfully unaware that she was making history in Croke Park yesterday, last night vowed to return to those hallowed grounds next year and claim the All-Ireland junior camogie title for Kildare.

Sr. Kathleen Elliott (26) a fully professed member of the Sister of Mercy, became the first nun to ever play in an All-Ireland final, when she lined up with the Kildare side to play Clare in yesterday's game and marked the occasion with a point.

Last night she promised no mercy for her opponents in Kildare's next chance at the championship, and praised the young Clare team who

won "a hard fought fight," beating Kildare by 1-13 to 3-4, and also unaware that they were competing against the first nun to play in an All-Ireland final.

Last night, Clare centre-back, Noeleen Quinn (19) from Sixmilebridge, who marked Sr. Kathleen in the first half of the game, said the sporting nun had certainly kept her under pressure.

However, the victory, which brought Clare their third junior camogie title, went to the best team, said Sr. Kathleen, who commended all the players for a "hard clean game."

Last night both teams gathered to celebrate together at the Grand Hotel, Malahide. But this morning

things are back to normal for Sr. Kathleen, who resumes her English, Irish and Geography classes at St. Mary's College, Naas. And although the new camán presented to her for the final by one of her aunts, did not quite do the trick, training for next year will begin again almost immediately.

Sr. Kathleen, who sported sun glasses during yesterday's game, has been playing camogie since she was 12 and comes from a strong GAA family — her two aunts, Terri and Kathleen, both played camogie for Tipperary in the late 60s.





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Dublin's ~~Biddy O'Sullivan~~ **BIDDY KENNY** blocks a shot of Kilkenny's Angela Downey during yesterday's All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park.



HELENA  
BRODERICK

Dublin's Mary Mernagh attempts to block Kilkenny's Angela Downey from shooting during yesterday's All-Ireland Camogie final. —Pictures by Frank McGrath Jr.



Mary Lynch, President, presenting the All-Ireland Camogie cup to Kilkenny captain Liz Neary, after the victory over Dublin at Croke Park.



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# Clare forwards too strong for Kildare girls

Clare ..... 1-13  
Kildare ..... 3-4  
KILDARE'S inability to curb a hard-running Clare half-forward line, combined with the lack of a dominant forward, meant they rarely looked like coming away from Croke Park on Sunday with their first All-Ireland junior camogie title.

By EAMON TIMMINS

Clare's Catherine O'Loughlin caused havoc in the Kildare defence as she set off on attacking runs deep into Lilywhite territory, which almost always resulted in scores.

Antoinette Merriman, Phyllis Bambury and Melanie Treacy all had the job of marking her at varying stages but her speed, change of pace and accurate finishing spelt disaster.

The Leinster girls' difficulties were not confined to the back four, for at the other end a solid Clare full-back was causing major problems as she cleared everything Kildare could throw.

To add to their troubles the Kildare midfield were hampered by excursions upfield by the blue and gold half-backs whose speed in changing from defence to attack always caused problems.

But even against such stiff competition, the Kildare girls put up a brave fight and showed real character to stay within winning range until the final whistle. They won a fair share of ball in midfield and always looked dangerous when they swept downfield in counter-attack, getting vital scores to keep them in contact and make a game of it. They improved as the game progressed, with their best play being left to the final 10 minutes.

They opened well with a Kathleen Elliott point from 30 metres in the first minute. Patricia Keatley and Miriam Malone did some sterling work in this opening period to win plenty of ball in the middle of the field. However, frequent missed chances in this opening period and an obsession with going for goals, meant that much of this work was for nothing.

Clare, on the other hand, managed to make the most of their chances and the excellent offensive moves of their half-backs and forwards saw them pick off their scores to build up a three point lead in seven minutes.

But Kildare had plenty of surprises in store and in the ninth minute a seemingly harmless 25 metre Miriam Malone free rebounded off the

cross-bar for the Kildare captain to hammer it home.

Bernadette Farrelly was making little impression on Helen Cusack, the strong Clare full-back and so Malone, who was playing brilliantly moved into the number 12 position to help inspire the front four.

Instead, the Banner county side pulled away once more to lead by two points at the interval, building attacks from deep within their own half, culminating with some fine finishing by O'Loughlin and Maura McNicholas.

## Knew they were in trouble

A BITTERLY disappointed Kildare captain, Miriam Malone, said the team knew they were in trouble in the second half when they went seven points down. "It was then that we decided to go for goals — we had nothing to lose and we gave our all" she said, adding that they wanted to win for Prosperous midfielder Gemma Cooney who is emigrating to Australia very soon.

"It was just one of those days when nothing clicked — the balls just bounced off the hurleys. It was one of those days when nothing goes right for you" she said.

The vastly experienced captain, playing her 21st season, also believes that the speed of the Clare half-forward line had a major influence on the outcome.

At this stage Kildare were doing well to still be in contention and, if they could stifle the stream of possession to the Clare half-forward line and try and take their own scoring chances from further out, they would be in with a real chance of bringing the cup home.

Malone moved back to midfield after the interval and the game continued to follow the same pattern of the first half: Clare dominating with most attacks, but Kildare always looking dangerous with counter-attacks.

Time was running out for Lilywhites as the two point gap remained as both sides exchanged scores. Melanie Treacy moved to mark O'Loughlin and her speed and determination made some difference, as the Kildare backs steadied themselves and contained their opponents better.

Kildare now hunted for the

clusive score to close the gap. They attacked with new vigour and were awarded a string of scorable frees which, if they had had a free-taker on the team, would have spelt victory.

Fate smiled on them in the 40th minute when Malone took a 50 metres free. The long hard shot hung in the air and glided through a crowded Clare goalmouth to find its way into the back of the net for the equaliser.

But, just when it looked like they were back in the game for the first time since the opening score, and Kildare supporters were not back in their seats, Clare struck back with a simple Maura McNicholas goal from 10 metres. A lesser side would have given up, but Kildare battled on as the frees continued to drop wide, and the minutes continued to tick away with Clare extending their lead.

Kathleen Elliott, who made her religious vows in Naas Convent only days before the game, connected first time with a powerful volley with only two minutes of normal time remaining and three minutes later Gemma Cooney saw a vicious shot skim wide of the left post as the Kildare girls pulled out all the stops.

Geraldine Dwyer and Melanie Treacy were particularly dominant in these closing minutes as they came forward from defence in search of goals. It was the rebound from a Treacy volley, in injury time, which led to their final goal, coming from Elliott in a crowded square.

The final result was obvious but Kildare did well with a fine show of spirit as they crowded into the Clare half and dropped every free into the goal area in the hope of a last minute goal.

Best for the winners were Catherine O'Loughlin, Maura McNicholas, Catherine Molloy, Helen Cusack, and Noeleen Quinn. Outstanding for Kildare were Miriam Malone, Melanie Treacy, Anna Dargan, Patricia Keatley, Liz O'Donoghue and Kathleen Elliott.

Clare: Pauline O'Brien, Helen Cusack, Patricia Ryan, Noeleen Quinn, Siobhan Reidy, Patricia Byrne, Sheila O'Halloran, Noelle Conyns, Catherine O'Loughlin (0-8), Maura McNicholas (capt.) (1-5), Catherine Molloy, Carmel Wall. Sub.: Shelley Hegarty for C. Wall.

Kildare: Rose Merriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy, Anna Dargan, Antoinette Merriman, Patricia Keatley, Miriam Malone (capt.) (2-1), Gemma Cooney, Liz O'Donoghue, Mariange Johnson (0-1), Kathleen Elliott (1-2), Bernadette Farrelly. Subs.: Phyllis Bambury for A. Merriman, Paula Kerrigan for M. Johnson, Nora Egan for O'Donoghue.

## CAMOGIE

Last Sunday at Croke Park, Dublin once again had to experience the bitter taste of defeat in a championship final against a Kilkenny side who practically dominated this game from the moment that referee Betty Joyce of Cork threw in the ball.

This was the Dubliners' fourth defeat in the past five years and while it is easy to be wise after the event the most hurtful feature of this final was the disappointing performance of the team as a whole.

The players have no answers to this inept display. They know they failed to produce the goods. Nobody more than themselves knew how much they wanted to win this one to atone for their defeat of last year.

Tomorrow at O'Loughlin Park, Kilkenny (12.30), no less than 11 players who played in last Sunday's final will be on view when Dublin champions Crumlin defend their Leinster club championship title against the famous St. Paul's.

Crumlin will have the services of senior inter-county players in Yvonne Redmond, Cathy Walsh, Anna Condon, Mary Mernagh and Bernie Toner, along with former stars Barbara and Anne Redmond.

Their opponents include Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Angela and Anne Downey, Breda Holmes and Chris Jones, who can all boast of an All-Ireland medal after last Sunday. Nevertheless, Crumlin need have no fear of their more illustrious opponents.

## 'Took too long to settle'

TEAM coach and former Limerick hurler, Pat Herbert, felt that their poor finishing had contributed a lot to the final result. "We took too long to settle into the game and it was well into the second half when we began to play our best camogie" he said.

Difficulties in the half-back line had also created instability in the team, with the side finishing the match with a totally different half-back line to that which started the game. "The fact that we are junior league champions put additional pressure on the team, several of whom are still only teenagers" he said.



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The Kildare team which lost by three points to Clare in the All-Ireland junior camogie final in Croke Park on Sunday.



**KILKENNY — All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions 1986**

(from left): Marie Fitzpatrick, Anna Whelan, Liz Neary (Captain), Anne Holden, Bridie McGarry, Claire Jones. Behind: Angela Downey, Anne Downey, Jo Dunne, Holmes, Biddy O'Sullivan, Rita Wemyss.



## KILDARE .... 3-4

Clare's star player Catherine O'Loughlin

CLARE. Back row (l. to r.): Noeleen Quinn, Catherine Molloy, ... Front row (l. to r.): Siobhan Reidy, Noelle ...



# Super stars retain All-Ireland title



By DIARMUID HEALY

KILKENNY ..... 2-12  
DUBLIN ..... 2-3

**THE VISION, skill and speed of Angela Downey made it all look so simple for Kilkenny as they defeated Dublin to retain the All-Ireland camogie title at sun-drenched Croke Park, on Sunday afternoon.**

**The programme for Sunday's game described the Kilkenny star as a player whose attributes could change the course of a game within minutes.**

But on Sunday it took only seconds. Kilkenny were on the proverbial ropes as Dublin slammed in a goal to narrow the gap to a single point early in the second half. But within seconds, Angela Downey grabbed the ball from the ensuing puck-out and rattled the Dublin net.

*Such was the speed with which that goal was scored that many spectators missed the memorable moment—they were still watching for the earlier goal to register on the scoreboard.*

But they needn't have worried. Ten minutes later we had the encore as the Ballyragget lady shot to the net again to give the Noresiders a comfortable 2-11 to 1-3 lead. Even the Dublin goal which followed a minute later almost passed unnoticed by the Kilkenny players—such was the confidence instilled by the flashes of brilliance from Angela Downey.

But the Ballyragget player was just a star among stars as each of her team colleagues played brilliantly to contribute to what must have been one of the best team performances in a camogie All-Ireland final.

It was all there in abundance as the Noresiders wiped out memories of earlier defeats this season by Dublin—in the National league and Leinster championship. Such was the 'class' of the Kilkenny girls that they made, what until Sunday looked a brilliant Dublin side, seem very mediocre.

Dublin may argue that they missed many scoring opportunities in the opening half. Several points went a-begging and numerous goal opportunities failed to materialise. But the blame for this must not rest with the Dublin forwards, rather the rest with the fine defensive play of the Noresiders. Their ability to hook, block, pressurise and outwit could only be

admired. It was these characteristics which allowed Kilkenny to lead by 0-5 at the interval.

beautifully to Breda Holmes, who in turn sent over for a well-taken point.

And minutes later there was that super save by goalie Marie Fitzpatrick. A high lobbing ball landed in front of the Kilkenny goalmouth, only to be deflected in the direction of the net. But from point-blank range, Marie got her hurley to it and brought off a fine save.

## Impatient

Later there was the interception of the match as Biddy O'Sullivan was on hand to prevent an almost certain Dublin goal. And then there was key defender Anne Downey, who seemed a little impatient with the slowness of the attack to register scores. Up she came and in a no-nonsense type fashion shot over Kilkenny's second point midway through that opening half to give them an 0-2 to nil lead.

Dublin's first score came from an Edel Murphy free four minutes later. And their

only other score of that half came from the same player a minute from the interval. Kilkenny's other three points came from Jo Dunne (2), who was posing a real threat to the Dublin defence, and Angela Downey.

After an obvious strongly worded interval pep-talk from their trainer, Tom Ryan, Kilkenny resumed play with a non-nonsense approach. Any tendency which there may have been at over elaboration in the opening half had disappeared. And it was replaced by direct play and quick decisive action.

But such an approach was now urgently needed. Dublin's Edel Murphy had just scored a goal after a most inspiring solo run to leave Kilkenny leading by just 0-6 to 1-2. But immediately we had Angela Downey's fine goal with an 'If Edel Murphy can do it, I can do it even better' attitude.

Further points were added on both sides through Angela Downey (2), Jo Dunne (2) and Anne Downey (1) for Kilkenny and one for Dublin per Breda Kenny to leave the

winners leading by 1-11 to 1-3 with ten minutes remaining. And then we had Angela Downey's encore to wrap up proceedings with nine minutes still remaining.

## Excitement

Yes, it was a memorable day which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large contingent of Kilkenny supporters among the 5,000 attendance. And when Kilkenny captain, Liz Neary, held the O'Duffy cup aloft on the Hogan stand rostrum, a young band of Kilkenny cheer leaders went wild with excitement in front of the stand.

Each player was accorded a hero's reception by these staunch supporters as they descended from the rostrum. It was a reception well deserved.

It had been a day when they were all stars. And those who shone a little more brightly than the rest were the Downey sisters, Marie Fitzpatrick, Liz Neary, Jo Dunne and Breda Holmes.

## Scorers:

Kilkenny: Angela Downey (2-4, 0-2 from frees), J. Dunne (0-4), Anne Downey (0-2), B. Holmes and R. Wemyss (0-1 each). Dublin: W. Murphy (1-2, 0-1 from a free), A. Condon (1-0), K. Kenny (0-1).

## Teams:

Kilkenny — M. Fitzpatrick, L. Neary, A. Holden, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, A. Whelan, Anne Downey, C. Jones, J. Dunne, R. Wemyss, Angela Downey, B. Holmes.

Dublin — Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, B. Kenny, H. Broderick, U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, C. Walsh, J. Gormley, E. Murphy, C. O'Byrne, M. Connell.

Subs: B. Toner (for Mernagh), A. Condon (for Gormley), P. Clinton (for O'Byrne).

Referee: B. Joyce (Cork).



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*Kilkenny's ace scoregetter Angela Downey in action at Croke Park.*

### Sportstar of the week



### Angela Downey

ANGELA DOWNEY'S skill and determination have made her a household name in comogie circles and on Sunday last these qualities were much in evidence when she played a leading role in beating a fancied Dublin side. Her intelligent linking up with her sister Anne, who dominated at midfield, provided many problems for the Dublin defence and in the second half her two goals, scored at vital junctures, put paid to any hopes of a Metropolitan revival. For this fine display she earns our Sportstar of the Week Award.



*Breda Holmes shoots goalwards for Kilkenny at Croke Park.*



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## THE CON HOULIHAN COLUMN

An unwelcome feature of last Sunday's big game was the number of melees in which several players tried to winkle the sliotar from a thicket of flailing ash.

There were fewer melees in the minor game — and so it was more attractive.

Why the number was so much less I am not sure — but possibly it had something to do with the new ball.

It travels considerably farther than the old ball — and so makes the pitch smaller.

The minors didn't have the same power of delivery as the seniors — and this possibly helped to make their game more open.

Many puck-outs last Sunday dropped within about 35 yards of goal — and you could see the midfielders, half-backs, half-forwards, full-backs, and full-forwards under the ball or thereabouts.

I believe that the new ball has significantly altered hurling: certainly the old hip-to-hip midfield marking seems redundant.

In the old days you noticed the midfielders most of all — because they were so often in action.

Last Sunday it wasn't until well into the second half that any one of the midfielders became prominent — that was Jim Cashman.

If the sliotar makers keep on producing a farther-carrying ball, the pitches will become effectively smaller and smaller. It will cause problems.

On Sunday last, at least in the senior game, there wasn't as much clearly-defined midfield play as in the days of Kathleen Cody and her sisters in camogie.

The girls too are making the new sliotar fly — and I half-wished that they were using the full-length of Croke Park.

Yes, I know that it is a twelve-a-side game — nevertheless there wasn't as much open play as I would like.

The pitch for the day was about forty yards shorter than Croke Park's full length — and much of the action was in the end thirds. The middle third was sometimes almost empty.

I would like too to see a little time added on — say, five minutes to each half.

With the present time-limit an exciting game seems too brief.

Girls today have much better training facilities than had their mothers and grandmothers — a little added time wouldn't bother them.

I believe that the day will come when camogie will be fifteen-a-side and played on a full pitch.

The present number of players and the size of the pitch and the time-limit combine to give the impression that camogie is somehow an inferior game.

Girls' soccer is played on a full pitch — psychologically it is a sound idea.

The changes which I advocate may not come for a long time — but camogie is changing.

Last Sunday in Croke Park you could smell embrocation.

And there was a holy nun wielding a caman for Kildare.

And one girl, Dublin's brilliant goalkeeper Yvonne Redmond, came from The United States for the final.

And my scouts tell me that all the teams colloqued and sororised that night in Malahide's Grand Hotel.

I like that — and, all in all, camogie is played in a much more civilised atmosphere than men's games.

### NEGATIVE PLAY

On The Canal Terrace on the day of the hurling final a banner proclaimed: "HURLING IS AN ART FORM — IT IS PLAYED ONLY IN GALWAY." I believe that it is played only in camogie.

Even in the better hurling games there is a lot of negative play — it is almost totally absent from camogie.

Last Sunday's senior final was too one-sided to be labelled 'great' — but it was decorated with some lovely play.

Much of it came from Kilkenny — Dublin tantalised their supporters by showing their better selves only in flashes.

Kilkenny had a big following — and a hungry following they were, as if yearning to restore the tribe's prestige after the humiliation in Thurles.

That hunger was fed by a superb display from the girls in black-and-amber.

Dublin had a good side: many of them played on the All-Ireland winning team two years ago — but this game was over long before the end.

Kilkenny were strong at every point: Dublin needed to be at their best — but they weren't; their shooting especially was far below what you expect from senior contenders.

They lost the game in the first half: they won abundant possession — but perpetrated a stream of wides.

Their intentions were good: seeking goals against a citadel manned by such brilliant players as keeper Marie Fitzpatrick and full-back Liz Neary was likely to bear little fruit — and so they opted for the long-range point.

Alas for good intentions: time and again the ball skimmed a post — on the outside.

The wind may have had something to do with it: Dublin, playing towards The Canal End, seemed to have it behind them — but, as so often in Croke Park, it was a dubious ally: it seemed to blow from several directions simultaneously.

Anyhow, Dublin got only two points in the first half: Kilkenny with less territorial advantage got five.

It wasn't a good half: long stoppages for injuries broke the rhythm — but we saw a splendid passage in lost time as the sliotar flew from end to end.

The improvement was maintained on the re-start. And within a few minutes Dublin's hopes were revived: Edel Murphy made a great run from the left and blazed the ball to the net.

Now it was 0-6 to 1-2 — and a goal in camogie can bring a great mental boost.

And then the dormant volcano called Angela Downey erupted: from the puck-out that followed the goal she plucked the ball down and before you could say 'Good catch' she fired a 20-yard shot past Yvonne Redmond.

And then came the deluge: Dublin were brave and never came asunder — but now Kilkenny could do no wrong.

They swept to an eleven-points lead: a few minutes from the final whistle Anna Condon scored a lovely goal when she hit a cross first-time — but it was only a minor consolation.

The final score — 2-12 to 2-3 — told a true story: the point tallies speak for themselves.

And it was hard to believe that Dublin had beaten Kilkenny in The League — but it is likely that on Sunday their string of first-half misses wrecked their confidence.

And then, when they seemed to have got back into contention, came that shattering goal. After that it was Downey-hill all the way.

Angela's second goal was memorable too — and owed much to Breda Holmes. The full-forward seemed to be in a cul-de-sac in the right-hand corner but made a little inward progress and then palmed a great ball to the verge of the square: Angela did the rest.

Her twin-sister Anne, a roving mid-fielder, played splendidly too: one of her two points was a beauty from midfield.

All the Kilkenny girls played well. Anne Holden, Bridie McGarry, and Biddy O'Sullivan struggled in the first half but made up a great half-back line in the second.

Anna Whelan and Clare Jones flanked Anne Downey well in midfield.

Jo Dunne and Rita Weymes manned the half-forward line so well that Angela Downey was really a second full-forward with Breda Holmes.

### WOMAN OF MATCH

And who was my woman of the match? An opinion poll of the 5,000 spectators would probably have resulted in 4,999 first preferences for Angela Downey.

And I wouldn't disagree, let alone demand a recount.

She scored two goals and four points. But how many almost certain goals did Marie Fitzpatrick and Liz Neary prevent? The pair were mistressly.

It's the same in soccer and hurling and Gaelic football: the forwards acquire most of the glamour. In rugby it falls to the backs — but they are really the forwards.

It has been a disappointing year for Dunlin's G.A.A. followers. Sunday's display recalled the form of the footballers: only keeper, Yvonne Redmond, and right-half forward, Una Crowley, were at their best.

I must congratulate the organisers on the nice little match-programme, even if the Kilkenny team-sheet contained two number fives and lacked the Gaelic equivalent of Rita Weymes's name.

'Weymes', as far as I know, means 'protector'. Might 'Ni Chosantora' suffice? \*



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Camogie players and officials being welcomed back to Kilkenny with All-Ireland trophy by Mayor Margaret Tynan and Andy Cottrell, Chairman, Kilkenny County Council.



Clare's outstanding centre back, Noeleen Quinn, with her two-year-old sister, Majella, in a happy mood at Croke Park after Sunday's All-Ireland Camogie Final.

## Big test for St. Annes

ST. ANNES, Castlereagh, take on Athenry in the final of the Connacht Club Championship tomorrow. The newly crowned Roscommon champions will be experiencing this level of camogie for the first time.

Champions of Roscommon for the past six years, St. Dominics did not relinquish their grip easily. It took St. Annes two games to dethrone the holders.

### FIVE STARS

Coached by Mayo and Connacht hurler, Joe Henry, St. Annes can call on five of the Roscommon team which reached the semi-final of the All-Ireland Junior Championship. These include Patricia Finneran, runner-up to Angela Downey in Grandam Tailte, Carmel Cribben, Martina Waldron, Kathleen Naughton and Teresa Finneran.

Athenry have been Galway champions on many occasions and won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1978. However, they were pushed by an up-and-coming Kiltulla side in the local final.

Captained by Brid Holland, Athenry field many well-known names, Chris Silke, Marion Freaney, Una Jordan, Anne Morris,

### CAMOGIE

Noreen Treacy, Eithne Bonner and Breda Coady are all county players. Their experience will have a vital bearing on the game.

### CRUMLIN DEFEND

The Leinster Club final will be staged at Nowland Park where the local side St. Pauls will attempt to dethrone the All-Ireland champions Crumlin. Crumlin won the corresponding match last season by two points. The victory in the meantime will have boosted their confidence.

Crumlin field many players who have played senior for Dublin including the Redmond sisters, Mary Mernagh, Bernie Toner, Anna Condon and Cathy Walsh. In addition they can call on Galway midfielder Mary Keane.

St. Pauls were prominent in this competition some years back. They have strengthened their team with the inclusion of Breda Holmes and Clare Jones since their last meeting. They have prepared well for this game and are very hopeful of upsetting the champions.

The Ulster and Munster Club finals are scheduled for September 28. Swatragh will face Eglish in the northern decider. Down south Glen Rovers will travel to play the Limerick champions, Granagh-Ballingarry.

The Kilmacud Sevens attracted a huge entry last Saturday and was blessed with glorious sunshine. Buffer's Alley (Wexford) defeated a tired Eire Og (Cork) side in the final. Eire Og played an epic encounter with Glen Rovers which was decided by shirrles when extra time failed to find a winner.

Imelda O'Leary (Buffer's Alley) was named as Player of the Tournament. Kathleen Tonks of the same club was awarded the Golden Goal trophy and the Silver Save plaque was taken by Marion McCarthy (Eire Og).

### FIXTURES TOMORROW

Connacht Club Final — Athenry v. St. Annes, Castlereagh, Kenny Park, Athenry, 4.00.

### SUNDAY

Leinster Club Final — St. Pauls v. Crumlin, Nowland Park, 4.00. K. M. J.



# Cork and Clare U-18s in action

**BIG** attraction this coming weekend will be the first round of Munster Under-18 Championship between Cork and Clare. On the local front there are a number of Under-14 League matches down for decision.

Cork will be under no illusions as to the task confronting them when they meet the holders Clare in the first round of this year's Munster Under-18 Championship. Clare defeated Cork in last year's decider and now that they took the All-Junior Championship last Sunday, will be very determined to complete a successful year by taking the under-18 title.

The Cork selectors have named a strong line-out for this game with no fewer than 11 All-Ireland minor medal holders on the team. Mary Mulcahy from Brian Dillons makes her debut for Cork in this

game when she takes over in goal from the injured Brid Walsh. Evelyn Healy is at full back with Kathleen O'Keeffe and Niamh Coughlan on the wings. Aine Buckley fills the centre back position and the centre-field positions fall to Karen Mellerick who captains the side, Aileen Barry and Collette O'Mahony who is certain to be one of the key figures in this line-out as a result of her recent outstanding displays with the Cork seniors.

The talented Jean Paula Kent is at centre forward and the full forward line is made up of Paula Carey, Helena Barry and Sheenagh Morley, who surprisingly gains a position on this team after being omitted from this year's minor

team. All these girls are very experienced performers and must surely start as favourites.

The Clare team was not available at the time of writing, but is certain to include Catherine Loughlin, Claire Bracken and Shelly Hegarty, and if these girls produce the goods Cork could have a tough game on hand.

At club level the Under-14 League continues on Saturday with a number of interesting clashes listed.

Ballincollig who are doing very well in the league to date, will be very anxious to gain two further points when they meet Eire Og at Ballincollig. Ballincollig have excellent players in Siobhan Cahill, Sandra Murphy and Judy Rior-

dan and these girls should have the edge over Eire Og.

Innischarra make the long journey to Ballinascorthy who have only taken up camogie this year and here Inniscarra should have too much experience for the home side.

Watergrasshill and Kilshannig will battle it out at the latter's venue and if Watergrasshill players Michelle O'Reilly, Margaret Buckley and Sarah O'Connor, strike form Kilshannig will be up against it.

In the remaining under-14 games Cloughduv should get the better of Barryroe who are fielding for the first this at under-14 level. Grenagh should have too much strength for Bishopstown "B" who will be fielding their second team and in the final game Castlemartyr will be expected to do well against Araglen.

Finally a special meeting will be held on Monday next September 22, at 7.30 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Clubs are requested to send two delegates.

## FIXTURES

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 20  
MUNSTER U-18 C'SHIP**

Cork v Clare at St. Finbarrs at 6 o'clock.

## CORK GIRLS SNATCH DRAMATIC VICTORY

Cork 4-5,  
Clare 3-6

**CORK** snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in this marvellous game of camogie at Charleville on Saturday evening, and so knocked holders, Clare, out in the first round of the Munster U-18 championship.

Clare, who won the All-Ireland Junior title last weekend and had a number of the champions on view, looked a very strong side. But Cork, in spite of playing together for only the first time, were always prepared to take the game to their opponents and when they found themselves trailing by two points with only three minutes to go — and this after leading for most of the game — their great determination came to the rescue and they snatched a goal and a point to give them a late dramatic two points win.

In the first half, Cork made better use of their scoring chances and at one stage led by 3-2 to 0-2 but Clare came back to make it 3-2 to 1-4 at the interval and following the resumption they battled to equality and then that two points lead with only three minutes to go.

But Cork were not to be deprived and from a long clearance Sheenagh Morley flicked the ball to the unmarked Helena Barry, who crashed it home from in front of goal. Full-forward Paula Carey quickly added a point to give Cork their two point win.

Cork seniors: Paula O'Mahony, Karen Mellerick, Paula Carey, Helena Barry and Niamh

Coughlan were Cork's top performers in this marvellous win, while newcomers Mary Mulcahy, Tracy Riordan and Sheenagh Morley also acquitted themselves well.

Scorers: Cork — P. Carey 2-1, C. O'Mahony 0-3, H. Barry and K. Mellerick 1-0 each, A. Barry 0-1.

Clare — P. O'Brien 2-0, F. Phelan 1-0, C. O'Loughlin 0-3, C. Bracken 0-2, Y. McInerney 0-1.

Cork — M. Mulcahy, K. O'Keeffe, N. Coughlan, E.

Healy, A. Buckley, A. Barry, C. O'Mahony, K. Mellerick, J. P. Kent, S. Morley, H. Barry, P. Carey.

Subs: T. Riordan for A. Buckley (inj), B. Kelleher for E. Healy.

Clare — P. O'Brien, P. O'Grady, M. Twomey, C. Molloy, O. O'Reilly, N. Comyn, C. O'Loughlin, C. Bracken, F. Phelan, Y. McInerney, E. McTaggart, P. Divnney. Sub: S. Justice for P. Divnney.

Referee—Maire McNicholas (Clare).

## Angela repeats dazzling performance

ST. PAUL'S ..... 3-6  
CRUMLIN ..... 1-7

**THREE** super goals from Angela Downey sealed the Leinster club title for dashing Kilkenny city club St. Paul's in a thrilling final on Sunday.

Angela gave a dazzling repeat of her performance in the All-Ireland senior final and proved a heartbreak for the Crumlin defence. In all, she helped herself to 3-4 of her side's total of 3-6.

Despite her dominance, this was a very closely contested affair with Crumlin leading by a point at half-time, and looking very determined to avenge their county's defeat at the hands of Kilkenny in the All-Ireland.

However, two quick goals from Angela Downey gave her side a very strong lead early in the second half.

Despite this blow Crumlin continued to press hard, boosted by a goal scored by their goalie from a 15 yards' free.

The Kilkenny defence soaked up this pressure, however, egged on by the big attendance at the home venue of Larchfield.

Further points from the Noreiders pushed them to a fine five-point win.

Other stars for the side were Bridie McGarry and Ann Downey.

They now contest the All-Ireland club semi-final against Egish of Tyrone, again at Larchfield, on Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

Scorers: Angela Downey (3-4), Ann Downey and C. Holmes (0-1 each).

St. Paul's: Marie Lawlor, Liz Neary, Annette Stapleton, Bridie McGarry, Helen Holmes, Caroline Holmes, Ann Downey, Claire Jones, Breda Holmes, Breda Ryan, Agnes Reddy, Angela Downey. Sub.: Mary Canavan for Agnes Reddy.

## NO THREAT TO GLEN

Granagh-Ballingarry 0-3  
Glen Rovers 3-12

Glen Rovers, winners of the Cork Co. Camogie Championship on 13 occasions, were in magnificent form at Ballingarry yesterday when they won the Munster club championship for the third time in their history.

With Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick and Ger McCarthy in outstanding form at midfield the game was never a serious contest.

## CAMOGIE

ENGLISH ..... 5-7;  
SWATHRAGH ..... 3-3.

A SUPERB display by English forward Shella Burke set the foundation for a well-merited victory by reigning champions English from Tyrone who defeated their great rivals Swathragh, County Derry in the Ulster Club Championship final played at English yesterday.

GRENNAGH BALLINGARRY 0-3;  
GLENN ROVERS ..... 3-12.

GLENN ROVERS, winners of the Cork championship on 13 occasions became Munster Club Champions for the third time when they had a runaway win over Limerick Champions Grenagh Ballingarry at Ballingarry yesterday.

Leinster Club C. Final — St. Paul's Kilkenny 3-4, Crumlin Dublin 1-7. Ulster Club Championship final — English Tyrone 10; Swathragh Derry 3-3.



# Munster Club Final tops the bill

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BIG attraction this coming weekend will be the Munster Senior Club Final between the Cork Champions Glen Rovers and the Limerick Champions Granagh-Ballingarry. On the local front the race for the Intermediate Championship commences with two vital ties listed. In the first Ballinora entertain Fr. O'Neills and Eire Og meet Cloyne at Ovens. The weekend will also see two of the Junior A Championship quarter finals decided in which Douglas play Na Piar-saigh and Ballincollig will battle it out with Cloughduv while the remainder of the weekend will be a busy one with a number of Under-16 League ties listed.

Cork Senior Champions Glen Rovers will bid to take their fifth Munster title on Sunday when they travel to Ballingarry to play the homeside in this year's decider. Glen had an

excellent win over Six-milebridge in the semi-final and looked a strong side. Since that game they have lost the services of Regina Scouts who has emigrated to Canada. Regina was their top scorer in the semi-final and she is certain to be a big loss. Corner forward Ger McCarthy is still suffering from a hamstring injury and she is a doubtful starter. The loss of these girls is a big blow to the Glen but they can still call on players of the calibre of Mary Ring who captains the side, Ann Delaney, Fiona McCarthy and Therese O'Callaghan and these girls will be very determined to put Glen Rovers name back on this title after a lapse of many years.

On the local front Fr. O'Neills impressive winners of last years Junior A Championship make their debut in the higher grade on Sunday

when they face Ballinora in the first round of the Intermediate Championship. Ballinora regraded from senior to intermediate this year can expect a very tough challenge from this ever improving East Cork side.

In the second Intermediate game Eire Og entertain Cloyne at Ovens and this promises to be a close encounter. Cloyne upgraded from Junior B to intermediate this year are now in a position to call on the Costine sisters Marie and Kathleen and their presence is sure to add much needed experience to the side but they can expect a tough challenge from Eire Og who are always strong championship campaigners and even though the Ovens girls will be fielding their second squad they can still call on such experienced performers as Hilda Horgan, Patsy O'Reilly, Teresa Kelleher and Kathleen Doherty.

In the Junior A quarter-finals Douglas desperately keen to achieve Junior success this year travel to Na Piar-saigh to play the homeside. Douglas have been knocking on the door of this competition for some years and are very determined to do well this year. They have top class players in the Maher sisters Mary and Liz and Christine Pinfield and these girls will be expected to do well against Na Piar-saigh who will be looking to Jean Paula Kent and Paula Morgan to turn up trumps.

In the final Junior game Cloughduv and Ballincollig meet in a local derby. Ballincollig are basically a young side and will be looking to the experience of players like Mairead Donovan, Mary West, Noreen O'Sullivan and Myra Coughlan to carry them through. Cloughduv on the other hand have shown excellent form of late and could upset Ballincollig's chances of advancing. They have an excellent goalkeeper in Cork minor Brid Walsh and if other players like Mary Walsh and Geraldine Lynch strike form Ballincollig are sure to have it tough.

## FIXTURES

**Under-16 league:**  
Mourea Abbey v. Ballinascarty at 3 p.m. Ref. Barryroe.

**Munster Club Final:**  
Glen Rovers v. Granagh-Ballingarry at 3 p.m.

## Proud Glen chasing third Munster crown

GLEN ROVERS have a proud tradition in Cork camogie. Thirteen times champions of the Rebel County, Glen Rovers have produced fine artists of the game. On Sunday they chase their third Munster Club Championship crown.

Their opponents, Granagh-Ballingarry have only recently appeared on the senior scene. The Limerick side is made up of a group of players who have grown up together. They have known success at each bracket of under-age camogie. Now they have arrived on the top rung.

Consequently, their players are now as well known as their opponents. Mairead Treacy is currently on the Limerick senior team. Bernadette Chawke played for Limerick in the 1980 All-Ireland senior final under her maiden name, Bernadette O'Brien.

The team has a number of very promising young players who will soon be easily recognised. Among these are Noreen Noonan, Catherine Kiely, Margaret Sheehan and Una Quaid.

### EMIGRATED

Glen Rovers had a comfortable win over Six-milebridge in this competition. Since then their scoring forward, Regina Scouts has emigrated to Canada. The club is most anxious that Ger McCarthy, who has been troubled with a hamstring injury for weeks, will be ready to rejoin the side.

Captained by full-back Mary Ring, Glen can call on Val Fitzpatrick, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Marie Ryan, Mary

Currid, Anne Delaney and Therese O'Callaghan. Coached by former inter-county hurler Finbarr O'Neill, their experience could neutralise the advantage of home support for Granagh-Ballingarry.

English (Tyrone) meet Swatragh (Derry) in a repeat of the 1985 Ulster Club final. The Tyrone club came out on top in that encounter by 3-4 to 1-5.

English field a strong side. A number of their players have inter-provincial experience. Cecilia McKay, Ursula Jordan, Sheila Burke and Ann Jordan have been recognised by Ulster. In addition, they have Catherine Daly, Anne McKenna and Ann Burke and will not surrender easily.

Swatragh were Ulster club champions in 1983. Many of that side remains and are very experienced at this level. To the fore will be Brid Doherty, Gene McQuillan and the Quinn sisters, Sarah and Patsy. There should be little between these teams at the finish.

### POSTPONED

The Leinster Club final was postponed last Sunday as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Downey (R.I.P.), the mother of Angela and Anne who starred in the recent All-Ireland final at Croke Park. A new date

will be announced shortly by Leinster Council.

Athenry accounted for St. Annes, Castlereagh in the Connacht club final and now await the winners of the Munster final. The draw pairs the Ulster and Leinster winners in the second semi-final.

The draws have been made for the new colleges season at provincial level. The Munster season opens on October 4 with the junior championship.

The seniors will be in action on October 11. St. Patrick's Cork, champions for the past two years have lost 10 of their side. At this stage their likely successors would appear to rest with Colaiste Mhuire Ennis, St. Aloisius and St. Marys Charleville.

### FIXTURES

Sunday

Ulster Club Final — At English (4.10) — English v. Swatragh.  
Munster Club Final — At Ballingarry (1.0) — Granagh-Ballingarry v. Glen Rovers.

## CAMOGIE FINAL IN TIPP

THE Tipperary senior camogie final will be played on Sunday at Drombane with Cashel and St. Mary's (Kilcommon-Newport) in opposition. It will be preceded by the under 14 county final between Cashel and Burgess-Youghalarra.

With the title-holders for the past four years, Portroe, out of the reckoning, the final is very open and Cashel will be looking to county players Kirsty McCluskey, Joan Tobin, Claire Barnagahy and Niamh Bonnar to steer them to success while St. Mary's have outstanding players in Mary Griffin, Kitty Ryan, Bridget O'Brien, Marion Graham and Pauline Starr.

The intermediate title was won by Roscrea on Sunday last. They defeated Cappawhite in the final by 1-8 to 0-4.



## St. Pauls favoured

THE dismissal of All-Ireland club champions, Crumlin from the 1986 competition has placed their victors St. Pauls (Kilkenny) in the role of favourites. Last Sunday's result over the star-studded Dublin club will give St. Pauls great confidence for their remaining games.

St. Pauls have won the All-Ireland Club Championship five times. They stand equal to keen rivals Ballymore (Wexford) on the roll of honour. On Sunday next they entertain Eglis (Tyronne) in the penultimate stage and must be strongly tipped to advance.

Six members of the Kilkenny team which won the All-Ireland senior crown a few weeks ago play their club camogie in the colours of St. Pauls. These are a key sextet and a wonderful backbone to any club side.

### FREE-SCORING

In defence are two girls who have captained their county to All-Ireland victory, Liz Neary and Bridie McGarry. At midfield are Anne Downey, who had a marvellous game at Croke Park, and Clare Jones. Angela Downey and Breda Holmes, two free-scoring forwards, lead the attack.

Eglis (Tyronne) won their second Ulster championship at the expense of Swatragh (Derry) last Sunday. They, too, possess a large number of inter-county players. But Tyronne is graded junior and would not play the game at the same level as the Kilkenny players.

Eglis field an experienced defence which includes Anne Burke, Celia McKay, Anne Daly and Pauline Vallely. Anne Jordan, Kathleen Casey and Catherine Daly are useful players in midfield. Anne McKenna, Sheila Burke and Maureen Ogle will lead the attack which will have to convert their chances to succeed.

Glen Rovers moved the ball around very well in their Munster final against Granagh-Ballingarry. They created many openings and finished with an impressive tally. They will travel hopefully to Athenry at the weekend for their semi-final clash with the local club.

Marie Ryan is a key figure in their defence. She is ably assisted by captain Mary Ring, Fiona McCarthy, Diana Deane, and Anne Delaney. The Glen midfield performed very well last Sunday. It comprises of three All-Ireland senior medal holders, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick and Ger McCarthy.

Mary Currid, Therese O'Callaghan, Anne Hourihan and June Hamill operate close to the Athenry goal and will need to take what chances come their way. Glen came very close to reaching the first All-Ireland Club final. They drew with eventual winners Celtic at the semi-final stage. They hope to go one better this time.

# Vital camogie games down for decision

THERE will be plenty of activity on the camogie field this coming weekend with two vital games down for decision. In the first, Cork and Limerick meet at Kilmeedy on Sunday in the Munster under-18 final and on the same day, Cork and Munster champions Glen Rovers travel to Raheen to play Athenry in the All-Ireland club semi-final. In other games listed Killeagh and Bishopstown meet in the quarter-final of the Junior A Championship; Kilshannig play Mourneabbey in the Junior B league and Cloughdub and Ballincollig will battle it out in the under-14 league.

On Sunday next Cork travel to Kilmeedy to play Limerick in the Munster under-18 final. En route to this final Cork had a narrow but well-deserved victory over a very strong Clare side in the semi-final. The selectors have named the same squad which started for the Clare game and includes goalkeeper Mary Mulcahy who brought off some excellent saves in their first outing. Evelyn Healy is at full-back with Kathleen O'Keefe and Niamh Coughlan on the wings. Aine Buckley retains her position at centre-back. Karen Mellerick who captains the side is at centre-field with Aileen Barry and Colette O'Mahony completing the trio. Jean Paula Kent is at centre-forward and the full forward line is Sheenagh Morley, Paula Carey and Helena Barry.

This is a very strong Cork side with no fewer than 11 minor All-Ireland medal holders in the line out. With players of this calibre it is hard to see the Limerick girls

holding them but they will be in a position to call on a number of girls from St. Mary's School, Charleville which won the All-Ireland Junior Colleges final last year and these include Frances Broderick, Eileen Liston and Marian Lynch and these girls will be very determined to take the title for the first time since 1972.

The All-Ireland club semi-final between Glen Rovers and Athenry promises to be a real cracker. Glen Rovers have never won the All-Ireland Club competition and make no secret of the fact that they are very determined to take the title this year. They had a convincing win over Granagh-Ballingarry in the Munster decider last Sunday but face much tougher opposition in Athenry. With Ger McCarthy now fully recovered from her recent injury Glen will face this game with more confidence but they will be hoping for top class performances from Fiona McCarthy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Mary Ring, Therese O'Callaghan and Val Fitzpatrick if they are to savour success on this occasion.

The Junior championship game between Killeagh and Bishopstown promises to be another marvellous encounter between two excellent sides. Killeagh had a surprise victory over a highly fancied Brian Dillons side in the first round and looked a useful side. They have excellent players in full-back Vera Motherway, Dolores Joyce, Monica Motherway and Noreen Barry and if these girls strike form Bishopstown will have a tough game on hand, but the city girls have been very success-

ful at underage level in the last few years and as a result will have a wealth of young talent available to them. They have top class players in Rose Desmond, Deirdre Enright, Bernie Power and Liz Towler and these girls could put a stop to Killeagh's chances of advancing.

Finally clubs are reminded that the County Board will be holding their annual collection at the County Hurling final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday next, October 5. Clubs are earnestly requested to send as many collectors as possible. All collectors are to meet at the pass gate at 1.45 p.m.

### FIXTURES

#### Sat. October 4

Under-14 league:  
Cloughdub v Ballincollig at Ballincollig at 3 p.m.  
Ref. Cloughdub.

#### Sunday, October 5

Munster under-18 Championship final:  
Cork v Limerick at Kilmeedy at 11.30 a.m.

All-Ireland Club semi-final: Glen Rovers v Athenry at Raheen at 2.30 p.m.

Junior A Championship: Killeagh v Bishopstown at Killeagh at 11.30 a.m. Ref. Fr. O'Neills.

Junior B league: Kilshannig v Mourneabbey at Bweeng at 11.30 a.m. Ref. Castleknock.

Cork under-18 panel:  
Mary Mulcahy, Evelyn Healy, Niamh Coughlan, Kathleen O'Keefe, Aine Buckley, Aileen Barry, Karen Mellerick, Colette O'Mahony, Jean Paula Kent, Helena Barry, Paula Carey, Sheenagh Morley, Colette Cronin, Brid Walsh, Brid Kelleher.

## SUPER GLEN IN FINAL

Glen Rovers 5-7  
Athenry 2-2

A highly skilled Glen Rovers team easily qualified for the final when they swept aside the challenge of Connaught champions, Athenry in the All-Ireland senior club camogie Championship semi final at Athenry yesterday.

The Cork side had the advantage of the wind in the first half, and picked off some marvellous scores from play to build up a lead of 3-6 to 0-2 by half time.

Athenry could never really breach a competent Glen Rovers defence in the second half and although they did manage to score two goals, the Munster champions stayed ahead with goals from Vera Fitzpatrick and Teresa McCarthy.

Scorers, Glen Rovers: V. Fitzpatrick 2-2, G. Hamill 2-1, T. O'Callaghan 0-4, T. McCarthy 1-0. Athenry: M. Hobbins 1-1, A. Morris 1-0, K. Bonner 0-1.

## Glen Rovers should qualify for first final appearance

GLEN ROVERS of Cork make the long journey to Athenry today in a bid to earn a first-ever All-Ireland club senior camogie championship final appearance. They have a difficult assignment against the local club in a semi-final that promises a keenly contested game.

Athenry, who won the national crown in 1978, put up a spirited performance last year when losing in the decider to Crumlin.

The Galway side is an experienced one and includes a number of All-Ireland medalists at this level. With home advantage, and that vital edge in tradition, Athenry must have a sound chance of reaching another decider.

Glen Rovers have much to recommend them. Their performance when beating Granagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) in convincing style last Sunday at Ballingarry for a third Munster title was most impressive.

Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick and Ger McCarthy, who have all won All-Ireland senior medals with the county team, did much to fashion the success with their good display in midfield.

The other sectors of the team also did well, and no doubt the side will gain from the success the added poise and assurance that could prove so vital in this encounter.

If the Cork girls settle down quickly and produce last week's good form, their lively attack, which scored 3-12, backed by that strength at midfield and a dependable defence, should get the scores to give Glen Rovers that first final ticket.

An exciting year for Kilkenny, who retained the All-Ireland senior championship in impressive fashion last month, may get a further boost when St. Paul's entertain Eglis (Tyronne) in the other national club senior semi-final at Kilkenny.

St. Paul's won the national crown for the fifth time in 1977. They showed that they have a powerful side by chalking up a five points win in the Leinster final last week over Crumlin's strong team. Not surprisingly, the new eastern champions also have a good framework of all-Ireland senior inter-county medal winners.

Eglis's task, then, is a real uphill one. But the Northerners are unlikely to be overawed by the opposition, and they travel after a good 5-7 to 3-3 win last week over Swatragh, Derry, in the final defence of the Ulster crown.

With players of the calibre of Liz Neary, who led Kilkenny to the All-Ireland crown last month, the Down sisters, Anne and Angela, Bridie McGarry and Breda Holmes, it is hard to see St. Paul's failing to reach the final again after a surprisingly long interval of nine years.

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# Final ticket as Paul's whitewash opposition

ST. PAUL'S ..... 9-7  
ENGLISH (Tyronne) ..... 2-5  
AFTER a closely contested first half, St. Paul's ran riot with a blitz of scoring in this all-Ireland club championship semi-final at Larchfield on Sunday.

Although the Kilkenny city outfit got into the driving seat from the start, the Northern girls kept well in touch until the break when they trailed by only four points, 2-3 to 1-2.

But they were completely whitewashed in the second half as Angela Downey led the savage attack.

In all, Angela netted an incredible seven times, five of the goals coming after the break.

Also very impressive for the

winner were corner-back Helen Holmes, Caroline Holmes, Ann Downey and Claire Jones at centre-field, and centre-back Bridie McGarry.

The dynamic outfit now contest the all-Ireland club final against Glen Rovers (Cork), away, on October 26.

Scorers: St. Paul's - Angela Downey (7-5), B. Holmes (1-1), J. Fry (1-0), B. Ryan (0-1).

St. Paul's: Marie Lawlor, Liz Neary, Annette Stapleton, Helen Holmes, Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Caroline Holmes, Breda Holmes, Mary Canavan, Angela Downey, Breda Ryan. Subs.: Agnes Reddy for Mary Canavan, Julie Fry for Angela Downey.

## CORK WELL ON TOP

Limerick 1-5 Cork 4-12

FULL forward Paula Casey and centre forward Jean Paula Kent were the scoring stars for Cork who had a landslide win over Limerick in the Munster U-18 camogie championship final at Kilmeedy, Co. Limerick yesterday.

Cork M. Mulcahy, K. O'Keeffe, N. Coughlan, A. Buckley, E. Healy, C. O'Mahony, H. Barry, K. Mellard, G. P. Kent, H. Barry, P. Casey, S. Morley Limerick, G. Barrett, A. Kiely, A. McHenry, E. Liston, L. Long, P. Noonan, F. Broderick, M. Lynch, P. Twomey, E. Quaide, M. Sheehan, H. Cagney.

## Selectors plump for Kilkenny

THERE is a very strong Kilkenny presence on the Leinster senior team which defends the Gael Linn Cup at Glendalough this weekend. The All-Ireland champions have secured eight of the 12 positions, while finalists Dublin have to settle for two places.

Kilkenny met Dublin on three occasions this season and Dublin came out on top in the National League and Leinster Championship, but the Noreiders had the better of things in the all important All-Ireland final.

Form in the All-Ireland final alone appears to have been the criterion for selection. The Defence, which conceded a mere 1-7 in two games last season, is retained intact. It is difficult to quibble with the choice of Marjefitzpatrick, Marion Conroy, Tina Fitzhenry, Bridie McGarry and Biddy O'Sullivan.

The selectors have discarded last season's mid-field line and replaced them with Caroline O'Leary, Anne Downey and Clare Jones.

Only Angela Downey retains her position in attack. Jo Dunne, a reserve in 1985, is promoted and is joined by newcomers to this level, Carmel O'Byrne and Breda Holmes.

Leinster Face Connacht in the semi-final on Saturday. While the western line-out is not yet finalised, it will largely comprise Galway players.

Kildare, the National Junior League champions, supply five players to the Leinster Junior team, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy, Anna Dargan, Miriam Malone and Marianne Johnson. Mary Doyle an Nuala Smithers are the Carlow representatives. Carmel Gray and Geraldine Dunne are drawn from Dublin. The Wicklow pair Esther Byrne and Kay Barry make the team as does Valerie Crean (Meath).

Ulster field against Munster in both grades at the same venue. Antrim, who gave such a spirited display against Cork in the Open Draw will fix places on the senior team while Down have four players on the side.

### FIXTURES

#### SATURDAY

GAEL LINN CUP Semi-finals - At Glendalough, Dub  
in  
- 2.00, Junior: Connacht v Leinster, Munster v Ulster, 3.15, Senior: Connacht v Leinster, Munster v Ulster.

#### SUNDAY

Junior Final, 3.15, Senior Final, 3.45, Gael Linn Cup Final - At Glendalough, Dublin - 2.00.

# Gael Linn interpros top the camogie bill

BIG games of the coming weekend will be the Gael Linn interprovincials which will be held in Dublin over Saturday and Sunday. On the local front there are a number of interesting championship games down for decision. In the first Glen Rovers and Watergrass-hill meet in the intermediate championship. The Junior 'A' semi-finals will see Killeagh, Inniscarra, Douglas and Cloughduv in action and in the junior 'B' championship Bride Rovers and Churchtown meet at Rathcormac and St. Fanahans and Kilshannig play at Mitchelstown.

On Saturday next two Munster teams will travel to Dublin to play Ulster in both the senior and junior Gael Linn semi-finals. The Munster senior team is mainly dominated by Cork players and includes goalkeeper Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Mary Spillane, Cathy Landers, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Colette O'Mahony, Margaret Farrell and Noelle O'Driscoll and these girls will be joined by Maura Hackett and Anne Gleeson from Tipperary and Pauline McCarthy from Limerick.

prospect of a Munster-Leinster final is much on the cards and this comes about as the girls will be very keen for a win here as the Leinster team includes no fewer than ten of the All-Ireland winning Kilkenny team in-

cluding such marvellous players as the Downey sisters Angela and Ann, Biddy O'Sullivan and Bridie McGarry, and on recent form the Leinster girls will be expected to have the edge.

The Munster Junior team will start as favourites to take the honours this year. They have a very strong line-out including seven of the Clare team which won the All-Ireland junior title this year. These include goalkeeper Pauline O'Brien, Helen Cusack, Noeleen Quinn, Carmel Wall, Patricia Rynne, Catherine O'Loughlin and Maura McNicholas. These will be joined by Niamh Coughlan, Jean Paula Kent, Karen Mellerick and Paula Carey from Cork and Marguerite Guiry, Limerick.

In the intermediate championship, Glen Rovers travel to Watergrass-hill to play the home side in a repeat of last year's quarter-final in which the Glen had a narrow victory. Glen will be fielding their second squad but will still be in a position to call on such excellent players as Rose Mackey, Tracy Riordan, and Carmel Currid but these girls are sure to get it tough from the more experienced Watergrass-hill side who can call on players of the calibre of Angela and Claire Higgins and Mary O'Leary but they will have to field this year without the services of Mairead O'Callaghan who is gone abroad and she is certain to be a big

loss to the Watergrass-hill side.

In the first of the junior 'A' semi-finals Killeagh and Inniscarra meet at Ballyanley and here Killeagh will be expected to have the edge.

The second semi-final between Douglas and Cloughduv promises to be a real cracker and should be a close encounter. Douglas have been knocking on the door of this competition for some time and are very keen to take the honours this year.

The junior 'B' championship also gets under way this weekend with two preliminary rounds listed. In the first Bride Rovers who will be looking to the experience of Catherine O'Sullivan should have the edge on Churchtown who will be fielding a young side and in the final game St. Fanahans will be expected to get the better of Kilshannig who are newcomers to this grade.

Munster junior panel: Pauline O'Brien (Clare), Helen Cusack (Clare), Niamh Coughlan (Cork), Marguerite Guiry (Limerick), Noeleen Quinn (Clare), Karen Mellerick (Cork), Carmel Wall (Clare), Patricia Rynne (Clare), Jean Paula Kent (Cork), Catherine O'Loughlin (Clare), Paula Carey (Cork), Maura McNicholas (Clare). Subs: Noeleen Cummins (Clare), Grainne Mackey (Cork), Catherine Molloy (Clare), Brid Walsh (Cork), Elizabeth O'Sullivan (Cork).

Munster senior panel: Marian McCarthy (Cork), Eileen Dineen (Cork), Mary

Spillane (Cork), Maura Hackett (Tipperary), Catherine Landers (Cork), Sandy Fitzgibbon (Cork), Val Fitzpatrick (Cork), Anne Gleeson (Tipperary), Pauline McCarthy (Limerick), Colette O'Mahony (Cork), Margaret Farrell (Cork), Noelle O'Driscoll (Cork). Subs: Rosie Ryan (Tipperary), Mary Geaney (Cork), Mary Ring (Cork), Helen Clifford (Limerick), Geraldine Ryan (Tipperary), Lynda Mellerick (Cork).

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Gael Linn semi-finals: (Junior) Munster v Ulster at Glendalough (Dublin) at 2 p.m.; (Senior) Munster v Ulster at Glendalough at 3.15 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Gael Linn finals: Junior final at Glendalough at 2 p.m.; Senior final at Glendalough at 3.15 p.m.

Intermediate championship: Watergrass-hill v Glen Rovers at Watergrass-hill at 12 noon. Ref. Sarsfields.

Junior 'A' championship semi-finals: Inniscarra v Killeagh at Inniscarra at 11.30 a.m.; Cloughduv v Douglas at Cloughduv at 3 p.m. Ref. Ballinora.

Junior 'B' championship: Bride Rovers v Churchtown at Bride Rovers at 3 p.m. Ref. St. Catherine's; St. Fanahans v Kilshannig at St. Fanahans at 3 p.m. Ref. Killeagh.

Junior 'B' league: Barryroe v Fr. Mathews at Fr. Mathews at 3 p.m. Ref. Blackrock.

Under 16 leagues: Blackrock v Bishopstown 'B' at Bishopstown at 11.30. Ref. Na Piarasigh; St. Finbarrs v Newcestown at St. Finbarrs at 12 noon. Ref. Brian Dillons; Na Piarasigh v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons at 3 p.m. Ref. June Hamill.



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## Leinster too strong

LEINSTER.....4-6  
MUNSTER.....1-5

Leinster proved much too strong for Munster in yesterday's inter-provincial senior camogie final for the Gael-Linn Cup at Silver Park, Leopardstown. Leinster scored three quick goals early on and despite Munster's gallant effort, they were no match for a Leinster side in which Cathy Walsh was outstanding.

Scorers: Leinster — Jo Dunne (1-1), A. Downey (1-1), C. O'Byrne (1-0), A. Downey (0-2), B. Holmes (1-1), C. Walsh (0-1). Munster — C. O'Mahoney (1-4), V. Fitzpatrick (0-1).

LEINSTER.....1-5  
MUNSTER.....0-7

Leinster also won the junior title after a very exciting finish to a highly competitive game. Miriam Malone scored a goal with five minutes to go and then, after Munster had levelled the scores, got the winning point from a 25 metre free.

Scorers: Leinster — M. Malone (1-1), G. Dunne (0-3), V. Cean (0-1). Munster — P. Carey (0-2), M. McNicholas (0-2), C. O'Loughlin (0-2), J. Kent (0-1).

## Leinster set to dominate

The top players of the country will collect at Glenalbyn this weekend for interprovincials. On Saturday, Connacht face Leinster and Munster take on Ulster in the semi-finals of the Gael-Linn Cup Trophy.

Leinster have a great record in the senior competition. With three top class senior counties, Kilkenny, Dublin and Wexford, to choose from, they continue to produce teams which dominate the competition.

This year's side shows a number of changes from the team which defeated Munster in Cork. Dublin's representation of two players must be the smallest in the history of the competition. Dublin followers will point to the fact that their favourites defeated Kilkenny twice this season. All-Ireland final form seems to have been the deciding factor for selection. Consequently, Kilkenny monopolise the majority of

positions leaving the crumbs for Dublin and Wexford.

The Leinster defence is a very able one. Marie Fitzpatrick, Marion Conroy, Tina Fitzhenry, Bridie McGarry and Biddy O'Sullivan formed a tight unit last season and are retained en bloc.

Caroline O'Leary (Wexford) and Clare Jones (Kilkenny) join Anne Downey in midfield. Carmel O'Byrne and Breda Holmes are chosen in attack alongside Jo Dunne and Angela Downey. Angela has held her place on this team since 1973.

### Strengthened

The Connacht panel to face Leinster contains a large number of the 1985 Galway winning junior team. These include Eileen Howley, Brid Stratford, Angela Cooney, Ann Ryan, Anne Fahy and Ena Cannon. The free-scoring Deirdre Costello is reported to be out of contention owing to injury. The side is strengthened with the experienced Mary Kelly, Teresa Raftery and Bridie Cunniffe.

Players are drawn from five counties for the Leinster junior team. However, the absence of any Wexford representative is surprising considering that they ran Kildare to a single point in the Leinster championship.

Kildare give Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy, Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan and Marianne Johnson to the team. Kay Barry and Esther Byrne from Wicklow will add strength. Dublin supply Carmel Gray and Geraldine Dunne. The team is completed by Nuala Smithers and Mary Doyle of Carlow and Valerie Cean of Meath.

### Great Show

The Ulster senior team to tackle Munster contains six Antrim players. These girls put up a great show in the Open Draw against Cork and fully deserve their places. Carol AcAllister, Margaret McKillop, Mary McMullan, Bridie McAteer, Mary Lundy and Ann McGlew.



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## GAEL-LINN

### Craobhchomórtais Idir-Chúige

Cluichí Leath-Cheannais. 11 Deireadh Fómhair 1986.

Connachta v Laighin  
i  
Glenalbyn

Soisear 2.00 p.m.  
Sinsear 3.15 p.m.

Mumha v Ulaidh  
i  
Silver Park

Soisear 2.00 p.m.  
Sinsear 3.15 p.m.



CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS 12 DEIREADH FOMHAIR.

### GLENALBYN

Soisear 2.00 p.m. Sinsear 3.15 p.m.

GAEL-LINN A BHRONN NA CORN ORAINN

Clár Oifigiúil Luach 20p

*Síle de Bhuidé*  
Ardrúnaí





## All-Ireland Picture Special

Kilkenny retained the All-Ireland senior camogie championship by beating Dublin in the final for the second successive year. The Downey sisters, Angela, who scored 2-4, and Ann, were outstanding for Kilkenny, who won by 2-12 to 2-3. Some of the highlights of an entertaining game are captured in our Picture Special.



Angela Downey, Brenda Holkes, Breda Kenny, Rita Weynes and Helena Broderick.



Joe Dunne and Marion Conroy



Senior captains Liz Neary, left and Mary Mernagh with referee Betty Joyce (Cork).



Ann Downey and Mary Mernagh

### Angela leads the way into another year

A LADY was the first winner of the Hotel Kilkenny and Kilkenny People sports personality of the month award when it was introduced in September, 1985.

The wheel has turned the full circle now, and a member of the fair sex has swept the first award to commence the second year.

Not only that, the historic first winner has also won the award for September '86. So camogie heroine, Angela Browne (nee Downey) has registered yet another first - she is the only person who has won two Hotel Kilkenny, and Kilkenny People monthly awards.

Angela was chosen following

her super show in Kilkenny's sixth success in the open all-Ireland senior camogie championship final.

The stylish St. Paul's player was in great form in the September 14 decider against Dublin. She helped herself to 2-4 as Kilkenny won by 2-12 to 2-3.

This was Kilkenny's second successive win in the senior championship, and now the ladies are hoping for a three-in-a-row. And Angela Browne will be hoping to add to her collection of six All-Ireland medals.

The September '86 winner was presented with a Callan crystal rose-bowl by Hotel Kilkenny director, Mrs. Anna Curtin.



Camogie star, Angela Downey, won the Hotel Kilkenny-Kilkenny People monthly award for September 1986 and she is pictured receiving a Callan crystal rose-bowl from Mrs. Anna Curtin, Director, Hotel Kilkenny.

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# Raphaels set for treble

Colleges  
St. Raphaels.  
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out in the race  
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available to  
only player who

is no longer available is  
midfielder Siobhan Maher.  
Several of their school  
team are now established  
senior inter-county players.  
Indeed a number of them  
fielded with Connacht in  
the senior inter-provincials  
last weekend. Unless a prob-  
lem arises with motivating  
these players, it is extremely  
difficult to see any other  
school preventing them from  
achieving a historic three in  
a row.  
The opposition in Con-  
nacht is very thin. Only  
four schools have entered  
the senior championship. In  
Leinster, FCJ Buncloody  
should have a good season.  
They contested both All-Ire-  
land finals last season and  
came close to success. With

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the majority of the players  
available they should do  
well in the current cam-  
paign.

The senior championship  
has opened in Munster  
where St. Patricks Com-  
prehensive School, Shannon,  
have signalled their in-  
tentions with a six goal win  
over North Pres. Cork.

On Saturday, Colaiste  
Mhuire, Ennis, another fan-  
cied side, will travel to take  
on the St. Marys, Middleton.  
With the free-scoring Clare  
forward Catherine  
O'Loughlin in their line-out,  
they will present problems  
for Middleton who rely on

Cork minors Ina Leahy and  
Fiona O'Driscoll.

Cork recently won the  
very popular Munster under  
18 championship. They sur-  
vived an epic encounter  
with Clare in the semi-final  
before disposing of Limerick  
in the final. Senior Colette  
O'Mahony figured very pro-  
minently on the winning  
side and received great as-  
sistance from Paula Carey,  
Sheenagh Morley, Karen  
Mellerick and Jean Paula  
Kent.

The pilot scheme of stag-  
ing the inter-provincials  
over a weekend has not re-  
vived interest in the com-  
petition. While many of the  
players welcomed the new  
format, the officials who

had to raise the funds to  
cover the additional costs  
were not so enthusiastic.

The senior competition  
produced poor fare. This  
was no fault of champions  
Leinster, who were clearly  
superior to the opposition.  
Munster accounted to  
Ulster who lacked the  
necessary skill to do well in  
this competition.

While Munster tried their  
best in the final they never  
threatened a Leinster side  
who were in command  
throughout. The lack of in-  
terest in the competition  
was highlighted in the  
number of defections from  
the Munster senior team for  
trivial reasons.

Kay Barry captained the  
Leinster Junior team to vic-  
tory. Her side had to fight  
off the strong challenge of  
both Connacht and Munster  
before taking the trophy.  
Unlike their senior counter-  
parts, the junior players are  
delighted to represent their  
province and give of their  
best.

Many of the girls in  
action in the senior final  
will renew acquaintance in  
the All-Ireland Club Cham-  
pionship final on October  
26. Glen Rovers will be at  
home to St. Pauls, Kilkenny.  
On the showing of the six  
St. Pauls girls in the  
Leinster colours, the task  
facing Glen will be very dif-  
ficult indeed.

## This week . . .

### 50 years ago

CORK won the All-Ireland Senior Camogie  
Championship title when they scored a 6-4 to 3-3  
win over Louth in the final at Croke Park. The  
Cork team was: E. Stenson, M. Delaney, L. Kirby,  
M. McCarthy, J. McGrath, M. Cronin, S. Brennan,  
K. Buckley, M. Sullivan, M. Higgins, A. Barry, K.  
McCarthy.

## Brigid's take the title

ST. BRIGID'S (Ballycallan) ..... 2-5

BLACKS & WHITES ..... 1-1

ST. BRIGID'S (Ballycallan) won the first ever  
under-21 camogie championship when they beat  
Blacks & Whites in a hard fought final at  
Larchfield on Sunday. Conditions were bad,  
with high wind and rain.

Nevertheless, both sides  
produced an exciting game,  
and the result was in doubt  
until a goal by Ailish Dillon  
wrapped up the title for the  
winners midway through the  
second half.

The winners were none too  
comfortable at the interval  
when they led by 1-3 to 0-1  
after playing with the wind. St.  
Brigid's, however, had a trump  
card in county senior goalie  
Marie Fitzpatrick, who had a  
great game. She denied the  
losers the scores that at this  
stage would have been all  
important.

All the defenders played  
well. Ann Hennessy was sound  
at fullback. Another county  
senior player, Deirdre Malone  
was steady in defence. Karen  
Dermody and Marie Egan also  
turned in steady performances.  
Breda Teehan, captain Kay  
Dunphy and minor player  
Angela Cleere did well at  
midfield. Breda Cahill,  
another minor player who lost  
at that grade to Blacks and  
Whites, had a fine game in  
attack and scored four great  
points. Ailish Dillon scored an  
important goal. Ann Marie  
Hughes and Cindy Hennessy  
tried hard.

Catriona Savage did well in  
the losers goal. Breda  
Aylward, Ann Carroll, Sheila  
Crean and Margaret Nolan  
made the winners fight for  
their scores. County panelist  
Nora Whelan tried hard at  
midfield. She got good  
assistance from Sheila Farrell  
and minor star, Lizzie Whelan.  
Blacks and Whites had a young  
forward line. Three of them

figured in their minor success.  
They were Mary Lyng, Claire  
Kelly and Stella Nolan. Helen  
Morgan played as a forward,  
but her best efforts in the past  
have been in midfield or  
defence. her replacement, Mar-  
garet Whelan scored a goal  
that came too late to lift the  
losers.



### Scorers

St. Brigid's: B. Cahill (0-4);  
A. Dillon, K. Dunphy (1-0  
each); A. Cleere (0-1).

Blacks and Whites: M.  
Whelan (1-0); L. Whelan (0-1).

St. Brigid's: M. Fitzpatrick,  
A. Hennessy, M. Egan, D.  
Malone, K. Dermody, B.  
Teehan, K. Dunphy (capt), A.  
Cleere, A. M. Hughes, B.  
Cahill, A. Dillon, C. Hennessy.

Blacks & Whites: C. Savage,  
B. Aylward, A. Carroll, S.  
Crean, M. Nolan, S. Farrell, L.  
Whelan, N. Whelan, M.  
Lynch, S. Nolan, C. Kelly, H.  
Morgan. Sub: M. Whelan.

Referee: J. Dunne (Carrick-  
shock).



# 'The Spirit of the Glen' can break the duck

THE INTER-COUNTY season draws to a close on Sunday with the attractive clash between St. Pauls (Kilkenny) and Glen Rovers (Cork) in the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship. St. Pauls have knocked out the holders and are chasing a record sixth title, while on their home ground, Glen hope to capture their first crown.

Both the record book and the standing of several of the players earmarks St. Pauls as the likely winners. The Kilkenny club was founded in 1963. Three years later, they contested the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship. However, they had to wait until 1968 to engrave their name on the cup.

Since then St. Pauls have become one of the top clubs in the history of camogie. They lifted the Cup in 1969, 1970, 1975 and 1977. They stand equal with Buffer's Alley (Wexford) on the roll of honour but are fancied to draw ahead on Sunday.

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The reason is simple. St. Pauls provide half the players who won the All-Ireland senior championship and the Gael Linn senior cup this year. They impressed against Buffer's Alley and Crumlin in the Leinster competition and brushed aside the challenge of Eglis (Tyrone) in the semi-final.

Maria Lawlor is a safe goalkeeper who receives excellent cover from outstanding full back Liz Neary. Highly rated centre-back Bridie McGarry is flanked by the hard working Annette Stapleton and Helen Holmes.

Two more inter-county seniors, Anne Downey and Clare Jones join Caroline Holmes to form an exceptionally strong midfield line. Match-winner Angela Downey, along with Breda Holme, Breda Ryan and Mary Canavan constitute a brilliant attacking division.

On the Glen Rovers

side Fiona McCarthy is a capable goalkeeper. The team is captained by full-back Mary Ring who is very close to establishing her self on the Cork senior team. Cork senior Marie Ryan figures at centre-back and along with Diana Deane and Anne Delaney will attempt to shut down the dangerous St. Pauls half forward line.

Inter-provincials Sandie Fitzgibbon and Val Fitzpatrick are joined by Mary Currid at midfield and should win a plentiful supply of the ball. Ger McCarthy, who has won All-Ireland medals at minor, junior and senior level, made a welcome return to the Glen team this season. Ger's performance will be vital on Sunday.

Former All-Ireland minors Anne Hourihan and June Hamill are rarely of the scoresheet. The team is completed by Therese O'Callaghan who played for the Cork juniors earlier in the season.

On paper, it looks like another victory for St.

Pauls. When Glen Rovers produced their club history some years ago, they suitably titled it "The Spirit of the Glen." Time and again over the years, this spirit has lifted the team to unexpected heights. This same spirit and a huge home following could inspire the Glen girls to a sweet victory.

St. Pauls 2 Maria Lawlor, Liz Neary, Annette Stapleton, Bridie McGarry, Helen Holmes, Anne Downey, Clare Jones, Caroline Holmes, Breda Ryan, Angela Downey, Mary Canavan, Breda Holmes.

Glen Rovers — Fiona McCarthy, Mary Ring (Capt), Diana Deane, Marie Ryan, Anne Delaney, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Mary Currid, Anne Hourihan, Ger McCarthy, Therese O'Callaghan, June Hamill.

## FIXTURES

Sunday — All-Ireland Club Championship Final — At Glen Rovers Ground, Cork (2.30) — Glen Rovers v St. Pauls (Kilkenny).



LIZ NEARY: Full-back for St. Pauls.



MARY RING: Captain of Glen Rovers.

## CAMOGIE

# Liz bids for sixth club medal

Founded in 1963, St. Pauls, Kilkenny quickly established itself as one of the top camogie clubs in the game. Five years later, they had reached the pinnacle and were crowned All-Ireland Club champions. On Sunday next, they take on Glen Rovers, Cork in the final of the 1986 championship.

St. Pauls have won the All-Ireland Club Championship on five occasions. They stand equal to the great Wexford club, Buffer's Alley. Only one player, Liz Neary has been part of all St. Pauls victories and will chase a record sixth medal on Sunday.

The name Glen Rovers is known throughout the length and breadth of the country for the feats of its hurlers. It was, of course, the club of the famous Christy Ring. His daughter, Mary will lead out the Glen side on Sunday in their famous black, green and yellow colours.

The Glen Rovers Camogie Club was formed in 1934 and has won fourteen Cork Senior Championships. Among the top class players which the club supplied to Cork over the years are Sheila Cahill, Peggo Lucey, Anna Crotty, Bridie Lucey, Peggy Dorgan, Deirdre Sutton and Stephanie O'Connell.

Glen have three Munster Club titles to great credit. In the first year of the competition, they drew with the eventual winners, Celtic in the semi-final. They overcame Sixmilebridge (Clare) and Granagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) to take this season's Munster title.

There are four All-Ireland senior medal-holders, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Ger McCarthy and Marie Ryan on the Glen team. Anne Delaney, Mary Ring and Mary Currid have played on successful Cork junior sides. Fiona McCarthy, Diana Deane June Hamill and Ann Hourihan hold All-Ireland minor medals.

This is no bad Glen team. But they realise themselves that the task facing them is daunting one. They expect a large home following to urge them on and will be guaranteed to produce to the traditional spirit of the Glen in their play.

Half the St. Pauls side needs no introduction to camogie followers. They can call on six players, Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Anne Downey, Clare Jones, Angela Downey and Breda Holmes who won the 1986 All-Ireland senior championship and helped Leinster to carry off the Gael-Linn trophy.

The remaining six are no novices. Maria Lawlor, Annette Stapleton, Helen Holmes, Caroline Holmes, Brenda Ryan and Mary Canavan are fine club players who will make a positive contribution to the game.

St. Pauls: Maria Lawlor, Liz Neary, Annette Stapleton, Bridie McGarry, Helen Holmes, Anne Downey, Clare Jones, Caroline Holmes, Breda Ryan, Angela Downey, Mary Canavan and Breda Holmes.

Glen Rovers: Fiona McCarthy, Mary Ring (Capt), Diana Deane, Marie Ryan, Anne Delaney, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Mary Currid, Anne Hourihan, Ger McCarthy, Therese O'Callaghan and June Hamill.

## FIXTURE

## SUNDAY

ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL  
At Glen Rovers Grounds, Blackpool, Cork at 2.30. Glen Rovers (Cork) v St. Pauls (Kilkenny).



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Cork Inter-County players, who are in the Glen Rovers squad for next Sunday's All-Ireland Camogie final, are (from left) Marie Ryan, Sandra Fitzgibbon and Geraldine McCarthy with the team trainer Finbarr O'Neill.

### A special day at the Glen Field

# Can the ladies enter the history books?

GLEN ROVERS camogie team will be chasing a place in history on Sunday when they play in the All-Ireland final of the senior championship for the first time. They will be playing on their own Glen Field but they will be opposed by the competition favourites, the talented St. Paul's of Kilkenny, in a match that is timed for 2.30 p.m.

This marks a very special day in the history of the Cork club. They have had to win six matches to reach the final and were close to elimination in the first round . . . they needed a replay to overcome the strong Eire Og team from mid-Cork.

Since then the Glen met and defeated Sarsfields and then Killeagh in the Cork final. They beat Sixmilebridge from Clare, Granagh-Ballinagarry of Limerick and in the All-Ireland semi-final they overcame Athenry in Athenry. The fact that they had to undertake such a long journey helped them secure the final for Blackpool.

The Glen are fully

aware, however, that a mighty task confronts them. St. Paul's have won the All-Ireland senior championship five times and as their last success was in 1977 they are keen to regain the title. They will include at centre-back the experienced Bridie Martin who was on their five winning teams while in the versatile Angela Downey they have one of the best players in the country.

The Glen themselves are not without talented players, of course, and their achievement in reaching the final rates highly. They are fired with a great sense of purpose for every member of the club is very conscious of the historic significance of this match. The nearest they came to winning the Championship until now was in 1964 when they went as far as the semi-final.

The current selection committee includes two ladies who played in that 1964 team . . . Anna Crotty and Deirdre

Sutton. The Glen Chairperson, Nora Newman, was a selector on that occasion and is also on the selection committee this season alongside her daughter and club secretary, Mary McCarthy, and the team's trainer, Finbarr O'Neill, the former Glen and Cork goalkeeper.

St. Paul's have to travel for the final because they were favoured with a home game in the semi-final when they beat Eglis of Co. Tyrone. In the Leinster final they beat Buffer's Alley of Co. Wexford and while Glen are expecting a big Cork attendance in Sunday's final, St. Paul's are so experienced they will not be overawed by the occasion.

In tomorrow's *Evening Echo* we will carry details of the Glen Rovers selection, but, meantime club officials today finalised plans for what should be a very big attendance at the match. Two entrances will be open to facilitate the public . . . the main entrance at Ballyvolane Road and a

second on Ballincollie Road on the Spring Lane side of the ground.





The Glen Rovers camogie squad photographed here at the Glen Field with trainer Finbarr O'Neill.

# Mary Ring leads Glen

GLEN ROVERS will be led by a young lady bearing the most famous name in hurling when they play St. Paul's of Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Camogie Championship final at the Glen Field on Sunday (2.30 start). Mary Ring, daughter of the late Christy, will captain the Glen from full-back in their first final.

"Overall ours is a young team" said Mary today when she stressed how experienced the favourites, St. Paul's, are, "our average age is about twenty and our players are past pupils of a number of schools — North Pres, St. Patrick's, Sacred Heart and St. Als".

Mary has won an All-Ireland junior championship with Cork and she recalls with particular pride the Glen's win in the Cork Senior Championship of 1983. Like the rest of the squad, however, she looks forward to Sunday and the opportunity to achieve the biggest prize in camogie.

"We have been training since February" she said, "the interest is there this year and we have a very good trainer. I hope we win, for Finbarr's sake and for everybody in the club". The Finbarr mentioned by Mary is Finbarr O'Neill, for Glen and Cork goalkeeper who trains the team.

Holds minor and senior medals with Cork. Has won an All-Ireland Colleges medal with North Presentation. Holds senior County and League medals with Glen Rovers. Sandie is also an international basketball player.

**Val Fitzpatrick** (barmaid): Holds junior and senior medals with Cork. Holds All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Aloysius. Has won senior County and League medals with Glen Rovers.

**Mary Currid** (secretary): Has won junior and minor honours with Cork. Holds an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Patrick's. Holds senior County and

League medals with Glen Rovers.

**Therese O'Callaghan** (computer operator): Has won junior honours with Cork. Holds senior County and Munster Club medals with Glen Rovers.

**Ann Hounihan** (housewife): Has won a minor medal with Cork. Holds senior County and a Munster Club medal with Glen Rovers.

**June Hamill** (secretary): Has won a minor medal with Cork. Holds senior County and Munster club medals with Glen Rovers.

**Ger McCarthy** (secretary): Has won minor, junior and senior medals

with Cork. Is currently a senior interprovincial. Holds senior county medals with Glen Rovers.

**Catherine Flynn** (waitress): Holds senior County and Munster club medals with Glen Rovers.

**Denise Cronin** (student): Holds senior County and Munster club medals with Glen Rovers. Has won underage competitions with Glen.

**Carmel Currid** (student): Holds All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Patrick's. Has played minor for Cork. Holds senior County and Munster club medals with Glen Rovers.

**Tracy O'Riordan** (student): Holds an All-

Ireland Colleges medal with St. Patrick's. Has won minor honours with Cork. Holds senior County and Munster club medals with Glen Rovers.

**Ursula Buckley** (teacher): Holds County Championship and Munster Club medals with Glen Rovers.

**Ann Lonergan** (secretary): Holds All-Ireland Colleges medals with St. Patrick's. Has won senior County and Munster club medals with Glen.

**Helena Mullins** (housewife): Holds minor and junior medals with Cork. Has won an All-Ireland Colleges medal with North Presentation.

**Fiona McCarthy** (secretary): Holds minor and junior honours with Cork. Holds an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Patrick's. Has won junior "A" and Junior "B" medals with Glen Rovers.

**Diane Deane** (shop assistant): Has played junior with Cork. Holds an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Patrick's Girls Secondary School. Has won junior "A" and junior "B" medals with Glen Rovers.

**Mary Ring** (capt.) (clerk/typist): Has played at junior and senior grades with Cork. Has won a junior All-Ireland medal with Cork. Has won two senior County medals with Glen Rovers.

**Anne Delaney-O'Donovan** (teacher): Has won minor, junior and senior medals with Cork. Higher Education League medals with UCC. Captained the Glen Rovers side who won the County in 1983.

**Marie Mackey-Ryan** (housewife): Has won senior All-Ireland medals with Cork. Holds senior County and League medals with Glen Rovers. Marie is a squash and badminton interprovincial.

**Sandra Fitzgibbon** (productivity operative):



# Big day for Glen ladies

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GLEN ROVERS Camogie Club will strive to write themselves into the history of the club on Sunday when they meet the Leinster champions St. Pauls of Kilkenny in the All-Ireland club final. Also on Sunday, Douglas and Cloughduv meet in the Junior "A" championship replay at Douglas and the weekend will also see a number of vital under 16 leagues decided.

On Sunday next the Glen Field will be the stage for the final scene of this year's All-Ireland Club series and what a glamorous pairing it has turned out to be. Glen Rovers seeking their first title being opposed by the famed St. Pauls Club of Kilkenny who will be hoping for their sixth title — the last one coming their way in 1977.

St. Pauls are a star-studded side and will start as favourites. They have no fewer than six of the Kilkenny county team which recently won the All-Ireland in their line out including such fine exponents of camogie as the Downey sisters, Angela and Ann, Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Claire Jones and Breda Holmes. These girls are capable of playing a delightful brand of camogie, but it will be interesting to see how they cope with a very resilient and compact Glen side. En route to the final St. Pauls overcame Buffers Alley of Wexford in the Leinster final and English of Tyrone in the All-Ireland semi-final. They are a very resourceful and determined side and are sure to cause problems for the Cork girls.

As a result of traveling to all their recent championship games, Glen Rovers have been favoured with a home venue and this is certain to be a big boost. They had very impressive victories over Sixmilebridge, Granagh-Ballinagarry and Athenry in the lead up to this final, but they will be under no illusion as to the task

confronting them when they meet the Kilkenny champions St. Pauls.

The Glen are a very determined side, full of running. They play a hard uncompromising game and will certainly not give up until the final whistle. They will be spearheaded by full-back and captain Mary Ring and have other top class players in Val Fitzpatrick, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Marie Mackey and Ann Delaney. There is an injury doubt surrounding star corner-forward Ger McCarthy who is troubled by a recurring hamstring problem and her failure to line-out would certainly be a big loss to the Glen.

Glen Rovers are certain to feel the keen edge of St. Pauls challenge on this occasion and they will have to perform at the peak of their powers if they are to savour their first All-Ireland victory in what should be a cracking contest.

Because of this game, all other club matches have been fixed for the morning so all camogie enthusiasts are urged to go to the game.

The Junior "A" championship semi-final replay between Douglas and Cloughduv promises to be another marvellous encounter. The drawn game was an exciting affair with both sides playing some excellent camogie. Douglas must consider themselves unlucky not to have won this game but with the advantage of a home venue on this occasion will be fancied to have a slight edge. They have top-class players in Liz Lynch, the Maher sisters, Mary and Liz and Christine O'Regan and if these girls can again produce the goods, Douglas should advance to their first ever Junior "A" final.

Cloughduv on the other hand are a very determined side and in a position to call on Cork minor keeper Brid Walsh. They have other

excellent players in Geraldine Lynch, Geraldine Lehan and Mary Walsh and these girls will not give into defeat too easily.

## Mary's name has a magic Ring to it

By ISABEL HEALY

Today is a very important day for Mary Ring, from Ballintemple in Cork. This afternoon at the Glenfield, Blackpool, the 20-year-old with the famous name, captains the Glen Rovers camogie team in the All-Ireland club final against St. Paul's, Kilkenny.

This is the first time that the Glen have reached the final and the petite daughter of the famous Cork hurler Christy, captains the team from full-back.

### Hurling

Mary has been playing camogie, which she calls hurling, since her early teens, and played for her school, St. Aloysius. She has also won an All-Ireland Championship medal, with Cork.

The Glen Rovers' team which includes girls from all over the city, is very young, with the majority of the players, aged around 20. They have been training hard since February and Mary says that she feels camogie teams deserve the same star rating as the hurlers. "They train just as hard, and put on just as good a performance".

The camogie team is trained by Cork goalkeeper, Finbarr O'Neill, and if they win today there will be celebrations for all at the Glen Rovers' Club, tonight.

### Temporary

Mary's brother, Christy, aged 23, also plays hurling for Glen Rovers, and will be at the match with her mother, Rita, a great supporter and very encouraging, says Mary.

At present, the captain is working as a temporary typist with the VEC at the County Hall, Cork, a job she enjoys, but her main interest outside of work is camogie. She won't talk about boyfriends.

There are high hopes in the Cork camp for a victory today, and it would mean a lot to the club to win. Mary is glad, however, that there is no Irish camogie team, as she says "There is nobody else to play with — and if we went to Australia, it might be just too rough!"



• ANOTHER Ring in a final



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# Favourites St. Paul's look for sixth title

KILKENNY city camogie club St. Paul's face crunch time on Sunday in the bid for its sixth all-Ireland club title.

The star-studded Kilkenny team will be seeking to bring home its first title for 10 years when it meets Glen Rovers of Cork, in the final.

This will be no easy task. For the Cork side is a robust and well balanced outfit, and has home advantage.

But, overall St. Paul's has the more talented team and this has earned them the favourite tag.

The road to this showdown has been a long and arduous one. Particularly testing was the Leinster final when the Kilkenny club disposed of the challenge of all-Ireland club champions Crumlin.

If St. Paul's can re-create the fierce will to win and the outstanding display they produced on that day, nobody will be able to stop them, according to star player Ann Downey.

"There was a great team atmosphere and we were all determined to get through. If we play as well on Sunday, Cork won't contain us", Ann told the *'People'*.

## Enormous talent

Whatever about qualities like determination, the depth of talent in the Kilkenny side is enormous. Six of the top county players along with leading juniors make up the team.

The formidable county stars are Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Claire Jones, Ann and Angela Downey and Breda Holmes.

Top scorer Angela Downey has been enjoying open season at the expense of all opposition, while defender Bridie McGarry just keeps getting better and better



County junior players Maria Lawlor (goalie), Annette Stapleton and Helen Holmes are proving extremely useful while Caroline Holmes and Mary Canavan produced great form against Crumlin.

Team captain Breda Ryan is a very experienced player, while there are great reserves of

strength in the remaining players Agnes Reddy, Julie Fry and Catherine Neary

While the squad is a good blend of youth and experience, the Cork side also has the same mix. It has four county players — Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Maria Mackey and Mary Ring — while the rest are quite young but talented players.

A factor against them is their inexperience at top club level — this is their first time to contest an Ireland club final and their first time to win out the Cork county championship for a number of years.

The big game will tip off at 2.30 p.m. in the Glen Rovers grounds.



## Meanwhile for Liz it's title No. 7

WHILE her club is seeking to clinch its sixth all-Ireland title on Sunday, stalwart Liz Neary is going for title number seven.

The St. Luke's hospital nurse won an extra title with Austin Stack's club, Dublin.

She was on the St. Paul's team that won the titles in 1968, '69, '70, '74, and '76. *AW — 05*

## Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael



CRAOBHCHOMÓRTAS IDIR-CHLUB - CLUICHE CEANNAIS na hÉIREANN

BAILE an GHLEANNA (Corcaigh) v NAOMH PÓL (Cill Chainnigh)

26 Deireadh Fómhair 1986 ag 2.30 i.n. Baile an Ghleanna Corcaigh.

Clár Oifigiúil  
Luach 20p

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# Spirit lifts Glen girls

BY MARK WOODS

Glen Rovers 4-11; St. Paul's (Kilkenny) 5-7

THE undeniable "spirit of the Glen" helped Glen Rovers to their first All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship, when they edged out St. Paul's in a dramatic final, which provided an extraordinary and controversial finish, before a huge crowd at the Glen Field yesterday.

Galway referee, Kathleen Quinn, sent off Glen player Ann Delaney-O'Donovan for a foul on St. Paul's star player Angela Downey early in the nine minutes of injury time and the Kilkenny forward took no further part in the action.

Downey, who finished with 4-5, had brought her side back to equality by scoring two fine goals in 60 seconds with normal time up, just when the Glen appeared to be heading for an historic victory. However 90 seconds into injury time Sandra Fitzgibbon burst forward from midfield to score the winning point.

## ON ATTACK

In the remaining minutes the losers threw everything into attack and the Glen defence had to withstand fierce pressure before eventually weathering the storm. They finished on the attack and the final whistle resulted in some incredible scenes as the winners celebrated.

Overall it was a splendid contest

with the lead changing hands regularly and the sides being on level terms five times. The game had many outstanding personalities, but the Glen's Val Fitzpatrick and Angela Downey stood out. Between them they totalled 5-11 and Fitzpatrick was awarded the 'Player of the Match' award, sponsored by Moremiles.

Following a hectic first half, the Glen led by 3-3 to 2-4 after St. Paul's held the lead four times. Ann Connolly's injury time goal gave the Glen a huge boost, but within 50 seconds of the re-start Downey grabbed the second of her four goals to set the scene.

They were level again at 3-5 each 10 minutes into the half before the Glen struck a purple patch. Therese O'Callaghan knocked in their last goal and then Fitzpatrick hit over three points in addition to another from June Hamill. They seemed to be heading for an emphatic victory until Downey's dramatic burst. Fitzgibbon, however, saw that justice was done with her winning point.

Scorers: Glen Rovers — V. Fitzpatrick (1-6, 0-5 frees), T. O'Callaghan (1-2); J. Hamill (1-1); A. Connolly (1-0); G. McCarthy and S. Fitzgibbon (0-1) each.

St. Paul's — Angela Downey (4-5, 0-2 '90's, 0-2 frees); B. Holmes (1-0); C. Jones and Ann Downey (0-1) each.

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, D. Deane, M. Ring, captain, A. Delaney-O'Donovan, M.

Mackey-Ryan, M. Currid, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, T. O'Callaghan, G. McCarthy, J. Hamill, A. Connolly.

St. Paul's: M. Lawlor, L. Neary, A. Stapleton, B. McGarry, H. Holmes, C. Jones, Ann Downey, C. Holmes, B. Ryan, B. Holmes, Angela Downey, M. Canavan. Sub: C. Neary for Stapleton.

Referee K. Quinn (Galway).

## Glorious Glen

GLEN ROVERS' win in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship at the Glen Field yesterday marked an historic first win for the club at this level. It was made all the more memorable because it was achieved against a St. Paul's, Kilkenny, team that was very highly rated.

Glen upset the predictions on their own ground with some exhilarating hurling. They used the pace of their young side to good advantage, playing first-time, ground hurling where possible and they were rewarded with a 4-11 to 5-7 win after an enthralling contest.

Glen were inspired by the accurate Val Fitzpatrick, who scored 1-6 of their total and who was awarded the "Player of the Match" award. Her performance was matched on the Kilkenny side by the famed Angela Downey, one of the many Kilkenny inter-county players with St. Paul's.

Angela scored a marvellous 4-5 of St. Paul's total and threatened to spoil the Glen's day of triumph with two goals in the final minutes that brought St. Paul's level. Only minutes before the Glen looked to be heading for a comfortable win, but they reacted to the St. Paul's come-back

by bursting upfield for Sandra Fitzgibbon to shoot the winning point in injury time.

The final whistle sparked off hectic scenes of celebration as the Glen, who were captained by Mary Ring, daughter of the late Christy, rejoiced in their triumph.

## Injury to Angela ended club's title hopes

GLENROVERS (Cork) ..... 4-11 (23 pts)

ST. PAUL'S (Kilkenny) ..... 5-7 (22 pts)

A SINGLE point denied brave St. Paul's of a prized addition to their glittering list of camogie honours.

All-Ireland senior club championship title number six just eluded the Kilkenny city outfit by the minimum margin at windy Glen Rovers grounds, in Cork, on Sunday.

This was a bitter blow as the side had mounted a brilliant comeback in the second half only to be edged out for the top spot.

A vital factor in their defeat was the loss of their star forward through injury five minutes from the end. St. Paul's were just that vital point behind when Angela Downey was the victim of a particularly nasty foul for which Cork player Ann Delaney was sent off.

Without her the attack lacked total fire and their cause was hopeless.

## Tough task

Overall the Kilkenny side found the going very rough against the tough-tackling Cork team, and before a very partisan home crowd of over 3,000 people.

Ironically while Glen Rovers had the better balanced and more skilful all-round team, St. Paul's could have won the match, all because of Angela Downey who just keeps getting better and better.

She scored 4-4 of her side's total and tore the Cork defence to shreds. The game was up for St. Paul's when she was put out of action.

"Without doubt she would have pulled the game out of the bag. The nasty stroke right across the face which knocked



Angela Downey.

her out of the game was a disgrace", a St. Paul's official told the 'People'.

It was Angela who struck first blood in this high-scoring game with a point from a free. Cork hit back quickly and the sides swapped scores until the break when Glen Rovers led by two points, 3-3 to 2-4.

Angela again put St. Paul's ahead by a point just after the resumption with a fine goal. Glen then stepped up the pace and worked up a six-point lead.

Angela struck back by cracking in two goals to leave the sides level.

With the game going into injury time (which lasted a lengthy nine minutes), Cork's Sandy Fitzgibbon took possession, soloed down the field and taking advantage of a lapse in defence, grabbed a controversial point which proved the match-winner.

Shortly after this Angela had to leave the field and try as they could, St. Paul's just could not rescue the game and the title.

Apart from Angela Downey, impressive for St.



Paul's were Bridie McGarry, Breda Holmes, Claire Jones and Ann Downey.

For Glen Rovers centres Val Fitzpatrick and Sandy Fitzgibbon were very useful, along with top forward Ger McCarthy. All three are members of the Cork county team.

Scorers for St. Paul's were: Angela Downey (4-4), Ann Downey (0-2); Breda Holmes (1-0); Claire Jones (0-1).

St. Paul's: Marie Lawlor, Liz Neary, Annette Stapleton, Bridie McGarry, Helen Holmes, Caroline Holmes, Ann Downey, Claire Jones, Breda Ryan, Breda Holmes, Angela Downey, Mary Canavan. Subs: Catherine Neary for Annette Stapleton, Annette Stapleton for Angela Downey (injured).



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A husband-and-wife team who can boast of a rare sporting achievement — Mary (Mackey) and Michael Ryan of Glen Rovers.

## Talented husband and wife team

BY  
**MICHAEL ELLARD**  
WHEN Glen Rovers excitingly defeated St. Paul's of Kilkenny in the recent classic All-Ireland club camogie final one of the Glen's stars Mary Mackey-Ryan was completing a unique family double.

Because previous to the Glen ladies' historic All-Ireland triumph Mary's husband Michael, a sterling corner forward, won two All-Ireland senior club hurl-

ing championship medals with the famed Blackpool club.

A native of Blarney Mary first took up camogie under the aegis of Billy Walsh and Fr. Dunne in the picturesque tourist village. Her talents quickly blossomed. She joined the Glen in 1972. And it has been success all the way for this charming young mother of two.

She has been one of the most outstanding members of the Glen teams

that have emblazoned their name in glory by winning an intermediate county, two senior counties and an All-Ireland championship in recent years.

Mary has also had a glittering intercounty career winning an All-Ireland junior medal and two seniors with her native Cork. But completing a unique family double with hubby Michael has given her an immense glow of satisfaction.

## Val's unique achievements



Val Fitzpatrick, photographed here with her two All-Ireland club medals and the crystal trophy she won as winner of the "Player of the Match" award in the All-Ireland Camogie final.

VAL FITZPATRICK completed a unique set of sports trophies when she helped Glen Rovers win the All-Ireland Club Senior Camogie Championship recently. Val is the holder of an All-Ireland senior championship medal for Gaelic football and now has a full set of senior camogie medals.

She was in midfield when Glen Rovers beat St. Paul's of Kilkenny to win the Senior Camogie Championship for the first time and recalling the win she said: "It was a great game to win because it was so close. Kilkenny had won the Inter-County All-Ireland and they were very keen to add the club title.

"It was score for score in the final and the match could have gone either way. We beat a good team and that added to our satisfaction."

Val was in midfield also when she helped Watergrasshill win the football championship in 1981. She has been a regular member of Cork senior camogie team since 1979.

She won an All-Ireland junior title with Cork in 1973; won two senior All-Ireland titles with Cork in 1982 and '83 and two National League medals, second this year. On Sunday she helped Cork win the Munster Championship by beating Tipperary at Borrisokane.

Val played camogie first with St. Aloysius while she can look back at a distinguished career at all levels, she admits to taking most pride in Glen Rovers' win. "Really, when we beat Kilkenny in the Cork final we thought that was marvelous," she said, "then we won the Munster title beating Ballingarry and we thought that was the best of all."

"Really, I suppose, that was what made it good for us; we just took each game in turn. I was delighted because everybody had worked hard since February and it was great to win for trainer, Finbarr O'Neill."



The Glen setting up another attack during yesterday's All-Ireland Camogie Club final at the Glen Field.



# Cork v Tipp in Munster final

BIG game of the coming weekend will be the Munster Senior Championship final between Cork and Tipperary. On the local front Cloyne and St. Finbarr's replay their Intermediate championship semi-final and the weekend will also see a number of Junior 'B' first round championship games decided.

Because of the open draw system for the All-Ireland series the Munster Championship is a separate competition, and on Sunday next Cork travel to Borrisokane to play Tipperary in the final of this year's decider. Cork have been very successful in this competition down through the years, but could face a tough game on Sunday. Tipperary have prepared well for this game and are very determined to take the honours this year.

The Cork selectors have named the same team as lined out for the All-Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny. Marian McCarthy from Eire Og will once again guard the posts. Clubmate Eileen Dineen will be at full-back, with Marie Mackey and Mary Spillane on the wings. Cathy Landers who showed a return to her old form in the Kilkenny game is at centre back. Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick and Lynda Mellerick form the centre-field line. Margaret Farrell retains her position at centre-forward. Mary Geaney will be in her usual position at full-forward, with Irene O'Leary on the right wing and Colette O'Mahony on the left.

The intermediate semi-final, replay between St. Finbarr's and Cloyne promises to be another close encounter. The drawn game was an exciting affair with victory in doubt up to the final whistle. The addition of the Costine sisters, Marie and Kathleen, has added much needed experience to the Cloyne side. Both players played a major part in the first game and denied the Barrs of a number of scores. If the Cloyne girls can repeat this performance on Sunday they could put a stop to the Barrs progress.

St. Finbarr's on the other hand will be hoping for a hundred per cent improvement in their game. They missed a number of scoring opportunities in the drawn game, and were lucky to come away with a draw. This was the Barrs first championship game and they are sure to have learned a lot from it. They have excellent players in Miriam O'Donovan, Ann Christie, Deirdre Ryan, Fiona O'Sullivan and Toinette Santry and if these girls find form on the day the Barrs could just edge it.

In the Junior 'B' Championship, St. Fanahans who have fine players in Mary Twomey and Tina O'Brien, should prove too strong for Bishopstown's second squad. Fr. O'Neill's should get the better of Grenagh who are fielding in the Junior 'B' grade for the first time this year.

Bride Rovers who will be looking to the experience of Cork minor Catherine O'Sullivan will be expected to do well against Erin's Own.

Sarsfields should have too much experience for newcomers Barryroe, while there should be very little between Blackrock and Passage.

In the final game last year's county finalists Courcey Rovers will be expected to advance, despite the efforts of Fr. Mathews girls Ger Ring and Eleanor Hackett.

## FIXTURES

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Munster Senior Final,

Cork v Tipperary at Borrisokane at 3 p.m.

Intermediate Championship semi-final replay, St. Finbarr's v Cloyne at 3 p.m.

Junior 'B' Championship, St. Fanahans v Bishopstown at St. Fanahans at 3 p.m. Ref. Watergrasshill; Fr. O'Neill's v Grenagh at Fr. O'Neill's at 3 p.m. Ref. Churchtown; Bride Rovers v Erin's Own at Bride Rovers at 12 noon. Ref. St. Catherine's; Barryroe

v Sarsfields at Barryroe at 11.30. Ref. Newcestown; Passage v Blackrock at Passage at 3 p.m. Ref. Douglas; Courcey Rovers v Fr. Mathews at Courcey Rovers at 3 p.m. Ref. Ballinascarty.

Under-16 League, Glen Rovers v Na Piarsaigh at Na Piarsaigh at 12 noon. Ref. Brian Dillons.

Under-14 League, Aghabullogue v Ballinascarty at Coachford at 12 noon. Ref. Ballinascarty.



Peter Hoey, Chairman of the Louth Camogie Board, presenting the Player of the Match trophy to the Kilanny full back, Mary McCabe, after her team who are Monaghan Senior champions, had defeated Saint Annes, Louth Champions, in the final of the Windoghlaze Senior Camogie League.

## The pride of Blackpool



The girls who created history — Glen Rovers camogie team, winners of the All-Ireland Senior Championship for the first time yesterday.

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# Cork must be fancied for title hat-trick

MATCHES between Tipperary and Cork in the Munster camogie championship in the 50s and 60s were eagerly-awaited events. Since then, the Jesuits have swung clearly in Cork's favour due to the flourishing state of the game in that county and to poor administration in Tipperary.

These counties meet once again in the Munster Senior final at Drumbane on Sunday next (2.30). The National League fixture between them ended 3-10 to 1-3 in Cork's favour. Tipperary have recently concluded their internal championships in which Cashel

took the senior title and Roscrea gained a success in the intermediate grade.

Anne Gleeson, Ger Ryan and Rosie Ryan turned out for Munster in the Gael-Linn and will be in action for Tipperary. They should be joined by Mary Griffin, Jenny English, Mona Quigley, Kirsty McCluskey and Maura Hackett.

## HAT-TRICK HOPE

Cork have not been in action since they were left speechless by Kilkenny's late goals in the all-Ireland semi-final. The majority of that team should line out on Sunday, particularly the young players Mary Spillane, Colette O'Mahony

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Irene O'Leary and Linda Mellerick.

Cork will be led by Marion McCarthy and the team may also include Cathy Landers, Val Fitzpatrick, Liz Dunphy, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Marie Ryan. Cork, who have already lifted the provincial minor and under-18 titles will be hoping for a hat-trick.

The recent Dublin convention voted to discontinue the special privilege of university players whereby they may play for both University club and their home club. Dublin consider that

students should choose one or other club, and propose to forward this as a motion to Congress.

## OFFICERS STAY

Convention passed a by-law setting up a disciplinary committee which would handle matters arising from referees' reports. The decision of this committee would be passed to the County Board to be recorded. The County Board would have no other function and any appeals against the decisions of the disciplinary Committee would go direct to Leinster Council.

The existing team of officials will remain in office for the coming year and

they are: Gretta Gray (chairperson), Kathleen Timmins (vice-chairperson), Aine Derham (secretary), Anne Carey (treasurer) and Rita Whyte (P.R.O.).

The Dublin Leagues got off to a great start due to the fine weather over the past number of weeks. The break-up of the An Caisleain Club has benefited Celtic, as Anne Thorpe, Toni O'Byrne and Siobhan and Mairead Cronin have affiliated with Celtic and will make the Coolock side very difficult to beat.

A great spirited performance from Glen Rovers brought the club their first All-Ireland Club Championship on Sunday. In a

# Colleges quarter-finals the big attraction

THE colleges season is in full swing and making excellent progress in the firm pitches. Munster Colleges Council have reached the quarter-final stage of their senior championship with four attractive matches listed for Saturday.

The visit of Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, to Shannon is eagerly awaited. Both St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon and Scoil Mhuire are former All-Ireland champions and have made considerable impact on the colleges scene.

Shannon are looking good this season. They dispatched North Pres., Cork in the opening round by the impressive scoreline of 6-7 to 0-1.

Their team is based on the panel of players who reached the All-Ireland Colleges Junior final in 1984. Included in their lineout are Catherine Molloy, Mary Higgins, Tara Magee, Evan Drysdale and Patricia Divinny.

## GLORY DAYS

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, have not enjoyed the same level of success as they did in their glory days of the seventies. They played a very exciting game with Presentation, Bandon, in the first round, which finished with the unusual score of 0-4 to 0-2. Valerie Strappe, Noreen Tobin, Sinead Ryan, Helen Carew and Geraldine Loneragan will strive hard in an effort to see Scoil Mhuire advance.

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The holders, St. Patrick's, Cork, travel to Ennis to meet Colaiste Muire in another attractive clash. The St. Patrick's team will contain several newcomers to senior camogie as ten of last season's panel have left the school.

Coach John Ring works hard with his players and rarely fields a poor side. While they may not be up to the standard of last season, a side containing Viv O'Brien, Tracey O'Riordan, Mary Mulcahy, Niam Cotter and Karen Mollerick is no bad one.

Colaiste Muire reached the All-Ireland junior final in 1985. These girls

have matured in the meantime and are ready for senior competition. On duty for Colaiste will be Catherine O'Loughlin, who won widespread acclaim for her display in the All-Ireland junior final, Claire Bracken, Angela Kileen, Emer Landy and Shelley Hegarty. This game should be very

Last year's All-Ireland Colleges junior champions, St. Mary's, Charleville, play host to St. Joseph's, Tulla, in the third game. While the 1987/88 titles may be their realistic aim, they will have a go this season. Frances Broderick, Eve Watson, Helen Cagney, Frances Cremin and Claire O'Callaghan are their big names.

St. Joseph's, Tulla, took finalists, St. Aloysius, to a

replay at the semi-final stage last season. With Clare minors Emma O'Halloran, Yvonne McInerney, Mairead Twomey and L. Quinn on their side, they will severely test St. Mary's.

The fourth game matches St. Aloysius, Cork and their city rivals, Christ the King, St. Aloysius came very close to collecting provincial honours last season and are hopeful of a good run. If Sheenagh Morley, Fiona O'Sullivan, Brid Kelleher, Irene O'Keefe and Ber Power play to form, St. A's should advance.

Christ the King have not made an impact at this level in recent seasons. They have an outstanding defender in Deirdre Ryan, but she



The Kilkenny under-14 camogie team who defeated Offaly in the 1986 Leinster final pictured with their trainer, Nicholas Lambert at their victory social in Freshford.



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# Shannon hard to stop

DOWN TO the last four, the Munster Colleges Senior Championship has reached a very exciting stage. In a most attractive tie, two Clare schools, St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon and Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, clash on Saturday. The second semi-final will go ahead at Charleville where St. Marys entertain St. Aloysius, Cork.

In the past decade, Clare schools have figured prominently in Munster Colleges competitions. However, only St. Patrick's, Shannon have taken the senior championship. They did so in 1978 and again in 1982 when they went all the way in the All-Ireland championship.

Shannon have a good all-round side this season. They have ousted North Pres. Cork and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, two schools with strong tradition, from the competition. At club level, Shannon are doing extremely well in Clare. The club has swept the boards at underage level.

In 1984, Shannon cap-

tured the Munster Colleges junior championship and won their way to Croke Park. The majority of these payers form the senior team. Strong in all departments, St. Patrick's will be hard to stop. In Catherine Molloy, Lorna O'Flaherty, Elaine McTaggart, Mary Higgins and Evan Drysdale, they have excellent performers.

Colaiste Mhuire hit the headlines in 1985 when they took the Munster junior title in style. Somewhat overawed in the All-Ireland final, they failed to find their true form until the closing minutes. Now these players are seniors and have shown fine form in the current championships.

They overcame St. Marys, Middleton in the opening round. Deposing the holders, St. Patrick's, Cork, by the comfortable margin of seven points will have given great confidence to the team.

## TRUMP CARD

Colaiste have a trump card in Catherine O'Loughlin. St. Patrick's were unable to put reins on her and her scores

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made the difference between the sides. Catherine's style is well known to Shannon and no doubt Fr. McNamara and Gerry Arkins will have plans to keep her in tow.

However, Colaiste are by no means a one girl outfit. Clare Bracken, Angela Killeen, Anne Hennessy, Jackie McCarthy, Mary Sheehy, and Brid Rohan will be most anxious to pull one over on their neighbours.

St. Marys, Charleville proved to be an outstanding junior team when they captured the All-Ireland Colleges title last season. They have moved up to the senior grade with their eye on the 1987/88 championship.

Their performance against St. Josephs Tulla suggests that any opponents taking them for granted in the current competition would be foolish indeed. St. Josephs have always been a difficult side to overcome.

The inexperienced St. Marys team finished 2-1 to 0-2 ahead.

Frances Broderick is the powerhouse of the team. She drives forward time and again from the centre-back position. She has able helpmates in Eve Watson, Frances Cremin, Helen Cagney, Clare O'Callaghan and Mairead Cagney and will really put it up to St. Aloysius.

A last minute goal deprived St. Aloysius of the 1986 title. Since then, their aim has been to take the Dripsey Cup this season. Nine of their final side are again available including Brid Kelleher, Sheenagh Morley, Fiona O'Sullivan, Deirdre Carroll and Irene O'Keefe. If they play to their true potential, they can reach another final.

The weekend will be a busy one for the universities. On Saturday, the new talent will be on display in the Freshers Cup. On Sunday, the AGM of the CCIA takes place and the main item on the agenda will be the election of a new president to succeed Mary Rose O'Connor.

## SCARIFF ADVANCE

Scariff Comm. College ..... 7-4  
Laurel Hill F.C.J. .... 2-2

Scariff Community College defeated Laurel Hill FCJ in the first round of the Munster Schools intermediate camogie championship played at the Mary Immaculate College training grounds on Tuesday last. The winners started nervously but they went in at the break leading on the score of 1-2 to 0-1.

On the resumption the Limerick side showed more determination but a brace of goals from Scariff put the Clare girls in command. Indeed, Scariff's ability to pick off scores in the second half proved to be the main difference between the sides.

Overall it was a pleasing performance from Scariff's point of view and team coach Jack Treacy must be looking forward to the next round which is against Rathkeale Community School on Tuesday next at Scariff venue.

Scariff's main scorers were Una Kavanagh, Pauline O'Brien, Geraldine Sexton, Claire Henchy, Sinead O'Brien, and Noelle Boyce. Outstanding players were Clodagh O'Brien, Noelle Boyce, Margaret Nugent, Gillian Sexton, and Pauline O'Brien.

Scariff: Marie Collins, Maggie Nugent, Evelyn O'Brien, Ann Burke, Nuala O'Brien, Gillian Sexton, Pauline O'Brien, Clodagh O'Brien, Sinead O'Brien, Noelle Boyce, Una Kavanagh, Aileen Minogue.

Subs: Geraldine Sexton, Claire Henchy, Teresa Callinan.

## Colleges semi-final on Saturday

Camogie is in a very strong footing in Clare presently, particularly in the schools and proof of this is the fact that Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis and St. Patrick's Comprehensive school from Shannon have qualified for the semi-final of the Munster colleges senior camogie championship.

The sides meet in the semi-final on this Saturday at 3 p.m. at either the Eire Og grounds or Roslevin in Ennis and this game is sure to attract one of the biggest crowds to a camogie fixture in the county for some time.

The Ennis school side which is trained and managed by Mick Meagher, has already made history by winning their first matches in the provincial senior championship with impressive displays against St. Mary's Middleton and St. Patrick's of Cork who were the holders.

St. Pats. from Shannon are not new to victories in the senior camogie champ. but

have been far from impressive in this year's campaign. They have defeated North Presentation, Cork and Scoil Mhuire of Cashel to reach this stage but the opposition in each case was weak.

A number of the all Ireland winning Clare junior side will be in action as well as some who were unlucky not to make that panel. Shannon will have Patricia Diviney, Eavan Drysdale and Catherine Molloy in their side while the Colaiste will look to Patricia O'Grady, Catherine O'Loughlin and Clare Bracken to lead the way.

A tremendous game is expected and little should separate them at the final whistle.

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COLLEGES FRESHERS 7-A-SIDE at Roslevin—Semi-finals: UCG 1-0, UUJ 'A' 5-1; St. Mary's 1-1, St. Pat's 0-0. Final: St. Pat's 0-0, UUJ 'A' 0-2 (M. Barron 3-0, M. McCusker 1-2, M. Brown 1-0).



# Hectic times for East Cork fans

THE Intermediate and Junior 'A' Championship finals cancelled on November 9 due to bad weather conditions will now go ahead on Sunday next at Caherlag, and what a hectic day it will be for camogie followers in East Cork with no less than three East Cork clubs contesting this year's finals. The Intermediate final will be a local derby between near neighbours Cloyne and Fr. O'Neill's and this will be preceded by the Junior 'A' final between Killeagh and Cloughduv.

The Intermediate final promises to be a marvellous encounter with both clubs seeking their first Intermediate title. Fr. O'Neill's impressive winners of last year's Junior 'A' championship will start as favourites for this game. They have been playing with great determination all through the championship campaign and have recorded comprehensive victories over Ballinora and Glen Rovers in earlier rounds. They will be spearheaded by such fine players as Josephine Rumley, Margaret Finn, Fiona O'Driscoll and Ann Marie Griffin and with players of this calibre available to them it is hard to see the Cloyne girls holding them.

Cloyne had a convincing win over Éire Óg in their first round but faced a much tougher challenge in their semi-final clash with St. Finbarr's. This game went to a replay which they eventually won with just one point to spare. The addition of the Costine sisters Marie and Kathleen has added much needed experience to this Cloyne side with both players playing a major part in their recent victories. They have other fine players in Aisling and Geraldine Costine, Deirdre O'Shea and Liz Barry but only top-class performances will suffice from these girls if they are to overcome the strong all-round strength of the Fr. O'Neill's side.

In the Junior final Killeagh will strive to bring further honours to their native place when they meet Cloughduv. Killeagh defeated in last year's decider by Fr. O'Neill's will be very anxious to make amends this year. They had impressive victories over Brian Dillons, Bishopstown, and Inniscarra in earlier rounds and looked a useful side. The Killeagh lineout includes a number of players whose sisters have already brought such great success to this famed village and these include Delores Joyce, Imelda Leahy, Monica Keniry and Sandra Landers. They have other fine players in Vera Motherway and Noreen Barry and if these girls can repeat their recent performances Killeagh might just edge it.

Cloughduv on the other hand have made great strides in recent years. They play a hard uncompromising game and will certainly not give up until the final whistle. En route to the final they had convincing victories over Aghabullogue and Ballincollig in earlier rounds but had to fight very hard to overcome a strong Douglas side in the semi-final. They have top-class players in the Walsh sisters Brid and Mary, Ann Barry, Karina McCarthy and Patricia Lynch and if these girls produce the goods it could be neck and neck to the final whistle.

In the Junior 'B' championship Sarsfields will be expected to do well against St. Catherine's while the Courcy Rovers/Bishopstown game should be a closely-contested affair.

**Intermediate Championship:** Cloyne v Fr. O'Neill's at Caherlag at 2.45. Ref. O'Donovan.

**Junior 'A' Championship:** Killeagh v Cloughduv at Caherlag at 1.30. Ref. McDonnell.

**Junior 'B' Championship:** Sarsfields v St. Catherine's at 12 noon. Ref. St. Fin.

**Under-16 Championship:** Newcastle v Glen Rovers at 12 noon. Ref. St. Fin.

**Under-18 League:** Ballinacorney v Ballinacorney at 12 p.m. Ref. T. O'Sullivan.



The Killeagh team which won the County Junior Camogie Championship with a victory over Cloughduv at Caherlag last Sunday. (Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)



KEEPING AN EYE OUT: Geraldine Lynch, Cloughduv, gets in her clearance, despite the challenge of Killeagh's Fidelma O'Connor, during the Cork county junior camogie championship final in Caherlag, yesterday. ("Examiner")



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## Double

**Intermediate Final:**  
Fr. O'Neills 3-8  
Cloyne 1-2

**Junior Final:**  
Killeagh 4-2  
Cloghdubh 1-1

Three minutes from the short whistle Anne Barry opened the scoring for Cloghdubh from a free.

The second half was more competitive, with Cloghdubh marking the Killeagh danger girls, yet despite a goal in the 7th minute of this half, they failed to score again, while Killeagh's attack could only muster a single point from Dolores Joyce.

Best for the winners: Siobhan Linehan, Vera Motherway, Monica Motherway, Maria Kelly, Fidelma O'Connor, Dolores Joyce, Imelda Leahy, Noreen Barry.

For Cloghdubh: Colette O'Connell, Brid Walsh, Carina McCarthy, Helen Callinan and Mary Walsh impressed.

**Killeagh:** Siobhan Linehan, Vera Motherway, Sandra Landers, Marie Kelly, Una O'Connor, Helen O'Connor, Dolores Joyce, Fidelma O'Connor, Noreen Barry, Imelda Leahy, Monica Keniry.

**Cloghdubh:** Brid Walsh, Geraldine Lynch, Patricia Lynch, Bridget O'Sullivan, Bernie Lynch, Ethna Burton, Helen Callinan, Carina McCarthy, Mary Walsh, Una Leahy, Anne Barry Murphy, Collette O'Connell.

**Referee:** Breda McDonnell, Na Piarasigh.

**Fr. O'Neills v Cloyne**

A brilliant individual display of scoring by Mary Kennefick proved to be the decisive factor in an exciting Intermediate championship final in the second clash at Caherlag. Mary scoring 2-7 of her side's total of 3-8.

The game opened on a lively note and inside 10 seconds Fr. O'Neills were a goal ahead when Josephine Rumbley had the ball in the back of the net. From the long puck out by Kathleen Costine, one of six sisters on the Cloyne panel, Mary O'Brien equalised, all inside the first minute. Mary Kennefick got her first score in the 7th minute, but veteran Marie Costine O'Donovan replied with a point from a 'thirty'.

Playing against the wind, Fr. O'Neills looked the better side and with Kennefick picking off four more points they led by 1-5 to 1-1, with 30 seconds to half-time. Then winning a free Cloyne, through Marie O'Donovan, reduced the leeway with a point.

Fr. O'Neills got away to a great start inside two minutes of the second half. Mary Kennefick scored a brilliant goal from 15 metres, one of the best goals seen for many a long day. Cloyne did have a number of frees, but failed to

capitalise on the supply of the ball their attack received.

Mary Kennefick continued to score and entering the fifteenth minute of the second half, Fr. O'Neills were 3-7 to 1-2 ahead.

For good measure Margaret Finn got the final score of a local derby played in a true sporting spirit. For Fr. O'Neills it is from junior in 1985 to senior in 1987, a great feat for such a young club.

Best for the winners were, Eileen Hennessy in goals; Carri Shanahan, Geraldine Swayne, Norma O'Driscoll, Breda Shanahan, Margaret Finn, Mary Kennefick.

Best for Cloyne, Kathleen Costine, Rita Costine Shinnick, Geraldine Costine, Marie Costine O'Donovan, Pauline Barry.

**Fr. O'Neills:** Eileen Hennessy, Geraldine Swayne, Anne Marie Griffin, Carri Shanahan, Breda Shanahan, Norma O'Driscoll, Miriam Sloane, Margaret Finn, Margaret Aherne, Fiona O'Driscoll, Mary Kennefick, Josephine Rumbley. Subs.: Angela Flavin for Margaret Aherne, injured. Other subs. Mary Hyde, Josephine Leahy, Sandra Finn, Frances Hennessy.

**Cloyne:** Kathleen Costine, Rita Costine Shinnick, Deirdre O'Shea, Geraldine Costine, Pauline Barry, Liz Barry, Fidelma O'Shea, Mary O'Brien, Marie Motherway, Marie Costine O'Donovan, Joan O'Brien. Sub. Bernadette Costine O'Sullivan for Aisling Costine. Other subs. Alice Smith, Sharon Dorgan, Kathleen Hegarty, Breda Griffin.

**Referee:** Annette O'Donovan, Glen Rovers.

## FR. O'NEILL'S, KILLEAGH CHAMPIONS

Fr. O'Neill's 3-8,  
Cloyne 1-2

**THE Cork Co. Intermediate and junior camogie championship titles rest in East Cork after one-sided finals at a bitterly cold Caherlag yesterday. Fr. O'Neills took the intermediate title with Killeagh winning the junior decider.**

Mary Kennefick was the star of Fr. O'Neill's decisive victory, scoring a massive total of 2-7, including a spectacular goal two minutes after the resumption which killed the Cloyne challenge.

Despite playing against the strong wind, the winners, a combination from Ballymacoda and Ladysbridge, got the ideal start with a goal by Josephine Rumbley after only 10 seconds.

Before the first minute had elapsed Cloyne were on level terms when Mary O'Brien scored from close range, but they failed to take advantage of the wind and found themselves in dire straits at the interval, trailing by 1-5 to 1-2, with Kennefick accounting for five points.

Any hopes Cloyne had of a comeback were shattered within two minutes when Kennefick doubled on the ball and crashed home an unstoppable goal. That finished the contest and the same player grabbed

her second goal eight minutes from full time.

Scorers Fr. O'Neill's: M. Kennefick (2-7, 0-3 frees), J. Rumbley (1-0), M. Finn (0-1). Cloyne: M. O'Brien (1-0), M. O'Donovan (0-2).

**Fr. O'Neill's:** E. Hennessy, A. Griffin, G. Swayne, B. Shanahan, C. Shanahan, N. O'Driscoll, M. Sloane, M. Finn, F. O'Driscoll, M. Aherne, J. Rumbley, M. Kennefick. Sub. A. Flavin for Aherne injured.

**Cloyne:** K. Costine, A. Costine, R. Shinnick, D. O'Shea, G. Costine, P. Barry, L. Barry, F. O'Shea, M. O'Brien, M. Motherway, M. O'Donovan, J. O'Brien. Sub. B. O'Sullivan for A. Costine.

**Referee:** A. O'Donovan (Glen Rovers)

**Killeagh 4-2,  
Cloghdubh 1-1**

Four first-half goals when playing against the strong wind helped Killeagh to the junior title. Noreen Barry and Dolores Joyce shared the goals as the winners tore the Cloghdubh defence apart.

The expected rush of goals in the second-half failed to materialise and Cloghdubh had the satisfaction of scoring the only goal after the break when Mary Walsh netted. Joyce contributed Killeagh's only score of the second half, a point near the end.

Scorers, Killeagh: D. Joyce (2-1), N. Barry (2-0), M. Keniry (0-1). Cloghdubh: M. Walsh (1-0) and A. Barry-Murphy (0-1).

**Killeagh:** S. Lenihan, V. Motherway, M. Motherway, S. Landers, U. O'Connor, M. Kelly, H. O'Connor, D. Joyce, F. O'Connor, N. Barry, I. Leahy, M. Keniry.

**Cloghdubh:** B. Walsh, G. Lynch, P. Lynch, B. O'Sullivan, B. Lynch, E. Burton, H. Callinan, C. McCarthy, M. Walsh, U. Leahy, A. Barry-Murphy, C. O'Connell. Subs. L. Dunlea for B. Lynch and B. Lynch for Burton.

**Referee:** B. McDonnell (Na Piarasigh)



Action from the Cloyne/Fr. O'Neills Intermediate Camogie final played at Caherlag. Fr. O'Neills emerged victorious.



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## New pairings set for final

THE announcement of the 1987 Open Draw turns attention to the forthcoming season and the prospects of the various counties. One thing that the draw has decided is that a new pairing will be seen in the final.

Kilkenny, the champions have contested the final with Dublin in the past two seasons. One of these counties will eliminate the other en route to the final. Limerick decided not to enter a team for this championship. Thus the number participating is reduced to nine counties.

In the only preliminary round, Galway will be at home to Down. Junior champions in 1985, Galway upgraded several players for this year's championship. They gave a good account of themselves going down to Wexford by the narrow margin of two points.

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These girls will be better able to manage the higher grade in the coming series and should be strong enough to make progress. Down had their problems before travelling to play Cork this year and were heavily defeated. Plans for next season are already in hands and they look forward to a vast improvement.

The winners of the preliminary round have a date with Dublin in the next round. Dublin have figured in the last five All-Ireland Finals but only managed to win one. The Dublin players were very disappointed with their showing last September and will be eager to compensate their fans with better results.

Kilkenny will open the defence of their title with a home match against Clare. At first sight, this appears to be an easy assignment for the champions. Assuming that they will have all their stars available, it is difficult to see them being stopped in their hunt for a three-in-a-row.

Clare opted out of the senior championship in 1986. In the meantime, their second squad took the All-Ireland Junior Championship in style. Some of these girls will be upgraded but asking them to dispose of Kilkenny may be too much to expect.

Tipperary are paired with Wexford. When these counties met in the 1985 series, a single point in Wexford's favour separated the sides at the finish. But emigration hit Tipperary this season and until panels are selected and verified, it is impossible to predict a winner.

Antrim played Cork in the first All-Ireland Final to be played until the Open Draw system in 1971. Since then the luck of the draw

has matched these counties seven times. Cork journeyed north three times and Antrim have the long trek south on three occasions. In 1983, Antrim conceded to Cork and did not travel.

Cork, who have won eight All-Ireland titles since 1970, have been out of Croke Park since 1983. This is a long time for them and they must see definite possibilities of rectifying the situation in this draw. Should Cork survive the Antrim game, they would meet the winners of the Tipperary-Wexford match.

### JUNIOR TESTS

A number of junior championship matches are scheduled this weekend under the auspices of the Munster Colleges Council. The holders, St. Mary's, Charleville, will make the trip to Cashel to meet Scoil Mhuire.

St. Mary's, Macroom will entertain Colaiste Mhuire, Crosshaven while Ballincollig Community will go down the road to St. Mary's, Middleton. In an attractive tie, Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, will meet neighbours, Shannon or Tulla.

The Down County Board brought forward their Annual Convention in order to make plans early for next season. Belle O'Loughlin will guide affairs from the chair and her deputy will be John Rice. Annie Gelson is the new County Secretary and her assistant is the experienced Rosemary Young. The position of treasurer is 1987 Open Draw — (A) Galway v Down; (B) Dublin v (A); (C) Kilkenny v Clare; (D) Wexford v Tipperary; (E) Cork v Antrim. Semi-finals — B v C and E v D; filled by Mary Swail.

## Encouraging progress at Brian Dillons

A YEAR of encouraging progress was outlined at the annual general meeting of Brian Dillons Camogie Club, held at the club pavilion last week. During the past year Brian Dillons won the Cork County Under-18 Championship and became junior league champions. They also won a senior event in Killarney and Brian Dillons players won honours with Cork at senior, junior and under-16 level.

Mr. John Mulcahy, chairman, said that the club's objective was to win the county junior championship and gain promotion. The 1986 successes pointed in that direction, he added. He congratulated Linda Merlrick on representing Brian Dillons so successfully on the Cork and Munster teams. Linda won a Munster senior medal with Cork and also represented the county in the All-Ireland camogie skills final.

He also congratulated Liz O'Sullivan on captaining the Cork junior team in the Munster championship and the other Brian Dillons players who wore the Cork colours during the year. These included Kathleen O'Keefe, Karen Mellerick, Helena Barry, Mary Rose, Mary

Mulcahy and Naoimh Cotter.

Mr. Billy Barry outlined plans for the coming year and paid tribute to Mr. John Ring of St. Patrick's School for all his assistance in the past.

The following officers, committees and captains for 1987 were elected: President, Mrs. Eily McDonnell; Chairman, Mr. John Mulcahy; Vice-Chairperson, Miss Mary Murphy; Hon. Secretary, Miss Elizabeth O'Sullivan; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Lily Barry; Registrar, Miss Helena Barry; Board Delegates, Mrs. Ann Mulcahy and Mrs. Lily Barry.

Central Committee: Mr. Billy Barry, Mr. Desmond Rose, Ms. Karen Mellerick, Aileen Barry, Caroline O'Brien, Mary Rose, Vivienne O'Brien, Lisa O'Brien. Street Leagues Committee: Linda Mellerick, Mary Murphy, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Helena Barry and Karen Mellerick.

Junior Captain, Mary Rose; vice-captain, Aileen Barry. Under-18 captain, Karen Mellerick; vice-captain, Vivienne O'Brien. Under-16 captain, Gayle Fleming; vice-captain, Naoimh Cotter. Under-14 captain, J. Aherne; vice-captain, Antoinette Mulcahy.

## 30 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS, the holders, and Glen Rovers played a thrilling 2-1 each draw, when they met in the Cork County Senior Camogie championship at the UCC Grounds, where the teams lined out as follows: Old AIs. — J. Clancy, M. Clancy, L. Coughlan (capt.), M. Joyce, A. Lane, L. McGowan, A. O'Donovan, J. O'Grady, S. O'Sullivan, G. O'Sullivan, B. Walsh, M. Wyley. Subs: M. Murphy, L. McCarthy, A. McCarthy. Glen Rovers — A. Crotty (capt.), S. Cahill, B. Lucey, N. Deane, N. Murphy, M. Browne, E. Dempsey, B. Deane, M. Murphy, K. O'Donovan, P. Reilly, N. Coughlan, K. O'Halloran.



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# Clare girl's 'player' award

MAURA McNICHOLAS of Clare has been chosen as junior camogie player of the year, and receives the AIB-Gaelic Stars Award. She is a worthy recipient, having played excellently on her way to winning two all-Ireland medals.

Eight-year-old Maura is a very skilful player. Her scoring average of ten points a game, reflects her contribution to the Clare team which won the county's third All-Ireland junior championship.

Maura displays fine control, strikes the ball beautifully and has a high degree of accuracy. Her ability as a free taker has also been vital to the team, and, as captain, she gave a lead right through the campaign. Maura took quickly to camogie. She was a

member of the Eire Og team which won the Clare under-12 championships a few seasons ago. She has been success with her club at each stage of underage camogie, and also in the junior and senior grades.

Her potential was acknowledged when she was chosen for the Clare minor team and won her first Munster medal. The Clare junior selectors reacted to her progress by promoting her.

Maura attracted attention from the provincial selectors and has won the Munster blue on a number of occasions. Her collection of medals includes two Gael-Linn junior, two Munster under-18 and Munster junior.

A past pupil of Colaiste

## CAMOGIE

Muire, Ennis, she represented the school for several seasons, while doing a commercial course at Vocational, Ennis, she won an All-Ireland Vocational School medal.

Maura McNicholas has also made her mark in another manner. The McNicholas family now enters the history book on the game, as Maura's mother, Kitty, was at centrefield on the Clare team which won the All-Ireland junior championship in 1974.

Maura is an all-round sports girl. Her progress at gold equals her camogie achievements. She is currently playing off a handicap

of 18, and is more than useful at badminton and squash.

In her business career, Maura has entered banking and has been appointed to Dublin. She has transferred to the Marino club, where she is teaming up with Dublin forward Carmel O'Byrne. Maura has had a few outings with the Clare team in the National Senior League and her further progress will be followed with interest.

The All-Ireland Colleges' Council at their annual meeting next Saturday, will finalise the details of the new All-Ireland seven-a-side competition. This championship will be for the Agnes Purcell Trophy, and will perpetuate the memory

of that outstanding official.

University of Ulster (Jordanstown) proved best in the Universities' Freshers' competition last weekend. St. Patrick's, St. Marys, and UCG also reached the last four, but could not prevent the Belfast college finishing in front.

The Munster Colleges' fixture list fell behind somewhat last weekend as neither semi-final was played. Heavy rain has made pitches very wet. However, the junior championship will press ahead this weekend. Scoil Pol, Killinane, travel to meet St. Marys, Macroom, who were First Year champions last season. St. Marys, Midleton, will play the winners of Colaiste Mhuire and St. Josephs, Tulla.



Maura McNicholas, Branch Operations, Bankcentre, gains the October Award for her achievement in captaining the Clare Junior Team to victory in this year's All-Ireland final. A member of Eire Og in Ennis, Maura has won two Gael-Linn medals from under 12 right up to senior. Having won two Gael-Linn medals with Munster, she was honoured with the captaincy of the Interprovincial Team this year. Her exploits on the field gained her the highest accolade as National Camogie Girl of the Year, for 1986. Her other hobbies include Golf (Handicap of 18) as well as badminton and squash.



MAURA McNICHOLAS—Winner of the AIB/Gaelic Stars Junior Player of the Year Award.



# COLLEGES CAMOGIE:

## Colaiste Mhuire Into First Munster Senior Final

Colaiste Mhuire Ennis ..... 2-5  
St. Pats, Shannon ..... 2-1

Colaiste Mhuire qualified for their first ever Munster Colleges senior camogie championship final when they had a deserved victory over St. Patricks of Shannon at the Eire Og grounds in Ennis on Friday last. The Ennis girls were the more eager throughout and this played a vital part in their success. In the final which will be played in early February, they will meet either St. Als of Cork or Charleville.

One of the main reasons for the Ennis side's win was the brilliance of their defence. They harassed and blocked every effort by their more established opponents. Although playing against the wind the winners held sway at midfield in the opening period with Anne Hennessy outstanding throughout and Patricia O'Grady and Paula Roughan doing well in patches.

Shannon's defence was shaky in the early stages and this allowed Catherine O'Loughlin and Patricia O'Grady to score points. St. Pats forwards were getting plenty of the ball with Mary

Higgins and Lorna O'Flaherty prominent but they failed to convert this possession into scores. The winners increased their lead when Claire Bracken had a goal and Catherine O'Loughlin followed with a point before Lorna O'Flaherty opened Shannon's account to leave the score at 1-3 to 0-1 at the break.

Patricia O'Grady added two points in the second half. St. Pats replied with a goal from Mary Higgins but their joy was shortlived as Liz Hanrahan replied with a similar score for the winners. Shannon were doing better now with Noeleen Alford impressing and Mary

Higgins had a second goal. With two minutes to go she broke through again but lost possession and the Ennis side held on for victory.

All members of the winners defence excelled throughout while Ann Hennessy and Catherine O'Loughlin were also prominent. For St. Pats - Patricia Divinney, Noeleen Alford, second half, Joy Kelly, Eavan Drysdale, Frances Phelan, Mary Higgins, and Lorna O'Flaherty did well.

Scorers: Col. Mhuire: C. Bracken and L. Hanrahan 1-0 each, P. O'Grady 0-3, C. O'Loughlin 0-2. St. Pats - M. Higgins 2-0, L. O'Flaherty 0-1.

Colaiste Mhuire: S. Hegarty, A. Killeen, C. McNamara, L. O'Donnell, M. Sheedy, P. Roughan, P. O'Grady, A. Hennessy, A. Whyte, L. Hanrahan, C. O'Loughlin, C. Bracken.

St. Pats: J. Murphy, P. Divinney, T. Magee, E. McTaggart, N. Alford, J. Kelly, A. Sheridan, E. Drysdale, F. Phelan, M. Higgins, C. Molloy, L. O'Flaherty.

Ref. Ann Marie Russell.

## Tulla Tops in Junior Camogie

After a wait of three years, St. Josephs Tulla are back in the camogie limelight by virtue of their impressive march to glory in the Clare junior colleges championship.

Their path was strewn with daunting obstacles but the Tulla side made light of their fancied opposition to become the county's standard bearers in the provincial series.

In their opening round Tulla scored a deserved one point win over Scariff community college, who have recently become a strong force in colleges camogie. They then accounted for St. Pats, Shannon before dethroning last years Munster champs., Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis in the co. final.

The Tulla team has blended into a well-balanced outfit, drawing from such clubs as Feakle, Kilkishen, Clooney

and Doora/Barefield. A striking aspect of their play was their first time hurling and this contributed greatly to their success.

Out of 26 schools in the competition, Tulla are now through to the last eight. Despite being the smallest school in Munster taking part in the competition, St. Joseph's will no doubt acquit themselves well against St. Mary's, Middleton in the quarter final.

While each victory has essentially been a team performance the Frawley twins, Breda and Martina, Orla Daly, Audrey King and Ann Kelly.

Panel: C. Torpey, V. O'Halloran, A. Kelly, J. Frost, M. Nash, O. Daly, B. Frawley, capt., S. O'Halloran, A. King, M. Frawley, A. Loughnane, S. Carmody, A. Marsh, M. Collins, A. O'Halloran, P. Dooley.

Camogie, Cork JB c'ship: Sarsfield 8-2, St. Catherine's 3-2. U 16 League: Ballincollig 2-2, Ballinora 0-0. U 16 c'ship: Bishopstown A 6-3, Ballincollig 1-0; Newtown 3-3, Glen Rovers 3-1.

CAMOGIE: U-16 Championship: Killeagh 5-0, Aghabullogue 3-0. Bishopstown 3-3, Brian Dillon's 1-1. Grenagh 1-1, Mounseabbey 1-0. Ballincollig 3-0, St. Finbarrs 0-4. Erin's Own 9-1, Churchtown 0-2. Inniscarra v Cloyne, walk over to Inniscarra, Cloyne absent. Na Piarasigh v Blackrock, not played, pitch unplayable.

## Charleville provide highlight

THE AGM of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council will be held at Croke Park today (2.30). The Hon Secretary, Miss Mary Moran (Cork), reports an increase of affiliations and activity in all the provinces. Six competitions were completed in Munster, and the highlight of the year was the victory of St Mary's Secondary School, Charleville, in the All-Ireland junior championship — "considering the game was introduced in the schools only four years ago, this was a remarkable achievement."

The Munster Senior Championship between St Patrick's Cork and St Aloysius brought the biggest crowd ever to Paire Uí Chaoimh.

The Senior championship final between holders St Raphael's, Loughrea, and F.C.J. Buncloody at Croke Park resulted in a draw. The replay arranged for Rathdowney was washed out. Eventually the game went ahead at Ballyragget and St Raphael's retained their title.

Wexford schools figured very prominently in the Leinster competitions. F.C.J. Buncloody won the senior, junior and minor. New Ross won the Senior B and St Mary's, Baldoy were the first winners of the new Intermediate competition.

The game flourishes in Ulster, where 43 schools are affiliated. Eight colleges entered for the senior competition, which was won by Loreto, Letterkenny. The Junior championship attracted a huge entry and was won by St Patrick's, Dungiven.

Sixteen schools affiliated in Connaught and the junior and senior championships were won by St Raphael's, Loughrea.

At last year's AGM it was decided to organise a seven-a-side to commemorate the late Agnes Purcell and draft proposals for the running of the competition will be ironed out at this afternoon's meeting.

At a function in Croke Park during the week Maura McNicholas (Clare), was presented with the AIB trophy for the most outstanding junior player of the year. A member of the Eire Og Club, she captained the Clare side to their second All-Ireland title in September. She was top scorer in the game and very accurate with placed balls. She has won numerous Clare championship medals as well as Munster under-18, Junior Gael Linn and All-Ireland vocational medals. Now resident in Dublin, she plays club camogie with Marino.



Wexford . . . runners-up for the All-Ireland minor camogie title.



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# Texaco award a great boost

THE NEWS that camogie is in line for a Texaco award has been greeted with delight. All too often enthusiasts of the game read the short list of the 10 chosen sports with disappointment as it is almost 20 years since camogie was last recognised.

In 1967, Sue Cashman, captain of the Antrim team which ended Dublin's monopoly of the O'Duffy Cup, was a popular choice. The previous year saw Una O'Connor (Dublin), a brilliant forward and holder of 13 All-Ireland senior medals, honoured.

The game has produced many wonderful exponents in the intervening years. Liz Garvan, Mairead McAtamney, Angela Downey, Pat Moloney and Bridie McGarry immediately come to mind and there were several others. The level of achievement and the skill

ratings of these girls would have made them worthy recipients.

Lack of international accomplishment has often been put forward as an excuse for the non-inclusion of camogie. But hurlers and Gaelic footballers who operate in the same arena as camogie are regular winners. Our stars would stand up very favourably in comparison. For example, which Kerry footballer or Cork hurler could measure up to the contribution which Angela Downey has made to club, county and province over the past two years?

Camogie has met with success on this occasion and the fans are happy. The individual winners have not yet been named but whoever is voted to step forward and accept the camogie award will be a worthy winner.

The late Agnes Purcell will be remembered by the All-Ireland Post

## CAMOGIE

Primary Schools Council with a new seven-a-side championship. The details of the competition for which Corn Una will be the prize were announced at their annual meeting last weekend.

To facilitate maximum entry, Ulster suggested gearing the competition to under 16. Their proposal was accepted. Each province will stage their own competition and forward two teams to All-Ireland level.

## PAIRINGS

The finals will go ahead in Dublin on May 2. The divided into two groups with a team from each province in each section. League competition will find group winners who will play off in the final. Score difference will decide should two or more teams finish equal

on points in either group.

The dates and pairings for the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Post Primary championships were also disclosed. In the senior championship, Munster will entertain the Ulster champions on March 14. On the same afternoon, the Connacht representatives will head for Leinster. On March 7, the same pairings will meet at reversed venues in the junior championship.

Good progress has been reported on the Connacht colleges scene. The line-up for the semi-finals of the senior championship will be St. Rapheals v Ballygar and Athenry v Roscommon. St. Raphaels are through to the junior final where they will meet either Portumna or the winners of the Castlereagh / Roscommon quarter-final.

The annual meeting of the C.C.I.A. failed to find a successor to President

Mary Rose O'Connor. Mary Rose has completed the maximum term and may not continue in office. The matter has been referred back to the higher colleges who will have to think again.

Gaye Moran (U.C.D.) fills the post of vice-president. Brid Kilpatrick (U.U.I.) is the new secretary. Mary Rose O'Connor will act as treasurer while Anne Higgins (St. Marys, Belfast) is the new registrar.

The Ashbourne Cup will be hosted by U.C.D. at Belfield on the weekend of February 14. The first round draw is U.C.G. v U.U.I.; T.C.D. v U.C.C.; U.C.D. v Maynooth and U.U.C. v Queens. St. Patrick's, Drumcondra will stage the Purcell Cup. They and Mary Immaculate have byes to the semi-finals while St. Marys meet Thomond and Marino play Carysfort in the first round.

Angela Downey is a star in the tough game of camogie, writes LORNA SIGGINS

## Kilkenny's greatest asset

SHE'S been called Kilkenny's greatest asset, consistently brilliant, lightening on the camogie pitch. She has a twin sister Ann to match her, six all-Ireland medals to her credit, and a father who's ranked as one of Kilkenny's greatest hurlers. Yet Angela Downey still thinks that the Avonmore Creamery outlet is her native Ballyragget's main claim to fame. Only superlatives need apply when it comes to describing the merits of Angela, one of Ireland's top camogie players. And if she's been largely responsible for Kilkenny's repeated victory in the All-Ireland Camogie Final that's because there's no hurler in the country to match her, according to sportswriter Maol Muire Tynan. "Deceptively diminutive, her sheer speed and power makes her virtually unstoppable."

Angela and her twin sister Ann have been playing camogie since about the age of 12 at school in Presentation Convent, Castlecomer. Her first big break, she says, was earning a place on the Kilkenny senior team at the tender age of 15. That was 1972, she remembers, being "still very much the baby", but she helped them make it to the all-Ireland final where they were beaten by Cork.

Two years later came her first all-Ireland medal; this time Kilkenny overpowered Cork in a replay of the final, and since then she had added five more medals to make a collection dating '74, '76, '77, '81, '85 and '86. Sister Ann played in all but one of those matches, but was sub on the victorious '74 side.

A member of St Paul's club in Kilkenny, Angela went to St Patrick's College in Maynooth when she left school and continued playing for club, college and county. She doesn't remember ever learning how to rise or lift a ball and attributes her abilities of speed — as corner forward or centre forward she is always within 15 to 20 metres of the goal



## WOMEN IN SPORT

— and a "head" for the game to genetic factors. After all her father Shem, the butcher from Ballyragget, won his all-Ireland hurling medal in 1947.

"He's small and he was fast," says Angela of her father, explaining where it all came from. Shem Downey distinguished himself in midfield and forward when he played for Kilkenny in the mid forties and fifties. As Paddy Downey of this newspaper, says, Shem had all the qualities of skill and wristwork that one can associate with Kilkenny hurling of the period, plus an element of abrasiveness that put him above the typical Kilkenny hurlers of that time.

"Now it's dad who keeps us both going," says Angela. "I think he gets more enjoyment out of it than we do — he certainly never misses a match."

Angela has never really taken a break from the game and, though she does play "a bit of basketball and squash," she can't really imagine doing anything else. Last year she came second in the Opel superstars in Trabolgan, and her sister Ann is hoping to make the Irish squash team this year.

Married two years now to Ted Browne from Limerick — "a rugby man" — Angela finds that camogie training fits in well with her job as a teacher in the Vocational school in Thomastown.

Angela is one of two player-members of a commission set up by the Congress of Cumann Camogaisochta na nGael last year to look into all aspects of the sport from finance, to refereeing to pitches for some 65,000 women involved in the game. On the subject of safety she feels she's "done a U-turn" since she was injured in the club all-Ireland over a month ago. Carried off with a bad knock she had to get some stitches, but the most hurtful part was the simple two-month suspension of the guilty party.

She does believe the only indigenous women's field game is getting rougher, not just because of her personal experience. "I always wear a helmet, gum shield and shinguards as I've learned the hard way but you're talking about insurance cover now, new helmets with protective grids which juveniles should be wearing... no one wants to lose too many teeth."

And on the subject of publicity she also has her views, that being another of the commission's areas for investigation. "It's particularly hard when you come from a hurling county as I do," she sighs and the point is quickly taken. "I know some women players with kids who are putting in twice the effort as the men," she says, a sentiment which applies to many sports. "But in the end we must remember it's still an amateur game and we're not trying to make money out of it or anything like that."



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# countdown time to T sports aw

referee and he gave it to the Bulgarian.

When Cuba had their first international in Ireland last month Joyce won a unanimous decision over Luis Castiloo Soto, world champion three years ago and winner of a gold medal in the Pan American Games during the summer.

If the indomitable Sunnyside star does as well against England in Dublin next Friday night as he did in defeating Jim Smith at Coventry a year ago, he could jolt the top ten selectors into considering him when they finalise their selections the following week.

The inclusion of camogie is a long overdue boost for the game and its dedicated administrators and players. Without wishing to preempt the announcement of the winners, it can safely be presumed that the honour will go to Angela Downey, acknowledged all round as the outstanding player of her time. She has starred on every one of Kilkenny's six All-Ireland winning teams since they won their first in a replay with Cork in 1974. They had lost to Cork in their first final in 1970 and again two years later, Cork going on to make four-in-a-row in '73.

Kilkenny defeated Dublin in 1976, Wexford in '77, Cork in a replay in '81 and Dublin in '85 and '86.

Angela has also won seven Gael Linn interprovincial medals, figuring on every winning Leinster team since 1978, three National Leagues and two club All-Irelands with St. Pauls in '74 and '76. Even when they were beaten by Glen Rovers at the Glen Field last month she scored four goals and five points before being forced to retire through injury. She is also the only camogie winner of two B&I awards — 1977 and 1985.

Her amazing bursts of speed over ten yards, her lethal goalscoring from all angles, her strength and unerring accuracy have made her a legend, one of Cork's four-in-a-row stars told me. "Hold Angela and your team wins, they say, but few have achieved the feat," she added.

Nowadays Mrs. Tom Browne, Angela, a graduate of Maynooth College is a twin sister, of Ann, one of the great defenders in the game, and they are daughters of Shem Downey who was right corner-forward on the Kilkenny team that beat Cork by a point in the classic All-Ireland hurling final of 1947.

Angela is a left corner forward.

The last Texaco award for camogie went to the outstanding Antrim player Sue Ward in 1967. The brilliant Dublin player Una O'Connor had been honoured the previous year.

As with camogie, cycling, horse racing and motor sports should provide automatic choices in Sean Kelly, Pat Eddery and Joey Dunlop, but golf revives the argument that separate awards should be made for men and women in some sports at least. Claire Hourihane of Woodbrook was one of three Irish players on the victorious Curtis Cup team in America during August, then returned to win the British stroke-play championship, after which she was selected on the British-Irish team for the World Cup. She was also outstanding in Ireland's Home Countries Championship success.

John McHenry, the young Douglas star, followed his five wins in five matches for Munster in the interpro championship with an unique treble in the space of two weeks when he won the South of Ireland Championship, the Mullingar Scratch Trophy and then the Irish Close title. He also won the Waterford Crystal Trophy at both the Waterford Club and at Sundridge Park, and in the Home International Series had the distinction of beating England's great amateur Peter McEvoy.

Keith Crossan's current form could put him ahead of his fellow Ulster and Ireland wing Trevor Ringland and prop Phil Orr, who gained his world record-making 51st cap against Romania recently (though I suppose Orr's achievement has to be recognised) and Jim McLaughlin's success with Shamrock Rovers and League of Ireland representative teams, including the Olympic international squad, might be preferred to the cross-channel players for the soccer award. I would not care to choose, though, between the Cork hurlers and the Kerry footballers.

● A final thought — does the Australian tour count for the footballers? They were playing compromise rules, it's true, but the Irishmen were still Gaelic footballers. And could Kevin Heffernan be nominated for his achievement as international tour manager, tactician, etc.?

## Our leading ladies in sport

THE Cospoil / Irish Mutual Building Society Women in Sport Annual Awards were presented last night to Claire Hourihane (Achiever category), Emily Dowling (Sport For All category) and Anita Manning (Administration category).

A Special Achievement Award was presented to golfer Mary McKenna in recognition of her ninth appearance in 18 years representing Britain and Ireland in the Curtis Cup.

The full list of award winners is:

### ACHIEVER CATEGORY

1. Claire Hourihane (golf); 2. Angela Downey (Camogie); 3. Vina Lyons (Showjumping).

These awards are in recognition of achievements — professional or amateur women athletes who have given or continue to give outstanding performances in their particular sport.

### B SPORT FOR ALL CATEGORY

1. Emily Dowling (Athletics); 2. Mairin Morrish (Orienteering); 3. Sheila O'Brien (Fencing).

These awards are in recognition of women who, through great personal effort and initiative, have again become physically fit and who act as an example to the community.

### C ADMINISTRATORS CATEGORY

1. Anita Manning

(Hockey); 2. Sheila Hannon (Badminton); 3. Eileen O'Mahony (Irish Wheelchair Association).

These awards are made to women who, through dedication and initiative, have made it possible for many more people to take part in sport and physical activity.

### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Mary McKenna (Golf) (in recognition of her ninth appearance in the Curtis Cup).

● Our picture by Michael MacSweeney, shows a delighted Claire Hourihane and Mary McKenna at last night's presentation.



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# KILDARE CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE

By Owen McCann

Miriam Malone led Kildare into camogie history on the double in the past year. She captained the county to their first-ever National Junior League title in June, and was also skipper when Kildare made their debut in an All-Ireland final in any grade in the junior decider against Clare in September at Croke Park.

The Broadford club player does not conceal her disappointment at losing that game.

"It was a big disappointment for all of us all right. Not so much because we lost but because we did not play up to our earlier form. But full marks to Clare for their win," she told me.

Despite that set-back for Kildare camogie, the county captain and brilliant midfielder is still very optimistic about the future of the game in the county.

"We are in no way despondent after the All-Ireland final defeat. Indeed, we are more determined than ever to do better in 1987" is her reaction.

Miriam also maintains that there is a bright future for the game at club level in Kildare. To support this point she tells of the launching of new clubs in Milltown and Moorefield. Another senior club is likely to be started in Monasterevin. Obviously, camogie is very much on the up and up in the short-grass county.

A few weeks after the All-Ireland junior final, Miriam had a measure of compensation when she helped Leinster to win the Gael-Linn Cup in the junior interprovincial championship over a week-end in Dublin. She won her sixth interprovincial medal. The first was in 1972 at senior.

She is an enthusiastic supporter of the arrangement introduced at Cork last year of playing the senior and junior championships together over one week-end at one centre. Until then, the semi-finals were played at separate venues over one Sunday and the final some weeks later.

"I think the present arrangement is a good one. There is always a danger, of course, that a player might receive an injury in a semi-final on the Saturday and be unable to play in the final the following day, that risk is always there now, but over-all the arrangement is a good one.

"I was in Cork for the first series and enjoyed the week-end. I also enjoyed the Dublin games, and programme."

As is the case with the Railway Cup competition in hurling and football,

the interprovincials in camogie have not been exactly setting the scene alight. However, Kildare's captain still has little time for those who say that the tests should be scrapped as a result.

"The interprovincials give players in the weaker counties a chance of winning a national medal. This is especially so in junior, and for this reason I would not be in favour of ending the competitions."



Phyllis Breslin (Dublin), Chairperson of the Leinster Council, presents the Leinster trophy to Kildare captain Miriam Malone following the provincial union championship final win over Carlow.

The gifted Kildare player has enjoyed remarkable success in the sport. She holds a wonderful tally of 11 county senior championship medals. This includes a special souvenir for the Centenary Year series of 1984.

## ALL DIFFICULT

She also has 11 Senior League medals, and one at junior. Her proud collection includes as well three Leinster medals and that trophy for leading Kildare to their first National Junior League title.

Over the years Miriam has played against many top-class players, but she is reluctant to single out any player above another as the one she found most difficult of all to outwit.

Her answer here was short and to the point.

"I find them all very difficult to beat," she told me with a smile.

However, she was much quicker to answer my next question: Who is the player you admire most?

"That has to be Angela Downey, the brilliant Kilkenny score-getter.

Miriam competed against Angela Downey, among others, in Gradam Tailte. This is a comparatively new competition in camogie, and can be truthfully described as the sport's Superstar competition in that it brings the player of the year in each county in opposition on one day over a series of exercises or disciplines.

Miriam is convinced that the test, decided over the number of points

won by each competitor, is a worthy addition to the calendar. At the same time, she believes the time has come to make some changes.

"I feel there should be a greater emphasis on the skills of the camogie competition, and less on such exercises as sprinting. One could be a very fast sprinter, and not necessarily a good camogie player" is her thought provoking summary.

She herself has not played open-draw camogie, as the junior championship follows a different pattern to that in senior. In junior the championship is run off within the provinces first, and the winners go forward to the All-Ireland series proper. In senior, there is a straight open-draw.

Miriam prefers the position at junior.

"The provincial championships leading to the All-Ireland finals increase the status of the championships. The Leinster senior final, now distinct from the All-Ireland championship proper, has lost something since the introduction of the open-draw."



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## HISTORY ON THE DOUBLE FOR KILDARE

By Sean O'Brien

**It has been a bitter sweet year for Kildare in camogie. History was made on the double with a first National Junior League title, and the county's initial appearance in an All-Ireland championship final in any grade.**

However, the concluding link in what would have been an amazing treble was broken by an outstanding Clare team in the national junior championship decider. With the defeat came the end to a remarkable run by Kildare, one that sent them into that match unbeaten in eleven competitive games, League and Championship.

Despite the set-back the season must still rank as one of the best-ever for the national women's game in County Kildare — a year of many bright highlights, in fact.

There was the polish and dash of a very gifted team in general, and the scoring skills of Kathleen Elliott and Nuala Kerrigan in particular in a hard earned win over a fancied Dublin at Dublin in June that gave Kildare their third National Junior League crown.

There was plenty of evidence later that Kildare were living up to that potential in the championship. They

highlighted their run in the East by beating Carlow in a keen match by a goal.

Among the chief memories from that success at Clane are polished play from Rose Merriman in goal, and Anna Dargan in the half back line, and the leadership and accuracy of team captain Miriam Malone, who rattled over all of her team's points — four.

Kildare put up one of their best performances of the year when they travelled all the way to Bellaghy, in Derry, for an All-Ireland semi-final, and returned with a handsome 3-6 to 0-9 victory. The win, the eleventh success in eleven outings in the League and championship, brought the added bonus of a debut for the team in the final to become Kildare's first-ever to reach that stage of the championship in any grade.

Little wonder, then, that Kildare had high hopes of making it a double

joy day in the decider, while in no way underestimating the strength of the opposition from Munster.

Although matters did not turn out in favour of Kildare, (Clare won by three points) they still gave an excellent account of themselves in the decider at Croke Park.

One recalls the excellence in mid-field of Miriam Malone, who yet again proved an excellent captain, and did much to spur on her team with her deft touches and her goal scoring exploits — she scored two. Her performances over the year as a whole entitle the Kildare skipper to rank as one of the outstanding personalities in camogie in 1986.

Kathleen Elliott had the distinction of hitting the first score by a Kildare player in a championship final, and she had a good game all through. Kathleen also made her own special brand of history, as she became the first nun to play in a camogie championship decider.



Kildare Camogie Team



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## CAMOGIE IN CLARE

# CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN SETS WINNING STANDARD

By Neil McCavana

One of the best individual performances of the year in any branch of Gaelic Games was provided by 16-year-old Catherine O'Loughlin in the All-Ireland junior camogie final. Playing at right wing forward she treated spectators at Croke Park to a real tour-de-force as she inspired Clare with her strong running, skilled play and accurate scoring to a deserved win over Kildare.

The young Kilnamona girl highlighted her sparkling exhibition by scoring six great points, all from play. Over-all, her performance was one of the best individual displays seen in a camogie game in a long time, and undoubtedly a highlight of the year in Gaelic Games in general.

But if O'Loughlin was the star of the show, there were many other outstanding performers in the Clare team. Indeed, all members of the side contributed in rich measure to a well-merited 1-13 to 3-4 win.

Kildare, who won the National Junior League earlier in the year, lost no time in taking the lead in the final. They pointed from a free after just one minute, but despite that encouraging start, that was to prove the only time they were to lead in the entire game.

Clare quickly equalised, captain Maura McNicholas sending over a fine point from play. The finishing skills of



Clare captain Maura McNicholas raises the All-Ireland junior camogie trophy in triumph.

McNicholas and O'Loughlin were the chief features in earning Clare an interval lead of 0-8 to 1-3.

Midway through the second half, however, there was everything to play for again as far as both sides were con-

cerned. That was as a result of a goal from a free by Kildare's captain and midfielder Miriam Malone.

Many felt then that Kildare, who were generally favourites for the final, would take charge and go on for the title. But it was then that the Clare girls showed their great character as they faced up to the new challenge.

Undaunted by a set-back that came at a time when they appeared poised for victory, they came back almost at once with the best possible answer for their side — a great goal from Maura McNicholas, who collected the ball from the puck out, and crashed home her side's only major score.

Encouraged by that great response to the Kildare score, the Clare girls dictated matters over the remaining minutes. Four points from McNicholas, set the seal on a purposeful and efficient performance that gave the Banner County their first title since 1981.

Noeleen Quinn and Siobhan Reidy in defence, and Carmel Wall at midfield were others to show up especially prominently in the Clare win.

Wall, incidentally, was the only link with the team that won the county's second title in 1981, when she played at midfield.

Maura McNicholas was Clare's top scorer with 1-7, five points from frees. Catherine O'Loughlin was their only other scorer with those six points from play.

For the record, this was the winning side:

Pauline O'Brien (Boydke); Helen Cusack (Ballylea); Patricia Ryan (Eire Og), Noeleen Quinn (Sixmilebridge), Siobhan Reidy (Sixmilebridge); Patricia Rynne (St. Flannan's), Sheila O'Halloran (Kilkishen), Carmel Wall (Ballylea); Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona), Maura McNicholas (Eire Og), Catherine Mulloy (Wolfe Tones); Noelle Comyns (Michael Cusacks).

Substitute: Claire Bracken (Kilmaley) for N. Comyns.



Catherine O'Loughlin about to pick the ball as Kildare defenders close in.



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Maura McNicholas, centre, points for Clare in the final.

## TALENTED SCORING TWOSOME

Maura McNicholas and Catherine O'Loughlin have more reason than most to look back in a special way on Clare's memorable All-Ireland junior camogie championship final win over Kildare recently. Their brilliance in attack, allied to superb finishing techniques, made both bright stars of the day, and also their team's only score-getters.

Maura, in the No. 10 position, also had the added distinction of leading the Banner County to their third All-Ireland title. A member of the Eire Og club, she led by example, and was prominent all through with her deft play and industry. She collected her team's solitary goal and for good measure also scored seven points.

A player could hardly mark an All-Ireland final outing as captain in a better way than that.

Catherine O'Loughlin, on the right wing, also caught the eye time and again with her high quality play. She was a constant threat to the Kildare defence with her speed and purposeful play, and she set the seal on her performance with some majestic points on the way to an impressive return of six.

Maura McNicholas was a consistent score-getter for Clare during the successful run. She was a very accurate free-taker, and has enjoyed considerable success with the county and Munster.

An under-18 junior provincial medalist, she helped the province to win the Gael-Linn title in junior in 1983 and 1985.

Catherine O'Loughlin had also made her mark in camogie before her latest national triumph with the county. A very skillful and wholehearted player, she has Munster Colleges' medal and

provincial under-18 souvenirs as well as numerous other under-age trophies.

Catherine plays club camogie with Kilnamona.

## THREE OUT OF THREE FOR CLARE

Clare's company of junior camogie players kept a proud record in tact when they beat Kildare in the All-Ireland junior final. This was the county's third appearance in the concluding round of the championship in this grade, and the third success.

Clare's final debut was in 1974 when a team captained by Margaret O'Toole at centre back beat Dublin by 3-2 to 3-0. That was the county's initial All-Ireland championship in any grade of camogie.

Seven years later Clare were back in a national junior final. They met Antrim

at Croke Park and gave a fine display in a 3-2 to 0-7 win.

Clare dominated midfield, where team captain Claire Jones and Carmel Wall and Veronica Casey set a high standard, and the accuracy of Lourda Fox, on the right wing of the attack was another feature of the 3-2 to 0-7 win. Lourde scored 2-1.

Then, came the third final appearance against the All Whites.

Camogie has a long history in Clare, although the county has still to contest an All-Ireland senior final. The Munster senior crown was won for the only time in 1944. A number of players have also won Gael-Linn interprovincial senior medals with Munster.



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*Margaret Coffey, Personnel Manager A.I.B. presents the AIB Gaelic Stars Yearbook Award to Máire Nic Nioclais, Camogie Star of the Year.*

### **Presentation of Allied Irish Bank - Gaelic Stars Yearbook Trophy to Máire Nic Nioclais by Margaret Coffey, Personnel Manager, A.I.B. at Croke Park, Dublin.**

Máire Nic Nioclais is the latest addition to the A.I.B. Gaelic Stars Yearbook award winners in Camogie.

She has just been named the Junior Player of 1986. She is the 2nd player from Clare to win the award which has been presented annually since 1976.

Máire, who led Clare to the All-Ireland Junior Championship earlier this year, has set the seal on her campaign by winning the Allied Irish Bank - Gaelic Stars Yearbook Award for Junior Camogie Player of 1986. Máire was very prominent in attack for Clare in their Junior Final win over Kildare. She led by example - scored one goal and six points. Máire began playing camogie during her primary school days with Holy Family School in Ennis. Later she played with Coláiste

Mhuire, Ennis and with Ennis Vocational School team.

She was first chosen by Clare at only 14 years of age in 1982 and became the youngest player ever to represent the County in Inter-County competitions. She has played at under 14, under 16, and under 18 for Clare and won a Munster under 18 medal in 1985.

She has been a leading scorer with the Munster Junior Team over the past four years and won inter-provincial medals in the grade in 1983/'85. Máire has had much success with the Eire Og Club and holds County Medals from under 12 to under 18 as well as for A and Senior League Medals. She is a versatile young sports lady. A keen golfer, she has been prominent in the sport since 1981 and was on the

Munster Girls Golf Team panel in 1985. Máire is now employed at Bankcentre, Allied Irish Bank, Ballsbridge, Dublin and is presently playing camogie in the Capital with Marino.

The Award was presented by Margaret Coffey, Personnel Manager, Allied Irish Bank at the reception in Croke Park.

The attendance included Máire Uí Loinsigh, Uachtarán, Síle de Bhailis, Ardrunai, Seosaimhin Nic Uaidrich, Cisteoir, and Máire Ni Cheallacháin, Cathaoirleach Chuige Mumhan of the Camogie Association. The G.A.A. was represented by Liam Ó Maoilmhichíl, Ard Stiúrthóir.



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## Camogie

By Mary Horan

# Another Great Year for Angela Downey

Kilkenny consolidated their position as the top senior team in 1986. Their performance in the All-Ireland Final at Croke Park was ornamented with skill, confidence and resolve.

Angela Downey's instant and decisive reply to Edel Murphy's goal proved that Kilkenny were in control. When danger lurked, they moved up a gear to show who was in the driving seat.

Angela had another wonderful season. In the three championship games, she registered a huge personal score of 7-15. She snatched Kilkenny from the jaws of defeat in the semi-final when Cork were poised to cause an upset.

For the third year in succession, Angela proved herself to be the top athlete in camogie by taking the coveted Gradam Tailte award. At club level she carried St. Pauls to within a single point of the All-Ireland Club Championship.

Ann Downey had a particularly good season. Her display at midfield for Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Final was superb. Liz Neary captained a winning Kilkenny team for the second time and was a commanding figure in defence all through the campaign. In her first season in the Kilkenny colours, Clair Jones enjoyed herself. Claire Jones, Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan and Breda Holmes grew in stature as the year rolled by.

A talented young Clare team played some excellent camogie on its way to the All-Ireland Junior Championship title. The six marvellous points scored on the run by sixteen year old Catherine O'Loughlin displayed skill of the highest level. Indeed it is difficult to name many senior players who could match that feat. Maura McNicholas, Noleen Quinn, Pauline O'Brien and Carmel Wall were to the forefront for Clare right through.

Isobel McGee ensured that the Galway minors were in tip top shape for this year's All-Ireland. There was no slip at the final hurdle this time. Nora O'Rourke, Caroline Linnane, Ger Fahy, Mary Treacy, Imelda Hobbins and Patricia Connors shone for Galway and will undoubtedly be seen to shine again and again in the future.

In June 1985, Glen Rovers lost their Cork Championship title at the quarter final stage of the competition. Under the captaincy of Mary Ring, they got down to serious training in February

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Angela Downey.

determined to leave no stone unturned in their preparations for an onslaught on the title.

They achieved their ambition with something to spare and immediately set their sights higher. The Munster Club title came easily as neither Sixmilebridge nor Granagh-Ballinagarry were able to match the Glen. Athenry were accounted for before Glen faced St. Pauls in the greatest test in the history of the club. Val Fitzpatrick, Mary Ring, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan and their colleagues responded magnificently to fashion a famous victory.

The National Leagues went to Cork and Kildare. With up and coming players Mary Spillane, Colette

final. As in the All-Ireland Final, the Dublin team's attack lacked penetration and did not avail of its scoring opportunities.

Miriam Malone led Kildare to success in the National Junior League and Leinster Championship. It promised to be a fantastic year for the Lilywhites but many of the side failed to find their true form in Croke Park.

St. Raphaels, Loughrea, got a fright from F.C.J. Buncloody in the All-Ireland Colleges final. Deirdre Costello showed her class in the replay and Corn Sceil remains in the Galway school. Frances Broderick made a considerable impression when leading St. Marys, Charleville in the colleges junior final. An exciting prospect, she showed amazing skill and maturity for a fifteen year old.



# Antrim search for manager

ANTRIM'S languishing senior side could start next season's National League managerless. The post is now vacant and open to all offers after last weekend's County Convention in Ardoone.

And, according to county secretary Marie Doherty, it's a position that could prove a little difficult to fill before the National League fare resumes after Christmas.

"All the clubs are being asked to forward their nominations. But it appears that no one is all that interested at the moment. The job is wide open," said Marie, who was re-elected as secretary unopposed.

Last season's manager Fr Paddy Delargy has declined to fill the demanding role for another year because of their commitments, but has informed the County Board that he is available in a selectors capacity.

Rossa and Antrim player Ann McGlue was nominated to stand for the post but withdrew from the contest. Though she was elected as the Antrim junior team manager, Ann is to

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continue her playing career with club and county and doesn't feel that she is able to give the commitment required to operate successfully as senior manager as well.

There is a slight possibility — but only a slight one — that Lennie Harbinson, who trained the senior side during last season's league campaign before going to the United States, could accept the manager's position.

However, Lennie is still in America. He could well be back in the county sometime in the New Year, but if he is unavailable when the county committee meet on the first Wednesday in February to decide the issue, that would rule the former Antrim footballer out of contention.

The Annual Convention was very well attended, though a little sparse on delegates from North Antrim. All delegates contributed handsomely to the proceedings which heard Lily

Spence from the chair voice her disapproval of the running of the All-Ireland 'Open' Draw.

To the astonishment of the Antrim officials the 1987 'Open Draw' has, for the fourth time since 1981 paired a now struggling Antrim side against Cork.

And, Antrim are away again. Not since playing Cork in Glenravel five years ago have Antrim received a home draw in the Premier championship. Last year they ran Cork to two points, which surprised everyone after their abysmal league run.

On the subject of the National League, Lily also criticised Central Council over the appointment of referees. Last year, not once was an Antrim referee appointed to officiate at any league match.

Regarding the poor state of their financial affairs, the chairperson urged all the clubs to take a greater responsibility for the welfare of camogie in Antrim, and not to consistently direct the problem to the officers.

On the point of finance, the delegates unanimously decided that all the clubs throughout the county were to make extensive efforts to generate funds.

At the end of February the most successful club in raising

cash, through Fun Run's, social functions, and the like would receive a £50 sports voucher.

From the six motions tabled, three were approved. They were Motions 2, 5, and 6 which consisted of the following: That a team failing to field the field pay a fine as well as losing the points. That the winners of the Junior championship must win on two consecutive years before proceeding to Senior level. And finally, that a fine be imposed on the club whose referee fails to arrive at the venue.

Four recommendations were discussed. The first, that games should not be played at Falls Park was rejected. The suggestion that the ACL be played on a one-way basis was also rejected. Recommendations 3 and 4 will be discussed further at the next county committee meeting.

All the standings officers were re-elected. But, the position of P.R.O. has yet to be filled. Marie Doherty and Sheila Kearney were elected as delegates to Ulster Convention. Dierdra McAtamney and Jane McKee were elected to delegate at Congress.

● Colleges Camogie League result: Queen's 10-4 Coleraine 2-1

## Back in the top ten — at last

SUE CASHMAN, who captained Antrim to All Ireland Senior Championship success in 1967, which shattered the stranglehold of Dublin, was the last camogie player to be honoured in the Texaco Awards.

The inclusion of camogie in the list of ten sports to be honoured in the Texaco Awards for the first time since 1967 this season, has been greeted by widespread approval and satisfaction.

For far too long camogie has been omitted from consideration for the ten sports chosen. Sue Cashman was the last recipient, a very popular choice at that time. In the previous year, the legendary Una O'Connor, who won 13 All Ireland medals in the Dublin colours, was a winner for camogie.

In the intervening years, many camogie players deserving of the award have been ignored. Lack of international achievement has often been put forward as an excuse.

But this line of argument does not stand up when the regular inclusion of hurlers and gaelic footballers is taken into consideration.

To place the achievements of our top stars side by side with

those who have been recognised in recent years for gaelic games, our girls would appear in a very good light.

For example, it is easy to point to a Kilkenny camogie player whose contribution to club, county, and province are far greater than that of any Kerry footballer of the same period.

However, camogie has made the short list, and the game's enthusiasts are very pleased with this development. The individual winners have not yet been named. Whoever is chosen will take her place with the top stars of the country and will have every right to feel at home in such company.

Details of the new All Ireland Colleges Sevens to commemorate the memory of the late Agnes Purcell were finalised at the annual meeting of the All Ireland Post Primary Schools Camogie Council last Saturday.

The competition for a new trophy will be known as Corn Una, and will be staged in Dublin on May 2. Ulster's proposal to make the event an under-16 competition was accepted.

Each province will stage their own seven-a-side competition, and forward two representatives

to the National finals. Two groups of four, comprising of one school from each province, will play on a league basis. The group winners will then contest the final for the Corn Una Trophy.

The draws and dates for the All Ireland Colleges semi finals were also announced. In the senior championships, Munster will be at home to the Ulster champions on March 14.

The Ulster Divisional winners are not yet known but the championship will have progressed to this stage before Christmas.

Connaught will travel to Leinster. The venues will be reversed for the same pairings in the junior championship on March 7.

● The annual meeting of the CCIA failed to find a new president. Mary Rose O'Connor had completed her term of office, but none of the higher colleges managed to come up with a successor.

The matter has now been referred back to the colleges, who will have to think again. Former UCD player Gaye Moran was elected vice-president. UUJ's Brid Kilpatrick is the new secretary.

Mary Rose O'Connor has stepped into the role of treasurer, while Anne Higgins, of St Mary's College, Belfast and Antrim fame, will act as registrar.

● In the Ashbourne Cup, UUJ have been drawn away to UCG. Queens didn't receive the best of draws. They are away to the UUC. TCD are at home to UCC while UCD will entertain Maynooth.

All are first round matches. The games will be staged at Belfield on the week-end of February 14. St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, will host this year's Purcell Cup.

In the first round, St Mary's College, Belfast, have been drawn against Thomond College, while Marino play Carysfort. The host college and Mary Immaculate have received byes into the semi finals.

The Connaught Colleges championships are now in an advanced stage. In the senior semi finals St Raphaels meet Ballygar and Athenry take on Roscommon. In the junior, St Raphaels have qualified for the final. They will meet either Portunna or the winners of the last quarter final between Castlereagh and Roscommon.



St. Raphael's Loughrea . . . All-Ireland senior camogie champions again.



A delighted Angela Cooney accepts Corn Sceillig from the Colleges' Council President, Sr. Mairead, after leading St. Raphael's to the senior title.



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# CAMOGIE

MARY MORAN  
ASKS

## Can Blues return to their former Glory Days?

**D**UBLIN'S poor record in recent All-Ireland Finals poses many questions. Are the present players up to the standard of former Dublin teams. Does the current management get the best of the squad? Is the problem one of skill, teamwork or approach?

For comparison purposes, let us look at the successful Dublin team of the early sixties. Under the heading scores conceded, the present side shapes up very well. Yvonne Redmond, Marion Conroy and their co-defenders are not letting the team down.

The main difference between these two back divisions is centre-back Ally Hussey of the Sixties era. Ally did not restrict her contribution to defensive duties. Playing with flair and confidence, she attacked from her key position and created more openings and opportunities than any present day defender does.

While Orla Ni Siochain, Mary Sherlock and Patricia Timmins have their admirers as midfield players, the present occupiers win their share of the ball. However, more scores came from this area some years back.

The disparity between the teams is to be found in the respective forward lines. Brid Keenan, Kathleen Ryder, Judy Doyle and Una O'Connor were in a different league individually and collectively. Their match total of goals regularly ran into double figures, even in All-Ireland Finals.

The present team lacks an inspiring leader of the status and brilliance of Una. Una was to Dublin what Angela Downey is to Kilkenny. Legendary

coach, Nell McCarthy ensured that her charges played as a team with devastating effects for the opposition.

Much hard thinking remains to be done by those who wish to see the blues return to their former glory. They may ask was the change of style by Dublin players in recent years a success? Is the timing of the Dublin season a hindrance? With so many underage teams playing, why has Dublin only won one All-Ireland minor championship? Why has only one member of that team come through to establish herself on the senior team.

In Kilkenny, the question on everyone's lips is "who will be the player of the year"? The displays and feats of Angela Downey continue to draw gasps from the crowd and make headlines in the newspapers. I am sure Angela will not mind if, on this occasion, we turn the spotlight on her twin sister Anne.

Anne had a superb game in the All-Ireland Final. Taking a leaf from Pat Spillane's book, she covered miles. She dropped back when needed in defence, won a vast amount of ball at midfield and sallied forth into attack

to take her points.

Often overshadowed by her sister, Anne is a very skilful performer in her own right. She showed in the Gael-Linn with Leinster and with St. Pauls in the Club Championship that she is a valuable asset to any side. 1986 has been a great season for her.

The sponsored walk lead by Donncha O Dualainn drew attention to our All-Ireland Finals. It was great to see clubs from all over the country falling in behind him en route to Croke Park. The Kilmacud Sevens, which attracted over thirty visiting sides, is also contributing to the weekend.

1986 was a great season for the young players of the West. The youngsters of Mullagh sparked in Feile na nGael, St. Raphaels were supreme on the Colleges front, the Galway minors and the Clare juniors carried off All-Ireland honours in style. From that group, the names of Catherine O'Loughlin, Noleen Quinn, Maura McNicholas, Deirdre Costello, Anne Fahy, Angela Cooney, Patricia O'Connor, Imelda Hobbins, Emer Hardiman and Ann Kelly are earmarked as stars of the future.



★Kilkenny's Anne Downey — 1986 has been a great season for her.



Máire Nic Nicols holds the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Trophy in triumph after leading her team to victory over Kildare. On the right is Camogie president Mrs. Mary Lynch.



# Year of satisfaction for Angela Downey

Kilkenny, Clare and Galway were the top camogie prize-winners in 1986. All-Ireland senior, junior and minor championship cups rest in these counties, indicating a good spread of major honours for the season.

Kilkenny now lie in joint third place with Antrim with six All-Ireland senior crowns. Dublin, of course, remain away out in front and Cork hold the second position. Liz Neary captained her second All-Ireland senior winning team and lead Leinster for good measure.

Several Kilkenny players have reason to remember the year with satisfaction. Angela Downey was rarely out of the news. She completed a hat-trick of Gradam Tailte titles, turned the Kilkenny/Cork

semi-final around in the twinkling of an eye, inspired her side in the final and carried St. Pauls to within a point of the club title.

Her sister Anne experienced a great season. Claire Jones, Jo Dunne, Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan and Breda Holmes were major contributors to Kilkenny's success. All of these helped Leinster to retain the Gael-Linn.

Clare won their third All-Ireland junior championship in style. Young, skilful performers like Maura McNicholas, Catherine O'Loughlin, Noeleen Quinn, Pauline O'Brien and Patricia Rynne drew the admiration of the crowd with their delightful play.

Disappointed in the last two

years, the Galway minors more than made amends. They showed talent and maturity in taking the All-Ireland minor championship and had many players on view who will undoubtedly be seniors of the future.

Glen Rovers realised a dream which they have nurtured for over two decades. With tremendous displays from Val Fitzpatrick, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Mary Ring, Therese O'Callaghan and Marie Ryan they regained the Cork and Munster club titles and at last put their name on the All-Ireland cup.

St. Raphaels, Loughrea, remain supreme in colleges circles but they got more than a fright from F.C.J. Buncloody, in Croke Park. The Galway

school got it right in the replay and now are on course for a third. St. Marys, Charleville, thrilled their fans by deservedly taking the colleges junior crown.

U.C.D. regained the Ashbourne Cup but Queens, who eliminated Cork, captured some of the limelight. Thomond College was the pick of the higher colleges, winning both Purcell Cup and C.C.I.A. League.

Marion McCarthy captained Cork to win the National Senior League. Kildare reached new heights for them. They collected the National Junior League and Leinster junior title. Hopes of a historic treble faded in the early minutes of the All-Ireland junior final.

The youngsters of Mullagh

gave further proof to the theory that Galway has the best young players around. They retained Feile Division I with style. Keady put their name on the Division II plaque, while the Division III trophy remained in Clare with Eire Og. Rath (Offaly) were successful in the national finals of the Community Games, pipping Bishopstown by a point.

In the committee rooms, a new commission is sitting to examine all aspects of the Association. Clubs and counties have had an opportunity to submit recommendations. Hopefully, some good will come out of it so that the expansion of recent years will continue.

## Kilkenny seniors add to the tally

CAMOGIE honours were well scattered in 1986. For the second year in succession, the top prize, the All-Ireland senior championship, was captured by Kilkenny. Clare and Galway inscribed their names on the All-Ireland junior and minor cups, respectively.

Kilkenny have now taken their tally of All-Ireland senior championship to six. They lie in joint third place with Antrim behind Dublin and Cork. It was a particularly satisfying season for some of their players. Full-back Liz Neary captained her second All-Ireland winning side and led Leinster to victory in the Gael-Linn for good measure.

The Downey twins enjoyed a great season. Angela retained her Gradam Tailte title, snatched Kilkenny from the jaws of defeat against Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final, was an inspiring figure in the final and brought St. Pauls to within a score of the Club championship. Her sister Anne made considerable impact at midfield from where she created many opportunities for Angela.

Goalkeeper Marie Fitzpatrick established herself among the top keepers in the game. Jo Dunne, had a very good season picking off many vital scores. Breda Holmes, Biddy O'Sullivan and Anna Whelan have reason to look back on the season with pleasure.

Clare ended a long, hard season on a high note. Their talented young side got it right in the final. Maura McNicholas, who has been named as Junior Player of the Year. Catherine O'Loughlin, Noeleen Quinn, Helen Cusack and Carmel Wall played excellent camogie to earn the county's third title.

It was third time lucky for Galway minors. The good work being done in the county at underage level had to be rewarded. A fine minor side overcame Wexford by double scores in the All-Ireland minor decider. Much more will be heard of Nora O'Rourke, Carol Linnane, Mary Treacy, Imelda Hobbins, Suzanne Burke and Triona Dolphin.

Glen Rovers captured their first All-Ireland Club championship. Inspired by the non-stop action of Val Fitzpatrick, the Cork club came through a long difficult campaign to realise their dream. Captain Mary Ring, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan and June Hamill were key figures in the success. St. Raphaels, Loughrea,

joined the ranks of the schools who have won the All-Ireland Colleges championship twice in succession. It is on the cards that they will go further and make it a hat-trick. St. Marys, Charleville, brilliantly lead by extremely promising Frances Broderick, took the colleges junior championship in style.

It was very satisfying to see Thomond College do so well in 1986. The future physical education teachers won the Purcell Cup and left the universities behind in the race for the C.C.I.A. title.

Cork won the National Senior League without reaching great heights. Kildare had their best season ever, winning National Junior League and Leinster championship. However, their vision of an All-Ireland title vanished as things went wrong in the first half of the final.

U.C.D. brought the Ashbourne back to Belfield, Mullagh looked great in retaining their Feile title, Rath (Offaly) proved best in the Community Games and Leinster made it a double in the interprovincial series.

1986 had its joyful moments for the teams and players mentioned above. But it held its heartbreaks, too. For Dublin, who lost two finals, it was a year to forget. F.C.J. Buncloody held

St. Raphaels to a draw in the colleges final only to see it slip away in the replay. Bishopstown in the Feile final, St. Pauls in the club final and Kildare were cases of so near and yet so far.

St. Patrick's, Maghera, are emerging as the front runners for this season's Ulster Senior Colleges camogie a whirlwind start to their championship challenge.

The competition, which is run off on a league basis, attracted a smaller than expected entry, and the South Derry side have so far remained unbeaten.

An indication of the strength of their title aspirations can be gauged from the fact that they have already scored a success over the defending champions Loreto, Letterkenny.

However, the competition is so that the Letterkenny college are by no means out of contention. Maghera have now qualified for the final, which takes place sometime in the New Year.

And, forming their opposition will be the winners of the Letterkenny versus St. Mary's Magherafelt semi-final.

Magherafelt who have the coaching services of Derry's highly acclaimed star, Sarah Anne Quinn, who inspired her club Swatragh to an Ulster club final appearance and her country side to the Ulster junior title during the summer, could well upset Loreto, trained by Anne Carroll, to book a showdown with their Derry neighbours.

## St. Patrick's Maghera going great guns

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The winners of the Ulster championship will travel to Munster in the All-Ireland semi-finals in March. The venue for that engagement will be either Ennis or Charleville.

Colaiste Muile of Ennis emerged to reach the Munster final by virtue of a 2-5 to 2-1 victory over St. Pats, Shannon after a great struggle in the semi-finals.

This game dispelled any notion that Colaiste are a one girl team, relying heavily on the talents of Clare player Catherine O'Loughlin. That didn't prove the case.

St. Anne's Cork were highly fancied to win through from the other half of the draw. But their side, featuring nine of the team which reached last season's Munster final, failed to produce the goods, playing second fiddle to St. Mary's, Charleville.

Charleville only entered the championship last seasons. On their debut they experienced a 22-point hammering from Tulla in the opening round. In 12 months their game has progressed considerably, and in this year's opening round they scored a two-goal win over the same opposition.

And, the fact the majority of their side are eligible for the 1987-88 championship can only augur well for them.

According to their mentors, that is where their aspirations lie. However, Colaiste Muile wouldnt want to read too much into that statement.

Kilkenny star Angela Downey was back in the news again, this time in the Cospoir 'Women in Sport awards. Angela was placed second in the Achievers category to Clare Houlihan, a member of the successful Curtis Cup team.

Their awards are in recognition of professional or amateur athletes who continue to give outstanding performances in their particular sport. Well done Angela.

The 1987 Inter-Country fixture list will be ratified at tomorrow's meeting of the Ard Chomhairle. Country officials and team mentors will then know what is in prospect and to plan accordingly.

Tipperary, a country very anxious to return to the limelight once again, have been dealt a severe blow with the news that two of their top players Jenny English and Mona Quigley have emigrated.

Other news comes from Cork and Clare. Miriam Higgins was returned unopposed for the Cork chair at their Country Convention while Maureen Buan was successful at the Clare Convention and will guide the country fortunes in the coming year.

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# LACK OF PERSONNEL SERIOUS PROBLEM

THE lack of personnel and the burden of taxation were described as the two greatest threats to the game of camogie at the Cork County Camogie Convention at Paire Ui Chaoimh yesterday.

Chairperson Miriam Higgins, who was re-elected, said that the lack of personnel was the most serious problem facing the organisation. "We appear to have become more selfish in our attitude and far too many are playing the game for what they can get out of it without putting anything back."

She asked were they merely reflecting society and whether anything could be done to get players and parents more involved.

"How many of us have one person or perhaps two running the whole show to such a degree that if they lose interest the club dies?"

Ms. Higgins said the people involved in the game had a very great responsibility of carrying on the camogie tradition, which stretched back to 1930, and had the awesome task handing it to future generations.

On the subject of taxation she said the excessive and penal VAT rate of 25% on hurleys was not just hindering the progress of camogie, it was killing it.

"We must strongly associate ourselves with our friends in the GAA to bring about a change in Government policy in this regard," said Ms. Higgins,

who called for a zero VAT rate on hurleys.

She said the introduction of DIRT (Direct Interest Retention Tax) was a tragic and serious blow to an amateur organisation which was non-profit making.

"All governments have in the past recognised the work played by all sporting bodies in the development of youth. While one recognises the Government's desire to spread the tax burden more evenly it should not be done on the backs of non-profit making amateur bodies."

"We must work tirelessly to persuade our politicians to extend charitable status to organisations such as ours. A general election will be held during 1987 and votes talk. So let your vote be used to bring about a change," she told the convention.

On the inter-county camogie scene she said the season was a disappointing one. "We won the senior national league, the Munster senior and minor and under 18 championships but our failure to win the national championships was a major disappointment," she concluded.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Miriam Higgins, Eire Og; Vice-Chairman, Sheila Spillane, Killeagh; Secretary, Mairead O'Donovan, Ballincollig; Treasurer, Kay Dunne, Blackrock; Registrar, Lilly O'Sullivan, Ballincollig.



Officers at the Cork County Camogie Convention at Paire Ui Chaoimh. Included are: Miriam Higgins, chairperson; Thomasina Hegarty, secretary; Sheila Spillane, vice chairperson; Marie O'Regan, fixtures secretary; Eileen Noonan, treasurer and Lillie O'Sullivan, registrar. (Examiner)

## DELEGATES ATTENDING



Inniscarra delegates Mary O'Callaghan, Sheila Golden and Anne Golden, pictured at the Cork County camogie convention at Paire Ui Chaoimh.

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# CORK COUNTY CAMOGIE CONVENTION



■ Mary Kearney, Sarsfields; Kay Dunne and Francis McCarthy, Blackrock, pictured at the Cork County Camogie convention.



■ At the Cork County camogie convention were Rose Malone and Margo Twomey, Eire Og, with St. Finbarr's delegates Mary Moran, Marion McCarthy and Colette O'Mahony.

## 30 YEARS AGO

IN an amazing replayed final at the U.C.C. Grounds, in which each team only scored once, Old Aloysians retained their Cork County Senior Camogie championship title, when they defeated Glen Rovers by 1-0 to 0-1. The teams were: **Old Ais:** E. O'Donovan, B. Walsh, G. O'Sullivan, L. McGowan, J. Clancy, J. O'Grady, S. O'Sullivan, L. Coughlan (Capt.), M. Joyce, A. Lane, L. McCarthy, M. Wyley. **Glen Rovers:** S. Cahill, C. O'Donovan, B. Lucey, K. O'Halloran, N. Deane, M. Buckley, M. Browne, P. O'Reilly, Ann Crotty (Capt.), N. Murphy, M. Murphy, E. Dempsey.

## OFFICERS OF BOARD



■ Officers of the Cork County Camogie Board pictured at their convention at Pairc Uí Chaoimh, here—left—Maire O'Regan, fixture secretary; Síle Spillane, vice-chairman; Thomasina Hegarty, hon. secretary; Miriam Higgins, chairman; Eileen Noonan, treasurer; Lily O'Sullivan, registrar. Missing from the picture is P.R.O., Newman-McCarthy.

# Plea to become more involved

IN her address to the Cork County Camogie Convention, held at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday last, chairperson Miriam Higgins, who was re-elected, said the lack of personnel was the most serious problem facing the organisation.

There are now 40 clubs in Cork and 2,000 playing members. She appealed to players and parents to become more involved in the running of their clubs. The chairperson also said the excessive and penal VAT rate of 25% on hurleys was not just hindering the progress of camogie, it was killing it. She appealed for a change in Government policy in this regard and called for a zero VAT rate on hurleys. The officers are: Chairperson, Miriam Higgins, Eire Og; Vice-Chairperson, Sheila Spillane, Killeagh; Secretary, Mairead Donovan, Ballincollig; Treasurer, Kay Dunne, Blackrock; Registrar, Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; PRO, Mary Newman McCarthy, Glen Rovers. The position of Fixtures Secretary was not filled.

The Senior Selection Committee is: Rose Malone, Eire Og; Mary O'Callaghan, Inniscarra; Mary Nott, Glen Rovers; Sheila Spillane, Killeagh, plus a nominee from County Champions, Glen Rovers.

The Junior Selectors elected were: Mary Maher, Douglas; Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; Sheila O'Brien, Eire Og, plus a nominee from the Junior Champions,

Killeagh, and the Intermediate Champions, Fr. O'Neills.

The Under 18 Selectors are: Mrs. Harrington, Bishopstown; Mrs. Goggins, Na Piarasigh; Rose Mackey, Glen Rovers and Josie Knowles, Churchtown. These will be joined by a nominee from the winners of the Under 18 Championship which is not yet completed.

The task of guiding the Minor team was given to Mary Moran, St. Finbarrs; Mary Maher, Douglas; Mrs. O'Sullivan, Ballincollig and Mary O'Callaghan, Inniscarra plus a nominee from the Under 16 Champions which are not yet known.

Motions passed included one from Eire Og which called for an honorary position of President to be established within the county. The term of office to be for a maximum period of five years.

St. Finbarrs failed in their request to have the senior selection committee reduced to three members while Blackrock were not successful in their request to have a Senior Plate competition introduced.



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## BOXING



**Dave McAuley**

DAVE "BOY" McAULEY from Larne moved out of the shadow of the great Barry McGuigan on a memorable November night in Glasgow. McAuley, a European amateur contender in 1980 at Rimini, was having his 13th professional fight against pint-sized Scot Joe Kelly for the vacant British Flyweight title.

It certainly proved unlucky for Kelly. He was outreached and outgunned by the 25-year-old McAuley who finally stopped his brave opponent after two minutes and eight seconds of the ninth round.

## HORSE RACING



**Pat Eddery**

THERE'S no disputing that Pat Eddery is one of the greatest horsemen in the world. At one stage during the 1986 flat racing season he looked like becoming the first jockey since the late Sir Gordon Richards to ride 200 winners.

Finally, he had to settle for 177 winners on his way to his fifth jockeys' championship. He also rode over 40 winners in Ireland, where he was in action most Saturdays, as well as being successful in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the Japan Cup and the King George and Queen Elizabeth stakes on Dancing Brave.

## CAMOGIE



**Angela Downey**

ANGELA DOWNEY'S skill and determination have made her a household name in camogie circles and on September 14 last these qualities were much in evidence when she played a leading role in winning the all-Ireland senior title by beating a fancied Dublin side.

Her intelligent linking up with her sister, Anne, who dominated at midfield, provided many problems for the Dublin defence and in the second half her two goals, scored at vital junctures, put paid to any hopes of a Metropolitan revival.

## CYCLING



**Sean Kelly**

HE DIDN'T compete in the Tour de France because of injury but 1986 was again a great year for Sean Kelly. He won the Milan-San Remo Classic for a record fifth time in a row, the Paris-Roubaix Classic and the Grand Prix de Nations time trials.

After finishing fifth in the World Championships, he won the Nissan Classic and came second in the Tour of Lombardy. He collected his third successive Prestige Pernod championship as the most consistent rider in the world and for the second year was computer ranked as the World No. 1.

## GAELIC FOOTBALL



**Pat Spillane**

PAT SPILLANE's brilliant football career should have been at an end at the beginning of this decade because of his serious knee injury. Yet with the single-minded determination which has become a hallmark of his play he made a remarkable recovery and once again proved himself one of the greatest players the game has produced.

There is no better example of all his skills and marvellous attitude to the game than this year's All-Ireland final. He covered every inch of space at Croke Park.

## GOLF



**Claire Hourihane**

CLAIRE HOURIHAN'S ability to perform at the highest level has reaped rich dividends this year. She excels while playing in a team or on her own.

She was on the victorious Curtis Cup team in Kansas in August, which she followed up by defeating England NUMBER ONE Trish Johnson, in a sudden death play-off in the British Strokeplay Championship, at Clairegow. This win guaranteed her a place on the British and Irish World Cup team. Before leaving for that event she helped Ireland win the Home International Championship.

## HURLING



**Ger Cunningham**

AT A TIME when there are a large number of top class goalkeepers in hurling, Cork's Ger Cunningham stands out as the outstanding player amongst them over the past five years. He has hardly ever played behind a settled defence but has borne the responsibility that resulted well.

He mixes the spectacular with sound good sense and has been a vital part of Cork's All-Ireland successes in 1984 and this year. He has twice been recognised as an Allstar. He is totally dedicated to hurling and rarely misses a game.

## MOTORSPORTS



**Joey Dunlop**

IT'S a remarkable feat to win a World Championship once but this year Joey Dunlop clinched his FOURTH Formula One Motorcycle title in a row, at the age of 34.

The shy diffident Ulsterman is now established as one of the truly greatest road riders of all time. Since winning his first major Isle of Man T.T. in 1980 Dunlop has never looked back and who knows what further honours this extraordinary man will win.

## RUGBY



**Keith Crossan**

KEIGH CROSSAN, who has played 11 times for Ireland, is now generally considered to be one of the best left wings in international rugby. He won his first cap in 1982 against Scotland, when Trevor Ringland withdrew and that was a significant distinction because it was the match in which Ireland won the triple Crown for the first time in 33 years.

Crossan, from Belfast, did not play much rugby at school which was RBAI. He only joined Instonians later when his friends were joining the club.

## SOCCER



**Jim McLoughlin**

THERE seems to be no end to the Jim McLoughlin success story. Since the man from Derry arrived at Shamrock Rovers after a successful spell with Dundalk, the Milltown club have been back among the honours after years in the wilderness.

In 1984, the Hoops won the League and lost to UCD in a replay of the FAI Cup final. In 1985 they completed the double and this year McLoughlin steered them to the League and Cup again. Now, having moved back to Derry no doubt he will inspire his hometown club to fresh triumphs.

## Angela Texaco winner

A KILKENNY player has been chosen as a Texaco award winner.

Camogie heroine, Angela Browne was chosen following her outstanding contribution to Kilkenny's sixth success in the all-Ireland senior championship.

Angela, the former Miss Downey, will be the third camogie player honoured under the Texaco scheme, probably the most sought after award nationwide.

In 1966 Una O'Connor (Dublin) won the award, and the following year Sue Ward (Antrim) was honoured.





# ★ THE 1986 TEXACO SPORTS STARS ★



## BOXING

### Dave McAuley

Ever since they boxed together on an Irish junior team in the European championships in Rimini in 1980 Dave McAuley has been living in Barry McGuigan's shadow and while McGuigan reached the peak in professional boxing McAuley had to be content with a supporting role.

But last October Dave took the first step towards becoming a boxing celebrity in his own right. The 25-year-old Larne man conceded home ground to Glasgow's Joe Kelly but boxed beautifully to take the British flyweight title.

It could be the first step on the trek to world stardom and for the manner in which he disposed of Kelly, Dave is the Texaco boxing star for 1986.



## CAMOGIE

### Angela Downey

Few players have contributed as much to camogie as Angela Downey. And certainly, her exploits in 1986 added considerably to her reputation. This prolific scorer led Kilkenny to All-Ireland senior championship glory — when they beat old rivals Dublin — and was also a member of the St. Paul's

Kilkenny, team which failed narrowly to Glen Rovers, Cork, in the All-Ireland club final.

During the two campaigns, Angela scored a personal total of 21-37; a quite remarkable feat. However, her finest performance came in the All-Ireland final against the Dubs when she acquired a tally of 2-4.

Angela, who is a teacher in Thomastown Vocational School, is a dedicated player. Her reward from the sport includes six All-Ireland senior medals; three All-Ireland club medals; two B+I awards; and now, she adds a Texaco Award to that collection.



## CYCLING

### Sean Kelly

1986 was another wonderful year for Sean Kelly. On his way to winning a third successive Pernod Trophy for the World's No. 1 cyclist, he won three single-day classics, Paris-Nice for the fifth year in a row, retained his Nissan Classic title and finished third in the Tour of Spain.

Only the leg injury that kept him out of the Tour de France cast a shadow over a great season, made all the more remarkable by the fact that Kelly is now a marked man in every bike race.

Perhaps next year will bring the Irishman even greater glory. His team have publicly denied that Kelly will be allowed to devote all his attentions to winning the 1987 Tour de France. But Kelly is a man who generally gets what he wants and it would be no surprise to see him launch a bid to win the greatest bike race of them all in July.

THE VAST reservoir of Ireland's sporting talent is typified yet again by the ten sports people chosen as the TEXACO SPORTS STARS OF 1986.

Included in the glittering array of talents are three of the world's No. 1 representatives in their sports. Joey Dunlop, motor cycle road race champion for the fifth time, Sean Kelly, the undisputed number one in world professional cycling, and Pat Eddery, general regarded as the best jockey in the world, will all be honoured at next month's function in Dublin.

Kerry's Pat Spillane is back on top of the football world while Ger Cunningham's contribution to Cork's All-Ireland hurling triumph earns him the hurling award. The camogie award goes to Kilkenny's Angela Downey.



### Pat Spillane

Pat Spillane the brilliant Kerry footballer takes his second Texaco Award and first since 1978 after a wonderful year. He played a tremendous part in Kerry's All-Ireland victory over Tyrone a display which earned him the man of the match award also.

The 31-year-old Cork-based physical education teacher made his debut on the Kerry senior team in 1975 and since then he has won every honour in the game. He is joint holder of eight All-Ireland medals with Paudie O'Shea, Mikey Sheehy, Denis Moran and Ger Power.

Spillane fought and won a great battle to overcome a leg injury which threatened a premature retirement from the game. He captained Thomond College to victory in the All-Ireland club championship in 1978 and was also chosen on the Team of the Century.



### Ger Cunningham

Cunningham's superb sense of timing and great hurling courage earns him his first Texaco Award after six years as the undisputed Cork hurling goalkeeper.

The St. Finbarr's clubman was goalkeeper on the 1978 minor team which won the All-Ireland and he also played on the winning minor team in 1977.

He made his debut on the team in the National League of 1980-81 and since then has won three senior medals and five Munster championships.



## GOLF

### Claire Hourihane

It is somewhat ironical that in the year Claire Hourihane failed to achieve her stipulated ambition of winning the

Irish women's championship title for a third successive year, that she should, in fact, have one of her most successful seasons.

Winning the Leitrim Cup as top qualifier into the Irish championship seemed a good omen but she was pipped at the 18th hole in the semi-finals at Castlerock and faced the rest of the season in a mood of despair.

However, in face of that early season setback, the Woodbrook startlet turned in a string of great performances, climaxed by victory in the British women's 72 holes strokes championship and as a member of the British and Irish Curtis Cup side that became the first team ever to win an international on American soil.

In between, Miss Hourihane won the Hermitage Scratch Cup for the third successive time and the Heath Scratch Trophy for the fourth time in a row. She also led Ireland, with an unbeaten singles record, to victory in the women's "home" international championship and then further stamped her class by winning the prestigious 36 holes Hampshire Rose Bowl.



## MOTOR CYCLING

### Joey Dunlop

Joey Dunlop's achievement in winning the Formula One motor cycling road championship for a

fifth time, wins another Texaco award for the quiet spoken Ballymena rider. Dunlop, indeed, has few peers in this demanding and dangerous discipline.

The inherent dangers of the sport has caused some of the leading riders to opt out of the competition, yet this is no way detracts from Dunlop's marvellous achievement.

While an accident involving his brother Robert during the Isle of TT Festival in the Isle of Man unquestionably affected Joey's performance at the blue riband meeting he still proved one of the outstanding riders during the week and his overall dominance and his Formula One category is emphasised by the fact that he had the championship title clinched prior to the final round.



## RACING

### Pat Eddery

There is a turning point in every sportsman's career and that for Pat Eddery must surely have come when trainer Seamus McGrath advised him as an apprentice to go the "Frenchie" Nicholson stables in Britain to further his career with wider opportunities than at home.

Nicholson had produced many great riders but none superior to Pat Eddery who now bestrides the International racing

world like a miniature Colossus. He has ridden winners in all five continents, and big races come to him as though by right.

This year he went truly international when accepting the retainer from the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe for him on Dancing Brave. The Curragh, Ascot, Goodwood, Longchamps and Epsom provided his major wins in Europe and he rounded off a remarkable year when winning the Japan Cup in Tokyo.



## RUGBY

### Keith Crossan

This time last year, Keith Crossan was in the dumps, his immediate career in rugby being in doubt because of a broken jaw.

The nasty injury caused him to miss Ireland's opening two games, against France and Wales and although he resumed for the England and Scotland fixtures, there was not much more luck going his way as he failed to score as Ireland completed a dismal whitewash!

The tail end of the year, however, saw Crossan's fortunes totally transformed, in terms of his sporting and private life.

For Ireland, he confirmed his position as one of the world's leading wing threequarters when he scored three tries against Rumania. This fine achievement enabled him to equal the feat of J.P. Quinn in 1913; Eugene Davy in 1930 and Seamus Byrne in 1953.

Soon after, he was a key member of the Ulster team that won the Inter-provincial championship for the third successive season, with the added

bonus of having won every match in three years.

Crossan celebrated his 27th birthday on December 29 and having got engaged to Instonians hockey player Joanna Bratty on December 6th, he is in the process of planning an '87 wedding, sometime in between his commitments for Ireland in the Five Nations championship and in the upcoming World Cup.



## SOCCER

### Jim McLaughlin

Jim McLaughlin is by far the most successful manager in the history of League of Ireland football. In the past decade the 44-year-old Derryman has dominated the managerial scene first with Dundalk, then Shamrock Rovers and now Derry City.

Entering League of Ireland football over ten years ago few could have predicted that he would be embarking on such a glittering managerial career. With Dundalk he picked up three league titles and two F.A.I. Cups. It was the most successful era ever for the Co. Louth side.

Then four years ago McLaughlin moved to Shamrock Rovers. In the short space of three seasons piloted Rovers to an unprecedented three league titles in succession, not to mention two F.A.I. Cups. And the success story seems never ending.

This week Derry City are top of the first division and look east iron certainties for promotion. The Derryman has come home to his native city as general manager. And the Brandywell faithful are delighted to welcome back the most influential figure in Irish soccer for the past decade.



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★ Camogie queen — Angela Downey

# ANGELA: THE CAMOGIE BOSS

CAMOGIE winner Angela Downey is gaining recognition for her sport at this level for the first time in 19 years — Sue Ward of Antrim was the last to be honoured in 1967. In a memorable season Angela helped Kilkenny win another All-Ireland championship and she also starred in Leinster's Gael Linn Cup triumph. But perhaps her greatest achievement was scoring four goals and five points as her

side St. Paul's went under ever so narrowly to Glen Rovers in the All-Ireland Club final played in Cork. Angela, who has twice won the B+I Camogie Player of the Year Award, is daughter of the great Shem Downey, who helped Kilkenny beat Cork in the 1947 All-Ireland hurling final.

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Glen Rovers, Cork, 4-11; St. Paul's, Kilkenny, 5-7.

## SEMI-FINALS

October 5. Athenry: Glen Rovers, Cork, beat Athenry Kilkenny: St. Paul's, Kilkenny, 9-8; Eglis, Tyrone 2-2.

## UNIVERSITIES' CHAMPIONSHIPS ASHBOURNE CLUB

Semi-Finals: February 8. At Coleraine. Queen's University, Belfast 1-5; U.C.Cork 0-6. In extra time U.C.Dublin 6-6; Jordanstown, 0-1.

FINAL. February 9. Coleraine. U.C.Dublin 5-8; Queen's 0-2.

SHIELD FINAL. February 9. Coleraine. U.C.Galway 3-4; Trinity Dublin, 0-3.

## C.C.I.A. LEAGUE

Semi-Finals: March 1. Dublin: U.C.Dublin 3-7; U.U.Jordanstown, 0-3.

## CAMOGIE ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

SENIOR. September 14. Croke Park: Kilkenny 2-12; Dublin 2-3. Kilkenny captain: L. Neary.

JUNIOR. September 14. Croke Park: Clare 1-13; Kildare 3-4. Clare captain: M. McNicholas.

MINOR. August 3. Wexford: Galway 2-8; Wexford 1-4.

## SEMI-FINALS

SENIOR. August 24. Monamolin, Wexford: Dublin 5-9; Wexford 3-2. August 24. Kilkenny: Kilkenny 4-11; Cork 3-12.

JUNIOR. August 17. Bellaghy: Kildare 3-6; Derry 0-9. Athleague: Clare 3-11; Roscommon 1-5.

## SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TO SEMI-FINALS

July 27. Cork: Cork 4-13; Down 1-1.

## NATIONAL LEAGUES FINALS

SENIOR. May 18. Dublin: Cork 3-8; Dublin 1-10.

JUNIOR. June 8. Dublin: Kildare 2-3; Dublin 1-4.

## LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

SENIOR FINAL. June 22. Dublin: Dublin 3-11; Kilkenny 3-6.

## ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

October 26. Glen Ground, Cork.

## PURCELL CUP

Semi-finals: February 1. Belfast Thomond, Limerick, 11-3; Mar Immaculate, Limerick, 0-0. Carysfort Dublin, 1-3; St. Mary's, Belfast, 0-2.

FINAL. February 2. Belfast Thomond, Limerick, 3-4; Carysfort Dublin, 1-2.

## ALL-IRELAND SENIOR COLLEGES

Semi-finals: March 1. Loughrea: St. Raphael's, Loughrea, 4-9; St. Patrick's, Cork, 1-2. Derry: F.C.J., Bunclogh Wexford, 3-2; Loreto, Letterkenny Donegal 0-0.

FINAL. April 12. Croke Park: St. Raphael's, Galway, 2-4; F.C.J., Bunclogh, 3-1. DRAW.

## ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES JUNIOR

FINAL. April 12. Croke Park: St. Mary's, Charleville, 2-6; F.C.J., Bunclogh, 0-3.

## HANDBALL ALL-IRELAND FINALS SOFTBALL

Senior Singles: August 31. Croke Park: M. "Duxie" Walsh (Kilkenny) bt M. Walsh (Roscommon) 21-17.

Senior Doubles: September 20. Croke Park: Tom and John Quish (Limerick) bt M. Walsh and E. Downey (Kilkenny) 21-17; 21-15.

Under-21 Singles: September 20. Croke Park: P. O'Keeffe (Kilkenny) bt J. O'Donoghue (Tipperary) 7-21-13; 21-17.

Under-21 Doubles: August 31. Croke Park: J. O'Donoghue and E. Co