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Mary Moran's CAMOGIE COLUMN



St. Raphael's captains, Pamela Nevin (junior) and Triona Dolphin (senior) display their All-Ireland trophies.

St. Raphaels carve special niche in history of Colleges Camogie

TWO-THIRDS of the recommendations put forward by the 1986-88 Special Commission have been taken on board by the Camogie Association. At Congress in Castlereagh the sections on playing rules, coaching, refereeing, development and youth were voted upon.

In the past twelve months, the senior inter-county players proved that they were capable of taking the extra ten minutes in their stride. From now on, all inter-county games will be sixty minutes. The extended time means better value to supporters.

The official guide quotes minimum and maximum measurements for the playing pitch. The option remains for club and colleges games but the maximum size must be used for inter-county matches.

The pros and cons of banding sticks has been a chestnut at Congress for many years. Some years ago, a motion to allow the use of banded sticks would have been overwhelmingly defeated. On this occasion, the motion failed by one-third of a single vote to gain the necessary two-thirds majority.

The motion to disallow scores by the hand gained little support. Many recognised the need for scores to make a game attractive and were loathe to take action which would

reduce the number registered.

While acknowledging that a problem of insufficient quality referees exists, Congress was not willing to go along with idea of "no referee, no game." The Commission had put forward a training structure at county level and stipulated that clubs which failed to comply would render themselves ineligible for fixtures.

The All-Ireland Senior Championship is just around the corner. Is there a serious challenger to Kilkenny as they set out in search of five titles in a row? Dublin have slipped back somewhat in recent seasons. The practice of young players going to America for the summer months has hit them hard.

Cork, who finished six points short last September, have to find replacements for a number of their side. Mary Geaney and Ann O'Donovan have retired. Anne Leahy is working with the poor of Peru and Noelle O'Driscoll has moved to Kilkenny. The newcomers will take some time to find their feet.

If there is to be a dark horse, it could appear in the shape of Galway. Those who were present at the Gael-Linn final must have been impressed with the commitment and skill of the Connacht side. An all-Galway team

without any representative of county champions, Glenamaddy gave Leinster a lively hour.

St. Raphaels, Loughrea have carved a special niche for themselves in the history of colleges camogie. The Co. Galway school engineered another great double at sunny Donagh. Their proud record stands at five All-Ireland senior titles in succession and four All-Ireland junior titles since 1984.

When one considers that the stars of the earlier victories are no longer pupils it puts their continued success in perspective. New talent continues to surface and follow in the proud tradition.

Clare Lynch highlighted her skill and vision with four great goals in the junior final. Deirdre Hardiman, Pamela Nevin, Olivia Broderick, Fiona Brett and Dymphna Maher in company with Clare Lynch will make St. Raphaels a difficult side to topple in the years to come.

While St. Patrick's, Keady put up a great fight in the senior final, the experience and finishing power of St. Raphael's made the difference. Captain, Triona Dolphin, Fionnuala Keane, Emer Hardiman and Imelda Hobbins should steer Galway to further honours in the years ahead.

Midleton girls leave it late

St. Mary's High School, Midleton 3-1, St. Paul's, Kilfinan 2-0

ST. Mary's High School, Midleton came from three goals in arrears to snatch the Munster under-15 camogie plate at St. Colman's Community College, Midleton yesterday with a dramatic late goal.

Aided by a very stiff breeze, St. Paul's dominated the early exchanges and when their skipper, Mary Margaret Meade, blasted a great free to the net in the fourth minute, to be followed eight minutes later by a goal from Ita Murphy, the Midleton girls were in trouble. With ten minutes to go to half-time the St. Mary's defence was caught flat-footed once again and Irene Noonan goal.

St. Paul's lost Mary Margaret Meade just before the interval and this seemed to upset their rhythm. Sinead Cahalane, who excelled for Midleton, opened their scoring with a goal from a free in the 20th minute to leave them two goals behind at half-time.

A great goal from Evelyn Leahy and a point from a free by Cahalane began the Midleton fightback, but it looked as if they would never break the strength of the St. Paul's defence, where Vera Noonan, Theresa Quilty and Lorraine Kelly were outstanding. However, with two minutes to go, Marie Brett snatched victory for Midleton with an opportunist goal.

Midleton: M. Flahavan, A. O'Regan, H. Walsh, N. Shanahan, M. Moore (captain), M. Brett, A. O'Connor, S. Cahalane, T. Aherne, U. O'Connor, E. Leahy, O. Barry.

St. Paul's: C. Doody, M. O'Sullivan, V. Noonan, T. Quilty, L. Kelly, E. O'Connor, M.M. Meade, B. Stack, L. Noonan, L. Tobin, I. Murphy, L. McCarthy. Sub: J. O'Sullivan for Meade (injured).



Sheila Golden, chairperson, Cork County Camogie Board, presenting a painting by Fred Archer, the first prize in the Camogie Board's fund raising event, to little Claire Tadla, Grange, Douglas. The presentation which took place at the Bank of Ireland International Department, 32 South Mall, Cork, also includes (from left) Lloyd Hutchinson, Bank of Ireland International Dept., Fred Archer, artist, Kay Dunne, Treas., Cork County Camogie Board, and Catherine Tadla.

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THE campaign for the All-Ireland Minor Championship accelerates this weekend with two fixtures in Leinster and one in Munster. All-Ireland champions Kilkenny play their first game since lifting the title for the first time last August.

Kilkenny entertain Wicklow and are expected to win comfortably. The champions are fortunate to retain the majority of the winning side. In addition good replacements are coming through from the Under 14 county side and Kilkenny colleges have enjoyed a good season.

Kilkenny tipped to defeat their guests



Offaly camogie has made definite strides in recent years. Drumcullen and Shinrone proved at the National Feile that they are capable of holding their own with the best. On Sunday, they have an opportunity of judging their progress

when they play Dublin. Dublin have not figured prominently at minor or colleges level in recent years but expect to advance to the next round.

If one may assess minor standards by observing colleges games, then Tipperary should record a comfortable win over Waterford. Tipperary had five schools participating in the Munster Colleges competition including Scoil Mhuire, Cashel who won the Senior and Junior championships. On the other hand, Waterford schools do not participate.

Tyrone should round off the Division Four of the National Junior League tie with Fermanagh with a win. A single point would be sufficient to lift them out of the bottom section and give them a place in the semi-final of the competition.

The camogie section of the Pan Celtic Festival takes place in Killarney on Saturday and Sunday. As usual the entry is high and clubs see the competition as good preparation for their county championships.

Saturday — Pan Celtic Festival at Killarney, 10 a.m.

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NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE
At Spiddal (3.0) — Galway v Wexford.

At Newtowncunningham (2.0) — Donegal v Sligo.

At Eglis (3.0) — Tyrone v Fermanagh.

Camogie results

Senior Leagues: Glenroovers 5-11, Fr. O'Neills 4-3, St. Finbarrs 2-10, Blackrock 1-0, Sarsfields 3-7, Killeagh 2-5, St. Finbarrs 1-3, Na Piarsaigh 1-1, Glenroovers 3-4, Killeagh 0-3, St. Finbarrs 1-7, Eire Og 1-2, Glenroovers 2-6, Na Piarsaigh 0.

Senior League Final 1987: Glenroovers 3-7, St. Finbarrs 2-7.

Junior B Leagues: Ballinure A 9-5, Youghal 0-3, Ballinora 8-5, Ballinhassig 0-0, Ballinure A 5-5, Ballinure B 0-2, Ballinure A 5-8, Delaney Rovers 0, Kilbrittain 6-5, Ballinhassig 0, Newcestown 3-10, Barryroe 1-2, Newcestown 2-1, Kilbrittain 1-1, Delaney Rovers 1-2, Fermoy 0-1, Youghal 1-3, Middleton 0, Delaney Rovers 3-1, Youghal 3-0, St. Pannaghans 7-10, Delaney Rovers 2-0, Courcy Rovers 5-0, Ballinhassig 0-1, Newcestown 3-5, Ballinhassig 0.

Junior A League: Bishopstown 4-5, Cloyne 0-1, Castlemagner 5-12, Cloyne 2-0, Inniscarra 2-6, Na Piarsaigh 0.

U-16 League Final: Bishopstown 5-4, Glen Rovers 0-2.

A super team show

Castlecomer Community School

F.C.J., Bunclody

On Leinster minor final day in Croke Park, Castlecomer and Bunclody produced a game worthy of the occasion and the venue. Both sides were skilful, sporting and determined.

Although Castlecomer never trailed, at no stage were they comfortable in their lead, and so from a spectator's point of view there was the exciting tension of a close game.

Catherine Power scored the winners only goal in the first half and they turned over leading by this score.

Aine Dunne pointed two 30 metre frees early in the second half. Then Bunclody goaled and the contest became even more keen. Another free from Aine

Dunne produced a point, which gave a little security to the Castlecomer lead.

This proved the last of the game.

A superb team performance was the key to this success. There was no weak link. Particularly powerful performances came from Brid Brennan, Catherine Nolan, Aine Dunne and Anne Moore.

Panel: Julie Ann coogan, Anne Moore, Brenda Murtagh, Aine Dunne, Deirdre Young, Catherine Nolan, Brid Brennan, Iris O'Flynn, Jane Mulcahy, Deirdre Breen, Catherine Power, Sinéad O'Neill, Louise Slevin, Suzanne Morrissey, Margaret Nolan, Eilish Dunne, Mairéad Kirwan, Mary Murphy, Breda Dowling, Yvonne Comerford, Patricia Byrne, Breda Byrne, Margaret Brennan, Kathleen Buggy.

Busy time for Glen

THIS is a busy weekend for Glen Rovers for they contest both the Senior and U-16 League finals. Tonight at Ballincollig, they play St. Finbarrs in the 1987 Senior League final while tomorrow at St. Finbarrs their opponents will be Bishopstown in the 1988 U-16 League final.

The '89 U-14 League also gets off to a start next week with a full programme of games listed while the remainder of the week will see Killeagh and Eire Og in action on Thursday night in a Senior League game and there are also a number of Intermediate and Junior League games listed.

A Barrs v. Glen Rovers clash at any level always creates great interest and tonight's Senior League final between these two sides promises to be no exception.

Undoubtedly, St. Finbarrs will be underdogs as they face a very strong and talented Glen side. But finals are never won easily and no doubt the Barrs will go into this game with great determination.

Glen have very experienced performers in Ger McCarthy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Mary Ring, Diane Deane, Ann O'Donovan and Therese O'Callaghan and if these girls produce their usual form they will certainly make things very difficult for a Barrs side that will be hoping for top class performances from Claire Cronin, Colette O'Mahony, Niamh Coughlan, Martha Henchion, Fiona O'Sullivan and Paula Carey.

In the second final tomorrow, Bishopstown and Glen Rovers clash for U-16 honours and here Bishopstown will be expected to come out on top. They have already won the championship and on form should again have the edge.

They have fine performers in Edel Ryan, Eithne Duggan, Bláithín Keating, Claire Murphy and Deirdre White and if these girls play

to form it is difficult to see them being halted.

But the Glen could have other ideas about this. Their semi-final clash with Aghabullogue went to a replay and here they proved what a determined side they are when they came from behind to win by a two-point margin. They have marvellous performers in Catherine Monaghan, Mandy Kennefick, Patricia Murphy, Lisa O'Mahony and Orla Murphy and if these girls produce the goods it could be a close finish.

FIXTURES

TONIGHT — Senior League Final 1987, Glen Rovers v. St. Finbarrs at Bishopstown at 7.30. Junior "A" League 89: Castlemagner v. Watergrasshill at Castlemagner at 3.30; Inniscarra v. Na Piarsaigh at 12 noon. Junior "B" League 89: Delany v. St. Fanahans at St. Fanahans at 4.30; Sarsfields v. Youghal at Sarsfields at 7.30. Intermediate League 89: Ballinora v. Bishopstown at Bishopstown at 11.30.

MONDAY — Under 14 League 89 (all at 7.30): Douglas v. Ballinhassig at Douglas, Ballygarvan v. Blackrock at Ballygarvan, Delany v. Na Piarsaigh at Delany, Grenagh v. Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons, Barryroe v. Courcy Rovers at Barryroe, Valley Rovers v. Newcestown at Valley Rovers, Watergrasshill v. Fr. O'Neills at Watergrasshill, Middleton v. Cloyne at Middleton, Cloughduv v. Aghabullogue at Cloughduv.

TUESDAY — Junior "B" League 89: Ballinure (2) v. Blackrock at Blackrock at 7.30; Middleton v. Fermoy at Middleton at 7.30.

WEDNESDAY — Intermediate League 89: Aghabullogue v. Brian Dillons at Aghabullogue at 7.30; St. Finbarrs v. Blackrock at St. Finbarrs at 7.30. Under 14 League 89: Castlemagner v. Cloughduv at Cloughduv at 7.45.

Éire Óg for Féile final

Éire Óg 5-1
Bishopstown 1-0

ÉIRE ÓG qualified for the Féile na nGael camogie final when they won the Cork section at St. Finbarrs grounds last evening.

The winners led at the interval by that final scoreline and were much the better side in the opening half.

However, the young Bishopstown side fought gallantly in the second half to hold Éire Óg scoreless.

For the winners Julie Bradley had a tremendous game while Deirdre ni Cronin was Bishopstown's best players.

Scorers for Éire Óg: J. Bradley 2-0; V. Nagle 2-0; O. O'Sullivan 1-1. Bishopstown: C. O'Heilly 1-0.

CAMOGIE

National Junior League — Donegal 8-12, Sligo 0-0, Tyrone 5-11; Fermanagh 0-2, Dublin Sen. 'B' C. Semi-Final — An Ceislean 3-3, Kilmacud Crokes 1-0.

Kilkenny's crown goes on the line

DUBLIN and Kilkenny were scheduled to meet each other on April 9 in the opening round of the National Senior League. However, the fixture which was washed out by continuous rain has been refixed for Silverpark with added significance.

Both counties played two league matches in the meantime. Dublin scored a narrow win over Wexford but dropped the decision to Cork by six points. Kilkenny managed to hold Wexford but lost to Cork.

A vital factor in assessing next Sunday's game is the return of Kilkenny star Angela Downey. Angela's worth to Kilkenny was clearly underlined as her team mates struggled to attain a single league point in her absence. Indeed, it was her sister's prowess at free-taking, which kept the scorelines respectable.

Kilkenny must win this game or surrender their title. Even if Dublin lost, the door is not shut. They have appealed against the time played in their fixture with Cork and a replay may be ordered. However, they cannot count on reversing the Ballinlough result.

Dublin played some good camogie in the Cork game but their inability to finish good chances cost dearly. If they can improve on this aspect of their game, they could come out on top. While Kilkenny will look to Angela to lift them, her lack of match practice may tell on this occasion.

Dublin juniors have a vital game against Kildare. Kildare are nicely posi-



tioned with six points and a home tie with Cork to finish their programme. While Dublin dropped a point against Cork, they may get an opportunity to redeem it. However, Kildare are likely to continue on their winning way.

The Munster junior championship opens with two matches listed. Clare, who are enjoying a good league run, should prove too strong for Kerry. Sinead O'Brien, Cathy McNamara, Marie Collins and Una Kavanagh should see Clare through to the semi-final.

Cork face the stiff challenge of Tipperary in the second match. Rated a senior county up to two years ago, Tipperary have lost many players through emigration and retirements. Ger Ryan, Joan Tobin and Niamh Bonnar will pose problems for Cork.

Cork are still experimenting with a very large panel. The lack of a settled side might tell against them in what is a tough first round tie. Lead by Therese O'Callaghan and strengthened by Paula Carey, Denise Cronin, Jean Paula Kent and Evelyn Healy Cork will try to take a step on the way to regaining the title which they held in 1987.

SUNDAY

NATIONAL LEAGUES — At Silverpark Dublin — Senior at 4.30, Dublin v Kilkenny. Junior at 6.00, Dublin v Kildare. At Kilmacragga at 3.00 Junior — Wicklow v. Roscommon. At Butlerstown at 2.00, Junior — Waterford v Derry.

Camogie title for Thomastown

Thomastown V.S. 3-4
Roscrea V.S. 2-5

THOMASTOWN vocational school won the all-Ireland vocational schools senior camogie title for the seventh time in Abbeyleix on Wednesday.

This was their first victory since 1981. The fact that they have lost four finals in the intervening years made this victory all the sweeter.

Roscrea started as if they would win in a canter and they led by three points to nil after 10 minutes of play. Two of those were scored by Pamela Brereton. Thomastown who were the more experienced side made a very nervous start and it took a good goal by Deirdre Lannon to settle them.

Just before half time a lovely pass from Vanessa Butler set Deirdre Lannon up for a second goal which she hammered to the net. Roscrea scored a great goal through Theresa Brophy just before the whistle blew to leave the half time score level 2-0 to 1-3.

Thomastown had their best period of the match early in the second half. Good points from play by Patricia O'Keeffe and Aisling Cullen and another goal from Deirdre Lannon left Thomastown in what seemed a comfortable lead of five points.

The match took a dramatic turnabout with ten minutes left. A good handpassing movement involving Patricia O'Keeffe and Vanessa Butler led to Anita White handpassing a "goal". This would have left Thomastown eight points ahead.

The goal was disallowed for a square infringement and from

the free the Roscrea centreback Deirdre White hammered the ball to the net. Now, instead of an eight points lead, Thomastown only led by two points.

The remainder of the match saw Thomastown hanging on to this lead through the bravery, skill and sometimes luck of their defence. Goalkeeper Christine Power, the high catches of Ursula Whelan and the long clearances of Una Murphy were vital in this period.

Thomastown were delighted to hear the final whistle with their two point lead still in tact.

Apart from those already mentioned, Thomastown had stars in Irene Gibbons, Brigid Morrissey, Karina Cassin and Caroline Dalton. Roscrea's best were Liz Franks and Frances Davis.

Scorers

Thomastown: Deirdre Lannon (3-2), Aisling Cullen (0-1), Patricia O'Keeffe (0-1). Roscrea: T. Brophy (1-0), D. White (1-1), P. Brereton (0-4).

Teams

Roscrea: A. Franks, L. Carroll, L. Franks, G. Tynan, D. White, N. Davis, T. Brophy, S. Davis, P. Brereton, S. McCarthy, S. McCarthy, F. Davis, M. White.

Thomastown: Christine Power, Ursula Whelan, Brigid Morrissey, Irene Gibbons, Una Murphy, Aisling Cullen, Karina Cassin, Caroline Dalton, Patricia O'Keeffe, Anita White, Vanessa Butler, Deirdre Lannon. Subs: Sandra Phelan, Rynagh Bookle, Mary Comerford, Liz Fitzpatrick, Susan Laherty, Joan Whelan, Darina Finan.

Kilkenny master Dublin as Marie Fitzpatrick saves the day

KILKENNY 3-13
DUBLIN 2-7

GOALKEEPER Marie Fitzpatrick showed on Sunday why she is the best 'keeper in the county at present. Her brilliant save from Marie O'Connell at pointblank range must surely go down in history as one of the finest seen on any camogie or hurling pitch.

It was from this fine save that her team mates began to assert themselves. The first 15 minutes saw Dublin all over Kilkenny, the centrefield players of Ann Downey, Clare Jones and Marina Downey were well off form as they struggled to gain possession. Nothing seemed to go right for them and as a result the forward line suffered from lack of ball.

Kilkenny were first to open the score with a point from Angela Downey, followed by points from Ann Downey and Breda Holmes. Dublin replied with two quick points.

With ten minutes to go Kilkenny were awarded a 15 yards' free. Ann Downey opted to go for goal, her shot was blocked. Breda Holmes fought hard to gain possession, Noreen Tierney collected the pass from Breda and within a second she

had the ball in the back of the net for the best goal of the game.

Dublin threatened time after time and their break finally came when the referee awarded a 15-yard free for an alleged foul on Ann Cooper. Marie O'Connell made no mistake as she powered the ball to the net to leave the score 1-3 to 1-2.

Kilkenny responded by adding two more points from Angela Downey and Breda Holmes. Louise Lynch had two points for Dublin. With scores remaining Breda Holmes struck Kilkenny's second goal after a melee that developed after the Dublin goalie Ann Byrne had saved a shot from Downey. The local girls led by three points at half-time: Kilkenny 2-4, Dublin 1-4.

In the second half Kilkenny never really got on top until five minutes from full-time with a well-taken goal from Marina Downey.

Overall, it was a tough match. Conditions were very difficult with players trying to pace themselves in such intense heat. To add to their troubles, the new rule on time is now in force, all games now last one hour.

Caroline Holmes, Frances Rothwell and Bridie McGarry played particularly well, but Biddy O'Sullivan gets ten out of ten for the manner in which she contained the big Dublin full-forward, Marie O'Connell.

Breda Cahill had a great second half and was the best of the centre-field players. It was a quality performance from the forward line, but a little more work has yet to be done.

Marie Fitzpatrick was the most outstanding player on view on Sunday.

The scorers

Marie Downey (1-1), Angela Downey (0-3), Breda Holmes (1-3), Breda Cahill (0-2), Ann Downey (0-4).

Kilkenny once again travel to Dublin on Sunday to play the Leinster final against Dublin. Breda Holmes may be a doubtful starter on Sunday as she sustained a bad blow to the eye and has attended Ardkeen hospital every day this week. Once again Kilkenny will be hoping for a repeat performance.

CAMOGIE — National Senior League: Kilkenny 3-13, Dublin 2-1. National Junior League: Kildare 3-6, Dublin 1-6. Munster J.C. Final: Cork 4-8, Tipperary 0-3.

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Close call for Eire Og

By Tom Higgins

Eire Og 4-7
Muskerry 3-5

EIRE Og were flattered by their five points victory over Muskerry in the first round of the Cork Senior camogie championship at Ballinlough, last evening and the game was in the balance up to two minutes from the end. At that stage the Eire Og led by 2-7 to 2-5, but then they got two soft goals to put the issue beyond doubt. Although an Irene O'Keefe goal had the final say for Muskerry.

Eire Og were slightly the better side and just about deserved their win. Still they had to rely on the long puckouts of Marian McCarthy and the experience of Mary Geaney for their victory. In fact Geaney did nearly all their scoring in the second half accounting for 2-4 of her sides total.

Scorers for Eire Og: M. Geaney 2-4, M. O'Donovan 1-1, C. O'Regan 1-0, C. Murphy 0-1, D. Callanan 0-1. Muskerry: I. O'Keefe 2-2, M. Walsh 1-1, L. Dunlea 0-2.

Teams: Eire Og: M. McCarthy; M. Reck; H. Walsh, K. Conway, S. O'Brien; E. Morgan, T. Murray, T. Downey; M. Geaney, C. Murphy, D. Callanan; M. O'Donovan. Subs: C. O'Regan for E. Morgan, M. Higgins for T. Murray.

Muskerry: L. Aherne (Cloughduv); E. Cronin (Cloughduv); N. O'Connell (Grenagh); J. Dunlea (Cloughduv); M. O'Donovan (Inniscarra); L. Dunlea (Inniscarra); B. Cronin (Grenagh); S. Dunlea (Cloughduv); I. O'Keefe (Inniscarra); G. O'Sullivan (Inniscarra); M. O'Brien (Inniscarra); M. Walsh (Cloughduv).

Seandun 3-8
Fr O'Neill's 2-3

THE second first round game at the same venue between Seandun and Fr O'Neill's was a much better affair with both sides playing some excellent camogie. Fr O'Neill's were the better side in the opening half and turned over leading by 2-2 to 0-5. But in the second period the divisional side came very much into their own to tack on some excellent scores and confine the losers to only a point from a "39".

Scorers for Seandun: L. O'Neill 1-6, A. Barry 1-2, H. Barry 1-0. Fr O'Neill's: M. Aherne 2-0, M. Kenneflick 0-2.

Teams: Seandun — R. Desmond (Bishopstown); A. Creed (Bishopstown); P. Riordan (Blackrock); L. Maher (Douglas); S. Fahy (Brian Dillons); K. Mellerick (Brian Dillons); L. O'Neill (Bishopstown); P. Finneran (Bishopstown); A. Barry (Brian Dillons); G. Ryan (Brian Dillons); S. Morley (Bishopstown); M. Maher (Douglas). Subs: N. Cotter (Brian Dillons) for S. Fahy; H. Barry (Brian Dillons) for M. Maher; L. Walsh (Bishopstown) for S. Morley.

KILLEAGH, the holders and missing four of their county championship winning team coasted to an impressive 6-7 to 2-6 win over Na Piarsaigh when they opened the defence of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Ballinlough last night.

They led 2-5 to 1-4 at half-time, stepped up the pace after the break and rattled in four more goals to rout their opponents at

the end of a one-sided match.

Goals from Mary Spillane (2), Imelda Leahy (2) Patricia Fitzgibbon and Betty Joyce eased Killeagh into the second round.

Scorers - Killeagh: B. Joyce 1-5 (0-4 frees); M. Spillane 2-0; I. Leahy 2-0; P. Fitzgibbon 1-0 and B. Kelly 0-2.

Na Piarsaigh: J. Kent 0-4; M. Byrnes 1-0; I. O'Leary 1-0 and D. Kelly 0-2.

Killeagh: C. Buckley, M. Sweeney, N. Barry, C. Landers, M. Motherway, S. Spillane, M. Spillane, I. Leahy, B. Joyce, I. Leahy, B. Kelly and P. Fitzgibbon.

Na Piarsaigh: D. O'Shea, E. Healy, S. Cooney, L. Kelly, P. Goggins, S. O'Sullivan, J. Kent, I. O'Leary, M. Coad, L. Sheehan, M. Byrnes and D. Kelly. Sub: S. O'Sullivan for A. Donovan (second-half).

Referee: Maire Kearney (Sarsfields)

SARSFIELDS 4-17, AVONDHU 1-0.

SARSFIELDS recorded the most one-sided victory they are ever likely to achieve in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship when they overwhelmed a grossly

under-strength Avondhu side in their first round clash at Ballinlough, Cork last night.

Four of the Avondhu players missed the start of the match when the car they were travelling in, which also had the club gear, took a wrong turn coming through town and the upshot was that the team had to borrow Killeagh's green and black strip.

When the 'missing' players did arrive they came out wearing the club's usual yellow and

black colours but wait until half-time change again actually come in team.

At that stage, dhu's makeshift were 3-9 to 0-0 in and the game as a was very much of them. They made changes at the break to be fair, this proved considerable the second-half though Sars' en match 4-17 winners.

The elegant

The Seandun team who defeated Fr O'Neill's in the first round of the Cork Senior Camogie championship at Ballinlough. They now play Glen Rovers in the second round at Grenagh



Na Piarsaigh goalkeeper Deirdre O'Shea comes out off her line with two Killeagh players in pursuit, Patricia Fitzgibbon on left and Shelley Spillane during the first round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at Ballinlough last night. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

Emphatic win for K

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Champions not on slide

ANY NOTIONS that All-Ireland and National League champions Kilkenny were about to slip from the No. 1 position were well and truly scotched at Silverpark last Sunday.

A fifteen point win over Dublin leaves the issue very clear. Kilkenny are back and eager for further honours.

With Angela Downey back in action and showing no signs of her long lay-off, Kilkenny are motoring on all cylinders. This win puts Kilkenny into the National League semi-finals. Dublin's appeal against the time played in their Cork tie was not entertained and so they have no further interest.

The line-up for the National League semi-finals on June 4 will be Division I winners Cork v Clare and Kilkenny v Galway. The final is scheduled for June 18.

Kildare, who scored a comfortable two goal win over Dublin in the National Junior League on Sunday, can book a place in the semi-finals when they meet Cork on Sunday. Cork fared poorly in the early

rounds of the competition. A much changed team ousted Tipperary by the flattering margin of 4-8 to 0-3 last weekend.

Dublin and Kilkenny will be back in action on Sunday. The Leinster Senior Championship title will be the prize on this occasion. However, Dublin coach Ann Carey will have a job to lift her charges in such a short space of time.

The semi-finals of the Leinster minor championship are scheduled for this weekend. Champions Kilkenny tackle neighbours Wexford. While Kilkenny may expect a tough match, they should be too strong for their opponents. Dublin are fancied to reach the final at the expense of Meath.

In Munster, the champions Cork find themselves with only one survivor from last season's panel. Lyn Dunlea will be joined by her sister Stephanie, Sinead Cahalane, Edel Kearney, Ann O'Connor, Frances Hennessy and Eilish McCarthy who will all be donning the red and white for the first time.

Cork meet Tipperary at Cashel and remember that they were fortunate to escape from this venue with a narrow win last season. Based on the successful Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Marys, Nenagh teams, Tipperary will be very strong.

FIXTURES

Saturday — Munster Minor Championship — At Cashel (7.30) Tipperary v Cork; At Limerick (7.30) Limerick v Clare.

Sunday — Leinster Senior Final — At Silverpark (3.00) Dublin v Kilkenny; Leinster M.C. — Wexford v Kilkenny; Meath v Dublin. National Junior League — At Drumcar (2.00) Louth v Kilkenny; At Butlersdown (2.00) Waterford v Wicklow; Kildare v Cork; Down v Galway.



Killeagh who defeated Na Piarsaigh in the first round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at Ballinlough. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)



Sarsfields, who defeated Avondhu in the first round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at Ballinlough. — (Picture: Eddie O'Hare).

Hectic times on camogie front

There are hectic times ahead for camogie enthusiasts over the coming week with a number of vital games down for decision. Opening the programme on Saturday night are the Cork junior team. They play Tipperary at Ballincollig in the first round of the Munster Junior Championship. On Sunday the Feile na nGael Blitz will be held at St. Finbarr's and Bishopstown GAA pitches, while on Monday night Na Piarasigh and Killeagh clash in an eagerly awaited Senior Championship game. On Tuesday night the Senior Championship continues with the clash of Sarsfields and Avondhu, while Wednesday night will see another double header at Ballinlough between St. Finbarr's and Muskerry and Glen Rovers and Seandun.

The Cork team for Saturday night's first round game against Tipperary shows two changes in personnel from the side which drew with Dublin in a recent National League game. On to the side comes Fr. O'Neill's Margaret Finn. Margaret has had a few runs with the Cork seniors this season and has looked good. She replaces the unavailable Eileen Buckley at corner back while Breda Kelly, whose suspension is now up, comes in at midfield. The remainder of the line-out will see Maria O'Brien between the posts. Evelyn Healy is at full-back with Una O'Connor filling the other corner back position. Denise Cronin will be at centre-back with Mary Currid and Therese O'Callaghan joining Breda Kelly at midfield. Paula Carey fills the centre forward position with Jean Paula Kent, Rose Desmond and Irene O'Keeffe completing the full-forward line.

On Monday night Killeagh and Na Piarasigh clash in what promises to be one of the most interesting of the Senior

Championship games. Both these sides met in the first round last year and, after a replay, Killeagh came out on top so, no doubt, Na Piarasigh will be very anxious to reverse the result this time out. On form Killeagh will probably be slightly favoured but they certainly would not want to underestimate the strength of this city side.

On Tuesday night Sarsfields take on Avondhu and here the Glanmire side will be expected to have too much in hand for their more inexperienced opponents who will be competing in the Senior Championship for the first time in many years. Sars, who will be spearheaded by Liz Dunphy, Ann Brady, Eileen Noonan and Lilian Zinkant have shown great improvement of late and, on form, should prove too strong for an Avondhu side who will be looking to Aine Murphy, Mary Twomey and Eileen Boyd to carry them through.

On Wednesday night there will be a most interesting double header at Ballinlough. In the first game St. Finbarr's will be in action against Eire Og and here the city side should come out on top, even though they certainly will not get things all their own way from an Eire Og side that always seems to be at their best when it comes to championship.

In the second game we could have a very interesting tussle in store between Glen Rovers and Seandun. Seandun looked impressive in defeating Fr. O'Neills in a preliminary round last Wednesday night and a repeat of this form could make things difficult for the Glen but at the end of the day it is Glen Rovers who will be expected to come out on top.

On Sunday the under-14s will be in action in the Feile na nGael Blitz which will be held at St. Finbarr's and Bishops-

town pitches, commencing at 1.30. There are 20 teams in all taking part and the groups are as follows:—

St. Finbarr's - (Group A): St. Finbarr's; Grenagh; Ballinora; Eire Og; Cloyne. (Group B): Brian Dillons; Ballincollig; Killeagh; Aghabullogue; Inniscarra.

Bishopstown - (Group C): Watergrasshill; Kilbrittain; Barryroe; Na Piarasigh; Cloughduv. (Group D): Blackrock; Bishopstown; Fr. O'Neills; Glen Rovers; Valley Rovers.

FIXTURES

Friday, May 19 - Junior 'A' League '89: Watergrasshill v Douglas at Douglas at 7.30 (Ref. Brian Dillons); Na Piarasigh v Bishopstown at Bishopstown at 7.30 (Ref. Ballinora).

Junior 'B' League '89: Delany's v Ballinure (2) at Ballinure at 7.30 (Ref. Blackrock).

Saturday, May 20 - Munster Junior Championship: Cork v Tipperary at Ballincollig at 7.30.

Junior 'A' League '89: Cloyne v Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill at 7.30 (Ref. St. Catherine's).

Junior 'B' League '89: Kilbrittain v Grenagh at Kilbrittain at 7.30 (Ref. Newcestown); Blackrock v St. Fanahans at Blackrock at 7.45 (Ref. Ballinure).

Sunday, May 21 - Feile na nGael Blitz at St. Finbarr's and Bishopstown GAA Pitches at 1.30.

Monday, May 21 - Senior Championship: Killeagh v Na Piarasigh at Ballinlough at 7.30 (Ref. June Hamill).

Tuesday, May 23 - Senior Championship: Sarsfields v Avondhu at Fermoy, provisionally at 7.30 (Ref. Eleanor Twomey).

Wednesday, May 24 - Senior Championship: St. Finbarr's v Eire Og at Ballinlough at 7.15 (Ref. Brenda Newman); Glen Rovers v Seandun at Ballinlough at 8.15 (Ref. Marie Kearney).

Glen-Barrs semi-final

St. Finbarr's 5-8, Eire Og 2-1

NO doubting who was the star of St. Finbarr's win over Eire Og in the Cork Co. Senior Championship at Grenagh last evening. Full-forward Yvonne O'Neill helped herself to 4-3 as the 'Barrs recorded a convincing victory against a largely inexperienced Eire Og side.

A strong wind blowing down the middle dictated matters and Eire Og must have expected the obvious when trailing by 2-2 to 2-0 at the break, having enjoyed the advantage of the elements. Predictably St. Finbarr's dominated the second-half.

O'Neill also showed a neat bit of footwork, as her first goal in the sixth minute came from the boot and she repeated the trick four minutes into the second-half to help her side into a 3-3 to 2-0 lead. After that it was a question of how much they were going to win by.

While O'Neill stood out in attack, centre-back Colette O'Mahony did an immense amount of work, especially in the first-half, and her superb free-taking was an added bonus. Two goals by Jerlyn Kelleher and O'Neill in the closing minutes underlined their superiority.

Scorers, St. Finbarr's: Y. O'Neill (4-3), J. Kelleher (1-0), C. O'Mahony (0-3 frees), P. Carey (0-2).

Eire Og: U. Murphy and M. O'Donovan (1-0) each, K. Conway (0-1 '30.).

St. Finbarr's: B. Walsh; M. Henchion, A. Christie, C. Cronin, C. O'Mahony; N. Coughlan, D. Christie, F. O'Sullivan; P. Carey, Y. O'Neill, J. Kelleher, C. O'Leary.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy; S. O'Brien, M. Reck, captain, K. Conway; H. Walsh, T. Downey, M. O'Driscoll; D. Calinan, M. Geaney, M. O'Donovan, U. Murphy, C. Murphy. Subs. M. Higgins for Calinan; T. Murray for O'Brien.

Referee: B. McDonnell (Na Piarasigh).

Glen Rovers 4-11, Seandun 0-2

GLEN ROVERS had it just as easy against a spirited Seandun, a victory that sets up a semi-final tilt with the 'Barrs.

The Glen played into the wind in the first-half and their half-time position - they led by 1-5 to 0-2 - suggested they too would be in virtual control.

Indeed the Glen needed only 30 seconds of the second-half to emphasise that point as Ger McCarthy fired in a super goal. Five minutes later June Hamill added goal number three.

The Glen started impressively, scoring 0-4 without reply in the opening eight minutes, with Sandy Fitzgibbon leading the charge, and although Seandun cut the gap by two points, Hamill pounced for the opening goal shortly after. The winners finished with a flourish, scoring 1-3 in the last few minutes.

Scorers, Glen Rovers: G. McCarthy (2-3, 0-2 frees and 0-1 '30), J. Hamill (2-1), L. Mellerick (0-3), T. O'Callaghan (0-2), F. Toomey (0-1), M. Ring (0-1 free).

Seandun: P. Fineran and K. Mellerick (0-1) each. Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy; M. Ring, A. Delaney-O'Donovan, D. Deane, D. Cronin; T. O'Callaghan, M. Currid, S. Fitzgibbon, F. Toomey; L. Mellerick, G. McCarthy, J. Hamill.

Seandun: R. Desmond (Bishopstown); P. Riordan (Blackrock), A. Creed (Bishopstown), N. Cotter (Brian Dillons); L. Maher (Douglas), K. Mellerick (Brian Dillons), L. O'Neill (Bishopstown), S. Morley (do); G. Ryan (Brian Dillons); A. Barry (do), H. Barry (do), P. Fineran (Bishopstown). Subs. G. Fleming (Brian Dillons) for Morley and L. O'Sullivan (do) for Fleming.

Camogie
A League: Cloughduv 3-8
Watergrasshill 0-1; Junior B
League Ballinora 1-3 Newcestown 1-3; Senior League: Eire Og 5-1 Killeagh 1-3

Cork minors head for Cashel

FOCUS this coming weekend on the camogie front will be mainly on the inter-county scene with both the Cork minors and juniors involved in clashes. On Saturday night the Cork minors open their Munster Championship campaign with a vital tie against Tipperary at Cashel; while on Sunday at Clane the Cork juniors play Kildare in the National League.

On the local front the big game will be the Feile Na nGael final on Sunday night between Bishopstown and the winners of Eire Og and Inniscarra; while the remainder of the week will see a number of junior and Under-14 League games decided.

The Cork minors face a tough challenge on Saturday night when they travel to Cashel to play Tipperary in a first round game. Tipp have already defeated Waterford in a preliminary round and on the form shown in that game could trouble the Cork side on Saturday.

Both these sides met in the Championship last year when Cork were put to the pin of their collar to come out on top. For this season's campaign Cork with the exception of Lyn Dunlea will be fielding a completely new side; while Tipp have a number of last year's side still available to them, so no doubt we should have a cracker of a game in store.

The Cork team for Saturday's clash will see Mairead O'Leary filling the number one position. Ann O'Connor is at full-back with Ailish McCarthy and Helen Walsh filling the corner back positions. Stephanie Dunlea is anmed at centre back with the midfield positions going to Louise Fleming, Gillian Conlon and Sinead Cahalane. Lyn Dunlea is at centre forward with Therese Gould, Frances Hennessy and Edel Kearney, who captains the side completing the full forward line.

On Sunday the Cork juniors will be in action against Kildare in the National Junior League. The result of this game is really of no consequence to Cork as they have already dropped three points, while Kildare have full points, but it will be a tough game and should be a great benefit to Cork in preparation for their forthcoming Munster Championship game.

The team shows two changes in personnel from the side which defeated Tipperary in last Saturday night's Championship game. Diane Deane comes in at corner back in place of Una O'Connor, while Liz O'Sullivan replaces Paula Carey at centre forward. Both players are unavailable.

The remainder of the line-out is Maria O'Brien in goal. Evelyn Healy is at full back with Margaret Finn filling the remaining corner back position. Denise Cronin will be at centre back with the midfield positions going to Breda Kelly, Mary Currid and Therese O'Callaghan. The full forward line is Jean Paula Kent, Rose Desmond and Irene O'Keefe.

On Sunday night at Togher Cork's Feile na nGael representatives will be decided between Bishopstown and the winners of the Eire Og and Inniscarra game. On the same night the Feile na nGael skills competition will be held.

CORK MINOR PANEL

Mairead O'Leary, Glen Rovers; Ailish McCarthy, Glen Rovers; Ann O'Connor, Killeagh; Helen Walsh, Eire Og; Stephanie Dunlea, Cloughduv; Louise Fleming, Brian Dillons; Gillian Conlon, Bishopstown; Sinead Cahalane, Killeagh; Lyn Dunlea, Cloughduv; Therese Gould, Killeagh; Frances Hennessy, Fr. O'Neills; Edel Kearney, Bishopstown (capt); Ann White, Bishopstown; Ann Marie Healy, Cloughduv; Orla Higgins, Bishopstown; Elaine McCarthy, Barryroe; Orla Murphy, Glen Rovers and Gillian Brady, Ballincollig.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Junior "B" League '89

Fermoy v Sarsfields at fermoy at 7.30 (Referee: St. Fanahans).

CAMOGIE

National JF - Kildare, 1-10; Cork, 1-4.
Leinster MC SF - Dublin, 11-4; Meath, 6-1.
Munster MC SF - Tipperary, 6-5; Cork, 1-7.

Ballinhassig v Grenagh at grenagh at 7.45 (Referee: Inniscarra).
Ballinure (2) v Blackrock at Ballinure at 7.30 (Referee: Delanys).

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Munster Minor Championship: Cork v Tipperary at Cashel at 7.30.

Junior "B" League '89: St. Fanahans v Ballinure (1) at St. Fanahans at 7.45 (Referee: Fermoy).

Junior "A" League '89: Cloyne v Na Piarsaigh at Na Piarsaigh at 7.45 (Referee: Brian Dillons).

SUNDAY, MAY 28

National Junior League: Cork v Kildare at Clane at 3 o'clock.

Feile Na nGael Final, & Skills Competition: Bishopstown v Winners of Eire Og/Inniscarra at St. Finbarrs at 7 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

Under-14 League '89 all at 7.30

Cloughduv v Ballinora (Referee: Cloughduv).
Killeagh v Midleton at Killeagh (Referee: Midleton).
Fr. O'Neills v Cloyne at Cloyne (Referee: Fr. O'Neills).

Sarsfields v Watergrasshill at Sarsfields (Referee: Watergrasshill).

Barryroe v Valley Rovers at Valley Rovers (Toss) (Referee: Barryroe).

Courcey Rovers v Newcestown at Newcestown (Referee: Courcey Rovers).

Delanys v Glen Rovers "A" at Delanys (Referee: Glen Rovers).

St. Finbarrs "A" v Ballinhassig at Ballinhassig (Referee: St. Finbarrs).

Douglas v Blackrock at Blackrock (Referee: ...)

Kildare prove too strong for Cork

CORK 1-4, KILDARE 1-10

IN hot humid conditions an extremely fit Kildare team proved too strong for Cork in the National Junior camogie league in Clane yesterday. Kildare adapted quickly to the narrow pitch and had two points on the board before Cork scored from a Jean Paula Kent thirty.

Kildare added to their score with a well-taken point from Miriam Malone. Cork replied with a point from Therese O'Callaghan after good defensive work in the Cork backline. However, a Tricia Hanley goal, followed by two further points, left the half time score Cork 0-3, Kildare 1-5.

The second half began with Cork adding urgently to their attack. However, good defensive work from goalkeeper Ann Dorgan and centreback Caroline Brennan foiled Cork's efforts. Miriam Malone and Tricia Hanley added further points for Kil-

dare before Jean Paula Kent scored from a thirty. Lilian Zinkant added a goal to Cork's total after a well taken free. However, Kildare played well in the final quarter and put over another three points to leave the final score Cork 1-4, Kildare 1-10.

Best for Cork were Marie O'Brien, Evelyn Healy and Therese O'Callaghan, while Ann Dorgan, Miriam Malone and Clare Malone put in fine performances for Kildare.

Scorers: Cork—J. P. Kent 0-3, T. O'Callaghan 0-1, L. Zinkant 1-0.

Kildare T. Hanley 1-4, M. Malone 0-3, T. Keatley 0-3.

CORK—M. O'Brien, E. Healy, D. Deane, M. Finn, D. Cronin, T. O'Callaghan, N. Currid, B. Kelly, L. O'Sullivan, J. P. Kent, I. O'Keefe, R. Desmond. Subs. F. O'Driscoll for R. Desmond; Y. O'Neill for I. O'Keefe, and L. Zinkant for F. O'Driscoll.

KILDARE—A. Dorgan, C. Moloney, M. Treacy, P. Bambury, T. Farrelly, D. Brennan, M. Malone, A. Merriman, T. Keatley, T. Hanley, M. Johnson, R. Merriman.

Referee—A. Derrham (Dublin)

Cork girls blitzed

Tipperary 6-5
Cork 1-7

TIPPERARY registered a comprehensive victory over Cork, the holders, in the Munster Minor Camogie Championship semi-final at Leahy Park, Cashel on Saturday night.

The visitors got off to a great start when Edel Kearney tapped home a good goal in the opening minutes. Goalkeeper Sinead Nealon, facing a dazzling sun blocked down a high lobbing ball but the Cork captain was nicely positioned and made no mistake as she found the net.

Tipperary, however, quickly equalised with another good goal from Nuala Nealon. Tipp soon began to play with great skill and some brilliant hurling by Orla Hogan, Deirdre Hughes, Lorraine Graham and Nessa O'Dwyer around centrefield gave Tipp a strong pull. They received great support from Helen O'Leary, the Captain, Kira Byrne, Mari-ta Tobin, Roisin Nash and Clare Madden as Tipp led 3-3 to 1-1 at the interval.

Lyn Dunlea was Cork's outstanding player. She tried time and time to rally her team mates but her best efforts were in vain. Whenever Cork threatened Jovita Delaney, the strongly-built full-back was always on hand to foil the Cork attack.

The speed and accuracy of the Tipp forwards was their trump card and also most impressive was the solo running by Orla Hogan. They also combined brilliantly and all their movements showed their marked superiority in this department. Eiblish McCarthy, Ann O'Connor, Edel Kearney, Stephanie Dunlea and Gillian Condon tried very hard for the losers who were certainly unlucky with a few goal attempts.

Tipp however, took over completely in the second half and added a further 3-2 to qualify deservedly for the Munster final. Cork, however, added six points in this half.

Scorers — Tipperary—L. O'Dwyer 2-0, O. Hogan 1-4, H. O'Leary 1-1, K. Byrne and N. Nealon 1-0 each.

Cork — E. Kearney 1-1, L. Dunlea 0-5, F. Hennessy 0-1.

Tipperary—S. Healon, J. Delaney, M. Tobin, C. Madden, R. Nash, D. Hughes, L. Graham, O. Hogan, N. Nealon, N. O'Dwyer, K. Byrne, H. O'Leary (Capt). Sub. M. Hogan for K. Byrne and S. McGrath.

Cork—M. O'Leary, A. O'Connor, E. McCarthy, S. Dunlea, H. Walsh, G. Condon, L. Fleming, S. Cahalane, T. Gould, L. Dunlea, E. Kearney (Capt), F. Hennessy. Subs. O. Higgins for T. Gould; E. McCarthy for S. Cahalane.

Referee—B. O'Dea (Limerick).

Cork and Dublin meet in schools games

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THE annual Sciath na Scoil GAA games between Cork and Dublin will be played at Páirc Uí Chaoimh tomorrow.

The games, sponsored by AIB, will bring Cork teams into opposition with Dublin selections in hurling, football, camogie and handball in an afternoon of sport that begins at noon.

The members of the various teams were selected after a series of trial games and it is a great honour for these young sportspeople to represent their County at such an early age.

One of the nicest features of this series is the fact that daughters and sons of well-known sports people emerge at this level to maintain family traditions. On the Cork football team, for instance, is a youngster named Brian whose dad, Jimmy Barry Murphy, has been known to make a headline or two.

The Cork team selections are:-

Handball (pairs): Under 13, Keith Gallowgley (Youghal CBS), Rory O'Sullivan (Cullen).

Under 12: Elton Goggin (Youghal CBS), Dermot O'Sullivan (Cullen).

Under 11: Tony Healy (Ballydesmond), Gary Lynch (Ballyvourney).

Cork football panel: B. Kelly, P. Sheehan, D. Coughlan (Scoil Christ Ri); M. Lordon, J. Dwyer (Scoil Eoin), T. O'Sullivan (Whitechurch), D. Forde, A. O'Hallpin, K. Goulding, G. Quinlan (North Mon), F. O'Leary (Cloghroe), G. Burleigh (Churchfield), B. Murphy (Greenmount), R. Cotter, M. Keohane (Ballygarvan), C. Byrd (Mayfield), S. Collins, B. Barry Murphy (Bishopstown), S. Brosnihan (Ballinora), B. Healy, K. O'Connell, (Stawberry Hill).

Cork hurling panel: S. Connolly (Ballinora), D. Ryan (Greenmount), I. Coffey, M. Corbett, B. Hurley, B. Sheehan (North Mon), S. Byrne, E. Fitzpatrick (Togher), J. Browne, J. Flynn (Beaumont), G. Shaw, D. O'Sullivan (Farranree), T. Flynn, D. Twohig (Sundays Well), P. O'Mahony (Ballincollig), C. Collins, B. Kearney, (Watergrasshill), D. O'Brien (Scoil Cholumbain), P. Ryan (Riverstown), F. Kenneally (Bishopstown).

Cork camogie panel: M. O'Connor, M. Linehan (Killeagh), G. Forde, (Knocknaheeny), K. Daly (Scoil Therese), E. Boland (Togher), E. McMahon, E. Dineen (Cloghroe), M. O'Sullivan, E. McDonnell (Dripsey), N. Buckley, C. O'Leary, E. Moynihan (Berrings), O. O'Brien, S. Pinfield (Douglas), A. Breathnach (Scoil an Spioraí Naoimh), J. Keating (St. Catherine's).

In the camogie match Dublin ran out convincing winners on the score of 6-4 to 1-3.

'Big guns' to march on

THE results of senior inter-county matches continue to run on predictable lines. An inevitable meeting of Kilkenny and Cork in the National League final on June 18 seems on the cards.

An upset in Sunday's semi-finals would add interest and colour to the remainder of the season. But is it really on? Kilkenny have had the measure of Galway and Cork have come out on top in clashes with Clare in recent years.

Galway's clearcut win in the All-Ireland Junior Championship produced senior prospects in Joan Whoriskey, Ann Coleman, Imelda Hobbins and Mary Treacy. However, with examinations around the corner, these young players may not be anxious to line out.

If they are unavailable, their more experienced colleagues, Ann Ryan, Angela Cooney, Brid Stratford, Teresa Raftery and Bridie Cunniffe may find the



going too tough against a Kilkenny team which has bounced back into form.

The poor form shown by Kilkenny in the early rounds of the League is now behind them. Back to full strength, they are moving smoothly and look set to mount a stern defence of their title.

Clare have been on the receiving end against Cork in recent years. Young players like Catherine O'Loughlin, Patricia O'Grady, Noeleen Quinn and Pauline O'Brien have improved the team but other positions require to be strengthened.

Pat Lenihan withdrew from the Cork panel, leaving the captaincy to her clubmate Betty Joyce. Liz Dunphy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Colette O'Mahony, Ger McCarthy and Liz O'Neill have shown good

form in the local championships and should provide a platform for victory.

Armagh have equal points to Tipperary in division two of the National Junior League. The sides meet in Armagh on Sunday to decide the fourth semi-final spot. Tipperary pressed very strongly in the opening half of their Munster Championship game with Cork but fell away badly to concede several scores and defeat.

Cumann Uí Chonaill contest their first Dublin Senior Championship final tomorrow night when they face former All-Ireland Club champions Crumlin.

FIXTURES

Tonight: Dublin Senior Championship final — Cumann Uí Chonaill v Crumlin, Russell Pk. (8.0).

Sunday: National Senior League semi-finals — Cork v Clare, Cork (3.0). Galway v Kilkenny, Galway (3.0).

National Junior League — Armagh v Tipperary, Armagh (3.0).

CORK v CLARE

FRIDAY, JUNE 2
UNDER-14 LEAGUE '89
ALL AT 7.30

BIG game of the coming weekend will be the National Senior League semi-final between Cork and Clare scheduled for Ballincollig on Sunday evening.

On the local front, with exam time fast approaching, games are at a minimum with just under-14 games listed for the coming week.

The National Senior League is now at semi-final stage and will see Cork and Clare in action on Sunday, while also on Sunday, Kilkenny and Galway clash in the second semi-final at a Galway venue.

The Cork team is expected to be similar to the side which defeated Kilkenny last month and should see Marian McCarthy once again between the posts.

Congratulations are extended this week to Eire Og, who have qualified to represent Cork in the National Feile na nGael finals to be held in Laois/Offaly on the last weekend of June.

Eire Og came out of their section with victories over Grenagh, St. Finbarr's, Ballinora and Cloyne.

In the semi-final Inniscarra were their opponents and here victory was in doubt up to the final whistle, but eventually they came out on top with just a point to spare, but here one would have to spare a thought for a gallant Inniscarra side who certainly, on the night, gave it all.

In the final the Ovens side had a decisive victory over Bishopstown.

The Feile na nGael skills competition was also held over last weekend and the winner was thirteen years old Nora O'Connell from St. Catherine's.

Nora has been taking part in this competition since she was nine years of age and was always placed in the top five, but this year she came out on top with a fine display. The runner-up was Janice Duffy from St. Finbarr's.

Bishopstown v Ballinhassig at Bishopstown (ref. Ballinhassig).

Delaney's v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons (ref. Delaney's).

Courcy Rovers v Kilbrittain at Kilbrittain (ref. Courcy Rovers).

Watergrasshill v Middleton at Watergrasshill (ref. Middleton).

Fr. O'Neill's v Sarsfields at Fr. O'Neill's (ref. Sarsfields).

Killeagh v Cloyne at Killeagh (ref. Cloyne).

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
UNDER-14 LEAGUE '89

Glen Rovers 'A' v Grenagh at Glen Rovers at 8 p.m. (ref. Grenagh).

SUNDAY, JUNE 4
NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL

Cork v Clare at Ballincollig at 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6
UNDER-14 LEAGUE '89

Glen Rovers 'B' v Na Piarasigh at Na Piarasigh at 7.30 (ref. Glen Rovers).

Newcestown v Kilbrittain at Newcestown at 7.30 (ref. Kilbrittain).

Eire Og v Aghabullogue at Eire Og at 7.30 (ref. Aghabullogue).

Inniscarra v Ballincollig at Ballincollig at 7.30 (ref. Inniscarra).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
UNDER-14 LEAGUE '89
ALL AT 7.30

St. Finbarr's 'A' v St. Finbarr's 'B' at St. Finbarr's (ref. St. Finbarr's).

Blackrock v Ballinhassig at Ballinhassig (ref. Blackrock).

Douglas v Bishopstown at Douglas (ref. Bishopstown).

Delaney's v Grenagh at Grenagh (ref. Delaney's).

Cloyne v Sarsfields at Sarsfields (ref. Cloyne).

JUNE 1989

Cork girls are in the final

CORK 6-11, CLARE 1-3

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Cork were slow to settle down and it took them five minutes to register their first score, a point by Mary Ring. Betty Joyce followed with a point from a free. Clare's Noleen Quinn narrowed the gap but then Cork struck with three goals, the first from Colette O'Mahony.

Cork added 1-4 and Clare's only reply came from Patricia O'Grady, a point, to leave the half-time score 4-6 to 0-2.

In the second half it was only a question of how much Cork would win by. They added 2-3, the goals coming from Betty Joyce and Colette O'Mahony. Near the finish Clare added 1-1, the goal coming from Patricia O'Grady.

Best for Cork were Marian McCarthy, Liz Dumphy, Catherine Landers, Betty Joyce, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Mary Ring and Colette O'Mahony. Noleen Quinn was Clare's most impressive player and she received best support from Mairead Bergin, Patricia O'Grady, Marie Collins and Una Kavanagh.

Scorers for Cork: C. O'Mahony (4-1, 1-1 frees), B. Joyce (1-2 from frees), P. Fitzgibbon (1-1), Mary Ring (0-3), G. McCarthy (0-2), L. Mellerick and S. Fitzgibbon (0-1 each). For Clare: P. O'Grady (1-1), M. Bergin and N. Quinn (0-1 each).

CORK: M. McCarthy, L. Dumphy, L. O'Neill, C. Landers, M. Finn, B. Joyce, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, C. O'Mahony, P. Fitzgibbon, G. McCarthy, M. Ring.

CLARE: F. Kinsella, T. O'Connell, H. Cusack, S. O'Brien, M. Collins, C. Wall, U. Kavanagh, P. O'Grady. Subs.: F. Whyte for Martin, A. Ryan for S. O'Brien.

Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin). In the second semi-final, at Mullagh, Galway, on Saturday evening, Kilkenny defeated Galway 6-8 to 1-5.



Cork's Colette O'Mahony, solo's past Clare's Sinead O'Brien, during the Senior Camogie National League semi-final at Ballincollig yesterday. —(Picture: Maurice O'Mahony).



Mrs. Nora Newman, Chairperson of Glen Rovers Camogie Club, presenting the club shield to Mr. Jim Hayes, Principal, Scoil Oilibheir.

It's all to play for

IT'S all to play for. That might sound like an exhortation to the politicians as Thursday approaches — but it's not.

It's much more important — the battle for The Glen Rovers Camogie Club Shield. The shield has been presented by Glen Rovers Camogie Club to Scoil Oilibheir on Dublin Hill — to be played for in the inter-class leagues.

The shield was presented to the school by the chairperson of the camogie club, Mrs. Nora Newman — who paid tribute to the excellent work the teachers are doing for the sport.

She has a particular word of praise for teacher Caroline Woods who has been untiring in her dedication to coaching the girls.

Many former Scoil Oilibheir pupils have gone on to become members of Glen Rovers Camogie Club — and this, said Mrs. Newman, was their way of saying a special "thank you".

She declared: "Hopefully, it will help you with your class leagues and give the girls something to play for."

On hand to accept the shield was Scoil Oilibheir principal, Jim Hayes, who recalled a previous visit to the school by representatives of the camogie club in 1986 — after they had won the All-Ireland Clubs' trophy.

"We hope you'll be back here again in similar circumstances in the not too distant future," he said.

It's Cork v Kilkenny

IN a repeat of last year's All-Ireland Championship final, Cork clash once again with old rivals Kilkenny in the National Senior League final at Nolan Park on Sunday next. On the local front, pick of the games will be the first of the Senior Championship semi-finals between Killeagh and Sarsfields, scheduled for Ballynoe on Wednesday night, while the remainder of the week will see a number of under-14 and under-16 League games decided.

In recent years great rivalry has grown between Cork and Kilkenny which has resulted in some very competitive games of camogie and next Sunday's League

final between these two sides promises to be no exception with a classic encounter on the cards. Cork have already defeated Kilkenny in a recent League game which should boost the Cork girls' confidence but, no doubt, Kilkenny will be very determined to reverse this result and with the advantage of a home venue could, once again, cause problems for Cork.

The Cork team for Sunday's game shows the return of St. Finbarr's Claire Cronin. Clare is named at centre-forward while the remainder of the team is along the same lines as the side that has played all during the League campaign and will see Marian

McCarthy, once again, between the posts. Liz Dunphy is at full-back with Liz O'Neill and Margaret Finn filling the corner-back positions. Cathy Landers is in her familiar position at centre-back with the midfield positions going to Betty Joyce, Lynda Mellerick and Sandy Fitzgibbon. The full-forward line sees Colette O'Mahony and Ger McCarthy on the wings with the full-forward position going to last year's full-back, Maty Ring.

The Kilkenny side will see the return of ace player and goal-scorer supreme Angela Downey. Angela was suspended for six months, as a result of an incident in last season's club championship semi-final against Killeagh, but will be on the Kilkenny team for Sunday's game and, no doubt, her return will be a big boost to her team-mates. Kilkenny have other very experienced performers in Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan, Breda Holmes and Joe Dunne and if these girls play to their usual form, Cork will certainly have to be at their best.

On the local front the clash of Sarsfields and Killeagh, in the Senior Championship semi-final, promises to be a very keenly contested affair. Killeagh are last year's champions and on past performances one would have to fancy them to advance to yet another County final but Sars could be the dark horses of this year's campaign.

FIXTURES

Sunday, June 18:
National Senior League final — Cork v Kilkenny at Nolan Park, Kilkenny, at 2.30.

Monday, June 19:
Under-14 League '89 — Eire Og v Ballincollig at Ovens at 7 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig).

Tuesday, June 20:
Under-14 League '89 — Ballinora v Aghabullogue at Ballinora at 7.30 (Ref. Aghabullogue); St. Finbarrs 'A' v Bishopstown at St. Finbarrs at 7.30 (Ref. Bishopstown); Delany's v Na Piaras at Delany's at 7.30 (Ref. Na Piaras).

Wednesday, June 21:
Senior Championship semi-final — Killeagh v Sarsfields at Ballynoe at 7.30 (Ref. Miriam Higgins).
Junior 'A' League '89 — Watergrasshill v Bishopstown at Bishopstown at 7.30 (Ref. St. Finbarrs); Cloughduv v Na Piaras at Cloughduv at 8 p.m. (Ref. Newcestown); St. Catherine's v Douglas at St. Catherine's at 8 p.m. (Ref. Fermoy).

Thursday, June 22:
Fr. O'Neills v Killeagh at Fr. O'Neills at 7.30 (Ref. Killeagh).

Angela's return has sparked Kilkenny

KILKENNY have reigned supreme in senior camogie for the past four years. At the start of each season opponents search for chinks in their armour in the hope of bringing about their downfall.

This year opened tamely for Kilkenny. League points were dropped in the absence of scoring ace Angela Downey, but the scene was transformed when Angela resumed her familiar role. The Kilkenny machine started to roll again.

The question must be asked again. Can any other team prevent the champions from sweeping the boards in 1989? Cork get their chance to cause an upset when they play Kilkenny in the final of the National League this weekend.

Cork scored a seven-point win over an under-strength Kilkenny side two months ago but know that it will be a different game this time. Kilkenny won their way back into contention when Dublin faltered.



Both counties had run-away victories in the semi-finals. Those results only served to underline the big gap in standards between divisions one and two. Next Sunday's game will be a real test.

Cork are still experimenting with a number of positions in an effort to find quality replacements for the players who have retired, or are unavailable. They hope that Clare Cronin, who missed the last

two games through illness, will have recovered sufficiently to take her place.

Marion McCarthy is still the best goalkeeper in Cork. Liz Dunphy has settled at fullback this season, and Cathy Landers, Mag Finn and Liz O'Neill should complete the defence.

Captain Betty Joyce should join Sandie Fitzgibbon and Linda Mellerick in midfield. If available, Clare Cronin should return to the attack to link up with Colette O'Mahony, Ger McCarthy and Mary Ring.

FIXTURE

Sunday — National Senior League Final — At Nolan Park, 3.00 — Kilkenny v Cork.

KILKENNY GIRLS BEST

Kilkenny 6-7 Cork 1-11
AFTER a marvellous game of camogie, Kilkenny were flattered by the score in this League final decider in sun-drenched Nolan Park, Kilkenny yesterday.

Kilkenny deserved their win, but Cork will regret many lost chances, particularly in the second-half when they could have done much better than they did.

Cork were certainly

frustrated by the Kilkenny keeper Marie Fitzpatrick who brought up a number of fine saves but they nearly lost quiet a number of points.

Cork were first scorers with a point from the brilliant Colette O'Mahony in the opening minutes but Breda Cahill struck back with a fifth minute goal for Kilkenny.

Angela Downey made it 2-0 to 0-2 in the 15th

minute and Kilkenny stayed ahead to lead 3-3 to 0-8 at half-time.

Kilkenny kept ahead in the second-half but Cork should have drawn closer. They had a good deal of play but inaccurate shooting left them trailing.

Kilkenny had excellent players in Marie Fitzpatrick in goal, Breda Cahill at centre field, Betty O'Sullivan at full back and Helen Holmes

and Angela Downey in attack.

Outstanding for Cork were Colette O'Mahony at corner forward, Betty Joyce and Sandy Fitzgibbon at centre field and Cathy Landers at centre back.

Scorers for Kilkenny: Angela Downey 2-4, Breda Holmes 2-0, Breda Cahill and Ann Downey 1-0 each, Marina Downey 0-2, Bridie McGarry 0-1.

Cork: Betty Joyce 0-7, Colette O'Mahony 1-2, Linda Mellerick and Liz Dunphy 0-1 each

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Rebound... the ball (top centre) rebounds from the crossbar following a Cork free in the national senior camogie league final at Nowlan Park on Sunday. Kilkenny players are (from left): Bridie McGarry, Frances Rothwell, Biddy O'Sullivan, Ann Downey and Marie Fitzpatrick.



A warm win... in the sweltering heat of Nowlan Park on Sunday, Ann Downey, captain (left) and Bridie McGarry (with assistance from Shane McGarry) proudly display the national senior camogie league trophy which Kilkenny won in a convincing victory over Cork. (Photos: Tom Brett)

Handball . . . after losing her helmet and hurley in a tough tussle for the ball, Angela Downey palms to the net for an early Kilkenny goal in the national senior camogie league final at Nowlan Park on Sunday.

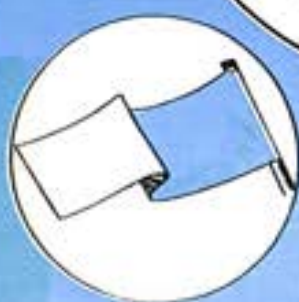
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BORRIS-IN-OSSORY:

1. Geraldine Fitzpatrick.
2. Caroline Behan.
3. Elaine Dooley.
4. Michelle McKelvey.
5. Deirdre Coss.
6. Catriona Coss.
7. Jacqueline Drennan.
8. Caroline Moylan.
9. Catriona Fitzpatrick.
10. Rosemary Shandish.
11. Carmel Fahy.
12. Patricia Moore.
13. Fiona O'Donnell.
14. Mona Doherty.
15. Mary Moylan.
16. Martina Treacy.

SKILLS:

1. Amanda Hogan.
2. Amanda Fitzsimons.
3. Dawn Guilfoyle.
4. Nicola Hehir.
5. Michelle O'Meara.
6. Karen King.
7. Margaret Abbott.
8. Rena O'Shaughnessy.
9. Lisa Woods.
10. Tara King.
11. Olive Hayes.
12. Siobhan Hennessy.
13. Audrey Hennessy.

BALLYFIN:

1. Sarah Ryan.
2. Lisa Horan.
3. Michelle Carroll.
4. Claire Heffernan.
5. Patricia Stapleton.
6. Amanda Byrne.
7. Caroline Heffernan.
8. Maria Dunne.
9. Josephine Dowling.
10. Siobhan Cullen.
11. Nicola Carroll.
12. Niamh Dunphy.
13. Siobhan Heffernan.
14. Kathleen Cullen.
15. Maria Dowling.
16. Orla Dunphy.

ST. BRIGID'S (Abbeyfeix):

1. Lorna McEvoy.
2. Linda Bowe.
3. Eileen Robinson.
4. Ita Corby.
5. Owen Cooney.
6. Deirdre O'Brien.
7. Mary O'Connell.
8. Sandra Fitzpatrick.
9. Sarah Kelly.
10. Evelyn Phelan.
11. Orla Deegan.
12. Sinead Smith.

CÚL DOIRE:

1. Fiona Kirwin.
2. Cathriona Tynan.
3. Lorraine Bergin.
4. Keelin Hynes.
5. Niamh Lynch.
6. Louise McLoughney.
7. Claire Larkin.
8. Anne Quinlan.
9. Bri-Anne Larkin.
10. Sarah McCarthy.
11. Sinead O'Meara.
12. Olivia Hynes.
13. Olive Watkins.
14. Edel O'Meara.
15. Fiona Murray.
16. Edel Murray.
17. Eithna Watkins.
18. Olivia O'Connor.
19. Mariease Dempsey.
20. Anne Majella Quinlan.
21. Anne Carroll.

CAMROSS:

1. Sarah Dunphy.
2. Mary Cuddy.
3. Cathriona Dooley.
4. Majella Bergin.
5. Mary Hogan.
6. Tina Keenan.
7. Olivia Kennedy.
8. Sinead Palmer.
9. Claire Cuddy.
10. Omra Dooley.
11. Niamh Dowling.
12. Ursula Dunphy.
13. Fiona Grady.
14. Yvonne Keenan.
15. Yvonne Buckley.
16. Martina Kilmartin.
17. Sarah Cuddy.
18. Collette Cuddy.
19. Patricia Cuddy.
20. Mairead Guilfoyle.
21. Sharon Paalmer.

EADON DOIRE:

1. Karen Forde.
2. Linda Moore.
3. Diane Connolly.
4. Karen Warren.
5. Georgina Grattan.
6. Philomena Brennan.
7. Mairead Holt.
8. Fiona Farrell.
9. Deirdre Farrell.
10. Tracey Farrell.
11. Jacqueline Cullen.
12. Nessa Cullen.
13. Pauline Forde.

FERBANE:

1. Aisling Claffey.
2. Gemma Brazil.
3. Caroline Clancy.
4. Mariessa Dunican.
5. Sinead Gavin.
6. Sinead Clancy.
7. Ann Molloy.
8. Karen Malone.
9. Therese Buckley.
10. Gillian Gleeson.
11. Lisa Caulfield.
12. Deirdre Wynne.
13. Muriel Claffey.
14. Louis Fitzgerald.
15. Yvonne Hand.
16. Jackie Coleman.

THE HARPS:

1. Marian Barry.
2. Denise Clooney.
3. Agnes Deegan.
4. Brenda Deegan.
5. Caroline Dollard.
6. Julie Drennan.
7. Niamh Drennan.
8. Therese Dunphy.
9. Deirdre Kavanagh.
10. Evelyn Kelly.
11. Eadaoin Lalor.
12. Teresa Lalor.
13. Gemma Lalor.
14. Clara Ryan.
15. Julie Sheppard.
16. Amy Walsh.
17. Karen Whelan.
18. Olivia Spencer.
19. Sinead Campion.
20. Helen McGree.

KINNITTY:

1. Gail Molloy.
2. Maureen Dooley.
3. Eve Daly.
4. Marie Moyles.
5. Eva Lawlor.
6. Anna Moyles.
7. Tina Robinson.
8. Rita Bergin.
9. Mairead Rigney.
10. Ida Kinsella.
11. Brenda Dooley.
12. Patricia Dooley.
13. Colleen Moyles.
14. Ann Marie Carry.
15. Eva O'Donoghue.
16. Sheila Tynan.
17. Olivia Murray.
18. Fiona O'Donnell.

LUSMAGH:

1. Carmel McGarry.
2. Mary Cannon.
3. Monica Duffy.
4. Mairead Duffy.
5. Claire Glynn.
6. Samantha Trodd.
7. Georgina Kelly.
8. Maura Searson.
9. Ann Kileen.
10. Dolores Kileen.
11. Debbie Coffey.
12. Trinette Moran.
13. Vanessa Moran.
14. Janet Kelly.
15. Sinead Larkin.
16. Sila Stevens.
17. Alice Kenny.
18. Emer Kelly.

RATHENISKA:

1. Aine Fingleton.
2. Julieka Cahill.
3. Avni Ramsbottom.
4. Helen Brown.
5. Sinead Ryan.
6. Catherine Foyle.
7. Gillian Deegan.
8. Lorraine Flanagan.
9. Bernadette Deegan.
10. Nuala Casey.
11. Claire Casey.
12. Ailish Conroy.
13. Lisa Dooley.
14. Elaine Carroll.
15. Evonne Scully.

SLIEVE BLOOM:

1. Claire Fogarty.
2. Eimer Fogarty.
3. Deirdre Fitzpatrick.
4. Susan Holmes.
5. Olivia Breen.
6. Fidelma Breen.
7. Maria Delaney.
8. Laura Delaney.
9. Lactitia Lyons.
10. Patricia O'Connor.
11. Tina Conroy.
12. Geraldine Hill.
13. Ashling Doherty.
14. Siobhan Conroy.
15. Cora Conroy.

TULLAMORE:

1. Jean O'Brien.
2. Therese Keoghagan.
3. Leonie Geraghty.
4. Catriona Ravenhill.
5. Georgina Wilson.
6. Emer Keegan.
7. Imelda Dunne.
8. Fiona Rattigan.
9. Siobhan Harvey.
10. Catherine Tyrell.
11. Shirley Tyrell.
12. Ann Mooney.
13. Dawn Ann Farrelly.
14. Paula Connolly.
15. Michelle Egan.
16. Georgina Delaney.

SIÚ ANA ROIN:

1. Sharon Ni hEidhin.
2. Rosin Ni Chleirigh.
3. Evelyn Ni Riada.
4. Lisa Ni Chearruill.
5. Leona Morteitt.
6. Mairead de Scoile.
7. Samantha Ni Rid.
8. Anita Ni Phroinnsias.
9. Aine Maire Nic Aodh.
10. Siobhan Daibhis.
11. Padraig Ni Chearruill.
12. Rosin Ni Chleirigh.
13. Amanda Ni Chiosain.
14. Nirda Ni Chiosain.
15. Amanda Ni Leandain.
16. Siimin Ni Leannain.

DRUMCULLEN:

1. Ceilene Carroll.
2. Louise O'Brien.
3. Sandra Carroll.
4. Jennifer O'Brien.
5. Eimear Lyons.
6. Christine Walsh.
7. Blathin Dooley.
8. Emma O'Brien.
9. Lavina Cashin.
10. Aileen Walsh.
11. Lorraine Corcoran.
12. Ann Dermody.
13. Leona Gath.
14. Yolande Spain.
15. Ann-Marie Murphy.
16. Mairead Lyons.
17. Waneta Spain.

Visiting Camogie Teams

Division 1

GALWAY (Perses):

1. Sheila Reilly.
2. Ann Dillon.
3. Mary Cunniffe.
4. Catherine Gavin.
5. Elizabeth Kirwin.
6. Marianne Gardiner.
7. Claire Naughton.
8. Sharon Glynn.
9. Tracey Laheen.
10. Ann Crehan.
11. Olivia Lally.
12. Carmel Hannon.
13. Angela McLoughlin.
14. Minam Connaughton.
15. Rita Gavin.
16. Orla Costello.

CORCAIGH (Éire Óg):

1. Caroline McSweeney.
2. Eimer Gallagher.
3. Olive Lehan.
4. Mary O'Donoghue.
5. Maria Kenny.
6. Yvonne Webster.
7. Julie Bradley.
8. Olivia O'Sullivan.
9. Caroline Malone.
10. Nicola O'Leary.
11. Valerie Nagle.
12. Shirley O'Sullivan.
13. Tina Cadogan.
14. Aoife O'Neill.
15. Lisa Sheehan.
16. Helen Fitzgerald.

DUBLIN (Ballyboden St. Endas):

1. Clara Conway.
2. Edel Byrne.
3. Deirdre Walsh.
4. Mary Fitzpatrick.
5. Fiona Hennessy.
6. Ann Martin.
7. Irene Kirwan.
8. Terry Ann Stynes.
9. Lorna White.
10. Sarah Fingleton.
11. Aoifeann Ni hEigeartaigh.
12. Triona Ni hEigeartaigh.
13. Emer Moloney.
14. Audrey Metcalfe.
15. Niamh Cassidy.
16. Carina O'Neill.



Eire Óg under 14 camogie team who represented Cork in the Feile na nGael held in Co. Offaly.

JUNE 1989



Padraig Pearse, Galway won Division One in the Camogie Finals at last year's Féile na nGael.

'Feile' time again

FEILE NA nGAEL, the annual festival of hurling and camogie, will be staged jointly by Laois and Offaly this weekend. The competitions cater for the under-14 age group. Sixteen visiting camogie clubs will be hosted and entertained from Thursday to Sunday by local clubs.

The wide gulf in standards which appears regularly in the adult game is not readily noticeable at this age grouping. Clubs from Wicklow, Limerick and Galway have won the Feile premier title, yet none of these counties figure in the list of All-Ireland Senior champions.

This year's competitions promise lively fare. Three clubs, Pearses (Galway), Wolfe Tones (Shannon) and Burgess (Tipperary) return to defend their titles. The standard is very pleasing and each festival throws up the names of emerging stars. Within a month of figuring at last year's Feile,



Brigid Mullally helped Kilkenny to win the All-Ireland Minor championship.

Pearses will be well watched in Division One. Their teams will need to be at least as good as last season's side if they are to make it two-in-a-row. Ballyboden (Dublin), Freshford (Kilkenny) and Eire Óg (Cork) will be keen challengers. Attempting to keep the premier title in the Midlands will be local sides, Shinrone, Camross, Kinnity and Slieve Bloom.

Excitement will also be running high in Division Two. Wolfe Tones (Clare) will be put through many a test before they may contemplate taking the trophy back to Shannon. Drumculen, Abbeyleix, Coolderry and Ratheniska plan to keep the trophy in Laois-Offaly. Visitors with an eye

on the silverware are Kilkullen (Kildare), O'Donovan Rossa (Armagh), Bunclody (Wexford).

Edenderry will host the holders Burgess, in Division Three. Oran (Roscommon) play Lusnagh, Tullamore face An Ríocht (Down) and Ferbane line out against Gael Loch Lein (Westmeath) in the opening round.

Borris-in-Ossory, Birr, Ballyfin and Harps (Dunrow) are the home teams in Division Four. Taking the field with them will be Kilkenny, Glenariff (Antrim), Lismore (Waterford) and Moygownagh (Mayo).

FIXTURES

Friday — National Feile na nGael at Laois/Offaly venues, 5.30.

Saturday — National Feile na nGael at Laois/Offaly venues, 9.30. Feile Skills at Portlaoise, 2.30.

Sunday — National Feile Finals at Portlaoise, commencing 1.45 p.m.

Feile finals are decided

THE President Dr. Patrick Hillery officially launched the finals of the 19th Annual Feile na nGael at Portlaoise yesterday.

Results of finals were:

Hurling Div. 1 — James Stephens (Kilkenny) 0-9; St. Fintans (Dublin) 0-2. **Div. 2** — Ballygalget (Down) 0-8; Grealbine O'Hanrahan (Wexford) 1-0. **Div. 3** — Naomh Moninne (Louth) 4-3; Clara (Offaly) 3-3. **Div. 4** — Tullamore (Offaly) 8-8; St. Nathys (Sligo) 0-0. **Div. 5** — Ballinclea (Carlow) 1-5; Timahoe (Laois) 1-1.

Camogie — **Div. 1** — St. Lachtans (Kilkenny) 1-5; Pearses (Galway) 1-2. **Div. 2** — Wolfe Tones (Clare) 2-2; O'Donovan Rossa (Armagh) 2-1. **Div. 3** — Oran (Roscommon) 4-1; An Ríocht (Down) 3-3. **Div. 4** — Lismore (Waterford) 1-2; Osins (Antrim) 0-1.

Tackling the fixtures

Now that the exams are over clubs will be facing a busy time over the coming weeks as the County Board endeavour to get their long fixture list up to date. Indeed to date the County Board have been doing extremely well with fixtures as the '89 Under-14 League is now almost at quarter-final stage and all other leagues are well underway. The Senior Championship is now coming to its concluding stages with Sarsfields through to their first county final ever and they await the winners of the remaining semi-final between Glen Rovers and St. Finbarrs which is due to be played on Tuesday, July 11. At the next Board meeting it is hoped to fix the first rounds of the Intermediate and Junior Championships.

Main focus this coming weekend will be on the Under-16 League with no fewer than 14 games down for decision, so no doubt there will be plenty of action at this level.

In the Intermediate League there is a vital tie listed for Ovens tonight between Brian Dillons and Eire Og. Brian Dillons have full points to date in this league and a win here is almost certain to assure the city girls of league honours for 1988.

In the remaining intermediate games Blackrock, regraded from senior ranks this year, could prove too strong for Glen Rovers' second squad when they clash at Church Road tonight, while on Sunday Dillons play their second game of the weekend when they play Aghabullogue at Coachford and here the city side could find the going tough.

Intermediate Championship draws

'A', Aghabullogue v Brian Dillons; 'B', Bishopstown v Blackrock; 'C', Eire Og v Ballinora; 'D', St. Finbarrs v Glen Rovers.

Semi-finals: 'C' v 'B'; 'A' v 'D'.

Junior 'A' Championship draws

Preliminary rounds: 'A', Bishopstown v Douglas; 'B', Cloyne v Cloughduv.

First rounds: 'C', Eire Og v St. Catherines; 'D', Na Piaras v 'B'; 'E', 'A' v Watergrasshill; 'F', Castlemagner v Inniscarra.

Semi-finals: 'C' v 'F'; 'E' v 'D'.

FIXTURES

Tonight

Under-16 League '89: Fr. O'Neills v Midleton at Midleton at 7.45 (referee Fr. O'Neills); Bishopstown 'A' v Blackrock at Blackrock at 7.45 (Bishopstown); Sarsfields v Watergrasshill at Sarsfields at 7.45 (Watergrasshill).

Intermediate League '88: Eire Og v Brian Dillons at Ovens at 8 p.m. (Inniscarra).

Intermediate League '89: Glen Rovers v Blackrock at Blackrock at 8 p.m. (Cloughduv).

Tomorrow

Under-16 League '89: Delany Rovers v Glen Rovers 'A' at Glen Rovers at 8 p.m. (Delany).

Junior 'A' League '89: Watergrasshill v Na Piaras at Na Piaras at 8 p.m. (Sarsfields).

Sunday, July 2

Intermediate League '89:

Brian Dillons v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 8 p.m. (Eire Og).

Junior 'A' League '89: Inniscarra v St. Catherines at Inniscarra at 12 noon (Aghabullogue).

Monday, July 3

Under-16 League '89: Brian Dillons v Na Piaras at Na Piaras at 7.45 (Na Piaras); Newcestown v Ballinacorney at Newcestown at 7.45 (Ballinacorney); Courcey Rovers v Kilbrittain at Kilbrittain at 7.45 (Courcey Rovers); Barryroe v Valley Rovers at Valley Rovers at 7.45

(Barryroe); Fr. O'Neills v Sarsfields at Fr. O'Neills at 7.45 (Sarsfields); Cloughduv v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 7.45 (Cloughduv).

Wednesday, July 5

Under-16 League '89: Midleton v Killeagh at Killeagh at 7.45 (Midleton);

Inniscarra v Ballinacorney at Inniscarra at 7.45 (Ballinacorney); Bishopstown 'B' v Blackrock at Blackrock at 7.45 (Bishopstown); Aghabullogue v Ballinora at Aghabullogue at 7.45 (Ballinora).

Laois/Offaly Camogie

Miriam O'Callaghan,
Chairperson Laois/Offaly Camogie Féile Committee

The success of any sporting event particularly one catering for our young people must be measured by the enjoyment gained primarily by the participants and secondly by the spectators. In the more long term it can also be measured by its effect in the promotion of the sport concerned.

In terms of the hosting of Féile na nGael by camogie clubs in Laois/Offaly the success can be measured by the favourable response visiting clubs extended to their individual host clubs. The text of one of last years visiting players thoughts of Féile na nGael 1988 is reprinted. The original text appeared in The Roscommon Champion.

At participation level, whilst we have lost some clubs we have additional affiliations and indeed I would consider that the "old stagers" have not only consolidated and strengthened their membership by their participation in the 1988 Féile but like all participants they have fostered new friendships through their sport.

The mammoth task involved in organising an event to the standards required for a successful Féile na nGael has certainly tested the leadership skills of all standards both on and off the field and has instilled a new pride in the game of camogie. It is imperative that the membership of both counties consolidate their positions further and help to bring along the weaker clubs and promote the game through the formation of new clubs and school competitions.



In this the 19th year of Féile na nGael and the 15th year of participation by camogie clubs, I wish to extend a céad míle fáilte to all visitors, some of whom shall be visiting us for the first time. I trust the hard work and endless preparations made by each club for the event will make Féile 1989 a memorable one for everybody involved. Let us not forget the valuable contribution of the many referees and officials who have given and continue to give, of their time to the youth in this festival. Guím rath Dé ar bhur oibre, críoch sásúil ar an gcluichi agus go dté sibh uilig slán abhaile.

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Champs class apart

KILKENNY'S six goals against Cork in the National League Final left all challengers re-appraising their championship prospects.

Without setting the scene on fire, Cork were progressing nicely with wins over Dublin, Wexford and Clare behind them.

They were expected to give Kilkenny a good run and maybe finish a few points adrift. But the hammering handed out by Kilkenny must leave all other runners in the race for the 1989 All-Ireland Senior Championship wondering if the result is a foregone conclusion.

Clare set the ball rolling when they entertain the dual champions on Sunday. The Banner side looked unbalanced when they conceded six goals to Cork in the League semi-final. To expect them to make up the leeway is asking the impossible.

Clare field a number of players who rate as good seniors. Pauline O'Brien is a fine goalkeeper. Noeleen Quinn, Catherine O'Loughlin, Patricia O'Grady and Marie Collins will not be found wanting. But Clare lack the experience and strength needed for this task.

Marie Fitzpatrick showed in the Cork match that she is the best goalkeeper in the game at the moment. Biddy O'Sullivan, Ann Downey and the fast improving Breda Cahill are other vital cogs in the Kilkenny machine. Up front Breda Holmes, Angela Downey and Marina Downey will require careful marking or the score will mount up.

Kilkenny expect to make progress on two fronts this weekend, for their minors should beat Dublin in the Leinster final.

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Senior Championship — Clare v Kilkenny, Cusack Pk (3.0).

Leinster Minor Final — Dublin v Kilkenny, Silverpark (3.0).

National Junior League — Dublin v Down, Silverpark (2.0).

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Cork teams off on Championship trail

Both the Cork senior and junior teams will be in action over the coming weekend. On Saturday night the Cork senior team open their Munster Championship campaign with a first-round tie against Clare at Grenagh while on Sunday the Cork juniors travel to Limerick to play the home county in the Munster Championship semi-final. Also over the weekend Cork Feile na nGael champions Eire Og travel to Offaly to take part in the National Feile na nGael Blitz while the remainder of the week will see a number of intermediate, junior and under-16 League games decided.

The Cork senior team disappointingly beaten by Kilkenny in the National League final on Sunday last will strive to get their moral going again on Saturday night next when they meet Clare in the first round of the Munster Championship. Both these sides met just a few weeks back in the National League semi-final when Cork had a convincing victory and on this form Cork will be fancied to advance again. The team for Saturday's clash shows just one change from the side which lost to Kilkenny last Sunday and sees Mary Spillane coming into the back line in place of Liz Dunphy who is on holidays.

On Sunday the Cork junior team face Limerick in the Munster Championship semi-final and this certainly will be a vital clash for Cork. Limerick defeated Cork in last year's first round and were only narrowly beaten in the All-Ireland final so no doubt they will be very determined to go all the way this season. In their first round game Cork struggled against Tipperary in the first half but eventually ran out convincing winners but their form on Sunday will have to show a hundred per cent improvement if they hope to succeed. The line-out for Sunday's game shows a number of changes from the side which played in the National League. Aine Murphy from Castlemagner, Killeagh's Breda Kelly and Mary Byrne from Na Piarasigh all make first-time appearances. Aine Murphy comes in at midfield in place of Mary Currid who will be married on Saturday. Breda Kelly comes into the forward line in place of Rose Desmond while Mary Byrne is named at corner forward. The remainder of the line-out will see Maria O'Brien between the posts. Denise Cronin is at full back with Una O'Connor and Margaret Finn filling the corner

back positions. Evelyn Healy is at centre back with Jean Paula Kent and Therese O'Callaghan joining Aine Murphy at midfield. Breda Kelly is at centre forward with Irene O'Keeffe, Paula Carey and Mary Byrne completing the full forward line.

Best wishes are extended to Eire Og who this weekend travel to Offaly for the National Féile na nGael competition. On Friday night they play their host club Kinnity and on Saturday they have two games against the Galway champions Mullagh and the Offaly champions Shinrone. The semi-finals will be played on Saturday evening and the final in Portlaoise on Sunday. The Eire Og panel is: J. Bradley (capt.), C. McSweeney, C. Malone, Y. Webster, O. O'Sullivan, S. O'Sullivan, V. Nagle, E. Gallagher, N. O'Leary, M. O'Donoghue, L. Sheehan, O. Lehane, M. Kenny, A. O'Neill, T. Cadogan, H. Fitzgerald, M. O'Leary, N. McNamara.

FIXTURES

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Under-16 League 89 Na Piarasigh v Grenagh at Grenagh at 7.45. Ref. Na Piarasigh; Blackrock v Douglas at Douglas at 7.45. Ref. Blackrock; Delanys v Brian Dillons at Delanys at 7.45. Ref. Brian Dillons; Cloughdub v Inniscarra at Cloughdub at 7.45. Ref. Inniscarra.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Munster Senior Championship — Cork v Clare at Grenagh at 7.30.

Under-16 League 89 — Newcestown v Barryroe at Newcestown at 7.45. Ref. Barryroe; Kilbrittain v Valley Rovers at Valley Rovers at 7.45. Ref. Kilbrittain; Courcy Rovers v Ballinhassig at Ballinhassig at 7.45. Ref. Courcy Rovers; Watergrasshill v Midleton at Watergrasshill at 7.45. Ref. Midleton.

Junior 'B' League 89 — Youghal v Ballinure (2) at Youghal at 8 p.m. Ref. Fr. O'Neills.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Munster Junior Championship Semi-final — Cork v Limerick at Ballybrown, Co. Limerick at 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Junior 'B' League — Delany Rovers v Sarsfields at Sarsfields at 8 p.m. Ref. Brian Dillons.

Under-14 League — Bishopstown v Douglas at Douglas at 7.30. Ref. Bishopstown.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Intermediate League 89 — Bishopstown v Blackrock at Blackrock at 7.30. Ref. Deirdre O'Shea.

Under-14 League 89 — Glen Rovers 'B' v Na Piarasigh at Na Piarasigh at 7.45. Ref. Glen Rovers; Ballincollig v Aghabullogue at Ballincollig at 7.30. Ref. Aghabullogue.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

Under-16 League 89 — Douglas v St. Finbarrs at St. Finbarrs at 7.45. Ref. Douglas; Brian Dillons v Grenagh at Brian Dillons at 7.45. Ref. Grenagh; Delanys v Na Piarasigh at Delanys at 7.45. Ref. Na Piarasigh; Barryroe v Ballinhassig at Barryroe at 7.45. Ref. Ballinhassig; Newcestown v Kilbrittain at Kilbrittain at 7.45. Ref. Newcestown; Courcy Rovers v Valley Rovers at Courcy Rovers at 7.45. Ref. Valley Rovers.

Cork blitz Clare

CORK 8-11;
CLARE 1-1.

COMPREHENSIVE as this win may have been in the Munster Senior Camogie final, Cork will need to show much improvement if All-Ireland success is to be attained.

Cork were slow to settle down as Clare played their best in the opening ten minutes. It took them 12 minutes to open their score with a goal from Colette O'Mahony. Following a good Cork build-up, Patricia Fitzgibbon scored Cork's second goal. Clare struck back with a well taken goal by Mairead Toomey and the same player scored a point to bring Clare back into contention. Cork replied to this with a goal by Karen Mellerick, to leave the score Cork 3-3 — Clare 1-1 at half-time.

Cork improved immensely in the second-half, with Sandle Fitzgibbon, Ann Brady and Linda Mellerick dominated mid-field. Consequently, the forwards received a plentiful supply and scored 5-8 with the goals coming from Linda Mellerick, Clare Cronin, Karen Mellerick and Colette O'Mahony (2).

Clare failed to register any score at all in the second-half due mainly to a much tighter Cork defence in which Liz O'Neill and Cathy Landers dominated.

Best for Cork were Sandle Fitzgibbon, Liz O'Neill, Linda Mellerick, Clare Cronin, Ann Brady and Colette O'Mahony.

Scorers: Cork — C. O'Mahony 3-7 (0-3 frees), K. Mellerick 2-1, P. Fitzgibbon 1-2, L. Mellerick 1-1 and C. Cronin 1-0.

Clare — M. Toomey 1-1.

Cork — M. McCarthy, M. Spillane, M. Finn, C. Landers, L. O'Neill, S. Fitzgibbon, A. Brady, L. Mellerick, C. O'Mahony, C. Cronin, P. Fitzgibbon and K. Mellerick. Sub.: B. Walsh for M. McCarthy (half-time).

Clare — P. O'Grady, A. Fahy, H. Cusack, T. O'Connell, N. Quinn, C. Wall, V. McMahon, M. Bergin, T. Meagher, C. Fahy, M. Toomey, C. O'Loughlin. Sub.: F. White for T. O'Connell (second-half).

Referee: F. McInerney.

SARSFIELDS GIRLS THROUGH TO FINAL

Sarsfields 3-4 Killeagh 1-3

SARSFIELDS won through to the Cork County senior camogie final in Ballynoe last night and richly deserved their victory for they outplayed champions Killeagh, who never really got going.

Sarsfields were better in all departments and while Killeagh had excellent players in Betty Joyce, Ina Leahy, Cathy Landers and substitute Imelda Leahy, they lacked the overall commitment of Sarsfields, who fought every ball in a game that was spoiled by petty fouling.

Sarsfields took control from the start and when Valerie Twomey goaled after 15 minutes, Killeagh knew they were in for a tough game. Valerie Twomey caused the Killeagh defence all kinds of trouble and at half-time, aided by a stiff breeze, Sarsfields led by 1-4 to 0-2.

Killeagh opened in fine style early in the second-half but their efforts were thwarted by an excellent defence of Lily Twomey, Liz Dunphy and Eileen Noonan. They excelled in midfield and kept pressure on the Killeagh side throughout. When Valerie Twomey goaled in the 13th minute to be followed five minutes later by another goal from substitute, Sheila Barry, it was the end for Killeagh. They did get a consolation goal, however, when Imelda Leahy goaled but it came too late.

Scorers for Sarsfields—V. Twomey 2-1, S. Barry 1-0, L. Zinkant 0-3 (frees).

Killeagh—L. Leahy 1-0, B. Joyce 0-2, E. Leahy 0-1. Sarsfields—L. Twomey, N. Ahern, E. Noonan, M. Brady, L. Dunphy, A. Brady, S. Bermingham, G. Barry, L. Zinkant, B. O'Sullivan, V. Twomey, D. Hanley. Subs. S. Barry for D. Hanley; M. Moore for G. Barry. Killeagh—C. Buckley, P. Greene, M. Sweeney, N. Barry, C. Landers, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, B. Kelly, B. Joyce, I. Leahy, M. Spillane, P. Fitzgibbon. Subs. M. Motherway for P. Greene; I. Leahy for S. Spillane, D. Joyce for M. Spillane.

Referee—M. Murphy (Eire Og.)

Limerick leave it too late

LIMERICK 3-9
CORK 2-13

CORK qualified for the Munster final to the junior camogie championship when they withstood a determined late Limerick rally in an exciting semi final at Ballybrown, Co. Limerick yesterday.

Cork looked to be coasting to victory when they led by five points entering the final minutes but substitute Ann Mulcahy scored a goal for Limerick, and the home side also had a point but Cork just held on to avenge last year's defeat.

Pauline Carey was the Cork scoring star with two goals and four points.

Scorers—Cork—P. Carey 2-4; J.P. Kent, T. O'Reilly, B. Kelly, 0-2 each; M. Byrne, I. Killeen, F. O'Driscoll 0-1 each.

Scorers—Limerick—P. McCarthy 0-4; L. O'Sullivan, M. Clifford 1-1 each; I. Quaid 1-0, B. O'Brien 0-1.

Umanahans 1-12, Naomh Eoin 2-5. Camogie — Lein. Club C'hip — Myshall Carlow 4-6, Glenealy Wicklow 2-8.

Glen v 'Barrs in senior semi-final

IN AN eagerly awaited Cork Senior Championship semi-final on Tuesday night next, Glen Rovers and St. Finbarrs clash once again to decide who goes forward to meet Sarsfields in a final that is scheduled to go ahead on the following Sunday.

The remainder of the week will be another busy one with a number of Intermediate, Junior and Under-16 League games down for decision.

The clash of Glen and Barrs at any level always creates great interest and Tuesday night's semi-final clash between these two clubs promises to be no exception with a thrilling contest on the cards.

In their first round game against Seandun Glen had little difficulty in accounting for their opponents and even though they are presently fielding without three of last year's side Marie Mackey, Val Fitzpatrick and Claire McCarthy, they still have able replacements in Cork senior Lynda Mellerick, Denise Cronin and Fiona Twomey.

They have other fine performers in Therese O'Callaghan who captains the side, Ger McCarthy, Ann O'Donovan, Diane Deane, Mary Ring and Mary Currid and if these girls play to form they could make things very difficult for the Barrs.

On the other side of the coin, St. Finbarrs will have gained great confidence from their first round victory over Eire Og. The Ovens side are always a strong force at this level and even though they were a little understrength this season the Barrs should have gained valuable experience from their comprehensive victory.

The Barrs who are captained this year by Ann Christie have fine performers in Colette O'Mahony, Claire Cronin, Colette Cronin, Paula Carey and Yvonne O'Neill and if these girls find form they could be in there with a real chance.

Glen craft tells

By Tom Higgins

GLEN ROVERS 5-7
ST FINBARR'S 2-5

GLEN ROVERS' craft and experience told in this Cork Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at Riverstown last evening when the girls from Blackpool qualified to meet Sarsfield in the final at Ballinlough next Sunday at 3 pm.

The winners made a great start when after less than a minute June Hamill kicked home the opening goal and they increased their advantage to 2-1 to 0-1 after 6½ minutes. But the Barrs, who were not playing all that badly, got through for an Evonne O'Neill goal after nine minutes to get back in contention. But June Hamill had her second goal three minutes before the interval to put her side 3-4 to 1-3 in front at the break.

In the second-half the Barrs, who had the aid of the slight breeze and the strong sun, were expected to give the Glen a run for their money. But with Sandy Fitzgibbon and Therese O'Callaghan in brilliant form it was the winners who took control once more. They scored a goal and two points in the opening three minutes and although the Barrs made a valiant effort to get back into it a solid Glen defence, in which Mary Ring, Ann Delaney-O'Donovan and Sandy Fitzgibbon were outstanding, kept the losers at bay.

Although Glen deserved their win they will have improved their shooting if they are to go all the way this year.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: June Hamill 2-0; Linda Mellerick 1-3; Ger McCarthy 1-2 (free); Fiona Twomey 1-1; Therese O'Callaghan 0-1.

St. Finbarrs: Yvonne O'Neill 1-3 (0-1 "30"); Colette O'Mahony 1-1 (free); Marie O'Dea 0-1.

GLEN ROVERS: F.Twomey; M.Ring; D.Deane; A.Delaney-O'Donovan; S.Fitzgibbon; M. Currid; L.Mellerick; G.McCarthy; T.O'Callaghan; D.Cronin; F.Twomey; J.Hamill. Subs. D.McCarthy for M. Currid (41st minute).

ST. FINBARR'S: B.Walsh; M.Henrichson; C.Cronin; A.Christie; C.O'Mahony; D.Christie; F.O'Sullivan; N.Coughlan; P.Carey; E.O'Neill; C.Cronin; G.Kelleher. Subs. N.O'Sullivan for G.Kelleher; M.O'Dea for D.Christie (Half time).

Referee: B.Joyce (Kil-leagh).

CAMOGIE — SC — Dublin 4-9,
Galway 4-7, Munster MC Final — Tip-
perary 8-10, Limerick 0-3.

Galway face difficult task

GALWAY HAVE not contested the All-Ireland senior championship final since 1962. In the intervening years, they have produced more talented young players through the colleges system than any other county.

These quality players have won All-Ireland minor and junior honours for Galway but have not reached their full potential in providing Galway with a first rate senior side.

While lack of interest and poor attendance at training have been quoted in the past, it was hoped that the stars of the side which won the 1988 All-Ireland Junior Championship under the guidance of John Harrold would inject life and promise to the senior aspirations for 1989.

But it has not worked out that way. John has taken up a post in Germany and the momentum has not been carried on in his absence. A poorly prepared side failed to make an impression against Kilkenny in the semi-final of the National League.

Galway challenge Dublin in the All-Ireland championship on Sunday. While they have good individual players in Sheila Coen, Bridie Cuniffe, Brid Stratford, Anne Ryan and Mary Kelly, a team must undergo



a stiff training programme to hold realistic hopes of championship victory.

Dublin sides are invariably fit and eager when the championship comes around. They ran Kilkenny to two points in the Leinster final and are confident of clearing the first hurdle.

Germaine Noonan, the Dublin captain, has gone to America for the summer and she will be, undoubtedly, missed. Mairead Cronin will lead the side on Sunday and may expect good support from Marie Connell, Cathy Walsh, Denise O'Leary, Patricia Clinton and Louise Lynch.

Good progress is being made in the junior and minor provincial championships. Kilkenny and Armagh have retained their crowns. A strong Tipperary side has high hopes of lifting the Munster title after a lapse of years. Galway are unlikely to be dethroned in Connacht.

SUNDAY
All-Ireland Senior Championship at Russell Park, Dublin (3.00) Dublin v Galway.



Marie Currid, the Glen, gets the ball away watched by Mary Ring during their Cork camogie senior championship match against the Barrs at Riverstown. —(Pic: Dan Linehan)

CAMOGIE

KILDARE 2-14
WICKLOW 1-5

A VERY fast and fit Kildare side qualified for the Leinster Junior Camogie final, at Rathree, Co. Wicklow yesterday when they beat Wicklow 2-14 to 1-5 after leading 2-7 to 0-4 at half-time.

Wicklow opened very well but failed to last the pace. The winners had a top performer at centre forward in Bernie Farrelly who showed great accuracy from frees and play. Miriam Malone, Clare Maloney and Rose Merriman also did very well.

Goalkeeper Lorraine Cummins and midfielder Anna Byrne were the pick of a Wicklow side that lacked pace in many sectors.

Scorers — Kildare — B. Farrelly (0-7), R. Merriman (1-2), M. Malone (0-4), T. Hanley (1-0), P. Kestley (0-1). Wicklow — A. Byrne (0-4), C. Murphy (1-0), K. Barry (0-1).

TIPPERARY FOR THE ALL-IRELAND FINAL

TIPPERARY 8-8
GALWAY 3-10

On Sunday last in Kilcoleman the under 16 camogie team knocked Galway out of the All-Ireland semi-final. On this very warm evening the girls looking very determined and fit came one step closer to that All-Ireland trophy that has long eluded our camogie players at any level.

In the first few minutes, Mary Teresa Butler, Referee: Betty Joyce, Cork. Tipperary opened the scoring with a goal and a point. Galway then came with a lovely goal. It was Tipperary's turn again when Orlaith Hogan put over a point. Galway attacked again and a dangerous move was stopped by Marita Tobin. The ball was cleared up to the Tipp forwards resulting in a goal by Nessa O'Dwyer. Then, a free to Galway was sent to the square and they got a goal.

The puck-out, taken by Jovita Delaney, was won by Helen O'Leary who scored a lovely point. Galway then earned another two points, one from a free, the second from a line ball. They scored a third when a free was dropped into the square and pulled on. The Tipperary puck-out went up to the forwards and from a lovely cross we had a great goal from Nuala Nealon. The Galway puck-out was won by Marita Tobin in the backs who carried it herself and scored a lovely point. Galway then had a point.

Galway then had a point, but Orlaith Hogan pointed nine 30's for Tipperary, leaving the half-time score: Tipperary 3-5, Galway 2-4.

Tipperary made only one change at half-time when Angela Ryan came on instead of Ciara Barnes. Tipperary earned a free. The ball was won by Deirdre Hughes whose lovely pass to Helen O'Leary saw her put it in the back of the net. After a wide, Galway pointed. The next two scores came from 30's, one for Galway and one for Tipperary, taken by Orlaith Hogan. With great play from Deirdre Hughes, Lorraine Graham and Orlaith Hogan, all in centre-field, the ball was sent into the square where the forwards Nuala Nealon, Helen O'Leary, Angela Ryan and Nessa O'Dwyer gave Deirdre Hughes her choice which she took with determination and scored a great goal. Nuala Nealon then earned a 30' for Tipperary which Orlaith Hogan pointed.

Galway eventually got a break and scored a point. Tipperary came again and with the help of Deirdre Hughes and Nessa O'Dwyer, Nuala Nealon got another point.

Galway earned a free in their forward line. The taker missed it but pulled on the ground and scored a lovely point. Tipperary came back and Lorraine Graham made no mistake with a goal. Tipp then earned a 30' which Orlaith Hogan put in the back of the net but Galway answered with a point. Galway then earned a free which was well saved by Sinead Nealon and though they pressed hard, Tipperary held out.

Tipperary: Sinead Nealon, Jovita Delaney, Roisin Nash, Claire Madden, Marita Tobin, Orlaith Hogan, Lorraine Graham, Deirdre Hughes, Nuala Nealon, Helen O'Leary, Ciara Burns, Nessa O'Dwyer. Subs.: Angela Ryan for Ciara Burns, Sinead McGrath, Aine Rothwell, Aine Hogan, Maria Hogan, Caroline Dooley, Grace Webster, Helena Campion,

Mary Teresa Butler, Referee: Betty Joyce, Cork.

Tipperary now face Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final on 30th July. The venue and time are yet to be decided.

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Great win

KILKENNY 3-8
ARMAGH 1-7

A QUESTIONS will be asked of the Kilkenny minor camogie team following their alarming fade-out in this all-Ireland minor camogie semi-final at St. John's Park on Sunday.

This was a repeat of last year's all-Ireland final against Armagh.

The Noreiders dominated the first half and led by 3-5 to 1-1 at the break. When they added two points in the opening five minutes of the second half it looked a cake-walk.

Then came an amazing recovery by the Northern girls. They moved Helena Murray to midfield and also Deirdre Connolly, and with Veronica Donnelly in sparkling form they took complete control for the final 25 minutes. Kilkenny were under constant siege. Remarkably, Armagh failed to score from play but they converted six frees.

Indeed, were it not for a couple of great saves from frees, the locals could have been in a spot of trouble.

The referee ruined the game as a spectacle because of over-use of the whistle. In fairness, however, it must be stated that both sides got these frees and Kilkenny got them mostly in the first half.

Defending champions

Kilkenny play Tipperary in the all-Ireland final at a venue which will be decided by the toss of a coin. Tipperary will be seeking their first all-Ireland in this grade. Kilkenny are the defending champions, having contested and won their first final last year.

Balance swung

The balance of power has swung away from Dublin, Cork and Galway, who dominated in the past.

The Kilkenny selectors will have to address themselves to what went wrong in the second half. Did the side run itself out in the searing heat? Did they relax when leading by 3-7 to 1-1? Hopefully, things will click into place on Sunday week.

During the first half Kilkenny had four star players

in Tracy Millea, Orla Ryall, Sinead Millea and Bridget Mullally. Tracy Millea was on top at midfield. Orla Ryall kept the ball moving through to Sinead Millea, who scored two great goals. Bridget Mullally was also in great scoring form. In the second half the supply to the forwards dried up.

Stars of the second half were all in defence. Siobhán Holden brought off a couple of great saves in goal. Una Murphy was outstanding at centre-back and broke up attack after attack. Gillian Dillon was soundness personified at corner-back. Bridget Barnaville was the rock on which many Northern efforts perished and she brought off a great tackle when it looked certain that the losers were through for a goal.

Aine Dunne held her end up, although caught for pace on a few occasions. Aisling Cullen had a good first half, but ran out of steam. Patricia Treacy got in some good ground strokes before being replaced by Vanessa Butler. Anita White showed some nice touches while her replacement, Siobhán Dermody, did not get much of the ball.

Armagh had fine players in Donna McCusker, Geraldine McCluskey, Helena Murray, Colette Conway, Helen McKeown and a brilliant Veronica Donnelly.

The scorers

Kilkenny — Bridget Mullally (1-6, four points frees); Sinead Millea (2-1); Una Murphy (0-1). Armagh — Helen Murray (0-6, four frees, one 30'); Deirdre Connolly (1-1, point free).

The teams

Kilkenny — S. Holden, B. Barnaville, G. Dillon, U. Murphy, A. Dunne, A. Cullen, T. Millea (capt.), P. Treacy, A. White, O. Ryall, B. Mullally, S. Millea. Subs: V. Butler, S. Dermody.

Armagh — H. Mone, S. Kealy, D. McCusker, C. Byrne, C. Jordan, G. McCluskey, C. Conway, V. Donnelly, D. Connolly, H. Murray, C. Conway, J. Rice. Subs: H. McKeown.

Referee: A. Durham (Dublin).

Armagh aim to turn tables

A THREE-GOAL barrage in the dying moments of the 1988 All-Ireland Minor final sent Kilkenny into ecstasy and left a gallant Armagh team limp. On Sunday, the two teams meet in the semi-final of the current championship.

Armagh put up a great fight and had Kilkenny worried for most of last year's decider. However, when an Armagh victory was in sight Kilkenny stepped up their game and raced through for the winning scores.

Both teams field several players who featured in the Portmore final on Sunday. The champions will look to Gillian Dillon, Orla Ryall, Bridget Mullally, Bridget Barnaville and Sinead Millea to keep them on course for a second title.

Many of the Armagh players have seen action in two colleges' finals with St. Patrick's, Keady, in the



meantime. This experience will sharpen their edge. Helena Murray, Helen Mone, Colette Conway, Deirdre Connolly and Catherine Browne will put it up to Kilkenny.

The Connacht minor final was postponed because of a bereavement to defender Olivia Broderick. The Munster champions await the winners of the Galway and Roscommon game to see who they will face in the second semi-final.

The Leinster Junior Championship has sprung no surprises. Dublin have qualified for the semi-final without being tested. A bye in the opening round and a win over Louth leaves them in line for a tussle with

Meath. However, with players of the quality of Carmel Gray, Ger Dunne, Patsy Murphy and Joan Shiels, a Dublin victory seems assured.

Wicklow showed promise when ousting Kilkenny in the previous round. Indeed only for the excellent goalkeeping of Veronica Wall, Wicklow would have won very comfortably. Kay Barry, Liz Hurley, Esther Byrne and Anna Byrne will make the experienced Kildare outfit fight for victory.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Minor Semi-final
At O'Loughlins, Kilkenny — Kilkenny v Armagh, 3.00.

LEINSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Rathnew — Wicklow v Kildare, 3.00.

At Navan — Meath v Dublin, 3.00.

At Rathmore, Co. Wexford — Mary Cahill Sevens, 12.30.

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SARSFIELDS WIN FIRST TITLE

BY TOM HIGGINS

Sarsfields 3-8 Glen Rovers 1-11

SHOWING tremendous determination and fitness, Sarsfields won their first Cork County senior camogie title at Ballinlough yesterday when they upset the favourites Glen Rovers in a thrilling game.

Although the standard of camogie was not that high, this was a contest of real tension as there was never much between the teams.

Ann Brady won the toss for Sarsfields and decided to play with the aid of the breeze in the opening half and when her side turned over two points in arrears, 1-6 to 1-4, they looked in trouble. But that never say die attitude in the second-half, when they came good in the last 10 minutes, stood to them and they were worthy champions at the finish.

ENOUGH CHANCES

Admittedly, Glen Rovers did not play up to form, or were not left to by a strong tackling Sars defence in which Ger Barry, Liz Dunphy and Ann Brady were outstanding. Still, they had enough chances to come out on top but poor shooting and a defence that never got to grips with the game let them down.

In fact, only three of their side, Mary Ring, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Ger McCarthy were in form.

Sars opened the scoring with a point by Lilian Zinkant but six minute from the end of the half they were 1-6 to 0-3 arrears. But in the remaining time left they came to life and had a goal and a point to put themselves within striking distance at half-time.

When Glen scored a point within seconds of the restart they looked on the road to victory. But Dolores Hanley got inside the Glen half back line in the 28th minute to score a goal to put her side ahead 2-5 to 1-7 in front for the first time since the opening minutes.

But the Glen took control again to build up a two point lead after nine minutes and at that stage Sars looked beaten as Glen were creating chances, although wasting them. However, the winners, as they did in the opening period, came good in the final minutes as a tiring Glen defence began to falter and gave away frees from which Lilian Zinkant was deadly accurate.

When a thrilling finish looked in prospect Sheila Barry raced onto a dropping ball just outside the Glen square to beat the advancing goalkeeper for Sars third goal and give her side a four point cushion with only three minutes remaining. Although Terese O'Callaghan had a point for the losers two minutes from time they could not get through for the all important goal and Sars ran out winners.

Sarsfields undoubted star was Valerie Twomey, who created havoc in the Glen defence, particularly in the second-half, and got excellent support from Susan Bermingham.

Apart from the three Glen players mentioned, Linda Mellerick and Terese O'Callaghan tried hard but their shooting was very much off target.

Scorers for Sarsfields: D. Hanley 2-0; L. Zinkant 0-7 (0-4 frees, 0-2 "30's"); S. Barry 1-0; V. Twomey 0-1.

Glen Rovers: L. Mellerick 1-4, G. McCarthy 0-4 (0-2 "30's"); T. O'Callaghan 0-3.

Sarsfields: L. Twomey; E. Noonan; G. Barry, L. Dunphy, N. Aherne; M. Brady, A. Brady (capt), S. Bermingham; L. Zinkant, V. Twomey, S. Barry; D. Hanley.

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy; M. Ring; D. Deane, D. Cronin, A. Delaney-O'Donovan; M. Corrid, T. O'Callaghan (capt), S. Fitzgibbon; F. Twomey, L. Mellerick, G. McCarthy; J. Hamill. Subs D. McCarthy for J. Hamill 41st minute.

Referee: M. Murphy (Eire Og)



Hard pulling in the Glen Rovers goalmouth between Mary Ring and Sarsfields Sheila Barry during the Cork Co. Camogie final at Ballinlough yesterday.



Sarsfield's forward Lilian Zinkant races for possession with Glen Rovers defender Ann Delaney-O'Donovan during the Cork County Camogie final at Ballinlough yesterday. —(Pic: Des Barry)

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Honeymoon was postponed

Report: Tony Leen
BRIDE-OF-A-DAY, Geraldine Barry spent her first day of marriage not relaxing on some idyllic honeymoon resort, but crashing in tackles in a County Camogie final in Cork.

Camogie-mad Geraldine (26) tied the knot with Mike Barry on Saturday, but postponed plans for their honeymoon to France to line out for Sarsfields against Glen Rovers in the Championship decider yesterday.

Made aware of the plight, the County Board brought the game forward to allow her to dash away to Dublin after the final whistle to catch the Ferry to Holyhead.

Her brother, Vincent, who trained the successful Sars' team, said he put no pressure on her to line out with the side.

"She wanted to play herself. I couldn't have stopped her, even if I wanted to", he remarked.

In fact, Geraldine almost missed the Ferry trip from Dublin, because of the post-match celebrations.

"I think she was a little



disappointed leaving the celebrations afterwards", the team coach added.

● Composite picture shows Geraldine on her wedding day and (right)

lining out in the Sars jersey for the camogie championship game in

which they upset the Glen to take their first senior title.



The Sarsfields senior camogie team which defeated Glen Rovers to win the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at Ballinlough yesterday. (Picture: Des Barry)

Five-point margin flatters Cork girls

CORK 3-10, WATERFORD 2-8

AFTER a close and exciting game at the Glen Field on Saturday night, Cork took the Munster junior camogie title with five points to spare over Waterford. But that gap does not do justice to a Waterford side that dominated for almost three-quarters of the game.

After just four minutes Cork found themselves two goals in arrears and faced an uphill battle.

Waterford's first goal came in the third minute from Niamh McMahon and when Patricia Bolger shot home a second goal a minute later Cork, though playing against a strong sun, looked to be in trouble. It took Cork eight minutes to get their first score and this came from a Jean Paula Kent free. Five minutes later Breda Kelly got Cork's first goal, leaving just two points between the sides.

Waterford further stretched their lead with points from Orla Flynn and Patricia Bolger before Cork replied with a Therese O'Callaghan point. From that until half-time Orla Flynn had two further points for Waterford while Therese O'Callaghan added another one for Cork. The half-time score was Waterford 2-4, Cork 1-3.

After the resumption it was Waterford who had the first score again with a well-taken point from Niamh McMahon, but from there on Cork gradually got on top with points from Jean Paula Kent and Irene O'Keefe and when Fiona O'Driscoll goalied in the ninth minute to level the game, Cork began to dominate.

Jean Paula Kent stretched her side's lead with two more points before Irene O'Keefe got the all-important goal with about 10 minutes remaining.

Cork were well served by midfielder and captain Therese O'Callaghan, Margaret Finn, Jean Paula Kent and Breda Kelly, while Orla Flynn, Patricia Bolger, Niamh McMahon and goalkeeper Mary Murphy were outstanding for Waterford.

Scorers for Cork: J. P. Kent 0-6, I. O'Keefe and F. O'Driscoll 1-1 each, B. Kelly 1-0, T. O'Callaghan 0-2. Waterford: O. O'Flynn 0-6, P. Bolger 1-1, N. McMahon 1-1.

Cork: M. O'Brien, E. Healy, U. O'Connor, M. Finn, D. Cronin, T. O'Callaghan, J. P. Kent, M. Byrnes, B. Kelly, P. Carey, F. O'Driscoll, I. O'Keefe. Sub: L. O'Sullivan for M. Byrne 59th minute.

Waterford: M. Murphy, S. Coughlan, C. Caplis, C. Hutchinson, S. Sullivan, E. O'Toole, J. Coughlan, O. Flynn, P. Bolger, N. McMahon, P. O'Gorman, C. Whitty. Subs: C. O'Sullivan and P. Barry.



Cork's Paula Carey soloing upfield chased by Waterford's Orla O'Flynn, during the Munster junior camogie final at Glen Field, Cork.

Picture: Denis Minihane)

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Senior Championship Open Draw — Wexford 6-18, Cork 1-4. All-Ireland J.L. Final — Kildare 2-14, Armagh 3-8. Leinster U-14 Final — Kilkenny 4-6, Dublin 0-3.

'Semi' spot for Wexford looks on the cards

THE LAST of the first round ties in the 1989 All-Ireland Senior Championship matches is between Wexford and Antrim at Monomolin on Sunday. Both must look back to the Seventies to see their name engraved on the cup.

Of the two, Antrim have fared badly in the meantime. The first hurdle has proved their undoing this decade. Wexford have progressed past the initial round each year but found the semi-final their stumbling block.

Neither team may reflect on a great League campaign. But, with Dublin and Kilkenny paired in the other half of the draw, the winner must view a place in the All-Ireland final as a very real prospect. The showing of Cork, already in the semi-final, did not inspire confidence when last in action.

Antrim will look to their experienced players, Siobhan McErlean, Mary Lundy, Anne McGlue, Mary McMullan and Joan Campbell, to lift the team.

Wexford would appear to be the stronger outfit. A good performance from Tina Fitzhenry, Ann Marie O'Connor, Stella Sinnott, Eilish Kavanagh, Elsie Cody and Catherine Murphy should steer the home side to the semi-final.

The final of the 1989 National Junior League matches is between Kildare and Armagh, who contested the 1987 All-Ireland Junior final. Kildare won comfortably on a day when nothing went right for the Ulster county.

But the standard has improved in Armagh in the meantime.

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Senior Championship — At Monomolin, Co. Wexford, at 3.0, Wexford v Antrim.
National Junior League Final — At Clane, at 3.0, Kildare v Armagh.



Teacher Ann Delaney-O'Donovan (left) and her pupil Fiona Twomey who were on the Glen Rovers team who were beaten by Sarsfield in the Cork Senior Camogie final at Ballinlough on Sunday. Ann teaches seventeen year's old Fiona at St Aidan's Community College, Dublin Hill, Cork. (Picture



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Cork forward Irene O'Keeffe winning the ball from Waterford's Sinead O'Sullivan in the Munster junior camogie final at Glen Field. Cork 3-10 Waterford 2-8.
(Picture: Denis Minihane)



Breda Stokes, chairperson, Munster Council; presenting the cup to Therese O'Callaghan, captain of the Cork team which defeated Waterford in the Munster junior camogie final at the Glen Field, Cork.
(Picture: Denis Minihane)



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Mr. Vincent Motherway, Fanisk, Killeagh, Co. Cork, and Miss Mary Spillane, Burgess House, Killeagh, Co. Cork, who were married recently in Killeagh Church. (Barry's)



Paula Carey, well-known Cork camogie player, who was conferred with a BA at UCC earlier this week.



Waterford in the Munster Junior camogie final, at the Glen Field, Cork. (Picture: Denis Minihaue).

Wexford storm into All-Ireland semi-final

WEXFORD.....6-18

ANTRIM.....1-5

THE Wexford senior camogie team booked their place in their sixth All-Ireland semi-final in a row in Monamolin on Sunday last, when they inflicted a comprehensive defeat on an outclassed Antrim team.

By the time Antrim managed to score a point in the 24th minute, Wexford already led by 9. Siobhan Dunne tapped over a brace of points from freeside the first two minutes and on this opening Wexford went on a scoring spree.

A long clearance from Tina Fitzhenry in the fourth minute is gathered by Jean O'Leary, who shot at goal. This was saved, but Jackie Codd ran on the rebound and blasted it to the back of the net. Two minutes later Siobhan Dunne scored her first goal of the game when she doubled on a long pass from Catherine Murphy.

Ann Reddy pointed two minutes later when Catherine Murphy on catching a puck-out, dotted Ann loose on the wing and passed to her, and Ann duly obliged with a relaxed point. A minute later, Catherine herself pointed, quickly followed by another intelligent point from Jackie Codd. Fiona Dunne had passed to Ann Reddy, but Ann, so tightly marked to attempt a score, tapped the slithar out to Jackie, who pointed once more. Immediately after this Jean O'Leary was taken off injured and replaced by Ann-Marie O'Connor.

Next to net for Wexford was

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Ann Reddy, doubling on a long-range free taken by Eibhlin Keogh. A free to Antrim a minute later gave them their first point and only score of the first half.

Jackie Codd cancelled this in the 25th minute, and a point and a hand-pass goal from Siobhan Dunne closed the scoring for the first half.

Antrim were determined to make their mark on the game in the second half, and Wexford's concentration slipped slightly. However, the lapse in concentration didn't affect the back line and Tina Fitzhenry, Elsie Coady, Bernie Higgins and Eibhlin Keogh, provided superb cover for goalie Eilis Kavanagh, keeping Wexford in the game.

A point, struck from the ground, by Ann Reddy in the sixth minute, brought Wexford back into the contest and by the time Antrim scored a point in the tenth minute, Wexford had added 1-4 to their total. Siobhan underlined her skill at free-taking with a point from an awkward angle in the ninth minute.

Another lapse in concentration saw Antrim score 1-3 inside three minutes, but Wexford gained the upperhand easily again, scoring 1-2 to no reply before the final whistle.

Their next outing, an All-Ireland semi-final clash with Cork on Sunday, 13th August, will be much more trying. Last

year, Cork defeated Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final in Cork, but with home advantage this year (the game will be played in Monamolin) Wexford should do well.

The team is obviously very fit, and their understanding of each others play was a delight to watch. Passes were unerringly accurate, and their ability to pick off scores was very impressive.

Wexford - Eilis Kavanagh, Elsie Coady, Tina Fitzhenry, Bernie Higgins, Eibhlin Keogh, Fiona Dunne, Catherine Murphy (0-1), Stella Sinnott (0-1), Ann Reddy (1-2), Siobhan Dunne (4-10), Jackie Codd (1-4), Jean O'Leary. Subs. - Marie O'Connor (for Jean O'Leary), Christine Harding (for C. Murphy), Jo O'Connor (for Jackie Codd), Mary Fleming.

Referee - Aine Derham (Dublin).



Jackie Codd scores for Wexford in the game against Antrim on Sunday.



The Wexford camogie team who beat Antrim at Monamolin on Sunday (left to right): Mary Fleming, Christina Harding, Josephine O'Connor, Bernie Higgins, Jackie Codd, Ann Reddy, Catherine Murphy, Tina Fitzhenry, Eliza Coady, Ann Moore O'Connor, Fiona Dunne, Jean O'Leary, Stella Sinnott, Eileen Kehoe, Siobhan Dunne and Eilis Kavanagh.

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Minor feast for connoisseurs

SOME OF the most attractive camogie is played by minors. When two traditional counties meet in the All-Ireland Minor final, a feast of crisp striking, a parade of skills and some great score taking is envisaged.

At Semple Stadium, Thurles, next Sunday, the 1988 All-Ireland Minor champions, Kilkenny take the field against the home county. While producing fine exponents of the game over the years, Tipperary have yet to win an All-Ireland championship.

It is no surprise that there are direct links with these teams and the great hurling past of both counties. Donie Nealon, Pa Dillon and Joe Millea will have more than a passing interest in the game. All three have daughters in action.

Tipperary have won their way to the final in convincing fashion. Waterford, Cork and Limerick failed to stop their gallop in Munster. Any team which can register 8-8 against Galway in the minor grade commands respect.

Sinead Nealon has let little pass her in the Tipperary goal. She gets good cover from Jovita Delaney, Rosie Nash, Claire Madden and Martina Tobin. Orla Hogan, Lorraine Graham and Deirdre Hughes are fine strikers of the ball. In

Camogie

attack, Nessa O'Dwyer, Angela Ryan, Ciara Byrne and Helen O'Leary will pose problems for Kilkenny.

Kilkenny built a great minor team on the under 14 teams which monopolised the Leinster championship in recent years. Skillful and confident, they took the All-Ireland minor title for the first time last August.

Eight of their winning team are available for next Sunday. More successful under fourteens have progressed to fill the spaces. Kilkenny proved a class apart from all opposition in Leinster and had a convincing win over Armagh in the semi-final.

Gillian Dillon, Bridget Barnaville and Una Murphy are experienced defenders who mark tightly. Aisling Cullen, Tracey Millea and Orla Ryall can hurl sweetly. National Feile Skills champion in 1988, Bridget Mullally and Sinead Millea are particularly dangerous in front of goal.

The outcome of the game hangs in the balance but what is assured is an hour of great camogie.

FIXTURE

All-Ireland Minor Final
— Tipperary v Kilkenny,
Semple Stadium, Thurles,
3.00.

Kilkenny girls for minor title

The first All-Ireland camogie championship final of the year promises an entertaining contest, brimful of good play, when Tipperary and Kilkenny meet at Semple Stadium, Thurles, today for the minor crown.

Kilkenny won the title for the first time last year, and it must help their cause that they have eight of that side again available. The Noreiders climaxed their campaign so far with a polished display in a seven-point win over Armagh last time out.

Nevertheless, Kilkenny can anticipate a testing challenge. Tipperary, who are seeking a first title, have also qualified in fine style, and had a good 8-8 to 3-10 semi-final win over Galway.

Among their leading players are goalkeeper Sinead Nealon and her sister, Nuala, who is in attack. They are daughters of Donie Nealon, former Tipperary star, and now a county selector and Munster Council Secretary.

Others who could exercise decisive influences for the challengers are Claire Madden and Martina Tobin in defence, Lorraine Graham at midfield, and Angela Ryan in attack.

Kilkenny will not be easily beaten. All sectors are strong and the framework of All-Ireland medalists should ensure that the visitors settle down quickly and produce their best form.

Bridget Mullally, one of their All-Ireland medalists, is a star in a lively attack. She won the Feile na nGael skills title last year.

Others who may do much to advance the Noreiders hopes are Orla Ryall, also in attack, Gillian Dillon and Aisling Cullen at midfield, and full back Bridget Barnaville.



Eire Og Camogie Club winners of the Cork Feile na nGael (Under 14) competition 1989.

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Talented young ladies all out to take second title

Meet the young stars

THE Kilkenny minor camogie team make short journey to Semple stadium, Thurles on Sunday to take on Tipperary in the all-Ireland final (3 p.m.). This is a unique final as the Noreiders, who were holders of the Corn Tailteann, are appearing in only their second final, while Tipperary are making their debut at this level.

Add in the local rivalry between the counties, and one has the ideal mix for a cracking all-Ireland final.

Last year the Noreiders made the long journey to Portlaoise, Co. Armagh, where, after a tremendous game, they got on top in the closing 10 minutes to run out winners by 5-6 to 2-5. About 100 supporters made the journey north where the team had to overcome the vociferous support of about 1,500 Armagh fans. Now that the game is in nearby Semple Stadium, the Noreiders should have as many supporters as Tipperary.

Kilkenny have eight of the players who figured in last year's historic first victory. From the beginning of the year, they were expected to do well, and except for a fade out in the second half against Armagh, they have lived up to their reputation. The side has been training continuously in St. Kieran's college since last April, with Ted Brown again in charge of preparations. Except for a period in June, when examinations were in full swing, the girls have trained two nights a week.

During examinations, training was curtailed to Saturday afternoons. Over the past week, just like last year, Ted's wife Angela has been lending a hand, so the 23 strong panel is ready and willing to put in a great effort.

Easy start

In the first round at Nowlan park, the home side scored an easy win over Laois. Then it was on to Castlebridge, Wexford where the home side was easily beaten. Leading well at half time, Kilkenny relaxed to such an extent that they

added very little to their score. The Leinster final against Dublin in Silver Park, Leopardstown, saw the Noreiders triumph by 5-7 to 1-1. It was in the second half that the locals showed their superiority, after leading by 2-3 to 1-0 at the interval.

The all-Ireland semi-final against Armagh was played at St. John's Park. Kilkenny came through by 3-8 to 1-7. It was all Kilkenny in the first half. Brilliant goals by Sinead Millea (2) and Bridget Mullally gave the home side an interval lead of 3-5 to 1-1. Two early points in the second half seemed to herald an easy win, but suddenly Kilkenny fell out of the game. The centrefield trio were well beaten, and it took all the sterling qualities of the defence to pull the Noreiders through.

Changes

While the Kilkenny team was not selected at the time of writing, it was expected that Gillian Dillon may be moved from defence to midfield, with Bridget Wall coming in at corner-back. This was the set-up for the Leinster final against Dublin, and it worked well. The seven Kilkenny players who started in last year's final are Bridget Barnaville, Una Murphy, Tracy Millea, Gillian Dillon, Orla Ryall, Bridget Mullally and Asling Cullen. Sinead Millea came on as a sub in the second half in place of Asling Cullen. This gives the present Noreider outfit a strong base to work from, because these players are spread throughout the field in defence, midfield and attack.

Tipperary have been impressive on their way to the final. They have put up big scores in all their games, which suggest their forwards

know where the posts are. They beat Cork in the first round by 6-6 to 1-7; Limerick in the Munster final by 8-10 to 0-3. Then they caused a big surprise in the all-Ireland semi-final when they beat a fancied Galway by 8-8 to 3-10.

Twins on team

Their midfield trio of very accurate Orla Hogan, Lorraine Graham and Deirdre Hughes have been on top in all games. Considering it was this area which caused a lot of trouble for Kilkenny in the semi-final, this must worry the Kilkenny mentors Ted Brown, Billy Malone and a tearaway forward for Tipp., who was prominent with Presentation convent (Cashel) in colleges competitions.

Donie Nealon, former great Tipperary hurler and present secretary of the Munster Council has two daughters on the side. Sinead keeps a very good goal, while Nuala is a free scoring forward. All in all, Tipperary must be feared.

The sides played a challenge earlier in the year at The Rags, and it ended all square. At that time both teams were just starting their preparations, so it gives little insight into Sunday's clash.

In giving a verdict, one must expect Kilkenny to be slight favourites, with so many of last year's side still available. However, it would all boil down to the midfield clash, and should the Noreiders break even here, then Bridget Mullally and Sinead Millea should get enough scores to see them through. However, if the Premier county take control in this area, then Nuala Nealon and Nessa O'Dwyer are capable of putting up a winning total.

Tipperary Panel: Sinead Nealon, Jovita Delaney, Roisin Nash, Martina Tobin, Claire Madden, Orla Hogan, Lorraine Graham, Deirdre Hughes, Helen O'Leary (Capt), Nuala Nealon, Nessie O'Dwyer, Ciara Burns, Caroline Donley, Mary T. Butler, Grace Webster, Marie Hogan, Aine Hogan, Sinead McGrath, Helena Campion, Aine Rothwell, Angela Ryan.

Siobhán Holden, Dicksboro (15): Played against Laois in the first round. Went on in second half of Leinster final against Dublin. Played against Armagh in semi-final. Leinster under-14 medal winner in 1988. Won Leinster minor colleges championship with Presentation (Kilkenny) in 1988.

Bridget Barnaville, Lisdowney (16): Won all-Ireland minor medal in 1988, and won Leinster under-14 trophies, as well as numerous under-age championships with her club. An outstanding full-back during the past two seasons. Plays colleges camogie with Johnstown vocational school.

Bridget Wall, Lisdowney (15): First year on minor panel. Has 3 Leinster under-14 trophies. Has figured in all her club's county championship victories. Plays colleges camogie with Johnstown vocational school.

Una Murphy, Tullogher (16): Regarded as one of the outstanding players on the side. When the all-Ireland minor in 1988 and Leinster minor 1988 and 1989. His Leinster under-14 medals and won Under-14 Ronn B (1986) and Ronn A (1987) county medals. Helped Thomastown vocational schools win the All Ireland and 1989.

Aine Dunne, Lisdowney (15): Leinster under-14 medal (1988) and Leinster minor (1989). Has won county honours with her club. Won Leinster minor colleges camogie title with Community School (Castlecomer) earlier this year, when she was captain.

Asling Cullen, Thomastown (16): Won an all-Ireland minor medal in 1988, and has two Leinster minor medals. Has also won Leinster under-14 medals. Won an all-Ireland vocational schools medal with Thomastown in 1989.

Tracy Millea, St. Brigid's, Ballycahan (16): Captain's team. Is daughter of former Kilkenny all-Ireland medalist, Joe. Has won one all-Ireland minor, 2 Leinster minor and 3 Leinster under-14 medals. Has various county medals. Plays colleges camogie with Mercy Convent (Callan).

Gillian Dillon, St. Lactain's, Freshford (16): Daughter of another former Kilkenny all-Ireland player, Pa. Has one all-Ireland minor, 2 Leinster minor and 2 Leinster Under-14 medals. County medals in many grades. Plays colleges camogie with Presentation (Kilkenny).

Bridget Mullally, Tullogher (15): Only player who does not play in Leinster camogie colleges competition. Top scorer in both 1988 and 1989 campaigns. County medals in under-14 "B" and "A"; one all-Ireland minor, 2 Leinster minor and 3 Leinster Under-14. Winner of Féile na nGael skills competition in 1988.

Orla Ryall, St. Brigid's (15): Has won all the honours in the game — one all Ireland minor, 2 Leinster minor, 4 Leinster under-14 and a heap of county medals. Captained Kilkenny to Leinster under-14 honours in 1987, and also captained Presentation (Kilkenny) to win the 1988 Leinster colleges title.

Anita White, Thomastown (16): Was a panel member on last year's victorious side. Helped Thomastown vocational school win 1989 all-Ireland. Is a stylish forward who has been doing well all season.

Sinead Millea, St. Brigid's (14): Youngest player in this year's final. Became one of the youngest players ever to win an all-Ireland minor medal when she came on at

start of second half in last year's final. Created a record last Saturday by becoming the first player ever to win 4 Leinster under-14 medals on the field. She came on as a sub in the 1986 final against Offaly. Twice came third in the Féile na nGael skills competition.

Siobhán Dermody, St. Lactain's (16): Has figured in all the games so far. Played at corner forward against Laois; goalkeeper against Wexford and Dublin and at corner-forward against Armagh. Leinster under-14 medals and county medals in various grades with her club. Leinster minor colleges camogie medal with Presentation (Kilkenny) in 1986.

Patricia Treacy, Dicksboro (16): Daughter of another ex-All Ireland player, Martin. Went on as a sub against Dublin in Leinster final and figured against Armagh in semi-final. Won Leinster minor colleges camogie championship medal with presentation (Kilkenny) in 1988.

Catherine Keogh, St. Brigid's (15): First year on panel. Holds a minor county medal for 1988. Also plays for Mercy Convent (Callan) in Leinster colleges competition.

Vanessa Butler, Thomastown (15): Played against Laois on Wednesday in earlier rounds. Came on as a sub against Armagh in semi-final. Won a Leinster under-14 medal in 1988, and all-Ireland vocational schools medal in 1989.

Fina Dalton, St. Brigid's (16): Has won Leinster under-14 and county medals in a number of age groups. Another of the victorious Presentation Convent (Kilkenny) team that took Leinster minor medals in 1988.

Elaine Nolan, Tullogher (15): Was a goalkeeper on 2 Leinster under-14 winning studies. Has under-14 Ronn A (1987) and Ronn B (1986) county medals. Travelled all the way to Portlaoise, Co. Armagh, to see last year's final, and now finds herself a member of the panel.

Margaret Hanley, St. Brigid's (16): Also, a member of last year's winning panel. She holds a couple of Leinster under-14 medals. Also plays for the Mercy convent (Callan), and was on the side beaten by Presentation (Kilkenny) in the Leinster Minor College final of 1988.

Edel Murphy, St. Scutins, Clara (15): One of the promising younger players in the panel. She went in as a substitute in the Leinster final against Dublin, and almost figured in the scoring. Has won honour with her club.

Catherine Dowling, St. Scutins (15): Another of the younger players from the emerging Clara Club. They have impressed over the past few years, and have taken honours at the lower levels. Catherine is one of those players now making it through to the county panel. Won her first Leinster medal this year.

Paula Dowling, St. Lactain's (14): Captained the Kilkenny Under-14 team to Leinster honours this year. She also won a Leinster under-14 medal in 1988. Has won county honours at various levels. Was captain of the St. Lactain's team which brought Féile na nGael honours to Kilkenny for the first time in June.

Siobhán Dooley, Dicksboro (15): Won a Leinster under-14 medal in 1988, and a Leinster minor medal recently. Also on the Presentation convent (Kilkenny) team which took Leinster minor honours in 1988.

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Mulally destroys Tipperary

Kilkenny 9-10, Tipperary 2-8

A five-star performance by forward Brigid Mulally was the highlight as Kilkenny easily retained the All-Ireland Minor camogie title at Semple Stadium, Thurles, yesterday.

Mulally scored a total of 6-7 of her side's tally and, essentially, she was the difference between the two teams as Tipperary battled bravely but lacked the firing power of the Kilkenny attack.

Indeed early on Tipperary looked the sharper side and should have been more than 2-7 to 2-4 in front at half-time, their goals coming from Helen O'Leary and Deirdre Hughes to Kilkenny's goals from Mulally and Sinead Millea.

However, in the second half Kilkenny, aided by the light breeze, took control and, with Mulally in devastating form and scoring 2-3, they went well clear inside 12 minutes. Tipperary fought back, however, and, helped by a Deirdre Hughes goal, narrowed the gap somewhat.

In the closing quarter Kilkenny got completely on top and a hat-trick of goals by Mulally, with further goals from Anita White and Sinead Millea, left them the most comfortable of winners.

Apart from Brigid Mulally Kilkenny had top class displays from Asling Cullen, Gillian Dillon, Sinead Millea and Brigid Barnaville while for a gallant Tipperary Deirdre Hughes, Clare Madden, Lorraine Graham, Marita Tobin and Nassa O'Dwyer tried very hard.

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Scorers, Kilkenny: B. Mulally 6-7, S. Millea 2-1, A. White 1-0, A. Cullen and G. Dillon 0-1 each.

Tipperary: D. Hughes 2-1, O. Hogan 0-5, H. O'Leary 1-0, N. O'Dwyer 0-2.

Kilkenny: S. Holden, B. Barnaville, B. Wall, U. Murphy, A. Dunne, A. Cullen, T. Millea, G. Dillon, B. Mulally, O. Ryall, A. White, S. Millea. Subs. P. Treacy for Dunne, E. Murphy for Dillon, V. Butler for Ryall.

Tipperary: S. Nealon, J. Delaney, R. Nash, C. Madden, M. Tobin, O. Hogan, L. Graham, D. Hughes, N. Nealon, H. O'Leary, A. Ryan, N. O'Dwyer. Sub. C. Burns for N. Nealon.



Cork Colleges Intermediate "B" and Junior "B" 1989 winners St. Aidan's Community College. (Back row, from left): Barbara Hyde, Mary Cronin, Siobhán O'Sullivan, Marie O'Connell, Margaret Considine, Alison Conway, Michelle Murray. (Middle row, from left): Fiona Twomey, Catherine Monaghan, Siobhán Gough, Gillian Horgan, Karen Hickey, Sharon Burke, Pamela Barry. (Front from left): Ms. Anne O'Donovan (teacher), Deirdre Murphy, Tara O'Flynn, Tracey O'Sullivan, Josephine O'Neill, Alison O'Callaghan, Karen Burke, Elaine McSweeney, Sinead Keohane, Ms. Aoife Ryan (teacher).

July 1989

Tipperary Bid for All-Ireland Title Fails

(By MICHAEL DUNDON)

Kilkenny 9-10
Tipperary 3-8

Tipperary's hopes of a first All-Ireland title in camogie came unstuck at Semple Stadium on Sunday when a devastating second half display by the champions, Kilkenny, enabled them to retain the minor title which they won last year. Though twenty points separated the sides at the finish, it was a scoreline which did not do justice to the brave efforts of the Tipperary girls, though the merit of the Kilkenny win is undisputed.

Kilkenny were favourites to retain the crown and right well did they justify their rating but they had to absorb a mighty challenge from Tipperary who in the first half in particular, looked a much sharper side but let too many chances go abegging. This was in marked contrast to Kilkenny after the break, who, when they got into their stride, scarcely let a chance slip and with Bridget Mullally their star performer, they pounded the Tipperary defence into submission.

The champions played a master stroke at half-time when switching Mullally from the wing to full-forward as she thrived on the space afforded her in this area and the service supplied by a midfield combination which stepped up enormously on their first half display. Without Mullally, Kilkenny's attacking strength would have been moderate indeed and it was she, more than anybody else, who

brought about Tipperary's downfall.

There was little indication in the first half of the drubbing that was to follow. With the breeze behind them the Tipperary girls showed plenty of fire and enthusiasm in a most lively and entertaining encounter. Play ebbed and flowed in thrilling fashion with each side enjoying spells of superiority but Tipperary were missing chances. Sinead Millea struck the first blow of significance for Kilkenny with a twelfth minute goal which put her side 1-2 to 0-3 ahead, but Tipperary, with Orla Hogan and Deirdre Hughes prominent at this time never lost their composure and were rewarded in the 16th minute when Hein O'Leary, the team captain, finished the ball to the Kilkenny net after a Neasa O'Dwyer pass to put Tipperary ahead.

Tipperary continued to have the edge and opened a

three points lead, 1-7 to 1-4 coming to the interval but the half ended in a welter of excitement as firstly Sinead Nealon in the Tipperary goal twice denied Kilkenny certain goals before Bridget Mullally lashed a close-in free to the net to level for the champs. From the puck-out however, Deirdre Hughes raced through for a Tipperary goal to put her side in front again 2-7 to 2-4 at the interval.

UNDER PRESSURE

What followed in the second half was completely out of character with what had gone before. Tipperary were under pressure from the word go as Kilkenny's rearranged side looked much more purposeful and business like. Mullally had a goal inside six minutes and added another six minutes later to open a seven points lead 4-8 to 2-7. Tipperary rallied and a Deirdre Hughes goal after an Orla Hogan point brought them right into contention.

Their challenge was short-lived however as in the 20th minute Mullally scored a great goal for Kilkenny shaking off three tackles and three minutes later again netted. Then Anita White had a Kilkenny goal as the champions went from strength to strength in the closing minutes against a tiring Tipperary side who never dropped their heads though well out of contention.

Their merit of Kilkenny's win cannot be disputed but the Tipperary girls can be proud of their contribution to a fine contest and their day will sur-

ely come. While Bridget Mullally was the star of the Kilkenny win with an impressive 6-7 to her credit, she got ample assistance from Sinead Millea, Aisling Cullen, Gillian Dillon, Tracy Millea, and Bridget Barnaville.

Tipperary girls all played their hearts out but the displays of Marita Tobin, Deirdre Hughes and Clare Madden were particularly noteworthy while Lorraine Graham, Angela Ryan and Neasa O'Dwyer also did their bit. Goalkeeper Sinead Nealon could not be faulted for those that beat her.

Kilkenny Scorers: B. Mullally 6-7; S. Millea 2-1; A. Whyte 1-0; A. Cullen and A. G. Dillon 0-1 each.

Tipperary scorers: D. Hughes 2-1; O. Hogan 0-5; H. O'Leary 1-0; N. O'Dwyer 0-2.

Kilkenny — S. Holden; B. Barnaville, D. Wall, U. Murphy, A. Dunne; A. Cullen, T. Millea, G. Dillon; B. Mullally, O. Ryall, A. White; S. Millea.

Subs: P. Treacy for Dunne; E. Murphy for Dillon; V. Butler for O. Ryall.

Tipperary — S. Nealon (Burgess); J. Delaney (Cashel), R. Nash (Cashel), C. Madden (Portroe); M. Tobin (Cashel); O. Hogan (Burgess), L. Graham (Moycarkey), D. Hughes (Toomevara); N. Nealon (Burgess), H. O'Leary (Cashel), A. Ryan (Cashel); N. O'Dwyer (Cashel).

Sub: C. Burns (Burgess) for N. Nealon.

Referee: C. Quinn, Galway.



The Tipperary camogie team and subs who lost to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final.

Classy 'Cats' had the spirit of tigers

KILKENNY 9-10
TIPPERARY 3-8

FEVER a scoreline gave a false impression of a game, this one does! For 50 of the 60 minutes this was one of the finest camogie games ever played at this level as Kilkenny hung on by a goal lead, 4-8 to 3-8.

Then in an unbelievable ten-minute barrage Kilkenny finally cracked the home side and scored 5-2 to run out flattering winners of this all-Ireland minor camogie final at Semple Stadium, Thurles, on Sunday.

Tipperary won the toss and elected to play with the strong breeze. With Orla Hogan dominating midfield, they pushed forward in sweeping movements and threatened to tear Kilkenny asunder. Yards faster to the ball, they looked dangerous in every raid.

Against the run of play Kilkenny gained a lifeline when Sinéad Millea goalied in the 11th minute to put the winners 1-2 to 0-3 ahead. The Kilkenny selectors then took decisive action, and sent

Gillian Dillon to mark Orla Hogan. This move had the desired effect. Still, the Noreiders were only hanging on as the Premier County girls went three points in front (1-7 to 1-4).

Then one minute into "injury" time the Noreiders got another tonic. Bridget Mullally blasted a free to the net to level the scores. Tipperary fought back from the puck-out and Deirdre Hughes, who also starred at midfield, cut through the winners' defence for a goal that sent the home crowd wild with delight as they went to the dressing rooms leading by 2-7 to 2-4.

Dressing-down

When the Noreiders got

to their dressing-room, Angela Browne gave them a heavy dressing-down. It was apparent from the start of the new half that this pep-talk had the desired effect. From the throw-in Kilkenny were a transformed side. Girls who had struggled in the first half were suddenly on top of their game.

The winners dominated the opening five minutes of this half, but missed some great chances. Then the selectors made the move that was to turn the game. They brought Bridget Mullally from the right wing, where she had been having the worst of the tussle with Martina Tobin, to full-forward. Mullally proceeded to tear the Tipperary defence apart with a display of camogie fury that saw her finish with a personal tally of 6-7, which must be an all-time record.

With Kilkenny leading by a goal and 11 minutes left, they were awarded a free to the left of the posts. Bridget Mullally became involved in

a bit of gamesmanship when placing the ball. Eventually the referee, who had a good game, cancelled the free and gave a free out to Tipperary.

Bridget Mullally seemed to react to this incident, because afterwards she was unstoppable. The next ball she got she rattled to the net with a powerful drive. This was the straw that broke the camel's back. The Premier County girls had nothing left in reserve. Kilkenny raced away to a 20 points' victory.

When presenting the medals, Camogie President Mary O'Callaghan (Cork) said that Kilkenny were a "super" team. As they played in the second half, there was no team in their age group who could live with them.

A word of praise is due to Ted Browne, who has been training this team since last April. He got good assistance from his wife Angela during the last couple of weeks. They team needed every bit of that training at Semple Stadium.

The team was grateful to the big number of followers

who made the journey to cheer them on. When the team came out on the field, the players got a bigger welcome than the home team.

Arrangements for the game were first class. The pitch was in tremendous condition, the teams were led around the pitch in a pre-match parade by the Sean Treacy pipers' band.

Best players for Tipperary were Martin Tobin, Claire Madden, Orla Hogan, Deirdre Hughes, Nessa O'Dwyer and Helen O'Leary.

● The scorers

Kilkenny — B. Mullally (6-7, goal and two points free, one point '30'); S. Millea (2-1), A. White (1-0), A. Cullen, G. Dillon (0-1 each). Tipperary — D. Hughes (2-1), O. Hogan (0-5, three frees, two '30s'), H. O'Leary (1-0), N. O'Dwyer.

● The teams

Kilkenny — Siobhán Holden (Dicksboro), Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney), Bridget Wallace (Lisdowney), Una Murphy (Tullagher), Aine Dunne (Lisdowney); Aisling Cullen (Thomastown);

Tracy Millea, capt. (St. Bridget's); Gillian Dillon (St. Lactain's); Bridget Mullally (Tullagher); Orla Ryall (St. Brigid's); Anita White (Thomastown); Sinéad Millea (St. Dicksboro); Sub: Patricia Treacy (Bridget's); Edel Murphy (St. Scuthin's, Clara); Vanessa Butler (Thomastown).

Tipperary: St. Nealon, J. Delaney, R. Nash, C. Madden, M. Tobin, O. Hogan, L. Graham, D. Hughes, N. Nealon, A. Ryan, N. O'Dwyer (capt.).
Referee: Kay Quinn (Galway).

Half eligible again

KILKENNY will have exactly half the team that started Sunday's final available again next year.

Those eligible are Siobhán Holden, Bridget Wall, Aine Dunne, Orla Ryall, Bridget Mullally and Sinéad Millea.

The latter three will be attempting to win their third medal, a feat once before achieved by the present Cork senior player, Sandie Fitzgerald, in 1978, '79 and '80.

HOW THEY PLAYED

Siobhán Holden — Probably becomes the first American-born player to win a minor camogie all-Ireland medal. One of the few players in top form in both halves. Made several fine saves, particularly in the first half.

Bridget Barnaville — Had a few uncertain moments during the first half, but grew in stature as the game progressed. Made one catch and clearance in the second half that brought the Kilkenny followers to their feet.

Bridget Wall — Was at her best when Tipperary tried to come back in the second half. Got in a couple of great clearances at this stage, as well as saving a piledriver at the expense of a "30".

Una Murphy — Took a little time to settle. Was at her best in the closing 10 minutes, when she was unbeatable, and cleared some great balls with left and right hands.

Aine Dunne — Caught for pace on a couple of occasions, but very sound when on the ball. Clever to get out of trouble.

Aisling Cullen — Could not cope with Orla Hogan in the early stages. Had a brilliant second half in the centre, where her long striking was a feature. Scored a good point in the first half.

Tracy Millea — A leg injury kept her out of training for both the semi-final and final, and had an effect on her play. Did better when moved to centre-forward.

Gillian Dillon — Over the hour was Kilkenny's best player. Played a big part in the victory by getting the better of Orla Hogan. Was the only outfield player to perform to her potential during the first half. Equally effective in the second period.

Bridget Mullally — What can one say about a girl who scored 6-7 in an all-Ireland final? Her display at full-forward was simply devastating. Some of her shots almost tore the net from its rigging.

Orla Ryall — After a poor first half she epitomised the new-found determination of the Kilkenny team in the second period when she powered past two defenders only to see a palmed effort go wide. Moved to midfield for the closing 10 minutes.

Anita White — Another who had a nervous first half. She also hit her best form in the second moiety, and made one thrilling 50 yards' solo run through the Tipperary defence.

Sinéad Millea — Always looked dangerous against a bigger opponent. Her opportunist first-

half goal was a lifesaver. Did well when moved to the right wing, and set up Bridget Mullally for some of her goals. Scored 2-1 herself. Now holds two all-Ireland minor medals, although still under 14.

Patricia Treacy — Came on in the closing 10 minutes and got in a couple of good clearances.

Edel Byrne — Sent on in the last five minutes to give her vital experience with a view to next year.

Vanessa Butler — Another girl given a run in the closing minutes. She struck a couple of balls, and will be eligible against next year.

The other panel members were Siobhán Dermody, Fiona Dalton, Catherine Dowling, Catherine Keogh, Margaret Healy, Elaine Nolan, Paula Dowling and Siobhán Dooley.

Highest score

SUNDAY'S score of 9-10 is the highest ever recorded in a minor camogie final.

The Tipperary total of 3-8 is the highest score recorded by a losing team. This championship first started in 1974.

Mary Moran's Camogie Column

KILKENNY: TOP COUNTY IN UNDERAGE CAMOGIE

FIFTEEN-year-old Brigid Mullally etched her name in the record books with a staggering personal tally of 6-7 in the All-Ireland Minor Championship final at Thurles. The Kilkenny girl's amazing feat shoots her to the top of the highest individual score in an All-Ireland final surpassing Kitty Buckley's long-standing record of six goals in the 1941 senior final.

With such a gifted scorer in their ranks, it was no wonder that Kilkenny defeated Tipperary to take their second All-Ireland Minor title. However, the final outcome did not always point to a Kilkenny victory.

Tipperary opened encouragingly and played the more attractive camogie in the first half. In particular, Orla Hogan, Claire Madden, Helen O'Leary and Deirdre Hughes displayed style and confidence. A beautifully struck shot to the back of the net from Tipperary captain, Helen O'Leary was the score of the opening half.

A one goal lead in Tipperary's favour gave promise of a great second half. But it was not to be. The Kilkenny mentors had summed up the situation well and made telling switches. Sinéad Millea moved from full-forward where she found progress very difficult against Tipperary's towering Jovita Delaney.

The Kilkenny attack operated further out from goal and upset the efficiency of the Tipperary defence. The Kilkenny scores rained thick and fast. Brigid Mullally proved equally adept from play or placed balls. Her second half display included superb scores from a variety of angles and distances.

Interesting links with the great hurling teams of these counties added

to the final. On the Tipperary side, former hurling star, Donie Nealon cheered on two daughters, Sinéad and Nuala. Thirteen-year-old Ciara Burns is a daughter of famous defender, Mick Burns.

Not to be outdone, Kilkenny had famous fathers exhorting their efforts. Joe Millea watched his two daughters, captain Tracy and Sinéad. Stout-hearted Kilkenny defender Pa Dillon was pleased to see his daughter Gillian figure prominently. For good measure, centre-forward Orla Ryall is a daughter of Kilkenny gaelic games historian, Tom Ryall.

Kilkenny have succeeded Cork and Galway as the top county in underage camogie. Concentration on under-14 camogie where Nicholas Lambert achieved great results since 1982 has paid off. These players have matured to win the All-Ireland titles of 1988 and 1989. It will not be long until

Brigid Mullally, Sinéad Millea, Orla Ryall, Tracy Millea and Una Murphy surface in higher grades.

Remaining with the stars of the future, the National Féile na nGael Skills Competition at Portlaoise produced an exciting climax. From early on there were indications that the eventual winner would come from either Cork or Kilkenny. Some great free-taking from the Wexford competitor left the top three Nora O'Connell (Cork), Aileen Gordan (Wexford) and Sinéad Millea (Kilkenny).

St. Lachtans (Kilkenny) won the premier award at the Féile thus underlining once again the county's strength at this level. Wolfe Tones (Shannon) pipped O'Donovan Rossa (Armagh) in Division Two. Oran (Roscommon) and Lismore (Waterford) were narrow winners in the lower grades.



Pictured above is Galway referee Kathleen Quinn with rival captains, Tracy Millea (Kilkenny), and Helen O'Leary, (Tipperary), prior to the All-Ireland Minor final at Thurles.

AUG 1989

ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

Wexford can do it!

THIS SUNDAY AT MONAMOLIN (3 p.m.)

Wexford senior camogie team are on the verge of winning their place into this year's All-Ireland final. On Sunday next they meet Cork at Monamolin (3 p.m.) in a repeat of last year's All-Ireland semi. Last year Cork had home advantage but it was mainly an under-par Wexford performance that lost the Model County their place in the decider. This year Wexford are again faced with an undaunting challenge. Cork will be extremely well prepared. They have appeared in the last three All Ireland finals so their experience at this level is second to none.

Despite Corks impressive background Wexford are still slightly favoured to win the game. Home territory will be an advantage but

only if we see the Wexford girls play to their full potential. They did that in their quarter-final against Antrim with a massive winning margin of 6-16 to 1-4. Wexford team manager Ray Quigley is confident his girls have the ability to reach this year's final. Making a statement to 'The Echo' he said: "Cork are always a tough challenge but Wexford are good enough to beat them. We have some terrific players each of whom can lift the team. Things didn't go quite well enough last year especially after the long coach journey and we lost by a couple of points. Hopefully this time the team can get going to their full potential. On their day they are certainly good enough to compete in the All-Ireland final."

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL



AILISH KAVANAGH



STELLA SINNOTT



GENE O'LEARY



BERNIE HIGGINS



EILEEN KEHOE



JACKIE CODD



ELSIE COADY (CAPT.)



FIONA DUNNE



ANN REDDY

WEXFORD v CORK



CATHERINE MURPHY



ANN MARIE O'CONNOR



JO O'CONNOR



CATHERINE SINNOTT



MARY FLEMING

Quigley along with his fellow selectors Martin Codd and John Kehoe had the luxury of watching Wexford chalk up a massive victory over Antrim at Monamolin a fortnight ago but they are first to admit that proved no challenge and little preparation for this big game.

Since then Wexford have been training twice a week while the recent Senior Championship final between St. Ibars and Rathnure also proved a good work-out for some of the stars.

On the other hand Cork have had some extremely difficult encounters already this season especially their recent National League Final meeting with hot favourites Kilkenny. Kilkenny won that issue but Cork will have benefitted greatly by the experience.

Wexford have star players in every position of the field. While they were missing some players for the Antrim game they have now all returned with only Buffers Alley's Caroline Farrington on the injury list.

Goalkeeper Ailish Kavanagh got little to do in her last outing but her talent has been proven several times over. In the Antrim tie Wexford's defensive line-out were virtually unpassable where Elsie Coady (captain), Bernie Higgins, Eileen Kehoe and Tina Fitzhenry proved to be a tower of

strength.

However, the real key to this game could be in midfield where Wexford keep two of their most talented and commanding stars. Catherine Murphy and Ann Reddy are a powerful duo as they proved in the Senior Championship Final and if they get it right on the day it will put Wexford on the Croke Park trail. Against Antrim they were joined by an equally impressive debutant, Fiona Dunne, making her first senior appearance and a big impression on all who watched.

The crucial task up front of putting the sliothar where it counts is in the hands of players like Siobhan Dunne, Jackie Codd, Stella Sinnott and Gene O'Leary. This foursome started the Antrim game which ended with Dunne chalking up a remarkable personal tally of her own while Codd and Sinnott also added scores with relative ease. O'Leary received a first half injury in that game which saw her taken from the field and hopefully she is fully recovered for this match.

Should the Wexford attack be near as accurate and effective as in the Antrim game then they will have little to fear.

The starting line-out for the Cork game is not yet known, but there is a lot of competition in the panel for places with a depth

of strength on the bench. Ann Marie O'Connor, Josephine O'Connor and Christine Harding all proved their ability when introduced against Antrim. Rathnure goalkeeper Mary Fleming showed her agility and coolness with a crucial Co. Championship save that turned that game into her side's favour and Gertrude Rolands is another strong mid-field/attacking player. Also missing from the Antrim game was Wexford Junior star Catherine Sinnott, who has vast experience at senior level. She too will be a strong contender for selection.

Whatever line-out Quigley, Codd and Kehoe decide on they can be sure this is not just a 12-lady game and strength on the sideline can at times be more important than on the field.

Wexford have the quality of player to contest this year's All-Ireland final but Cork stand in their way.

Hopefully they can give us all the breakthrough and tonic we need so badly.

The match begins at 3.00 p.m. at Monamolin on Sunday afternoon next.

Kilkenny and Dublin contest the other semi and the final will be played on September 24th at Croke Park.



SIOBHAN DUNNE



CAROLINE FARRINGTON



CHRISTINE HARDING



TINA FITZHENRY

AUG. 1989

CORK GIRLS TAKE ON WEXFORD

BIG game of the coming weekend on the camogie front will be the All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final between Cork and Wexford which is scheduled for Monamolin, Co. Wexford on Sunday at 3 o'clock. On the local front there are no games listed with clubs enjoying a welcome break for the August fortnight.

For the second year in a row Cork and Wexford will battle it out to decide who goes forward to this year's All-Ireland final. Last year the semi-final was in Cork and indeed

as always Wexford provided very stiff opposition, so, no doubt, on Sunday the Cork girls will have to be at their best, especially with Wexford being favoured with home venue.

The Cork team for Sunday's clash shows one change in personnel and one positional switch from the side which lined out in the first round. In a surprise move the selectors have chosen Killeagh's Shelly Spillane at corner back in place of Liz O'Neill who now moves to centre forward

to the exclusion of Linda Mellerick. This is Shelly's first championship game with the Cork seniors, but she did win an All-Ireland medal with the Cork juniors in 1984, so Shelly is no stranger to the intercounty scene.

The remainder of the line-out will see Marian McCarthy in goal, Liz Dunphy is at full back with Fr. O'Neill's Margaret Finn filling the left corner back position. Cathy Landers is in her familiar place at centre back with the midfield positions going to Sandy Fitzgibbon, Claire Cronin

and Betty Joyce. Liz O'Neill is named at centre forward with Collette O'Mahony, Mary Ring and Ger McCarthy completing the full forward line.

The Wexford team was not available at the time of writing but is expected to be similar to the side that defeated Antrim in the first round on the score 6-18 to 0-3 and will include experienced performers like Elsie Walsh, Catherine Murphy, Tina Fitzhenry, Jean O'Leary, Sheila Sinnott, Ann Reddy and Ailish Kavanagh.

Wexford looking out for final spot

FOR THE past six years Wexford have faltered at the semi-final stage of the All-Ireland senior championship. Only veteran Elise Coady remembers what it is like to play in an All-Ireland senior final.

Wexford routed Antrim by such an impressive margin in the opening round that the odds have shortened considerably on their chances. On Sunday, on their home ground at Monamolin, Wexford face Cork, the team which stopped their progress in the last two years.

Showing good understanding, commitment and fitness, Wexford, against Antrim gave hope to their loyal supporters of a day out in September. Siobhan Dunne registered 4-10 and her teammates added 2-8 in a free scoring forward line.

Cork have contested the All-Ireland final in 1987 and 1988 where they found Kilkenny more than a stumbling block. Following wins over Dublin, Wexford and Kilkenny in the early stages of the league this year hopes were high of a good season. But they were brought firmly back to earth in the League final by Kilkenny.

Thirty years after their previous attempt to win an All-Ireland championship, London contested the quarter-final of the Junior Championship against Limerick last season. They surprised many with their fitness and skill. But the long journey over took its toll.

London have another go on Sunday. The advantage of Ruislip as the venue could be significant. Making the long trip will be Down who defeated Tyrone comprehensively in the Ulster final.

SUNDAY-All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final — At Monamolin, Co. Wexford 3.0; Wexford v Cork. All-Ireland Junior Championship quarter-final — At Ruislip, London 3.0 — London v Down.



CORK GIRLS SPARKLE IN SECOND HALF

Cork 4-7, Wexford 2-7
A tremendous second-half display enabled Cork to come from behind to beat Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie semi-final at Monamolin yesterday.

For most of the game there was just the puck of a ball between the teams, but, with Betty Joyce in brilliant form at midfield, the Munster girls dictated the pace from the 15th minute when she crashed the ball to the Wexford net. At that stage the visitors led by 1-2 to 0-2 and at the interval they led 1-4 to 0-3.

Wexford started strongly in the second-half and goals from Jackie Codd and substitute Jackie Kehoe put them 2-6 to 1-5 ahead after ten minutes.

It was then that the Leesiders showed real class. As Betty Joyce continued to lead by example, their defence tightened and the attack picked off the scores. They totally controlled the last ten minutes, with goals by Betty Joyce, Geraldine McCarthy and Cathy Landers deciding the issue.

A feature of the game was the display of the winners' goalkeeper, Marian McCarthy, who got great cover from Liz Dunphy, Cathy Landers and May Finn. Betty Joyce impressed throughout and she was best supported by Geraldine McCarthy and Collette O'Mahony.

Wexford had excellent performers in Eilish Kavanagh, Elsie Coady, Tina Fitzhenry, Catherine Murphy, Stella Synnott and Jackie Codd.

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Scorers, Cork: B. Joyce 2-4, G. McCarthy 1-1, C. Landers 1-0, C. O'Mahony 0-2.

Wexford: J. Redmond 1-2, J. Kehoe 1-0, S. Synnott 0-2, A. Ready, S. Dunne, C. Murphy 0-1 each.

Cork: M. McCarthy, L. Dunphy, S. Spillane, C. Landers, M. Finn, B. Joyce, C. Cronin, S. Fitzgibbon, G. McCarthy, L. O'Neill, A. O'Mahony, M. Ring, Subs, L. Mellerick for S. Spillane, E. O'Neill for M. Ring.

Wexford: E. Kavanagh, E. Coady, T. Fitzhenry, E. Kehoe, B. Higgins, F. Dunne, G. O'Leary, S. Synnott, C. Murphy, A. Ready, S. Dunne, J. Codd, Subs J. Kehoe for G. O'Leary.

Referee A. Redmond (Dublin)

Ladies after another double

CAMOGIE



Five In A Row? ... Kilkenny's camogie girls are training hard to achieve a record five-in-a-row All Ireland titles and take on Dublin in this year's All Ireland semi-final at Nowlan Park on Sunday next, August 20. St. Canice's Credit Union are again helping the team with their training expenses and pictured at a session in St. Kieran's College grounds are (from left) - Annette Stapleton (County Treasurer), Denis Hamilton (Director, St. Canice's Credit Union), John Knox (C.U. Director), Breda Ryan (County Secretary), Breda McDonald (Credit Union committee), and Tom Ryan (team trainer).

THE MOST successful team in the country over the past few years, the Kilkenny senior camogie side, is hot on the trail of another magnificent National League/Championship double.

The brilliant Noresiders have already annexed the League, and at Nowlan Park on Sunday (4 p.m.) they will be hoping to take another giant step towards the double when they face Dublin in the all-Ireland semi-final.

This repeat of last year's semi-final promises to be a cracker, and the bad news for the visitors is that the reigning champions are playing better than ever before. So good is the form of some individuals that they are at a loss to explain the reason, but they are not worrying and are looking forward with enthusiasm to this home tie.

Cork have already won through to the all-Ireland final, so if Kilkenny can get through, they will be facing the Leesiders for the third consecutive year. The locals will be chasing their fifth consecutive all-Ireland victory, and their fourth double over the same period.

Trainer Tom Ryan and fellow selectors, Carmel

Savage and Billy Malone are over the moon over the attitude and form of their charges.

To date the Noresiders saw off Clare without having to break a sweat. And the last time they met the Dubs, which was in the Leinster final, they also proved too good for their opponents.

You would think that after all the success they have enjoyed in recent years that Kilkenny would be slipping. Far from it. The attitude was rarely if ever better among the squad, and the players are determined to chalk up another famous win.

Kilkenny panel: Marie Fitzpatrick, Deirdre Malone, Frances Rothwell, Breda Cahill (all St. Brigid's); Helen Holmes, Clare Jones, Breda Holmes, Noelle O'Driscoll, Angela Downey, Bridie McGarry, Ann Downey (all St. Paul's); Biddy O'Sullivan, Rita Wemyss, Noreen Tierney (all Shamrocks); Ann Whelan, Marina Downey (Lisdowney).

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Ladies hit 19 wides, and still thrash Dublin

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KILKENNY 5-14
DUBLIN 0-2

IT WASN'T one of Kilkenny's most convincing performances but even with a few defects the all-conquering ladies in the end sauntered to an easy win over Dublin in the All Ireland senior camogie semi-final at windy Nowlan Park, on Sunday.

This latest success has put the Noreiders through for a third successive meeting with Cork in the All Ireland final, when they will be bidding for a five-in-a-row and their fourth National League championship double over the same stretch. Without a shadow of doubt, it is some record and one that, with a bit of luck, could be added to

suspect, they were still well on top.

The poor Dubs, with the strong wind and all behind them, simply couldn't cope. It was just as well the winners shooting was off — they had six wides in the opening 14 minutes — because they would have won by the proverbial mile otherwise.

Would you believe, Kilkenny hit 19 wides during the match? Hard to credit on a day they also hit 19 scores. Both sides seemed touched by the bad shooting syndrome, and before the first score was landed by Ann Downey (30) in the 18th minute, they had hit 11 wides between them, with the home team the worst offenders.

The same player also hit the second score, and then in the 21st minute Brenda Cahill pulled on a ball about 20 yards out and somehow it went past 'keeper Ann Byrne and into the net.

As good as over

Suddenly Kilkenny got out from under the shadow they seemed to be labouring under and proceeded to produce the fluent, open camogie they are renowned for. Brenda Holmes went close to scoring, and in the 28th minute Angela Downey won possession after a fine ball by her twin, Ann, and buried the ball in the net.

A like score followed from

Ann Downey from a 28 yards' free, so that by half-time the match was as good as over when the Dubs trailed by 0-1 to 3-2.

The losers' keeper brought off a class save from a well placed shot by Marina Downey in the opening minute of the new half, but that piercing attack was just a hint of what was to follow.

The attacking action was virtually all one-way afterwards, and Anna Whelan, Marina Downey, Brenda Cahill (2) and Clare Jones all had points before Angela Downey pounced on a mistake by a defender and

netted to finish off the Dubs (4-8 to 0-1).

If Kilkenny can finger the cause of their unconvincing start and put it right, then they will go hard on winning another All Ireland. The team oozes class and, would you believe it, looks stronger than last year's combination.

Exceptional in this one were Ann Downey, Marina Downey, Deirdre Malone and Bridie McGarry, and Angela Downey got into her own after a false start. Hardest triers for the losers were Cathy Walksh and Patricia Clinton.

The Scorers

Kilkenny — Angela Downey (2-3); Ann Downey (1-4, goal free,

three points 30's); B. Cahill (1-2); M. Downey (1-1); A. Whelan (0-2); B. Holmes, C. Jones (0-1 each); Dublin — A. Cooper (0-1); L. Lynch (0-1, 30).

The Teams

Kilkenny — Marie Fitzpatrick (St. Brigid's), Biddy O'Sullivan (Shamrocks); Deirdre Malone (St. Brigid's), Frances Rothwell (St. Brigid's), Bridie McGarry (St. Paul's), Clare Jones (St. Paul's), Ann Downey (St. Paul's), Anna Whelan (Lisdowney), Marina Downey (Lisdowney), Brenda Cahill (St. Brigid's), Angela Downey (St. Paul's), Brenda Holmes (St. Paul's).

Dublin — A. Byrne, P. Murphy, C. Walsh, P. Clinton, M. Cronin, U. Cronin, C. Grey, S. Doyle, E. Campbell, L. Lynch, C. O'Byrne, J. Courtney, Subs: D. O'Leary, J. Murphy, A. Cooper.

Referee: Kathleen Quinn (Galway).

Kilkenny so classy

Kilkenny 5-14
Dublin 0-2

EARLY on it was anything but impressive, but in the end Kilkenny were

classy winners over Dublin in the All-Ireland camogie senior semi-final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday.

The winners have now qualified for a September 24 showdown with Cork, which will be the third consecutive meeting of this pair in the final. Kilkenny in fact will be going for a five in a row.

During the opening 20 minutes Kilkenny were

not impressive, but once Ann and Angela Downey scored a point apiece and then Brenda Cahill a goal, they settled down and took the Dubs asunder.

At half-time the wind assisted losers were in deep trouble when they were 0-1 to 3-2 down.

Kilkenny consolidated their position during the third quarter and a 49th minute goal from Angela Downey sealed Dublin's fate.

Kilkenny scorers: Angela Downey 2-3, Ann Downey 1-4, B. Cahill 1-2, M. Downey 1-1, A. Whelan 0-2, C. Jones and B. Holmes 0-1 each.

Dublin: L. Lynch and A. Cooper 0-1 each.

KILKENNY: M. Fitzpatrick, B. O'Sullivan, D. Malone, F. Rothwell, B. McGarry, C. Jones, A. Downey, A. Whelan, M. Downey, B. Cahill, A. Downey, B. Holmes.

DUBLIN: A. Byrne, P. Murphy, C. Walsh, P. Clinton, M. Cronin, U. Cronin, C. Gray, S. Doyle, E. Campbell, L. Lynch, C. O'Byrne, J. Courtney, Subs: D. O'Leary, J. Murphy, A. Cooper.

Referee: K. Quinn, Galway.

Landslide victory for Kilkenny

KILKENNY 5-14
DUBLIN 0-2

AFTER an unsteady start All Ireland champions, Kilkenny hit top form and easily disposed of Dublin in this All Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Nowlan Park yesterday.

The winners now play Cork in the final on September 24, when they will be seeking a magnificent five-in-a-row, and their fourth double in as many seasons.

Until they hit their first goal through Brenda Cahill in the 21st minute, the winners were completely off colour. However, further goals from Angela and Ann Downey before the break put Kilkenny a comfortable 3-2 to 0-1 ahead at half-time.

Against the strong wind in the second half Dublin had no chance, and when Angela Downey crashed home goal number four in the 49th minute.

SCORERS: Kilkenny — Angela Downey 2-3, Ann Downey 1-4, B. Cahill 1-2, M. Downey 1-1, A. Whelan 0-2, C. Jones, B. Holmes 0-1 each. Dublin — L. Lynch, A. Cooper 0-1 each.

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Referee — K. Quinn (Galway).

Community Games results

common: Camogie: Galteebridge/Coribeg
(Wexford) 5-4; Ballygunny/Graagh (Limerick)

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Down face real test

DOWN'S venture into unknown territory two-weeks-ago proved very successful. The first Irish team to play a championship match in London for over thirty years, they secured their objective of a place in the semi-finals.

The expected challenge of the London side was not as formidable as feared. Helped by an own goal, Down finished nine points ahead. On Sunday, they face Kildare who are rated as the best junior side in the country.

Camogie

Kildare have been to Croke Park twice in the past three years and it will take a top class display from Down to prevent the Lilywhites from returning there on September 24. In addition, Kildare are the National Junior League holders and have been playing very well all season.

COSTLY

Down's performances have been up and down. At times they look good enough to take major honours but lack of consistency has cost them dearly. Even allowing for home advantage, all the Down team will need to be on their game to halt Kildare.

Last season's champions Galway are through to the semi-finals once again with a completely new team. Drawn mainly on the minor teams of the past few years, they have put together a good side which defeated the more experienced Roscommon team by two points in the Connacht final.

Cork, their opponents in next Sunday's semi-final at Ballaun, have performed inconsistently. In each of their championship outings against Tipperary, Limerick and Waterford, they struggled for passages of the game. However, they managed to come to grips with their game in time to advance in each outing.

INDIVIDUALS

They have lost their fine defender Mag Finn who did duty for the seniors against Wexford. Led by Therese O'Callaghan, Cork have good individual players. If they can keep their concentration for the full hour, they should advance to join their seniors in Croke Park on All-Ireland day.

SUNDAY
All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-finals
At Ballaun, Co. Galway, Galway v Cork, 3.00.
At Ballyholland, Co. Down, Down v Kildare, 3.00.



Denise Cronin moves to corner back.



Mary Currid wins back her place.

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CORK MAKE CHANGES

CORK juniors take on Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final on Sunday next. Galway won last year's junior title and will be fielding a new squad for the game. On the way to the semi-final, Cork defeated Tipperary, Limerick and Waterford.

The Cork team shows changes from the Munster final v Waterford. Denise Cronin moves to corner back with Breda Kelly dropping back to centre back. Mary Currid wins back her place at centre field, whilst Mary Byrne moves in to fight corner forward with Irene O'Keeffe in the other corner. Fiona O'Driscoll tries out at half forward with Paula Carey on the full forward line. Galway use an unknown quantity as they will be fielding a new panel this year and after their victory over a good Roscommon side, Cork will have to be in top form to reach their first final since 1984.

On the domestic scene, Eire Og take on St. Catherines in the junior A championship. St. Catherines were defeated in last year's final and are sure to be anxious to reach the final this season. Eire Og were last year's junior 'B' champions and will be all out to do well in the higher grade. Eire Og will have Judie Bradley, Helen Kiely and the experienced Sheila O'Brien in their line up. St. Catherines can call

Masie O'Regan, June Flanagan and Feile na nGael All-Ireland skills champion, Nora O'Connell in their line up. The result here will be close to the final whistle.

In the only other game listed, Glen Rovers and Ballinora in the intermediate League, Glen will look to Rose Mackey and Eilish McCarthy to gain victory, whilst Ballinora have Bessie McGrath and Rose Brassell in their line up.

Fixtures: Sat. 26, Junior 'A' Championship, Eire Og v St. Catherines at Ovens 7.30. Ref: G. Barry-Murphy.
Sunday 27, All-Ireland junior semi-final, Cork v Galway, at Loughrea, Co. Galway, 2.30 (Miriam O'Callaghan, Offally)
Monday 28, Intermediate League: Glen Rovers v Ballinora at Glen Rovers 7.30. (Eleanore Hackett).
Cork Junior team: Marie O'Brien, Evelyn Healy, Una O'Connor, Denise Cronin, Mary Currid, Jean Paula Kent, Theresa O'Callaghan (Capt), Fiona O'Driscoll, Mary Byrne, Irene O'Keeffe, Paula Carey, Breda Kelly. Subs: Fiona McCarthy, Diane Deane, Ina Leahy, Colette Cronin, Aine Murpy, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Rose Desmond, Lillian Zincent.

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GALWAY GIRLS WIN CRACKER

GALWAY 4-6, CORK 2-10

IN the course of an extremely exciting All-Ireland junior camogie championship semi-final between Galway and Cork at Loughrea yesterday scores were level on four occasions. When the Munster champions' full-forward Fiona O'Driscoll scored a smashing goal to put Cork two points ahead with only three minutes left Galway's outstanding player Emer Hardiman fielded a high ball and burst through to hand pass to the net for the decisive score of the game.

Galway, with a completely new team, were fortunate to be no more than a single point in arrears at half-time after Cork, playing with the wind, had wasted

several scoring chances and led by only 1-6 to 2-2.

A quick goal by Imelda Maher put Galway in front, but Cork struck back with points by Mary Byrne and team captain Theresa O'Callaghan to level the scores. A point from 60 yards by the same player regained the lead for Cork going into the final quarter but Imelda Maher's second goal put Galway ahead once again.

Cork, finishing the stronger side, came back with a point by Paula Carey to which Galway replied with another by Carmel Duane. Sustained pressure by Cork led to three points from frees by Deirdre O'Callaghan to level the scores once more.

Then a point from a free by Emer Hardiman gave Galway back the lead, but Fiona O'Driscoll's goal had Cork in front with three minutes left. Emer Hardiman then broke through for her goal for a dramatic winning score and the final point by Madge Kennedy from a free clinched Galway's two points winning margin.

Scorers for Galway: E. Hardiman 2-4, I. Maher 2-0, M. Kennedy, C. Duane 0-1 each.

Cork: T. O'Callaghan 0-6 (0-3 from frees), E. Healy 1-0 (free), F. O'Driscoll 1-0, I. O'Keefe, M. Byrne, J. P. Kent and P. Carey 0-1 each.

GALWAY: C. Callagy, M. Dolphin, E. Kilkeny, M. Kennedy, B. Fahy, I. Maher, C. Corley, F. Keane, C. Duane, A. Murphy, A. Murphy, E. Hardiman. Sub: F. Finnegan.

CORK: M. O'Brien, E. Healy, D. Cronin, U. O'Connor, B. Kelly, T. O'Callaghan, M. Currid, J.P. Kent, P. Carey, F. O'Driscoll, I. O'Keefe, M. Byrne.

Referee: M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).

Dillons through to final

BRIAN DILLONS 2-5
GLEN ROVERS 3-1

BRIAN DILLONS advanced to the final of the Cork County Intermediate Camogie Championship by beating the holders, Glen Rovers after a thrill-packed game at the Glen Field last evening.

Karen Mellerick, Gillian Ryan and Liz O'Sullivan played a major role in bringing Dillons to their first intermediate final.

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GREEN ISLE KILMACUD CROKER ALL IRELAND SEVEN-A-SIDE — Quarter-finals — Buffers Alley, Wexford 3-7, Glenmaddy, Galway 4-3, Myshall Kilkeny 3-1, Leirrim Fontenoy's 1-2, Rathnure Wexford 8-5, Freshford Kilkeny 2-1, Avoca Wicklow 2-5, Clon na Gael Dublin 2-1. Semi-finals — Buffers Alley 1-11, Myshall 1-1, Rathnure 5-7, Avoca 0-3. Final — Buffers Alley 3-3, Rathnure 2-1. Player of the tournament — Catherine Murphy (Rathnure).

CAMOGIE — J A Cship Semi Final: Castlemagner 3-8, St. Cathelines 0-6. Cloughdubh 3-4, Douglas 1-2. J B Cship: Newcestown 3-4, Coursey Rovers 2-2, Inniscarra 5-1, Ballinhassig 1-1. U-14 League: Grenagh 4-0, Glenrovers 1-1. U-16 League: Eire Og 4-1, Aghabullogue 3-0.

Sarsfield's set sights on club championship

THE SARSFIELDS Camogie Club was formed in 1969 in the Riverstown/Glanmire area of Co. Cork. Four years they captured the Cork Junior Championship title and moved into the senior grade in 1980. Nobody outside the club considered Sarsfields as serious contenders for the Cork Senior Championship at the start of this season.

But they had other ideas. Vincent Barry took over the coaching of the team, and a superbly fit team eased past Avondhu in the first round and shocked the county champions Killeagh in the semi-final. Tremendous determination paid dividends in the final when they defeated Glen Rovers.

Now Sarsfields open a new chapter in their history. On Sunday evening, they play

Croagh-Kilfinny in the first round of the Munster Club Championship.

Croagh-Kilfinny are old hands at the club championship. They have considerable experience in Munster and won the All-Ireland in 1976. Brid Stokes, Marguerite Guiry, Agnes Sheehy and Bernie O'Dea hope to steer the home side to victory but the fitness of Sarsfields could be the deciding issue.

In Ulster, Loughiel (Antrim), Eglis (Tyrone) and Swatragh (Derry) have made good progress. However, they await the replay of the Armagh Championship before proceeding with the final stages.

The Leinster Club Championship is down to the last four. Broadford (Kildare) came through the difficult section. Their next assignment is the All-Ireland champions, St. Pauls (Kilkenny).

Rathnure broke the monopoly of Buffers Alley in Wexford and won their way to the semi-final stage to meet the new Dublin title-holders, Cumann Uí Chonail. St. Annes (Louth), Glenealy (Wicklow), Camross (Laois), Drumcullen (Offaly), Myshall (Carlow) and Kilyon (Meath) all lifted their county titles.

SUNDAY — Munster Club Championship — At Adare: Sarsfields (Cork) v Croagh-Kilfinny (Limerick) (6.0).

Sarsfields set to break new ground

SARSFIELDS, from the Riverstown area of Cork, are set to break new ground when they take on Limerick's Croagh-Kilfinny in the Munster Club championship this Sunday at Adare (6.0).

Since their formation in 1980, Sarsfields have invariably made up the numbers in the Cork Senior Championship, and when the present campaign got under way, no other role was envisaged for the team.

However, under new coach Vincent Barry, the girls, fitter and more skilful

than ever before, embarked on a record breaking run that began with an eyebrow-raising first round win over Avondhu.

They then dismissed champions Killeagh, but the crowning glory was yet to come, when they beat Glen Rovers, a team packed with inter-county players.

Now comes the challenge of the Munster Club Championship, and players like Lillian Zinkant, Liz Dunphy, Anne Brady, Lil and Valerie Twomey are all set for a good run in this particular event.



Croagh-Kilfinny have fielded at this level many times and were All-Ireland Club champions in 1976. Brid Stokes, Marguerite Guiry and Bernie O'Dea, old hands at this level, will use their guile to keep the newcomers at bay. However, the superior fitness of Sarsfields may tell in the end.

A replay of the Armagh

championship final has delayed progress in the Ulster Club championship. Loughiel (Antrim), Swatragh (Derry) and Eglis (Tyrone) have all advanced to the later stage of the competition.

In Leinster, Broadford (Kildare) have emerged from the junior section. They now face the All-Ireland champions, St. Pauls (Kilkenny). With the ever-green Miriam Malone and six other Kildare county players, Broadford are a fine side. But St. Pauls are exceptional.

The defeat of long-standing Buffers Alley made way for new champions in Wexford. Rathnure came good and reached the Leinster semi-final against Cumann Uí Chonail. St. Annes (Louth), Glenealy (Wicklow), Camross (Laois), Drumcullen (Offaly), Myshall (Carlow) and Kilyon (Meath) won their respective county titles but have lost interest in the Leinster campaign.

SUNDAY MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Sarsfields (Cork) v Croagh-Kilfinny (Limerick), Adare (6.0).

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• Kilkenny ... successful defence of the All-Ireland minor camogie championship.

FIVE STAR DISPLAY FROM BRIDGET

BRIDGET Mullally is assured of a special place in the topscoring achievements of 1989 in Gaelic Games, thanks to a real tour-de-force for Kilkenny in their successful defence of the All-Ireland minor camogie championship final.

Bridget turned on her top-class showing at Semple Stadium, Thurles, where she contributed a majestic 6-7 to Kilkenny's return of 9-10 against Tipperary. That was a whopping eight points more than the entire tally by the home team of 3-8.

Mullally, in the No. 9 position, was the big difference

between the teams. Her performance further underscored the fact that she is one of the most exciting young personalities in the sport.

Last year she won the first of her two All-Ireland minor medals, and also captured the Feile na nGael skills title.

Tipperary made their final debut in the recent summit, and led by three points at the interval after playing with a light breeze.

However, Kilkenny, with eight of the team that captured the championship for the first time in 1988, and inspired by Mullally, took command in the second half and went on for their decisive win.

The home team selection included goalkeeper Sinead Nealon, and her sister, Nuala, who was in the attack. They are daughters of Donie Nealon, former Tipperary star, and one of the backroom team in the senior hurling success story so far as a selector. He is also, of course, Munster Council Secretary.

Last year's final outing was surprisingly enough Kilkenny's first. Their double is not a record, however, as Cork have twice completed runs of three titles in succession. The last such treble was in 1983, 1984, 1985.

ALL-IRELAND WINNERS LIST

8: CORK: 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1985.
4: GALWAY: 1977, 1981, 1986, 1987.
2: KILKENNY: 1988, 1989.
1: DUBLIN: 1982.
1: DOWN: 1974

The first final was played in 1974 and Down had a double joy day with a 3-0 to 0-1 win over Cork.



• Tracy Millea... Kilkenny's captain in happy mood with the Cup after leading her team to All-Ireland glory.

Cork Under-18s travel to Ennis

BECAUSE of our footballers involvement in next Sunday's All-Ireland final, camogie games are at a minimum with the main interest being on the Munster Under-18 Championship final between Cork and Clare which is scheduled for Ennis on Sunday evening at 5 o'clock.

On the local front there are just two games listed and will see Inniscarra and Kilbrittain meeting in the Junior 'B' Championship at Inniscarra while in the Under-16 League Glen Rovers and Grenagh will be in action at Grenagh.

At the time of writing the Cork Under-18 team was not selected but is expected to be similar to the side which finished in the first round game against Tipperary. However there will be a change of goalkeeper which will probably see Aisling O'Leary of Bishopstown taking over from Cork Junior keeper Maria O'Brien who is unavailable. The remainder of the line-out should see Denise Cronin at full-back with Jackie Dunlea and Niamh Cotter filling the corner-back positions. Eileen Buckley from Aghabullogue is expected to regain her position at centre back with the midfield positions going to Hilda Kenneally and Elaine O'Connor while the third midfield position will be chosen between Gillian Ryan and Deirdre McCarthy. Fiona Twomey will be at centre-forward with Edel Ryan, Lyn Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll completing the full forward line.

CORK UNDER-18 PANEL

Aisling O'Leary, Denise Cronin, Jackie Dunlea, Niamh Cotter, Eileen Buckley, Gillian Ryan, Deirdre McCarthy, Hilda Kenneally, Elaine O'Connor, Fiona Twomey, Fiona O'Driscoll, Lyn Dunlea, Edel Ryan, Patricia Horgan, Blathin Keating, Claire Murphy, Sharon Meade, Imelda Leahy, Chiatra Bachitari, Elaine Barry-Murphy.

In the Junior 'B' Championship Inniscarra and Kilbrittain clash at Ballyanley on Saturday morning and this promises to be a close encounter with Kilbrittain slightly favoured to advance. Kilbrittain despite their short time in existence have made great progress and on form could trouble the home side who will be fielding a very young side and who will look to players like Agnes O'Leary, Patricia Kelleher and Siobhan O'Shea to carry them through.



Gillian Ryan, Brian Dillons, who will be hoping for a place on the Cork U-18 team on Saturday.

FIXTURES

Saturday, September 16: Munster Under-18 Championship Final — Cork v Clare at Ennis at 5 o'clock.

Junior 'B' Championship — Inniscarra v Kilbrittain at Inniscarra at 11.30.

Under-16 League '89 — Glen Rovers v Grenagh at 6.30 (Ref. Glen Rovers).

No problems for champions

THE preparations for the All-Ireland senior and junior finals at Croke Park on Sunday week are reaching fever pitch in the various camps.

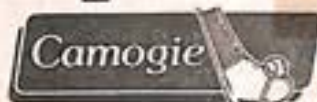
Kilkenny, who will be chasing their fifth consecutive title, are the most composed. When a team has been winning its matches as easily as Kilkenny, team selection is not a problem.

In the past few months, the champions have handed out heavy defeats to Cork, Clare and Dublin. The team which achieved these results is expected to start on Sunday week.

TWO CHANGES

Their semi-final 12 showed two changes from the side which played in last year's All-Ireland final. Bridie McGarry is again available and has resumed in her usual centreback position. To facilitate Bridie, Deirdre Malone has moved to right back to the exclusion of Helen Holmes. In attack, young Marina Downey has been preferred to Jo Dunne.

Kilkenny showed up several weaknesses in the Cork side in the National League final. Some of these were again evident in the championship semi-final with Wexford. It is not surprising, therefore, that Cork have not yet finalised their side.



Indeed, only a few of the Cork players can feel assured of selection. One of these is goalkeeper Marion McCarthy. Liz Dunphy should also be named. Many would prefer to see her given more scope than the full-back position allows.

Cathy Harnedy is a strong candidate for centre-back. Margaret Finn should get a wing back spot but the second is wide open.

The three midfielders used in the Wexford game, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Betty Joyce and Clare Cronin could come under pressure from recent additions to the panel, Therese O'Callaghan and Irene O'Leary.

The composition of the attack is uncertain. Ger McCarthy must feel confident of a place. But the other positions rest between Colette O'Mahony, Linda Mellerick, Liz O'Neill, Mary Ring and Yvonne O'Neill.

The Kildare team has a settled look about it for a long time and the usual formation should start in the junior final. Opponents Galway had to start from scratch this season and continue to learn from every outing.

Cork girls through to decider

Cork 6-6 Tipperary 6-2

IN a thrilling Munster U-18 camogie semi-final at Ballincollig, Cork defeated Tipperary, coming from behind in a high scoring game, and will now meet Clare in the final in October.

At half-time Tipperary led 4-2 to 0-4 and appeared to have the game sewn up. An early Tipperary goal in the second-half seemed to be the final nail in Cork's coffin but instead Cork showed great fighting spirit to score a sensational 6-2 while Tipperary only scored one more goal.

Best for Cork were Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll, team captain Edel Ryan, Niamh Cotter, Eileen Buckley and substitute Hilda Kenneally. Tipperary's stalwarts were Regina O'Meara, Clare Madden, Orla Hogan, Michele Kennedy and Jovita Delaney.

Scorers for Cork: L. Dunlea 3-4, E. Ryan 2-1, F. O'Driscoll 1-1.

Tipperary: J. Delaney 2-2, M. Kennedy 2-0, S. Ryan 1-0, O. Hogan 1-0.

Cork: M. O'Brien, D. Cronin, B. Keating, E. Buckley, J. Dunlea, E. O'Connor, G. Ryan, I. Leahy, E. Ryan, N. Cotter, F. O'Driscoll, L. Dunlea. Subs. H. Kenneally for I. Leahy, C. Murphy for J. Dunlea, F. Twomey for B. Keating.

Tipperary: H. O'Lary, E. Kearns, E. O'Meara, A. Fitzgerald, F. Steed, C. Madden, K. Maloney, O. Hogan, D. Hughes, S. Ryan, M. Kennedy, J. Delaney.



THE All-Ireland Seven-A-Side Camogie tournament which took place in Kilmacud Crokes, ended with an exciting final between two Wexford teams, Rathnure and Buffers Alley. Pictured is Stella Synott, captain of the winning team, Buffers Alley.

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● DEIRDRE MALONE . . . Kilkenny's classy defender.

NEW-LOOK CORK DETERMINED TO TEST KILKENNY

A MUCH changed Cork team will take the field against Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park on Sunday. For a variety of reasons, only six of the twelve players selected to represent Cork in the 1988 All-Ireland Final will start on this occasion.

Kilkenny, on the other hand, enter the fray with a settled team. The twelve girls who devastated Dublin in the semi-final have been given a vote of confidence by their selectors.

Following last year's decision, Cork's Mary Geaney and Anne O'Donovan retired. Anne Leahy went to work in Peru. Three other players fell out of favour and will sit in the dugout as the game commences.

Veteran goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy will guard the Cork net. The Sarsfields all-rounder, Liz Dunphy is positioned at full-back. The experienced Cathy Landers-Harnedy will be flanked by newcomers Liz O'Neill and Margaret Finn.

Her display against Galway in the junior semi-final has won Therese O'Callaghan a place in midfield alongside Sandie Fitzgibbon and Linda Mellerick. Captain Betty Joyce will lead the attack with the support of Ger McCarthy, Colette O'Mahony and Linda Mellerick.

The return of Bridie McGarry to the Kilkenny team this season resulted in Deirdre Malone moving to right back. The Kilkenny defence is very efficient with Marie Fitzpatrick and Biddy O'Sullivan playing key roles.

Kilkenny's record speaks for itself. All-Ireland champions since 1985 and current National League holders, they will be firm favourites as they chase an elusive five in-a-row. However, the mood in the Cork camp is good. They will not hear of another defeat and intend to make amends on this occasion.

The Junior Final between Kildare and Galway matches teams with contrasting backgrounds. An accomplished Kildare outfit has won four Leinster titles, an All-Ireland and two National Leagues in the past four years.

Twelve wins in twelve outings are the impressive 1989 statistics of Kildare. In Miriam Malone, Bernie Farrelly, Melaine Treacy, Anna Dargan, Rose Merriman and Claire Moloney they have tried and proved players who should shape another victory.

KILKENNY — Marie Fitzpatrick; Biddy O'Sullivan; Deirdre Malone; Bridie McGarry; Frances Rothwell; Clare Jones; Ann Downey, (capt); Brenda Cahill; Anna Whelan; Breda Holmes; Angela Downey; Martina Downey.

CORK — Marion McCarthy; Liz Dunphy; Liz O'Neill; Cathy Harnedy; Margaret Finn; Clare Cronin; Therese O'Callaghan; Sandie Fitzgibbon; Linda Mellerick; Betty Joyce (capt); Ger McCarthy; Colette O'Mahony.

KILDARE — Anna Dargan; Claire Moloney; Phyllis Bambury; Melaine Treacy; Therese Farrelly; Antonette Merriman; Miriam Malone; Patricia Keatley; Marianne Johnson; Bernie Farrelly (capt); Teresa Hanley; Rose Merriman.

GALWAY — Colette Callaghy; Mary Dolphin; Eilish Kilkenny; Imelda Maher; Bridget Fahy (capt); Catriona Finnegan; Cara Curley; Fiona Keane; Carmel Duane; Aileen Murphy; Alice Murphy; Emer Hardiman.

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MARY MORAN'S CAMOGIE COLUMN

KILKENNY CHASE AN ELUSIVE FIVE-IN-A-ROW

FOR the third year in succession Cork and Kilkenny will contest the All-Ireland Senior Championship final at Croke Park on 24th September. They come with contrasting credentials.

Kilkenny chase an elusive five in-a-row, a feat only equalled and surpassed by Dublin in their halcyon days. They scored at will against Clare and Dublin en route to the final proving that they are a class apart. Defeated finalists in the past two seasons, Cork struggled for long passages against Wexford.

Mental approach will be of vital importance to Cork. They must believe in themselves and take the field free of any fear of losing. Individually, there is plenty of talent in the Cork panel. Getting their attitude right on the day will be imperative.

Kilkenny made a very tentative start to their semi-final against Dublin. Angela Downey was obviously handicapped by a heavily strapped thigh. Her team-mates were uncharacteristically lethargic in the opening twenty minutes.

However, Dublin were unable to capitalise on the situation. They played with a premonition of defeat and were powerless to prevent the inevitable. Consequently, they suffered the most humiliating defeat ever inflicted on a Dublin side in the All-Ireland championship.

While Kilkenny looked vulnerable in the opening quarter, they were soon transformed. Angela Downey forgot her injury, gathered a sideline cut and rocked the net. Her sister Ann shook



● Angela Downey holds aloft the O'Duffy Cup after Kilkenny's victory over Cork last September.

the rigging moments later with a close free. The contest was over as the sides retired for the break with Kilkenny ten points in front.

Kilkenny gave a display of accurate shooting in the second half. Seven players made the scorers list. Long range points from midfield were a spectacular feature of their play.

Cork supporters received no opportunity to sit back and admire dazzling play. Their hearts were beating overtime right to the final whistle. Indeed, had the Wexford forwards taken points from the numerous opportunities which came their way, it would be an all Leinster affair in Croke Park.

The Cork tendency to play in fits and starts will not be good enough against Kilkenny. A committed and sustained performance is required from the twelve players. Attackers will have to assume responsibility and accurately convert the chances which come their way.

The Kehoe sisters, Brigid and Gretta, captained Wexford to All-Ireland success. It now stands to the Downeys not only to equal that record but to add their own touch to it. Angela, the 1988 All-Ireland captain, will bring the cup from Kilkenny. If Kilkenny win, Ann will return it to the family sideboard.

The pendulum of favouritism hangs heavily in the direction of Kilkenny. But such is the unpredictable history of sport that hope springs in Cork hearts. Can the Rebel County unearth a Seamus Darby to halt another five in-a-row dream?

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BRIDIE MCGARRY...
Kilkenny centre-back.

Kilkenny's power can crush Cork challenge



AN outstanding display by Therese O'Callaghan for the Cork junior team in the All-Ireland semi-final against Galway has won her promotion to the senior team for next Sunday's All-Ireland senior final with Kilkenny at Croke Park. Therese is one of six changes on the Cork team from the side which failed to Kilkenny in last year's decider.

Marion McCarthy, who has guarded the Cork net since 1978, will form the last line of defence. Liz Dunphy has settled into the full-back position very well. The great hearted Cathy Harnedy will be in her favourite centreback position with relative newcomers Liz O'Neill and Margaret Finn on either side.

O'Callaghan will have the assistance of two seasoned performers, Clare Cronin and Sandie Fitzgibbon, in midfield. Betty Joyce, whose career has been seriously curtailed by a knee injury, captains the side.

Ger McCarthy, who has regained her form and position since returning from London, Linda Mellerick

and Colette O'Mahony form a forward line which has the potential to do well.

Kilkenny show two changes from last year's final team. It was obvious that Bridie McGarry would regain her usual centre-back spot when she made herself available for selection. To accommodate her Deirdre Malone has moved, to right back to the exclusion of Helen Holmes. Marina Downey has been preferred to Jo Dunne this season.

Kilkenny have a very tight rearguard with Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan and Bridie McGarry in key positions. Deirdre Malone and Frances Rothwell cut off attacks up the flanks.

Ann Downey captains Kilkenny. She covers acres of ground in midfield and finds time and energy to assist in defence and attack and will be joined by Clare Jones and Breda Cahill.

As usual Kilkenny's trump card will be Angela Downey. Angela's scoring

feats separate Kilkenny from other counties. Anna Whelan, Breda Holmes and Marina Downey complete a very effective attack.

The junior final pairs the experienced Kildare outfit with a very young Galway side. From early in the season Kildare have been moving well and returning excellent results.

SUNDAY

ALL-IRELAND FINALS

At Croke Park — Junior — Galway v Kildare, 1.45; A. Derham (Dublin). Senior — Kilkenny v Cork, 3.30. K. Quinn (Galway).

KILKENNY — M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan, D. Malone, B. McGarry, F. Rothwell, C. Jones, A. Downey (capt), B. Cahill, A. Whelan, B. Holmes, A. Downey and M. Downey.

CORK — M. McCarthy; L. Dunphy, L. O'Neill, C. Harnedy, M. Finn, C. Cronin, T. O'Callaghan, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Mellerick, B. Joyce (capt), G. McCarthy and C. O'Mahony.

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

GALWAY — C. Callagy; M. Dolphin, E. Kilkenny, I. Maher, B. Fahy (capt), C. Finnegan, C. Curley, F. Keane, C. Duane, A. Murphy, A. Murphy and E. Hardiman.

MARION AGAIN GOING FOR GOLD

BY DECLAN HASSETT

TALKING point for years in gaelic games was the achievement of Christy Ring in winning eight All-Ireland medals and the equalling of that record by Tipperary's John Doyle. Kilkenny 'keeper Noel Skehan ended up with nine but camogie people do not know what all the fuss is about as Dublin's Kathleen Mills ended up with 15.

And Sunday could give Ballinhassig lady Marion McCarthy the magic number nine. Marion, in goal for Cork on Sunday against Kilkenny in Croke Park, was centre-field on that fantastic four-in-a-row side from the county from '70 to '73. She was a South Pres girl then and by the time her next medal came round she was an Eire Og player ('78) and in goal from which position she would capture three more medals in '80, '82 and '83.

I asked Marion this week what keeps her going in a game in which she has already won so much, or, did she ever consider retirement from the game. "I don't think about it. I take each year as it comes. It is a great interest and I love the game. I don't know what I would do without it."

Marion actually has two dates at the weekend and it will take a mainline rail dash to Dublin tomorrow to link up with the rest of the Cork squad. You see Marion's sister, Pat, is marrying Tony Cahill, Catering Manager with Gardner Merchant, at Goggins Hill Church on that day and Marian will attend the reception at Rinn Ronan, getting the 6.50 from Cork. It will then be a dash to the Regency Hotel. The happy couple and some of the wedding party will be in Croke Park on Sunday to cheer on Cork in their efforts to stop Kilkenny from making it five-in-a-row.

Down those 19 years Marion has played with some of the best players ever to play for Cork. She recalled

for me, Marie Costine (Cloyne), Hannah Dineen (South Pres), Liz Garvan (St Aloysius), Pat Moloney (Killeagh) and then there were Eire Og captains in Nancy O'Driscoll ('78) and Mary Geaney in '80.

Kilkenny are a formidable opposition. There are the Downey twins Angela and Anne, looking for their ninth medal too. Kilkenny won by five points last year but Cork were running them close until a disputed goal put them beyond reach.

It really will be something of a baptism of fire for some of the newcomers like Liz O'Neill (Bishopstown), Margaret Finn (Fr O'Neills), Betty Joyce (Killeagh) and Terese O'Callaghan of the Glen. But Marian, Kathy Landers (Killeagh), Claire Cronin (St Finbarrs) and Sandie Fitzgibbon (Glen) will ensure that there is no lack of experience in a side which is absolutely determined to stop Kilkenny this time.

And Cork are really battling against a side which includes such great exponents of the game: Claire Jones, Breda Holmes, the Downeys and Bridie Martin.

The Cork players are delighted with the progress they have made with trainer Con Malone who has put so much into their preparation for the final following their win over Wexford.

And Marion, along with selector Rose Malone, makes a special plea, through this paper today, to former players, who might be interested in coming back into the game at whatever level would suit them. The game in Cork is a vital stage and needs their support.

The two teams will come together on Sunday night when the Central Council will host a function at the Grand Hotel, Malahide. Cork are hoping that it will be a victory dinner and that another national title comes home to Cork.



Marion McCarthy, seeking her ninth All Ireland medal on Sunday.

Cork chase All-Ireland

LAST Sunday it was a case of third time lucky for our footballers to whom we extend our heartiest congratulations. Will it be the same for our girls on Sunday next, when they take on Kilkenny at Croke Park for the third year in a row in the All-Ireland senior camogie final?

This game will be preceded by the junior final which will see Galway and Kildare in opposition.

Just like an All-Ireland hurling final there is something special about a Cork-Kilkenny camogie final and Sunday's game promises to be no exception with a classic encounter on the cards.

Kilkenny, the holders, will be seeking their fifth title in-a-row and their ninth in all, while Cork have 14 titles to their credit, the last one coming way back in 1983.

Four of the present team, Marian McCarthy, Claire Cronin, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Cathy

Landers played in that final. It is interesting to note that goalkeeper Marian McCarthy from Eire Og is the longest serving member of the team and will be chasing her ninth All-Ireland medal on Sunday.

For Sunday's game Cork will be fielding a new look side with only six members remaining from the side which lost to Kilkenny in last year's decider.

Players like captain Betty Joyce, Liz O'Neill, Therese O'Callaghan and Margaret Finn will be playing in their first ever senior final, even though all four have played with the Cork Juniors in the past few years.

The team for Sunday's clash will see Marian McCarthy once again between the posts. Liz Dunphy, who took over at full-back at the start of the season and who has settled in very well, retains her place with the corner back positions going to Bishopstown's Liz



Liz and Patrick Dunphy pictured at Irish Distillers Middleton Open Family Day. On Sunday Liz lines out with Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final. She plays with Sarsfields.

O'Neill and Margaret Finn from O'Neills.

Cathy Landers is in her familiar position at centre back with the mid-field positions going to Clare Cronin, Sandy Fitzgibbon and newcomer Therese O'Callaghan.

Therese, who was captain of the Cork junior team that disappointingly lost to Galway in the semi-final, played very well during that campaign and as a result gains a place for Sunday's clash.

Captain of the side, Betty Joyce, from Killeagh, who has been playing at midfield all season, moves to centre forward. Colette O'Mahony takes on a new role at full-forward with Lynda Mellerick and Ger McCarthy filling the corner forward positions.

The Kilkenny team is similar to last year's side and will see regular goalkeeper Maria Fitzpatrick between the posts. Biddy O'Sullivan is at full-back with Deirdre Malone and Frances Rothwell filling the corner-back positions.

Bridie McGarry, who missed last year's final, returns to centre-back, while the midfield positions go to Claire Jones, Ann Downey, who captains the side, and Anna Whelan.

Breda Holmes will be at centre-forward with Angela Downey, Breda Cahill and Marion Downey completing the full-forward line.

On past performances, Kilkenny undoubtedly will go into this game as favourites. They are a strong all round side and having all played together in the past few finals is certain to prove a big advantage to them, but Cork are hungry for success at this stage and

will go into this game with great determination.

They have prepared very well under the expert eye of coach Con Malone and if they can produce the goods on the day they could be in there with a real chance at the final whistle.



Colette O'Mahony, St. Finbarr's.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Junior "B" Championship: Barryroe v Kilbrittain at Kilbrittain, 6.15 (Referee, Newcestown).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 All-Ireland Championship finals — Senior: Cork v Kilkenny at Croke Park, 3.30; Junior: Galway v Kil-

dare at Croke Park, 1.45.

Cork panel: Marian McCarthy, Liz Dunphy, Margaret Finn, Liz O'Neill, Cathy Landers, Claire Cronin, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Betty Joyce, Lynda Mellerick, Colette O'Mahony, Ger McCarthy, Brid Walsh, Mary Ring, Mary Spillane, Irene O'Leary, Yvonne O'Neill.



Betty Joyce, Killeagh, who will captain Cork on Sunday

CORK WILL GIVE KILKENNY A SEVERE TEST

By NIAL SCULLY

FOR THE third time in succession, Kilkenny and Cork meet in the All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park next Sunday (3.30).

Last year Cork had the winning of the match. Kilkenny were not at their best, but Cork's display in front of goal eventually let the champions back into it.

Cork improved from their '87 display. And they should be capable of giving Kilkenny another solid test on this occasion.

They are trying for their 15th crown, and they contain a cluster of experience.

Like Angela Downey, Cork's goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy is seeking her sixth O'Duffy Cup medal.

CAMOGIE FINAL

Yet it's going to be extremely difficult to stop the Cats.

Ann Downey captains the side and her energetic influence is always important. She can also strike for goal from close-in frees.

Her sister, the great Angela, is the player who is capable of causing the most damage. And she is approaching her best form again.

Kilkenny's defence has been first class in recent years and Cork will have trouble in breaching it again.

Kilkenny are striving for their ninth

title. Their rise in the sport has been a recent one.

They didn't capture their first crown till 1974. Cork were an established force long before that.

Yet no team has matched the style of the black and amber in recent times. They are strong in all departments, and they can make their presence felt when it matters most.

Hopefully, Cork can continue their improvement trend in the finals. If so, a cracker could be on the agenda.

All remember the '74 final between the counties. Kilkenny won. Most agree it was the best camogie final of them all.

At the close, a group of Cork players carried Kilkenny's esteemed Ann Carroll

shoulder-high from the pitch. The camogie clan are renowned for their sporting spirit.

A good crowd is expected on Sunday. Early-comers will see the Junior final between Galway and Kildare (1.45).

Galway are the holders. Kildare won the cup in '87. They have a settled look. They always play with a bit of style. The new-look Galway side will have to produce a mighty show.

The 'Sunday Game' will capture the action, and development officer Sheila Wallace says:

"Camogie is getting more popular all the time. The improved coverage has helped, and we also benefit from the increase in the popularity of hurling. When that game does well, we feel the effect."

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CORK GIRLS CHASE GLORY

BY ANN MOONEY

THERE is a strong air of optimism in the Cork senior camogie camp and the girls are now hoping to emulate the feat of the All-Ireland winning football team by beating champions Kilkenny at Croke Park tomorrow and bringing the title back to Leaside despite two previous defeats by the Noreiders.

The team has a nice combination of experienced campaigners fresh young blood and they have been working well together to become a co-ordinated and polished team.

Their hopes of this being third time lucky are not only buoyed up by the fact that the footballers looked defeat twice in the face and brought the Sam Maguire back to Cork, but also by the fact that this year they have already played Kilkenny twice in the League and won one.

"We will go into Sunday's match as the outsiders and that will suit us because the pressure will be on Kilkenny to retain the title, since they are going for five-in-a-row.

"This time they will not find it easy, as we are not prepared to lose again and I have never seen the panel members so full of enthusiasm

and working so hard. They have trained four nights a week for the past few months and they are fully fit and rarin' to go", said selector Rose Malone, whose husband Con is the team trainer.

And during the week, as they went through their paces in Pairc Ui Chaoimh, every member was putting her heart and soul into the gruelling session. They practised their hurling skills, ran like hares and put in every effort.

Everyone felt that the training session at Pairc Ui Chaoimh was a vital factor in their final countdown to tomorrow's match, as it gave them a feel for the big enclosed pitch.

Last year the team considered itself unlucky to lose to Kilkenny as certainly the final score did not give a proper indication of the state of play, and two somewhat controversial goals put their rivals on the winning trail.

"This year, the girls are much more confident and they will certainly rise to the big occasion. I feel they will not be plagued by nerves in the same way that they were in previous finals. They have prepared well and feel that this is

their year", said trainer Con.

Memories are long in the Cork camp and many of the older team members and selectors recalled that Kilkenny stopped Cork from winning their fifth title in a row back in 1974, and they feel it would be sweet justice indeed if they could reciprocate in a similar fashion in this, Kilkenny's big year.

The Cork panel has many familiar faces, including players like Marion McCarthy, who is attempting to win her ninth All-Ireland senior medal, thus remaining one ahead of her great Kilkenny rivals, the Downey sisters Angela and Anne, international basketball player Sandy Fitzgibbon, the 'Barr's Marion McCarthy, who leaves for Scotland to study there for a year the day after the All-Ireland, and Mary Ring, daughter of Christy.

Among the new faces on the panel are well known badminton player, Yvonne O'Neill from St. Finbarr's, Mags Finn, who also plays soccer, from Fr. O'Neills, as well as Brid Walsh and Therese O'Callaghan, both from Glen Rovers.

The girls travel to Dublin today, leaving from Kent Station at 2.30 p.m.



Cork players, Mary Finn, Fr. O'Neill's; Marie McCarthy, Eire Og (goalkeeper); Liz Dunphy, Sarsfields and Brid Walsh, St. Finbarr's, who line out against Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Camogie Final at Croke Park tomorrow.

Kilkenny favoured

Cork, who were last champions in 1983, face an uphill task today in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park when they yet again challenge the game's modern champion competitors, Kilkenny.

The Noreiders are striving for a fifth title in succession. A successful defence of the National League crown — they had a clear-cut win over Cork in the final in June — and decisive victories on the way to this summit clearly indicate that the champions are not prepared to lightly relinquish their position as the sport's top side.

Kilkenny have two changes from the side that lined out against Cork in last September's final. Bridie McGarry, no stranger to All-Ireland glory, is back once more at centre half back, and Martina Downey, who went into the decider as a substitute, is in the half line of the attack.

Cork, who were runners-up in 1987 as well as last year, are understandably not nearly as settled or assured as the champions. Even so, most of their players have All-Ireland final experience, and this is bound to prove a worthwhile asset. The challengers will not be in the least overawed either by their task.

Cork can also point to potential match-winners in Marion McCarthy in goal, Liz Dunphy and Cathy Lander-Harney in defence, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Clare Cronin at mid-field, and forwards Linda Mellerick and Betty Joyce.

But Kilkenny are now superbly schooled in their own brilliant brand of title winning play, with teamwork a strong point as well. Bridie McGarry can do much to ensure that the defence does not provide the opposing attack with many chances to shine. Ann Downey is an outstanding figure in a strong midfield, and the attack, prompted by chance-snapper supreme Angela Downey and Brenda Holmes, packs power, craft and plenty of scoring power. All of which suggests that another bright chapter will be added to Kilkenny's superb unbeaten run. The last time a county won five titles in succession was 1961 when Dublin were so powerful that they went eventually to make it ten titles on the trot.

KILKENNY: M. Fitzgibbon, R. O'Sullivan, D. Malone, B. McGarry, R. Bolwell, A. Whelan, Ann Downey, C. Jones, M. Downey, B. Cahill, Angela Downey, capt. B. Holmes.

CORK: M. McCarthy, L. Dunphy, L. O'Neill, C. Lander-Harney, M. Finn, C. Cronin, F. O'Callaghan, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Mellerick, B. Joyce, capt. G. McCarthy, C. O'Mahony.

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Hungry ladies want that 9th title!

THOSE unstoppable ladies are on the march again! The Kilkenny senior camogie team that is. Wouldn't you know it, they are in another final. This time it is the all-Ireland decider, and for the third year on-the-trot willing Cork have the unenviable task of trying to beat one of the best fighting units operating in Gaelic games today.

Sunday's open draw all-Ireland final at Croke Park would throw a surprise if it ended with anything other than a Kilkenny win. One doesn't want to dismiss the Leesiders, or put added pressure on their opponents, but the facts speak for themselves. And all relevant data points to Kilkenny's 9th. success in the series.

Attitude and approach to the game could be Kilkenny's greatest enemy. They just can't get away from the fact that they are red hot favourites. They lived and coped with it in the past, and again these dashing ladies will have to put all pre-match hype behind and be level headed when they go out to do the business on the park.

One thing that could be a spur to the locals is the fact that Cork beat them during the preliminaries in the League. However, when

of places on the team. That meant excellent performers from the last two finals against Kilkenny, Mary Ring, daughter of the legendary Christy, and Linda Mellerick were among those in a sticky wicket.

Turned on style

The Munster girls didn't impress in their semi-final victory over Wexford, when midfielders Sandie Fitzgibbon, Betty Joyce and Clare Cronin just didn't get it together. However, it has happened in the past that teams put bad semis behind them and really turned on the style on the big day.

Cork will be keeping their fingers crossed that will happen, but no matter what anyone says, they must be wondering is it possible at this juncture for them, or any team, to half this extravagantly gifted Noreside crew?

The Cork ladies must know that in the final of 1987 they put in a good performance, but it just wasn't good enough. Last year they were even better, and they were still

beaten. At this stage they must be wondering what level of performance they have to reach to get their hands on the Duffy Cup.

Make no mistake about it, Kilkenny are as eager as ever to win. The ladies may be chasing an astounding 9th national title in just five years, but they are still as enthusiastic as when their great run commenced.

Angela Downey-Browne, with that uncalled for six months suspension well and truly behind her, has been motoring and training better than ever. As promised, Bridie McGarry, has made a return to the team. She was only discharged from the maternity unit of St. Luke's hospital hours before last year's final, and dashed to Croke Park. She promised her friends and teammates that she would be back in '89. She has been true to her word.

Happy Man

Ann Downey, Claire Jones, the up-and-coming Frances Rothwell and Marina

Downey, not to mention Biddy O'Sullivan, have all been showing top form in training. Coach Tom Ryan (Dunnamaggin) is a happy man these times. He reckons his job is one of the easiest in the country, because these women know exactly what has to be done in order to be the best.

An all-Ireland and League double in 1985, followed by an all-Ireland win in '86 and doubles in 1987 and '88 have taught them the tricks of the trade. They enjoy being the best, and doing the county proud. And increasingly their efforts have received greater recognition locally.

Indeed, this group of ladies, which hasn't changed all that much in recent years — this season Cork's Noelle O'Driscoll, a teacher in Callan, joined the merry bunch — has been responsible for the big upsurge of interest in the game throughout the county. No doubt their excellent exploits inspired the county to win the minor all-Ireland championship during the past two seasons (the win in 1987 was the first at this level).

To date this season has been another full of glad tidings for Kilkenny. Along with the League win over Cork, they also won the Leinster championship by hammering Dublin.

Poor Dublin were also beaten out of sight in the all-Ireland semi-final at Nowlan Park. That day Kilkenny were slow to get into their stride, and early on, the striking of the majority was below par. However, when they clicked that was it. That 9th win beckons.

MEET THE PLAYERS

Ann Downey: St. Paul's. 5'1". International Hide & Skin employee. Birth date: June 1.
Deirdre Malone: St. Brigid's. 5'6". Farmer. Birth date: June 26.
Angela Downey-Browne: St. Paul's. 5'1". Teacher. Birth date: June 1.
Biddy O'Sullivan: Shamrocks. 5'9". Farmer. Birth date: September 23.
Jo Dunne: Shamrocks. 5'9". Office Clerk. Birth date: December 14.
Claire Jones: St. Paul's. Army Officer. 5'8". Birth date: May 3.
Breda Holmes: St. Paul's. 5'6". Teacher. Birth date: March 10.
Marie Fitzpatrick: St. Brigid's (Ballycallan). 5'5". Secretary. Birth date: April 5.
Marina Downey: Lisdowney. 5'4". Secretary.
Anna Whelan: Lisdowney. 5'1". Bar person. Birth date: March 7.
Frances Rothwell: Mooncoin. 5'7". Secretary. Birth date: December 18.
Rita Wemyss-O'Neill: Shamrocks. 5'6". Housewife. Birth date: January 30.
Breda Cahill: St. Brigid's. 5'3". Regional College student. Birth date: August 22.
Noelle O'Driscoll: St. Paul's. Teacher. 5'6". Birth date: December 17.
Bridie McGarry: St. Paul's. Office Clerk. 5'4". Birth date: December 17.
Noreen Tierney: Shamrocks. Housewife. 5'4". Birth date: September 14.

LIKE Gaelic football, the strength of Kildare camogie lies north of the half way line, clubs like Broadford, Clane, Carbury, Celbridge and Leixlip supplying most of the title-winning teams and county players.

"It has always been difficult to get teams down the south due probably with lack of the games in schools" says Co. Board PRO, Marie Woods.

Clubs in Athy, Monasterevan, Ellistown



Bernie Farrelly, captain and top-scorer for Kildare in Sunday's All-Ireland junior camogie final.

North dominates Kildare camogie

and Nurney came and perished, surviving on the few with no throughput of young players.

"The northern clubs seem to have more interest in bringing on young players" observed Marie who nevertheless feels the game is improving with more than ever playing.

Schools like St. Mary's (Naas), Holy Family (Newbridge), Naas and Newbridge Vocational Schools, Leixlip, Clane Community School and National School all field teams.

And neighbouring Edenderry contributes towards Kildare's progress too with many Kildare girls attending schools in the town. Terese Farrelly captained the local V.S. to

win the All-Ireland junior title three years ago and Teresa Hanley captained St. Mary's to a 'Leinster'.

The base of the game is in Broadford — for eight years now undisputed senior Co. champions — and Clane who welcomed the Prosperous players into their club.

"We have 16 clubs in the county now and while some may be surviving on less than 20 players others have up to 50 registered" continued the P.R.O.

"One factor in the growth of the game in Kildare is because of the attention paid to juveniles in the last five years or so" she added.

Exposure and Kildare's four 'Leinsters' has helped but Marie feels the game is

not sufficiently publicised at National level; critical that RTE only televise the senior All-Ireland, ignoring the junior final.

But like ladies football, the development is slow with many sharing the notion that because of the similarity of camogie and Gaelic football to the men's code, they are not feminine pursuits.

Nor does it get any more than tacit recognition from the GAA, although some hurling clubs do contribute.

All-Ireland wins must focus attention in any sport. Kildare girls are hoping that a victory in Croke park on Sunday will give the game a further 'lift' in the county, and perhaps south of the half way line again.

The team for the decider

THE Kildare team to play Galway in Sunday's All-Ireland junior camogie final in Croke Park is: Anna Dargan (Broadford), Claire Moloney (Clane), Phyllis Bambury (Cappagh), Melanie Treacy (Ballyboden), Terese Farrelly (Broadford), Antoinette Merriman (Clane), Miriam Malone (Clane), Pat. Keatley (Broadford), Marion Johnson (Clane), Bernie Farrelly (Athy).



KILDARE'S most experienced player Miriam Malone from the Broadford club who leads the team.

WHEN Kildare's camogie history is penned Miriam Malone is sure to get a chapter to herself.

The amazing Broadford player is in her 24th inter-county season and one of the pivots of the team in Sunday's All-Ireland final in 'Croker'.

A good performance by this girl almost ensures success and if half the team even approached her contribution is guaranteed.

The 39 years old mother — and one of only four married girls on the panel — has a remarkable sporting interest and her camogie career seems far from ending.

"I have to be on the go and like most games" she says, fortunate to have an understanding husband, Paul, who shares her affinity for sport having hurled with Coill Dubh.

In fact the Malones have a long camogie history, having

24 seasons still going

in mother's footsteps, playing on the club's under 13 team and showing much of mom's skill with the stick.

How did she start? "When I was growing up there was little for girls to do until Broadford took an interest in camogie."

But camogie was not Miriam's only skill. She has run six mini marathons, played squash and won Dublin C league medal with Allenwood badminton club, a sport which has unfortunately faded since in the locality.

And she'll stay in camogie for as long as possible. "I enjoy it and feel I'm as good as the rest. It'll be the best of the rest."

Kilkenny eye up five in a row as Galway get set to joust

WHO would not be satisfied with four in a row? The Kilkenny camogie team. And if they go one better in this afternoon's final at Croke Park it will be no more than con-

dign. For, truly, this has been, still is, a magnificent team. Marvels performed by Angela Downey often obscure the contributions of the other eleven. But their spartan, inexorably competent, highly organised and intelligent play constitute the potent and constant base upon which Angela displays her wondrous ornaments.

We've raved about those in these columns many a time here now. And why not? She represents the ideal; human-kind edging toward perfection. And the *Sunday Tribune* is proud to say that, in the dark days of unpleasantly last winter, instead of getting on with getting the story, the *Sunday Tribune* spent its time expostulating with Angela to forget her notions of retiring. Time and meditation will re-

veal to the Cork selectors - and the Sports Editor - how meet and just that was.

Four years ago, a Dublin team, young, hungry, mettlesome and capable, dismantled Cork in the semi-final. The second half of the '80s appeared certain to belong to the Dubs. Where are they now? Interred beneath the remorseless advance of Kilkenny. And the Dubs' last whimper was stifled by about thirty points, a few weeks ago.

Cork have half a new team since last year's All Ireland and something of a drubbing in the league final. Change was clearly imperative, for the further the '88 final went the more Linda Mellerick appeared to be hurling Kilkenny by herself.

She has not been quite so sharp so far this year. But if Cork's midfield can give the ball early and into space to Ger McCarthy, Kilkenny's flanking defenders may be tested as they were not a year ago. Recalled Betty Joyce is a

near enough infallible free taker for Cork; and she has been playing steady, astute hurling, in the manner of Frank Cummins, with her up in pace poses questions. Mary Ring had a few runs at full forward for Cork. Here

was a most obvious cause of selectors believing that breeding in which to fan it?

The great matter where Liz Dunphy is concerned is how the Cork selectors contrived to omit her, last year. Probably happier at midfield or wing back, she still has the hurling and temperament to

Hurling correspondent Kevin Cashman casts his eye over today's camogie final and sings the praises of Kilkenny's Angela Downey

succeed at full back. And the county championship triumph - extravagantly romantic in its achievement, almost inevitable from the dedication and toil which forged it - of her club, Sarsfields, will do no harm at all to morale. And

the All Ireland final, the ambience in which to fan it?

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Sars have a couple more players, Val Twomey and Eileen Noonan, who would be no burden at all on the Cork panel.

Kilkenny's changes, Bridie McGarry and Marina Downey for Helen Holmes and Jo Dunne, neither diminish nor enhance the awesome aspect of the side. Theirs is a panel in the real sense of the word.

Clare Jones and Ann Downey will give Angela a sufficiency of raw - and much cultivated - material. So, can young Liz O'Neill obstruct or mar Angela's work?

O'Neill is determined enough and, probably, quick enough. But cute? And, in this hour of greatest travail, composed? There are two rubs.

Cathy Landers is no longer the peerless player she was when, seven years ago, she and Val Fitzpatrick led Cork by Olympian example; and, in one of camogie's greatest games, deflated the hubris which Kilkenny's men had

engendered in the whole county by scuttling and humiliating Cork, one week before. Liz O'Neill and Cork have no right to expect from Cathy the heroic and arduous covering she gave to so many that lovely afternoon in another time.

But Clare Cronin is a good reader of a game and capable of dropping back to lend a hand. And, on the other flank of midfield, Sandie Fitzgibbon has been in fine form.

Kilkenny, as they say in that courtly county, "have a lot of it done." Perhaps the sharp edge of appetite is blunted after years at the top, as their mens' was in '76. If it is, and if Cork can inflame their tiros and extract the maximum from the rest, the Black and Amber despotism may end.

Galway played much good hurling to reach the junior final, especially when shocking a fancied Cork side. They are capable of taking the more experienced Kildare outfit to the very last joust.



Cork camogie players Sandy Fitzgibbon, Glen Rovers; Clare Cronin, St. Finbarrs; Ger McCarthy, Glen Rovers; Collette O'Mahony, St. Finbarrs and Betty Joyce, Killeagh, captain, pictured at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

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Kildare chase second title

IF experience counts, Kildare will win their second All-Ireland Junior Camogie championships in Croke Park on Sunday (1.45 pm).

The 1987 champions face Galway, — arguably one of the youngest teams ever to contest the national final — most of whom figured on the St. Raphael's (Loughrea) schools side which won the '89 All-Ireland championship.

Galway — double champions in 1985 — won the '88 All-

Ireland junior title, with the entire team subsequently required by rule to go senior leaving the county with a very inexperienced crew.

Indeed all but two of the team have played for the Loughrea school whose camogie is coached by Galway hurling 'boss' Cyril Farrell.

The westerners play without their top star Madge Kennedy the centre back, winner of a Gael Linn medal who was injured in the county final. They

will, however, include two former All-Ireland minor medal winners Colette Callagy and Ailish Kilkenny, along with Ailish Kilkenny, along with Carmel Duane, sister of Galway hurler Ray Duane.

Kildare have far more match practice than their opponents who only defeated Roscommon and Cork; the latter conceding two very soft goals before losing ultimately by a point.

Eliminating Carlow, Wexford and Wicklow Kildare clinched

their fourth successive 'Leinster' at the expense of Dublin who they beat by 14 points. Down did not present as easy an assignment in the semi-final which the Leinster champions had to scramble through in the end.

With most of the girls featuring on the previous three 'Leinster' — winning teams, Kildare not only start favourites, but will be expected to win with some facility.

Until recently it was Kildare's

defence, led by Melanie Treacy (in the centreback position for the last four seasons) and midfield, where veteran Miriam Malone lines out, which held the side together, but now the forwards have found their touch to amass big points totals.

Galway were on the receiving end of one of those performances; Kildare hitting them for 3-13 in the league; but that result would hardly be indicative for this time of the year.

An added incentive for the Leinster champions is that victory would give them the double having won the National League defeating Armagh in that final; the county they toppled to win their only All-Ireland two years ago.

Dedication

Coached by former Leinster hurler Pat Herbert since 1986, Kildare owe much of their success to dedication to training with a 98% attendance during the season.

Winners of eight provincial titles (1961, '66, '67, '86, '87, '88 and '89) Kildare have six of the '81 team on duty — Anna Dargan and sister Miriam Malone, Antoinette and Rose Merriman, daughters of the Clane GAA club chairman Tom Merriman and Marion Johnson, whose father Tom Johnson was an officer of the Eire Og/Raheens club for many years and Patricia Keatley.

The competition for places on the team is so keen that Geraldine Dwyer, another '81 player and captain of the All-Ireland team is among the reserves for Sunday next.

Strong links

There are other strong links with GAA members through the team. Teresa Hanley is daughter of the Carbury club's long serving secretary Vincent Hanley while substitute Nuala Kerrigan is sister of Declan Kerrigan who helped Johnstown-bridge to that club's third Co. SFC recently.

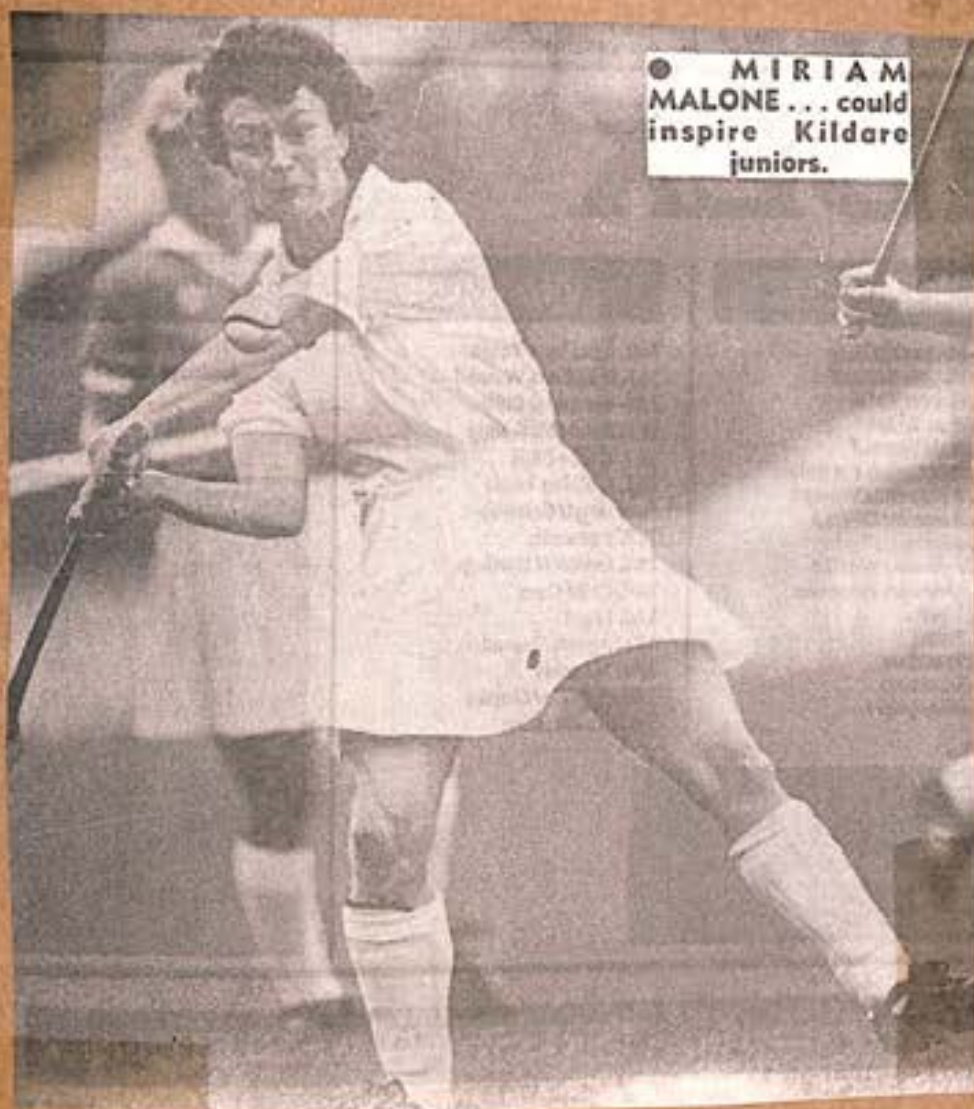
All the girls with the exception Claire Moloney and Teresa Farrelly played in the All-Ireland final but this year Anna Dargan and Rose Merriman switch roles — Rose having spent many seasons in goal but now at full forwards.

Ironically when Anna began playing with the county in the '70s she was the regular goalkeeper.

Will be tested

Most of the team are from the Broadford or Clane clubs; the former senior champions for the last eight years, but to be severely tested now by the later, who have been joined in Prosperous.

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● MIRIAM MALONE... could inspire Kildare juniors.

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New faces chase back-to-back All-Ireland camogie success

By John Fallon

REIGNING All-Ireland champions Galway will put their title on the line when they on Kildare in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday (1.45 p.m.).

Galway captured the title last season when they defeated Limerick in the final but there will be none of that side on duty on Sunday as All-Ireland junior medal winners are ineligible to play in the competition the following season.

Galway began the defence of their crown when they received a walkover from Sligo before going on to defeat Roscommon in the Connacht final by two points.

Cork provided the opposition in the semi-final but they were unable to dethrone the champions with Galway winning in the end by a point on a 4-5 to 2-10 scoreline.

A large number of the Galway team for Sunday's showdown against Kildare — which precedes the senior final between Cork and Kilkenny — have already won All-Ireland medals with St Raphael's College in Loughrea and this experience should prove valuable on Sunday.

An unusual feature of the Galway side is that eight of the twelve players starting on Sunday hail from the Mullagh club — Eskerhills, Killimor have two representatives with one apiece from Kilconieron and Davitts, Duniry.

And there is a strong link between the side and the Galway hurlers as forward Carmel Duane is a sister of senior wing-forward Ray Duane.

The entire forward unit is comprised of players from Mullagh — the current senior club champions — with sisters Aideen and Alice Murphy and full-forward Emer Hardiman completing the unit.

At the other end Collette Callagy is the Galway goalkeeper with Mary Dolphin at full-back. The remainder of the defence is comprised of Eilish Kilkenny, Imelda Maher

and team captain Brigid Fahy with Catriona Finnegan, Cora Curley and Fionnuala Keane at centrefield.

Brigid Fahy has been playing well all season while Catriona Curley could give Galway the upperhand at midfield. Up front Galway will be looking to Emer Hardiman in particular for scores as they bid to win their second consecutive All-Ireland junior title.

The Galway team have trained diligently over the past few weeks under the guidance of former Galway senior hurler, Paddy Mitchell from Killimordaly, and selectors Frank O'Grady (Mervue), Martin Garvey (Mullagh), Johnny Morrissey (Athenry) and Johnny Keane (Kilconieron).

Galway: Collette Callagy (Mullagh), Eilish Kilkenny (Mullagh), Imelda Maher (Davitts, Duniry), Brigid Fahy (Mullagh), Catriona Finnegan (Eskerhills, Killimor), Cora Curley (Mullagh), Fionnuala (Kilconieron), Carmel Duane (Mullagh), Aideen Murphy (Mullagh), Alice Murphy (Mullagh), Emer Hardiman (Mullagh). Subs: Kathleen Coen, Clare Robinson, Ann Bugler, Madge Kennedy, Yvonne Larkin, Annette Quinn, Martina Morrissey, Lisa Maloney, Miriam Lynch, Fiona Cooley.

Marathon

A sponsored marathon will take place next weekend starting on Friday at the Galway Handball/Racquetball complex in Pearse Stadium.

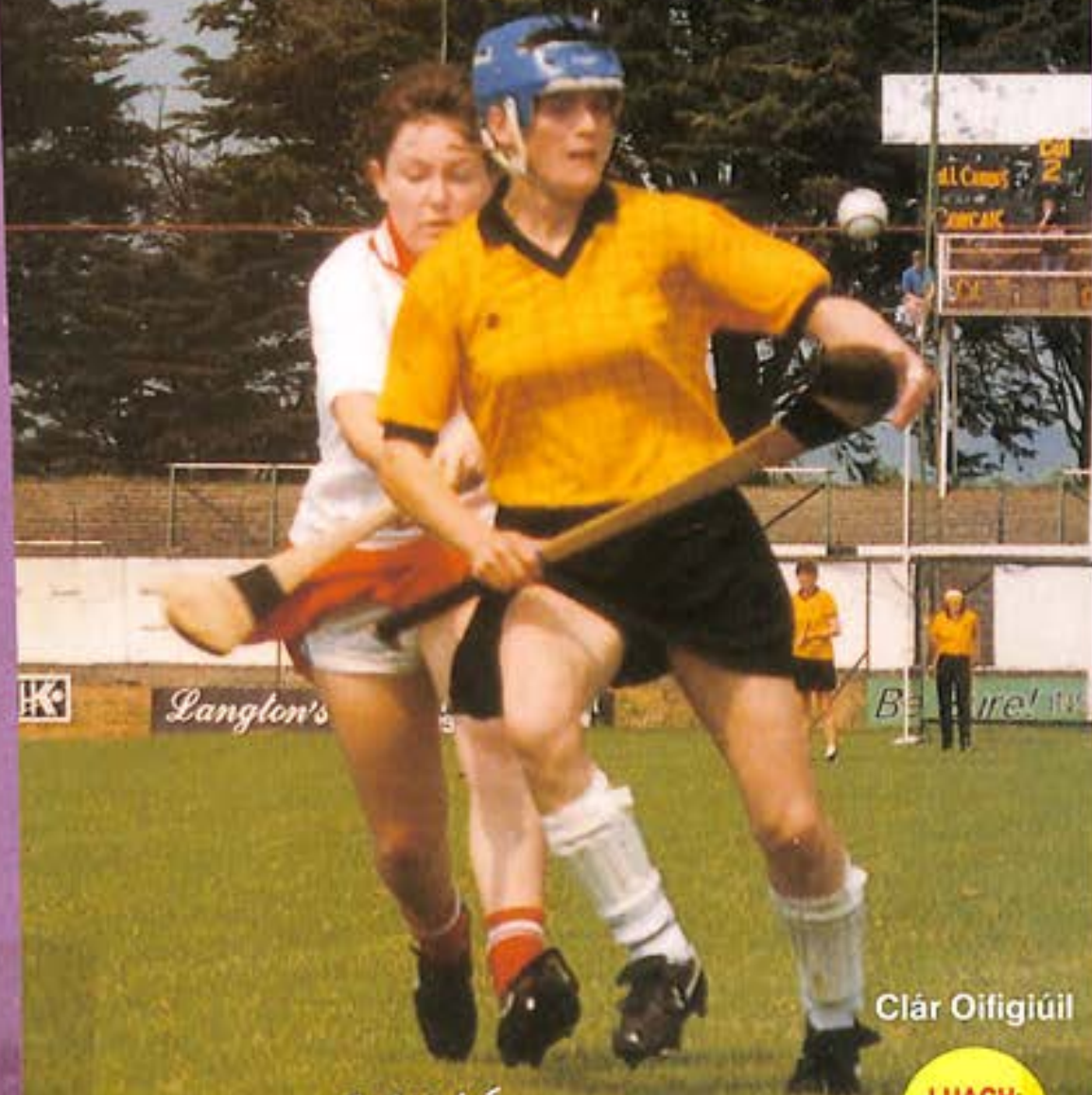
Proceeds will be divided between the St. Vincent de Paul and the complex itself which will be used towards maintenance of the premises.



Cork camogie players Therese O'Callaghan, Glen Rovers; Mary Spillane, Killeagh; Yvonne O'Neill, St. Finbarrs; Cathy Harnedy, Killeagh and Irene O'Leary, Na Piarasigh pictured after training at Páirc Uí Cháoiimh, where they were preparing for the All-Ireland showdown with Kilkenny.



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Fáilte ón Uachtarán

Is mór agam é, ar son Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, fáilte a chur roimh chách go Páirc an Chrócaigh ar an lá mór seo, lá na gCluichí Ceannais sa Chamógaíocht.

Fearaim fáilte ar leith roimh na foirne a bheidh ag imirt, na Sóisir ón nGaillimh agus ó Chill Dara, agus na Sinsir ó Chorcaigh agus ó Chill Chainnigh.

It is a great privilege for me to welcome you here to-day for the highlight of our year, the All-Ireland Championship Finals. Our Association has, since its foundation, played a significant role in the promotion of our national games and in the fostering of our Irish heritage. Playing our native game has helped in the presentation of our Irish identity.

Guím gach rath ar na foirne atá ag imirt inniu. I hope that all the players will enjoy the



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experience of playing in the Finals. I take this opportunity to thank them for the tremendous entertainment which they provide.

The Seniors of Corcaigh and Cill Chainnigh have given us many thrilling games in the past and I feel that today's game will be no exception. The Cill Dara and An Gaillimh Juniors are no strangers to Páirc an Chrócaigh and they, too, can be expected to play Camógaíocht at its best.

Is mian lion fáilte a chur roimh ár naoidheanna, na hoifigigh, na réiteoirí agus na maoir. Tá Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael go mór faoi chomaoín acu.

Gura fada buan sibh uilig.

Máire ní Cheallacháin

NA RÉITEOIRÍ



CÁIT NÍ CHUINN
(An Gaillimh)

Tá an-taithí ag Caitlín ar an réiteoireacht. Kathleen has been a top-class referee for over a decade. She officiated at the 1983 and 1984 All-Ireland Senior Finals. The popular Ballinasloe official is always willing to take control of a game irrespective of the level involved. Is imreoir críochnaithe chomh maith í.

A fine centre-back with Galway, she won an All-Ireland Junior medal. She helped Connacht to win the Gael-Linn Cup.

Chuir sí go mór leis an gCoiste Réiteoireachta agus i ina ball de.



ÁINE DERHAM
(Áth Cliath)

Is imreoir í Áine le Caimann Celtic, Áth Cliath, cosúil le Cáit ní Chuinn, cuireann sí suim i gcúrsaí riaracháin leis. Áine is the current Cisteoir and a former Rúnaí Coiste Contae Átha Cliath.

Highly thought of as a referee, she has officiated at all levels, including All-Ireland Senior Colleges' Finals. This is Áine's first All-Ireland Inter-County Final.

Go n-éirí go geal le Cáit agus le hÁine inniu.

NA MAOIR CHÚIL

NOILÍN NÍ CORMACÁIN
SILE NÍ CHADHAIN
MÁIRE NÍ THREASAIGH
COLETTE NÍ CHINNÉIDE

(An Gaillimh)

GRAINNE DE BÚRCA
BHÁL NÍ DHONNCHÚ
MÁIRE NÍ MHATHÚNA
EIBHLÍN NÍ AN MHAOIR

(Áth Cliath)

NA MAOIR LÍNE

BRENDA NÍ SHIRIDEAIN
GEARÓIDÍN NÍ DHUINN

(Áth Cliath)

MÁIRE NÍ CHONAILL

SADHBH NÍ ANNDREIS

(Áth Cliath)

Cill Dara

Dálthanna: BÁN

(1)

ANNA UÍ DHEARGÁIN

Anna Dargan
(Broadford)

(2)

CLÁR NÍ MHOLMHNAIGH

Claire Moloney
(Clane)

(3)

FILIS BHAMBAIRE

Phyllis Bambury
(Cappagh)

(4)

MELANIE NÍ THREASAIGH

Melanie Treacy
(St. Endas)

(5)

TREASA NÍ FHAIRCHEALLAIGH

Therese Farrelly
(Broadford)

(6)

ANTÓINÍN NÍ GIOLLA MHEIDHIR

Antoinette Merriman
(Clane)

(7)

MIRIAM UÍ MHAOILEOIN

Miriam Malone
(Broadford)

(8)

PÁDRAIGÍN NÍ GHATLAOICH

Patricia Keatley
(Broadford)

(9)

MÁIRE ÁINE NÍC SHEÁIN

Marianne Johnson
(Clane)

(10)

BRIAINÍN NÍ FHAIRGHEALLAIGH

Bernie Farrelly (Captaen)
(Broadford)

(11)

TREASA NÍ ÁINLE

Teresa Hanley
(Carbury)

(12)

RÓIS NÍC GIOLLA MHEIDHIR

Rose Merriman
(Clane)

IONADAITHE: (13) Gearóidín Uí Dhubhair (Geraldine Dwyer) Clane; (14) Nuala Ní Ciaragáin (Nuala Kerrigan) Broadford; (15) Caoimhe Ní Bhraonáin (Caoimhe Brennan) Clane; (16) Gemma Ní Draighneáin (Gemma Thornton) Broadford.

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Cill Dara



Ar chu'í (ó chlé) T. Ní Áinle, M. Ní Threasaigh, C. Ní Mhaoileoin, G. Ní Draighneáin, A. Ní Ciaragáin, R. Ní Ciaragáin, T. Ní Fhairgheallaigh, A. Ní Dheargáin, C. Ní Bhraonáin. Cúntóirí (ó chlé) P. Ní Ghataoich, F. Bhambaire, B. Ní Fhairgheallaigh (captaen), M. Ní Mhaoileoin, G. Uí Dhubhair, M. Níc Sheáin, N. Ní Ciaragáin.

An Ghaillimh

Dáthanna: MARÚN IS BÁN

(1)
COLETTE NÍ CHALGAIGH
Colette Callagy
(Eskerhills)

(2)
MÁIRE DHOILFÍN
Mary Dolphin
(Mullagh)

(3)
ÉILÍS NÍ GÍOLLA CHAINNIGH
Eilish Kilkenny
(Mullagh)

(4)
IMELDA NÍ MHEACHAIR
Imelda Maher
(Davitts)

(5)
BRÍD NÍ FHATHAIGH
Bridget Fahy (Captain)
(Mullagh)

(6)
CAITRÍONA NÍ FHIONNAGÁIN
Catriona Finnegan
(Eskerhills)

(7)
CÓRA NÍ THOIREALAIGH
Cora Curley
(Mullagh)

(8)
FIONNUALA NÍ CATHÁIN
Fionnuala Keane
(Kilconerion)

(9)
CAIRMÉAL NÍ DHUÁIN
Carmel Duane
(Mullagh)

(10)
AIDEEN NÍ MHURCHÚ
Aideen Murphy
(Mullagh)

(11)
AILÍS NÍ MHURCÚ
Alice Murphy
(Mullagh)

(12)
EIMHEAR NÍ ARGADÁIN
Emer Hardiman
(Mullagh)

IONADAITHE: (13) Cáitlin Ní Chadhain (Kathleen Coen) Mullagh; (14) Muireann Ní Chinnéide (Madge Kennedy) Mullagh; (15) Clár Nic Roibín (Claire Robinson) Mullagh; (16) Áine Ní Bholgúir (Anne Bugler) Mullagh.

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AN GHAILLIMH



Ar chúl (ó chlé): I. Ní Mheachair, F. Ní Catháin, C. Ní Chinnéide, C. Ní Chalgaigh, A. Ní Lorcáin, E. Ní Argadáin, C. Ní Roibín, Á. Ní Cháinn, C. Ní Fhionnagáin, F. Ní Chúille, C. Ní Chadhain, Chuntasagh (ó chlé) E. Ní Giolla Chainnigh, A. Ní Mhurchú, N. Dhoilfin, B. Ní Fhataigh (captain), C. Ní Thoirealaigh, A. Ní Bholgúir, M. Ní Mhuireasa, A. Ní Mhurchú.

Foireann na Gaillimhe

Collette Callagy (Escherhills) Collette learned the game at Portumna College and played in the Connacht Colleges competitions with her school. A fine goalkeeper. Bhuaidh sí bonn leis na Mionúir i 1987.

Mary Dolphin (Mullagh) Mary captained St. Raphael's to win the 1985 All-Ireland Colleges junior championship and later added three senior colleges medals. A Ban Gharda, she previously played with the Galway minors.

Eilish Kilkenny (Mullagh) d'Imir sí le Mullagh i Féile na nGael i Loch Garman. She progressed to win an All-Ireland minor medal with Galway in 1987. 2 All-Ireland colleges medals with St. Raphael's.

Imelda Maher (Mullagh). Imelda captained St. Raphael's to win the All-Ireland Colleges Sevens earlier this season. 1 All-Ireland Colleges junior and 2 senior and an All-Ireland minor medals.

Bridget Fahy (Mullagh). Ar fhoireann Mullagh bhuaidh Féile na nGael, Roinn 1, i 1985. She was a forward on the Galway team which won the 1987 All-Ireland minor. She holds All-Ireland colleges junior and senior medals.

Catrina Finnegan (Escherhills). Catrina played colleges camogie with Portumna College. She played at right forward on the successful 1987 Galway minor team. A strong player, she comes into the team for the final.

Cora Curley (Mullagh). Travelled to Féile 1984 in Wexford with Mullagh. An All-Ireland Minor with Galway in 1986, she helped St. Raphael's to win 2 All-Ireland Colleges junior and 3 senior medals.

Fionnuala Keane (Kilconerion). A strong midfield player, Fionnuala was a prominent member of the successful Galmoy minor teams of 1986 and 1987. All-Ireland Colleges senior and 1 All-Ireland Colleges Sevens medals.

Carmel Duane (Mullagh). An chéad uair an fhoireann na Gaillimhe di. Played colleges camogie with Loughrea Vocational School. A sister of Galway senior hurler Ray, she won a National Féile na nGael medal with Mullagh in 1985.

Alice Murphy (Mullagh). Alice played on the Mullagh teams which won National Féile Division One in 1985 and 1986. She helped Mullagh to win the Galway senior championship recently. 2 All-Ireland Colleges senior medals with St. Raphael's.

Aideen Murphy (Mullagh). Aideen formerly played with Davitts before joining Mullagh. Enjoyed a very successful colleges career when she won 1 Junior and 4 senior All-Ireland Colleges medals with St. Raphael's.

Emer Hardiman (Mullagh). A very skilful and accurate player who captained Mullagh to win the National Féile Division One and St. Raphael's to take the All-Ireland Colleges junior cup. Holds 4 senior and 17-a-side colleges medals.

Kathleen Coen (Mullagh). An cúlbaire ar fhoireann Naomh Rafael i gCluiche Ceannais 1987. She helped Mullagh to win National Féile Division One titles in 1985 and 1986.

Madge Kennedy (Mullagh). The most experienced member of the An Ghaillimh panel, Madge has played with the senior side and represented Connacht in the Gael-Linn. A former colleges player with St. Raphael's, she is a sister of Imelda Hobbins.

Claire Robinson (Mullagh). Ian-Mhionúr leis an nGaillimh, she can slot in at midfield or in the forward line. During her years at St. Raphael's, she won 1 All-Ireland junior colleges and 4 All-Ireland senior colleges medals.

Anne Bugler (Mullagh). Another product of St. Raphael's, Loughrea, who won All-Ireland junior and senior medals at colleges level. She has collected a number of medals with the successful Mullagh Club.

Foireann Chill Dara

Anna Dargan (Broadford): Anna started her career with Cill Dara as a goalkeeper. She has returned to that position following many seasons in other defensive roles. A sister of Miriam Malone. All-Ireland junior, Gael-Linn and National League medals.

Claire Moloney (Clane): As Contae an Chláir di, Claire joined Athy when she came to Cill Dara to take up duty as a Bank Official. She moved from attack to full-back early in the season. The former U.C.G. player holds All-Ireland and Leinster medals.

Phyllis Bambury (Cappagh): The former Broadford player holds an All-Ireland Junior, Leinster Junior, National League and several Cill Dara championship medals. Phyllis is a sister of Ceatharlach player, Mary Ryan. Tá thriúr clainne uirthi.

Melanie Treacy (St. Enda's): Melanie plays her club camogie in Áth Cliath where she works as an insurance official. Voted Cill Dara player of the year in 1985, she has All-Ireland junior, National Junior League, 4 Leinster junior championship and Gael-Linn medals.

Therese Farrelly (Broadford): Therese captained Edenderry Vocational School team and led Bradford in the 1988 championship. A sub. when Cill Dara won the 1987 All-Ireland, she has established herself on the team and holds National League and Leinster junior medals.

Antoinette Merriman (Clane): Ar fhoireann na Mionúir i 1980 agus 1981. Captain of Cill Dara last season, who won her place on the Leinster team many times. A good badminton player, she has All-Ireland, National League and Gael-Linn medals.

Miriam Malone (Broadford): Miriam has enjoyed a long and distinguished career with Cill Dara and Cúige Laighean. She was awarded the Gaelic Stars/AIB trophy in 1987. Her vast collection of medals includes All-Ireland junior, Gael-Linn senior and junior and National League. Sáir-imreoir í.

Patricia Keatley (Broadford): A regular member of the county panel since 1981, Patricia was Cathaoirleach of County Board for three years. She is a farmer and has a keen interest in Macra and horse riding. All-Ireland junior, National League and Leinster medals.

Marianne Johnson (Clane): Marianne has had a long innings in the Kildare colours. Iar-rúnaí ar an gCoiste Contae. She is a keen badminton player. Gael-Linn, National League, Leinster junior and 7 Kildare county championship medals.

Bernie Farrelly (Broadford): Eighteen year old Bernie captains Cill Dara today. An all-round sports star, she won Gradam Tailte twice and plays hockey and squash. Bernie, who played with Leinster in 1988, holds All-Ireland, National League and Leinster medals. An-imreoir í.

Teresa Hanley (Carbury): d'Imir sí le Carbury a bhuaidh Féile na nGael, Roinn II, i Loch Garman, 1985. A colleges' player with St. Mary's, Edenderry, she moved quickly through the minor ranks to junior team. 3 Leinster and National League medals.

Rose Merriman (Clane): Rose moved to the full-forward position this season following many successful years in goal. Ina réteoir ar Chluiche Ceannais na Sóisear, 1988. A Grade C coach. 2 Gael-Linn, All-Ireland junior, National League and 5 Leinster medals.

Geraldine Dwyer (Clane): Captaen Chill Dara a bhuaidh an chraobh i 1987. Twice selected as Kildare sports star, she has All-Ireland junior, National League, Gael-Linn and National League medals. She also won 5 Kildare championship Medals with Prosperous Club.

Nuala Kerrigan (Broadford): An injury sustained during 1988 caused Nuala to miss the early part of this season. Now fully recovered, she helped Broadford to win the current championship. All-Ireland, National League and Leinster medals.

Caoimhe Brennan (Clane): A real sports girl, Caoimhe has starred at basketball, tennis and badminton and also finds time for hockey, horseriding and athletics. She is in her second season with Kildare team. She lived in Syria for some time. Ar intinn aici freastal ar Mhí Nuat ina scoláire.

Gemma Thornton (Broadford): Played schools' camogie with Edenderry Vocational school. Gemma holds 6 county championship, 3 Leinster Club, National League and Leinster junior medals. A recent addition to the Cill Dara panel, she enjoys cycling and music.

Na Sóisir - Cill Dara v. An Ghaillimh Cill Dara favourites - but...

'SÍ SEO an chéad uair do Chill Dara agus don Ghaillimh bheith in iomaíocht lena chéile i gCluiche Ceannais an Sóisear.

Cill Dara's credentials entering this final are most impressive. Twelve victories in twelve competitive outings sums up their 1989 form. A flawless run in Roinn I of the National Junior League earned them a semi-final place against Tir Eoghain. Subsequently they defeated old friends and rivals, Ardmhacha, by 2-14 to 3-8 in the Final.

It is basically the same team which has won four Leinster Junior Championships. Ten of the players in their starting line-out today fielded with the 1987 All-Ireland winning side. Eight have worn the colours of Leinster.

A high level of understanding has been achieved between the players, and their team work and experience will be invaluable today.

A young An Ghaillimh side showed commitment and enterprise when last September it won the County's second Junior title in four years. The grading rules stipulate that the winning panel moves up to the senior grade. Consequently An Ghaillimh faced the task of finding a completely new set of players.

The selectors relied to a great extent on the players who have been making history for St. Raphael's, Loughrea. Indeed nine of the team hold All-Ireland Colleges' Senior medals. These girls have benefited from the expert coaching of Cyril Farrell and are proficient in the skills of the game.

An Ghaillimh had only two points to spare over Roscomain in the Connach final but they gained in stature with a merited win over Corcaigh in the semi-final.

Since Cill Dara's last appearance in Croke Park, Anna Dargan has moved from full-back to goal, and regular goalkeeper, Rose Merriman, is now featuring at full-forward. Newcomer Claire Moloney has settled in well in Anna's old position. Therese Farrelly, sister of captain Bernie Farrelly, has blossomed into a fine defender during her short period in the side.

Colette Callaghy, Fionnuala Keane, Bridget Fahy, Imelda Maher and Eilish Kilkenny won All-Ireland medals with An Ghaillimh in 1987. Colleges' medals are in plentiful supply. These young players are used to winning and will not be overawed by the occasion.

An Ghaillimh and Corcaigh hold four All-Ireland Junior titles each. If An Ghaillimh finish in front today they will go into the clear lead in the roll of honour. The county triumphed in 1972, 1979, 1985 and 1988.

Pat Herbert, the former Limerick hurler, who steered Cill Dara to All-Ireland success in 1987, will again plan the tactics for the girls in white. Pat's record of one All-Ireland, two National Junior League and four Leinster Championship titles speaks for itself.

Their achievements to date will make Cill Dara favourites. However, an All-Ireland final is different to any other match. Every team has a real chance of victory.

Go raibh sár-chluiche eatarthu inniu.

Imreoirí den chéad scoth



Anna Ni Dheargáin (Cill Dara)



Brid Nic Thomáis (Cill Chainnigh)



Clár Nic Roibín (An Ghaillimh)



Colette Ni Mhathúna (Corcaigh)

Cill Chainnigh

Dáthanna: DUBH IS OMRA

(1)
MÁIRE NIC GÍOLLA PHÁDRAIG
Marie Fitzpatrick
(St. Bridget's, Ballycallan)

(2)
BRÍD NÍ SHÚILLEABHÁIN
Biddy O'Sullivan
(Shamrocks)

(3)
DEIRDRE NÍ MHAOILEOIN
Deirdre Malone
(Ballycallan)

(4)
BRÍD MHC FHEARAIGH
Bridie McGarry
(St. Paul's)

(5)
PROINSÉAS ROTHWELL
Frances Rothwell
(Mooncoin)

(6)
ANNA NÍ FHAOLÁIN
Anna Whelan
(Lisdowney)

(7)
ÁINE NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Ann Downey (Captan)
(St. Paul's)

(8)
CLÁR NIC SHEOIN
Clare Jones
(St. Paul's)

(9)
MARINA NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Marina Downey
(Lisdowney)

(10)
BRÍD NÍ CHATHAIL
Breda Cahill
(St. Bridget's, Ballycallan)

(11)
AINGEAL NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Angela Downey
(St. Paul's)

(12)
BRÍD NIC THOMÁIS
Breda Holmes
(St. Paul's)

IONADAITHE: (13) Rite Wemyss (Rita Wemyss) Shamrocks; (14) Noelle Ní Dhrisceoil (Noelle O'Driscoll) St. Paul's; (15) Noirin Ní Thiarnaigh (Noreen Tierney) Shamrocks; (16) Seosaimhín Ní Dhuinn (Jo Dunne) Shamrocks.

Corcaigh

Dáthanna: DEARG IS BÁN

(1)
MUIREANN NIC CÁRTHAIGH
Marion McCarthy
(Éire Óg)

(2)
ÉILIS NIC DHONNACHAIDH
LIZ DUNPHY
(Sarsfields)

(3)
ÉILIS NÍ NÉILL
Liz O'Neill
(Bishopstown)

(4)
CATRÚNA NIC GÍOLLA ANDRÉIS NÍ AITINÉADA
Cathy Landers-Harnedy
(Killeagh)

(5)
MAIRÉAD NÍ FHINN
Margaret Finn
(Fr. O'Neills)

(6)
CLÁR NÍ CHRÓINÍN
Clare Cronin
(St. Finbarrs)

(7)
TREASA NÍ CHEALLACHÁIN
Therese O'Callaghan
(Glen Rovers)

(8)
SANDRA NIC GIOBÚIN
Sandie Fitzgibbon
(Glen Rovers)

(9)
LINDA NÍ MHAOILGHEIRIC
Linda Mellerick
(Glen Rovers)

(10)
ÉILÍS NÍ SHEOSAIGH
Betty Joyce
(Killeagh)

(11)
GEARÓDÍN NIC CÁRTHAIGH
Ger McCarthy
(Glen Rovers)

(12)
COLETTE NÍ MHATHÚNA
Colette O'Mahony
(St. Finbarrs)

IONADAITHE: (13) Bríd Bhreatnach (Brid Walsh) St. Finbarrs; (14) Irene Ní Laoire (Irene O'Leary) (Na Píarsaigh); (15) Máire Ní Rinn (Mary Ring) Glen Rovers; (16) Máire Ní Spealáin (Mary Spillane) Killeagh.

Foireann Chorcaí

Marion McCarthy (Éire Og). In a long and distinguished career, Marion has won 8 All-Ireland Senior, 2 Gael-Linn, 2 National Senior League and 15 Munster Senior medals. A former Corcaigh captain, she has been honoured with a B + I Award.

Liz Dunphy (Sarsfields). A key figure in Sarsfields historic win in the 1989 Cork Senior Championship, Liz is a fine player. She has won All-Ireland Junior, All-Ireland Senior Colleges, National League, Munster Senior and Gael-Linn Junior medals.

Clare Cronin (St. Finbarr's). Clare has enjoyed an outstanding career. High points were receiving a B + I Award, winning Gradam Tailte, 4 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland Minor, National League, All-Ireland Colleges and Ashbourne medals.

Cathy Landers-Harnedy (Killeagh). Captain ar fhoireann Shinsireach Chorcaí bhuaidh An Chraobh i 1983. Her determined play has earned her 4 All-Ireland Senior, All-Ireland Minor, All-Ireland Club, 2 Gael-Linn, Munster and 8 Cork Senior medals.

Margaret Finn (Fr. O'Neill). A newcomer to the Cork senior team, Margaret plays her first match in Croke Park today. She has helped her club to win Cork junior and intermediate championships and holds two Munster junior medals. Ina captaen nuair a bhuaidh Corcaigh Sraithchomórtas na hÉireann i 1984.

Sandie Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers). Sandie's exceptional fitness enables her to combine top class camogie with international basketball. The high standard which she has maintained over the years resulted in All-Ireland medals at Senior, Minor, Colleges and Club levels.

Betty Joyce (Killeagh). Captaen na foirne inniu. She led Cork to success in 1980 in All-Ireland Junior Final. She won All-Ireland minor, junior and club medals before a serious knee injury curtailed her career. Betty refereed the 1986 All-Ireland senior final.

Linda Mellerick (Glen Rovers). Played alongside Sandie Fitzgibbon and Clare Cronin on the Rest of Ireland team last season. Linda possesses very good ball control and striking skills. All-Ireland minor and junior medals. d'Imir sí le foireann na Murnhan.

Ger McCarthy (Glen Rovers). From the early days of her career Ger has displayed delightful skills. Her large collection includes All-Ireland senior, junior, minor and club medals. She also won Gael-Linn senior and junior and National League medals.

Colette O'Mahony (St. Finbarr's). Playing in her third senior final, Colette captained Cork's 1983 All-Ireland winning minor team. Equally at home at midfield or in defence, she has a National League, 2 All-Ireland minor and several Munster medals.

Liz O'Neill (Bishopstown). An dara bliain leis na sinsir di. A strong player who can adapt to several positions, she has won Munster U-18, junior and senior medals and played with Munster in the Gael-Linn junior competition.

Irene O'Leary (Na Píarsaigh). An outstanding colleges player, Irene played a major role in bringing North Presentation to Croke Park in 1984. She returned a few months later to captain an All-Ireland winning Cork junior team. Has Munster medals in all grades.

Therese O'Callaghan (Glen Rovers). Therese captained the Corcaigh junior team which was pipped by An Ghaillimh last month. Her total commitment to her team has won her many admirers. All-Ireland Club, Gael-Linn junior and Munster medals.

Mary Ring (Glen Rovers). Taithí imeartha in ionaid éagsúla aici. She captained Glen Rovers to win All-Ireland Club Championship. Daughter of Christy Ring, she has All-Ireland junior and Munster medals.

Brid Walsh (St. Finbarr's). A native of Ballygeary, she joined the Corcaigh panel this season as understudy to Marion McCarthy. Brid played with Cloughduv before joining St. Finbarr's. Munster U-18 and senior and All-Ireland minor medals.

Mary Spillane (Killeagh). A versatile player, Mary has played with Corcaigh in several positions. She has helped her club to win National Féile na nGael, Corcaigh, Munster and All-Ireland championships. She has played for Munster and won All-Ireland junior medals.

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CORCAIGH



Ar chúl (ó chlé): Á. Ní Bhrádaigh, L. Ní Mhaoilghuirc, E. Ní Sheosaigh (captaen), M. Ní Spealáin, G. Ní Cárthaigh, C. Ní Giolla, Aindréis Ní Airtreáda, M. Ní Rinn, A. Ní Néill, P. Ní Giobúin, C. Ní Mhathúna. Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): S. Ní Giobúin, C. Ní Chráinín, E. Ní Dhonnachaidh, S. Ní Spealáin, M. Ní Fhinn, M. Ní Cárthaigh, E. Ní Néill, B. Bhreatnach.

Foireann Chill Chainnigh

Marie Fitzpatrick (St. Brigid's). Marie has been in sparkling form this season. As well as defending her goal brilliantly she distributes the ball well. 4 All-Ireland Senior, 4 National League and 4 Gael-Linn medals.

Biddy O'Sullivan (Shamrocks). Her exceptional display in last season's final won her the B + I Award. A great hearted player with a fine catch and clearance. 5 All-Ireland Senior, 6 National League and 6 Gael-Linn medals.

Deirdre Malone (St. Brigid's). Ar a cumas imirt in ionad ar bith. Her direct play makes her a valuable member of the side. 5 All-Ireland Senior and 4 National League medals.

Bridie McGarry (St. Paul's). Sár imreoir i. Bridie captained Kilkenny to victory in 1985 and 1987. A player with a very attractive style, she has been honoured with a B + I Award. 7 All-Ireland Senior, 6 National League, Gael-Linn and Club medals.

Frances Rothwell (St. Brigid's). Plays with far more maturity than usually associated with an eighteen-year-old. Seems destined for a long career in the Kilkenny colours. 2 All-Ireland and National League medals.

Clare Jones (St. Paul's). Performs well under pressure and uses her strength to win considerable possession. Iar-chaptaen ar fhoireann shóisireach an Chláir. 1 All-Ireland Junior, 3 All-Ireland Senior, All-Ireland Club and National League medals.

Ann Downey (St. Paul's). Ann captains Cill Chainnigh today. A skilful and committed player and inspiring leader. She helps out in defence, controls midfield and comes forward in attack. B + I Award, 8 All-Ireland Senior, 7 National League and Gael-Linn medals; 9 All-Ireland Club medals.

Anna Whelan (Lisdowney). A very effective player who keeps the forwards supplied. Anna has made a considerable contribution to Cill Chainnigh's success this decade. 5 All-Ireland Senior and 6 National League medals.

Marina Downey (Lisdowney). Marina came on as a sub in last year's final but has secured

a place of her own this season. Manages to make the score sheet in every outing. 1 All-Ireland and 2 National League medals.

Breda Cahill (St. Brigid's). Iar-imreoir ar fhoireann na Mionúr. Breda has established herself on the Kilkenny side. She is capable of taking her own scores or linking up with the other forwards. 2 All-Ireland Senior and 2 National League medals.

Angela Downey (St. Paul's). Victorious captain in 1977 and 1988. Angela's scoring ability separates Cill Chainnigh from other counties. She has been honoured with Texaco and B + I Awards. Holds 8 All-Ireland Senior, 7 National League, 8 Club Championship medals. Three-in-a-row Gradam Tailte winner. Níl a sárú ann.

Breda Holmes (St. Paul's). Breda scored 2-1 in last year's final. Her fine ball control in front of goal leads to many scores. B + I Award, 4 All-Ireland Senior, 4 National League, Gael-Linn and Club Championship medals.

Rita Weymes (Shamrocks). Rita has played in several positions for Cill Chainnigh. A strong, determined player. 3 All-Ireland Senior, National League and Gael-Linn medals.

Jo Dunne (Shamrocks). A very experienced player, Jo previously fielded with Carrickshock. Jo has scored several vital goals for Cill Chainnigh in her career. 7 All-Ireland, National League and Gael-Linn medals.

Noelle O'Driscoll (St. Paul's). Noelle won All-Ireland Senior and Junior medals with Corcaigh before settling in Cill Chainnigh where she is teaching at St. Brigid's, Callan. A very accurate free-taker, she is a former captain of U.C.C.

Noreen Tierney (Shamrocks). Noreen joined the Cill Chainnigh Senior panel this season and had a few outings in the League. Formerly Noreen Walsh, she has played with Cill Chainnigh junior team.

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CILL CHAINNIGH



Ar chúl (ó chlé): Áine Ní Dhúnaigh (captaen), A. Ní Dhúnaigh, B. Ní Shuilleabháin, N. Ní Dhrisceoil, B. Ní Thomáis, P. Rothwell, R. Wemyss, D. Ní Mhaoláin, C. Ní Sheoin.
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): M. Ní Dhúnaigh, B. Ní Cathail, M. Ní Giolla Phádraig, B. Mhic Fhearaigh, A. Ní Fhaoláin, N. Ní Thiarnaigh.

Na Sinsir - Cill Chainnigh v. Corcaigh

Yet Another Thriller Expected from Cork and Kilkenny

SÍ SEO an naoú huair do Chill Chainnigh agus do Chorcaigh bheith ina iomaíocht lena chéile sa Chluiche Ceannais. 'Sí seo an cúigiú huair as a chéile dóibh an Chraobh a bhaint amach.

In their eight previous meetings in the All-Ireland Final, Corcaigh won the first two in 1970 and 1972. Cill Chainnigh emerged victorious from all of their other Finals, in 1974, '81, '85, '86, '87 and '88.

Corcaigh atá chun tosaigh mar bhuaiteoirí. Corn Ua Dubhthaigh has gone to Cork on fourteen occasions, while the Noresiders have eight titles.

Having been defeated by Cill Chainnigh in fine encounters in a row, Corcaigh will be very determined to reverse the trend today.

Both teams show some changes in personnel since last year's final Corcaigh more so than their rivals. Half of their 1988 team will not start the game. Mary Geaney and Anne O'Donovan have retired from inter-county camogie.

Anne Leahy is now working in Peru and three other members of the team are named as substitutes.

Ger McCarthy was in London for the last two finals, returns to the team, while Therese O'Callaghan has earned promotion from Junior to

Senior grade. Betty Joyce, recovered from a knee injury which curtailed her playing career, captains her team today.

Cill Chainnigh welcome back Bridie McGarry, who was unavailable during last season, while Marina Downey, who was introduced during last year's Final, has established herself on the team.

Interestingly, Noelle O'Driscoll, a former senior Cork player, now teaching and playing camogie in Kilkenny, dons the black and amber today.

Tá gradam faoi leigh ó thríúr i mbliana. Marion McCarthy (Corcaigh) and twins Angela and Ann Downey (Cill Chainnigh) are all seeking their ninth All-Ireland senior medal.

Cill Chainnigh is seeking its fifth title in a row, a feat equalled and surpassed only by Áth Cliath in its glorious era. Cill Chainnigh is also attempting to establish another record, that of winning three-in-a-row National League and All-Ireland championship titles.

Corcaigh and Cill Chainnigh Finals are renowned for skill, excitement and narrow winning margins. Gurb amhlaidh don chluiche inniu.



An Cluiche Ceannais, 1988 (ó chlé): Áine Ní Dhúnaigh (Cill Chainnigh), Linda Ní Mhaoilgheiric (Corcaigh), agus Deirdre Ní Mhaoileoin (Cill Chainnigh).

Cluiche Ceannais Sraithchomórtas na hÉireann, 1989



Ó chlé: Gearoidín Nic Cárthaigh, Corcaigh agus Bríd Mhic Fhionaigh, Cill Chainnigh.

Cluiche Ceannais Sraithchomórtas na hÉireann, 1989



Ó chlé: Caitríona Nic Giolla Aindréis-Uí Airnéada, Corcaigh; Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh, Cill Chainnigh agus Eilís Ní Dhonnachaidh, Corcaigh.

Cluiche Ceannais Sraithchomórtas na hÉireann, 1989



Ó chlár: Muireann Nic Cárthaigh, Corcaigh; Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh, Cill Chainnigh agus Eilís Ní Néill, Corcaigh.

Cluiche Cheannais na Sóisear, 1986



Ó chlár: Máire Nic Niocláis (An Clár), Fílis Bhambaire agus Anna Uí Dheargáin (Cill Dara).

Cluiche Leath-Cheannais na Sóisear, 1989



Emer Ní Argadáin (An Ghailimh) á leanúint ag Denise Ní Chróinín agus Eighlín Ní Éalaí (Corcaigh).