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CAMOGIE

BEIR GREIM AIR

GRIPPING

The correct grip is fundamental to all skills. The stronger or dominant hand decides the grip. If you are right-handed, your right hand should grip the hurley at the top of the handle.

Gripping hand is wedged tightly into the top of the handle. Thumb is on the hurley in front and touching the index finger.

The left hand balances the hurley. It is free to slide up and down. You change the angle of the hurley by changing the position of the left hand.

For striking, the left hand slides up to lock with the right hand. With both hands close together you can make a skilful accurate stroke.



To strike the ball from the hand, balance comfortably on the feet. Hold the ball in the left hand. Raise the hurley to ready position with the right hand.

Throw the ball up to about shoulder height and about 12" in front of the body. Carry the left hand to lock with right hand to make the stroke.

Your hips and shoulders must rotate. The elbows will straighten out and the ball is struck at about knee height.

BUAIL É

STRIKING

To strike a stationary ball put yourself into the swing position. Rotate the hips and shoulders. Swing the arms downwards and strike the ball forcefully with the hurley bas.



ARDAIGH É

LIFTING

To lift a ball you must change your grip. The hurley is turned so that the thumbs are on the hurley on top and pointing to the bas. The toe of the hurley is pointing outwards from the body.

For the roll-lift, place the toe of the hurley on the ball. Pull the ball smartly towards you, scoop the hurley forward underneath it and the ball will roll backwards onto the bas. Keep the handle of the hurley low.

Note that the left hand is well down the hurley. Make sure the hurley is free to move at the side of the body. Keep your eyes on the ball.

The two hand jab-lift is usually done on the run. Keep the handle of the hurley very low with the left hand well down the hurley. Put the toe of the hurley about two inches in front of the ball, slide the hurley under it and lift.



BEIR AIR

CATCHING

To catch a high ball, point your fingers in the direction of the approaching ball and cup the hand. Let the ball drop into your fingers; never snap at it.

The left hand is used to catch and hold the ball. Your hand should be cupped to let the ball sit into it.

To catch a ball at hip level and downwards, point your fingers towards the approaching ball and cup the hand. Catch the ball against the fingers.

To catch the ball at waist level, let the ball travel onto your waist which you pull in on contact with it. The left hand is under the ball and clasps it to the waist.





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Fáilte Romhaibh Uilig

Gradam Tailte stars chosen

ALL COUNTIES have now named their Gradam Tailte Camogie Stars who go forward to the All-Ireland Competition for the Gradam Tailte Star of 1983.

This competition inaugurated last season proved both popular and successful and there is keener interest for this year's event at St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, on June 11.

Many well-known county players appear among the competitors.

Marion Conroy (Dublin), who recently captained the county senior team to the National League victory is a native of Laois. She has been a prominent member of Dublin teams since she won an All-Ireland medal with her school, The College, Mountmellick. She holds an Junior All-Ireland medal and three senior League medals and won the Dublin place in this competition for the second year.

ANGELA'S RECORD

Another well-known star, Angela Downey represents Kilkenny with whom she has won All-Ireland medals for Championship Senior Leagues and with her club, St. Pauls, she holds a record number of club Cham-

pionship titles. She was chosen as the B & I Camogie star of the year in 1976.

Claire Cronin has been a camogie star in Cork since her schooldays at St. Als. She holds three All-Ireland medals and won a Leir-award in her teenage years.

Una Jordan (Athenry) came to prominence during her schooldays at Presentation Convent, Athenry, with whom she won All-Ireland honours.

Una is one of Galway's senior stalwarts, who has also played for Connacht.

Geraldine O'Leary of the famous Buffer's Alley Club is a sister of Margaret's and Carolines, who have contributed so much to their club and to Wexford. She holds two All-Ireland Club Championship medals and has played on Leinster interprovincial teams.

Mary Lundy has been playing camogie for Antrim since she was fifteen but, unfortunately for her, she was not available when Antrim won their last senior championship title in 1979.

MAIN SCORER

Veronica McGreevy, better known as Bonny, hails from the Down district of An Roicht, the Kingdom of

CAMOGIE By Taobh Line

Mourne, Bonny is her county's main scorer and a most enthusiastic competitor.

Pauline McCarthy, of Old Christians, Limerick, won a junior All-Ireland medal with Limerick in 1979 and a Club Championship medal with her former club, Ballygran, in 1978.

Another All-Ireland medal holder is Lomida Fox, from Shannon, Clare. She won a junior medal with Clare in 1981 and a senior Schools medal in 1982 with Shannon Comprehensive School.

Vivienne Kelly, Louth's star goalie who won so much praise for her contribution to Louth's first All-Ireland victory in 1982, represents her club, St. Anne's and Louth.

Miriam Malone, Kildare and Broadford is a very experienced and talented player who should do well at skills.

Antoinette Brennan, Crookedwood, Westmeath, was prominent in last Sunday's Junior National League final when she

played brilliantly on the left wing.

Mary Kelly is again Wicklow's representative as is Ursula McGivern, Armagh's Margaret Daly, Kingsland Tyrone's and Mairead Ni Garrait, Kerry's.

The other stars are Alice Donohue, who attends for Moyne School, is Leitrim's representative, Marie Tierney Park (Mayo), Patricia Finneran (Roscommon), Rosaleen Mullen (Sligo), Karen Grant (Waterford), Geraldine Ryan (Tipperary), Mary Smyth, Denn, (Cavan), Marie Kilpatrick, Bellaghy (Derry), Dymna McMahon, Rosleigh, Fermanagh, Kathleen McEaney, Inniskeen (Monaghan), Marie Crawford, Loreto, (Donegal), Geraldine Bolger, Erin's Own, (Carlow), Peggie Carroll Camross (Laois), Catherine Donnelly, Kilbride (Meath).

Cork retained the Munster Senior Championship title when they beat Tipperary at Cork last Saturday. The Cork county Final should be a real thriller at Ballinlough tomorrow night when Eire Og play GlenRovers.

Both teams are well strengthened by intercounty

players Miriam Higgins, Eire Og's captain, Marian McCarthy, Mary Gearey, Eileen Dineen, Margo Twomey and Claire Kelleher have worn the Cork and Munster colours with distinction, while Deirdre Sutton, Geraldine McCarthy, Val Fitzpatrick, Ann (De la ney) O'Donovan, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Marie Ryan, Geraldine O'Donovan and Claire McCarthy are also well known inter county players on the Glen team.

Dublin completed a unique double last Sunday when they became the first county to win the Senior and Junior National Camogie Leagues.

KATHLEEN CODY

A WELCOME visitor to Dublin this week was the famed Dublin star Kathleen Cody, one of the all-time greats of the game, who received a great welcome from her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of Templeogue, Co. Dublin. Now living in Worthing, Sussex, she hit the headlines across-channel in April when she helped to rescue five people from a fire in a flat. Her heroism was recognised when she was presented to Princess Alexandra.

Who Will Be The Supreme Star ?

CAMOGIE'S "superstars" go into action on Sunday when the annual Gradam Tailte will be held at St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin.

This competition, run on the lines of "Superstars" was inaugurated last year when Antrim star centre back Jo McClements emerged victorious after a very exciting competition. Following the success of the initial venture interest is very keen for this season's competition with counties all over the country having run off their own competitions and the winning participants in intense training for at least the last six weeks.

Cork's representative for this season Clare Cronin, the star Cork centrefielder, has been taking the competition very seriously and has been seeking the help of athletics and basketball people to improve her prowess in these fields for the demanding competitions.

Other well-known camogie representatives include Angela Downey of Kilkenny, Pauline McCarthy of Limerick, Marian

Conroy of Dublin and Mary Lundy of Antrim.

The competitions involves four compulsory events two in camogie and two others — the indoor obstacle and the sprint. Then there is a choice of an outdoor obstacle race, 800 metres and a basketball section.

This is now a big event on the camogie calendar with each participant being given a trophy, and of course the winner's trophy, as well as a big night in the Gresham Hotel, where the participants and a partner will be entertained to dinner.

Last year many of the participants treated the event rather lightly, but from an early stage it was obvious that the people who had put in the hard work in advance would do well. Now, with the "superstars" in training competition is bound to be the keenest and with supporters from each county backing their star, there will be no lack of excitement.

And followers in Cork will all be behind Clare

Cronin, of St. Finbarr's who has always approached her camogie with dedication and a will to win. And with her undoubted skill and hard training she must be fancied to do well.

There are no other fixtures over the weekend because so many teams have players sitting for exams, but there are a number of under-14 league and one junior 'A' league tie listed for the coming week.

FIXTURES

(All games at 7.30 p.m.)
This evening (Friday) U 14 L, at St. Finbarrs, St. Finbarrs v Douglas (Ref. Douglas); at Inniscarra, Inniscarra v Eire Og (Ref. Eire Og).

Tuesday, U 14 L, at Coachford, Aghabullogue v Ballincollig (Ref. Ballincollig).

Wednesday 15, J.A.L. at Douglas, Ballincollig v Douglas (Ref. Eire Og).

Thursday: U 14 L, at St. Finbarrs, Nemo Rangers v St. Finbarrs (Ref. Nemo).

Sunday: Dublin, beginning 10.45 a.m. Gradam Tailte.

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Sponsorship For Camogie Event

PMPA announced their sponsorship of this year's "Gradam Tailte" for camogie players at a function in Dublin this week. The "Gradam Tailte" award is given to the best overall camogie player in the country, following a day-long series of events which are designed to test each player's skill, accuracy, stamina and speed. Every county in Ireland will be represented in this year's event, which is scheduled to take place in St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin tomorrow (Saturday).

Speaking at the function this week, Mr. Michael J. Dore, Joint Managing Director of PMPA, said that the sponsorship by PMPA of the Gradam Tailte was particularly appropriate for the company, as they had consistently supported all our national games throughout the country. "As the only 100% Irish-owned insurance company", said Mr. Dore, "I believe that this link-up is a particularly happy one. This is not the only involvement which PMPA has with the Camogie Association — as you may know we have already agreed a Personal Accident Insurance Scheme for camogie players and officials, which I'm happy to say, has met with a great response in clubs in all counties".



● At a reception to announce details of the Gradam Tailte sponsored by PMPA were (from left) Seosaimhin Nic Uaildrich, Ashley Hurley-Kerwin, Miss PMPA '83, and Seamas Mac Giolla Fhinneen, General Secretary Camogie Association.

GRADAM TAILTE



Coláiste Phádraig, Droim Chonnrach
An Satharn, 11 Meitheamh 1983

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CLARE CRONIN (left), from Cork, the 1983 winner of camogie's "Gradam Tailte," and Mary Fennelly, president of the Camogie Association.

Dublin Reach Quarter-Final

DUBLIN 4-12
DOWN 0-3

Dublin advanced to the quarter finals of the All Ireland Senior Camogie championship when they scored an easy victory over Down at Killeel yesterday.

The winners deserved their half time tally of 2-3 to Nil. Down, who were again under pressure in the second half, fought on bravely to the final whistle.

Scorers: Dublin — J. Gormley (3-1); E. Murphy (1-5); A. Colgan (0-3); M. Conroy (0-2); E. Toner (0-1). Down — T. Allen (0-2); V. McCreery (0-1).
Referee—K. Quinn (Galway).

CLAIRE WINS CUP

Claire Cronin, the Cork camogie star, won the second Gradam Tailte camogie title at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, yesterday, Angela Downey, Kilkenny, finished in second place.

WINNERS — 100m — Patricia Finneran (Roscommon); **Outdoor Obstacle Race** — Claire Cronin (Cork); **Basketball** — Patricia Finneran; **Gym Test** — Claire Cronin; **Indoor Obstacle Race** — Angela Downey (Kilkenny); **Camogie Skills—Test 1**—Claire Cronin; **Test 2**—Pat McCarthy (Limerick); **Test 3** — Tie between Rosaleen Mullan (Sligo) and Patricia Finneran.

PIPPED AT THE POST

ANGELA DOWNEY was just pipped at the post on Saturday for the national camogie superstars title when she was beaten by two points by the winner, Claire Cronin of Cork.

Surprisingly it was the camogie skills event where Angela lost valuable points after



she had come out on top in the 100m sprint and the indoor obstacle event.

The Ballyragget girl collected only four points from a possible 30 points in the three camogie skills events - two points for soloing and dribbling, and two for the poc fada. She failed to score any of the 30 yard frees as she faced the Cork goalie, who blocked her five shots at goal.

Five events - 100m, indoor obstacle race and three camogie skills events - were compulsory, while the ladies could pick two events from the 800m, basketball, gym tests and outdoor obstacles race.

Angela's eventual tally of 35 points came from: 800m 3rd position, four points; indoor obstacle race, 1st place, 10 points; basketball, second place, seven points; 100m, first place, 10 points; camogie skills, four points.

The Cork girl won the 800m and gym tests, and scored a vital 17 points in the camogie skills section. She enjoyed a lead of two points going into the latter section and it was expected that Angela Downey would come out on top here to pip her for the top spot.

Claire Cronin has won numerous camogie awards including three senior all-Ireland medals, two minor all-Ireland medals, seven Munster championship medals and a senior colleges medal.

A representative from all 32 counties took part in the competition, which was last year won by an Antrim girl. This year the Superstars or Gradham Tailte competition received a major filip with the generous sponsorship of PMPA.

At a dinner in the Gresham hotel on Saturday night Miss Mary Fennelly, president of the Camogie Association presented the perpetual trophy to the winner who said she reckoned Angela Downey despite losing the competition was still the best player in Ireland. Also present at the dinner was Joe Moore, chairman of the PMPA.

Trophies for all the participants were sponsored by a Dublin jewellers firm.

Angela was represented as *Player of the Year* last season in Kilkenny and was selected on that basis to represent her county in the competition. Next year it is hoped to run a Superstars competition at county level to decide who will go forward to the national level tests. This was the second year for the competition to be held.

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Camogie Superstar

Munster, Cork and St. Finbarr's Clare Cronin is Camogie's Super Star. In Dublin's St. Patrick's Training College on Saturday she won the Association's Gradam Tailte (sponsored

by PMPA) by two points from Kilkenny's ace player Angela Downey.

After an extremely tight and up and down struggle the Cork girl finished with

a total of 33 points.

Clare won the outdoor obstacle race the Gym and Camogie skills tests as well as gaining minor placings in other events.

Other results - 800m and basketball P. Finneran (Roscommon) 100m. and indoor obstacle race - A. Downey (Kilkenny). The Poc Fada was won by Limerick's Pat McCarthy.



Picture shows Clare with the trophy, Mr. Joe Moore, chairman, PMPA Insurance Company, and Mary Fennelly (right), president of the Camogie Association.

BOOKS for everyone

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CAMOGIE

COACHING BOOK II

THE COACH IN ACTION



Mary Moran

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CAMOGIE — COACHING BOOK II by Mary Moran (Camogie Association) £2.00

In today's sport coaching plays a vital part and the Camogie Association has not been lagging behind on this aspect of the game. In 1978 the Association produced its first Coaching Book, which was written by the two national coaches, Mary Moran of Cork and Ann Carroll of Kilkenny. That first coaching book placed the emphasis on the player and has proven an invaluable asset throughout the camogie world.

Now the Association has gone one step further with its Coaching Book II, which is geared towards the role of the coach. This publication, written by Mary Moran — on her own this time — contains practical advice based on the experience of the author.

The subjects covered in the book include, "The Coach in Action," "Practice Sessions," "Organising at Inter-County Level," "Skill Exercises," "Combining Skills" and "Variations on the Game of Camogie."

The section on skill exercises will assist in bridging the gap between the demonstration stage of learning a skill and reaching proficiency in performing same, while "Variations on the Game" is suited to the school or club with limited playing facilities. This may also be used to avoid boredom in training, or in certain cases, to counteract faults in team play.

These are just examples of the sections, which all carry instructive information.

The author, Mary Moran, needs no introduction to camogie followers as she has been one of the game's most successful, as well as

dedicated administrators for many years.

Mary has travelled over the country in her capacity as National Coach so her skill and experience in this field are well known. She is also the National P.R.O., as well as being National Secretary of the All-Ireland Camogie Council.

And, of course, she was National President of the Association for three years up to 1982.

The book, which is entitled *Camogie — Coaching Book II* is now available. It is a beautifully produced affair, with an abundance of clear diagrams which illustrate most clearly, the very many aspects of coaching. It is reasonably priced at £2.00 and must be a publication which every club, school, community, or coach, interested in camogie should have.

Jean Morley



Guide for camogie coaches



St. Raphael's, Loughrea who won the First Year Post Primary County Camogie Cup. Standing (left to right): Noleen Flynn, Denise Tuohy, Eileen Finn, Dorothy Leahy, Sharon Meagher, Teresa Molloy, Noleen Curley, Regina Dempsey, Anne Grogan, Marie Carty, Mary Murray. Front row: Caroline Donohue, Margaret Harvey, Rita Dolan, Mary Dolphin, Marlene Linnane, Margaret Warde, Anne Warde, Carmel Ryan.

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Bishopstown camogie team, Cork, which will represent Cork in the All-Ireland Feile na nGael Finals in Dublin next weekend. Included is Pat Murray, trainer (left) and officials. (Echo)

Bishopstown

To Represent

Cork At Feile

THE Bishopstown U-14 camogie team will be this year's Cork representatives at the National Feile na nGael finals, which take place in Dublin this weekend.

From an original entry of 14 teams, the Bishopstown girls emerged victorious in the Cork Feile for the second time in three years, having also won the Cork area final in 1981.

In their qualifying section Bishopstown accounted for a spirited Eire Og team in the opening match and then defeated Na Piarasigh by a goal in a closely contested game. In the semi-final they overcame a physically stronger Watergrasshill side by 3-2, 0-3, while Killeagh proved far too strong for Blackrock in the other semi-final.

Despite conceding an early goal in the final, Bishopstown had a comfortable winning margin over the Killeagh girls — 5-2, 2-1. The Bishopstown captain Bernie Power was presented with the cup by Miss Mary O'Callaghan, Chairperson, Cork Camogie Board.

The Cork representatives have trained hard for the trip to Dublin where they will be hosted by the Kilmore club. Their Secretary is Tim Cronin, a former senior hurler with St. Finbarr's in Cork and brother of well-known Cork referee Paddy Cronin.

The Cork girls will be accompanied by Jean Kent of Na Piarasigh Club. She is Cork's representative in the individual skills competition.

In 1981 Bishopstown reached the final of the Feile in Galway, but lost by a point to Marino, Dublin. Many of that team have given of their spare time to training and coaching this year's side, along with team coach Pat Murray.

Pictured below is the team at the City Hall when they paid a visit to the Lord Mayor Ald. Hugh Coveney T.D. Also included are parents, Mary O'Callaghan, Chairperson, Cork Camogie Board, Pat Murray, Bishopstown, Team Manager, and Jean Kent of Na Piarasigh, who also represents Cork in the Individual Skills Competition at Feile. ("Echo")



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Antrin out of luck on double

THE SENIOR All-Ireland Camogie Championship (Open-Draw), which gave a surprise result in the opening game last Sunday when favourites Galway were eliminated by Tipperary, continues on Sunday with two games listed.

Cork, the All-Ireland champions start out against Antrim, who must take the long road to the Leaside (Blackrock, 3.0), which for them is unlucky, as they have made a habit of meeting these Corkonians in first round championship games.

It is also unlucky for Antrim in that their star goalie Carol Blaney is not available this Sunday.

Cork are also going to be understrength as Mary O'Leary, Cathy Landers and Angela Higgins are on the injured list and the 1983 All-Ireland Gradam Tailte star, Claire Cronin, will need the week's rest to recover from her activities in last Saturday's competition.

Carol is a great loss to the Antrim girls and the absence of Jackie McAtamney, who has gone to America is another blow.

On Cork's line-out, Marion Sweeney, Marion McCarthy, the goalie, Eileen Dineen, Mary Geaney, Geraldine McCarthy and Miss Gradam Tailte 1983, Claire Cronin are all in top form.

DUBS TRAVEL

In the second game listed Dublin travel to Kilkeel (3.30) to play Down.

The Metropolitan, who won the senior National League at the end of May, played the Mournesiders in that competition in early May.

The game was played in Russell Park and Dublin took the points after a very keen game.

Dublin will not need to take any chances in this contest. They have selected a strong side with all their usual stars available.

Yvonne Redmond, in goal, her two sisters Ann the full-back and Barbara left wing were in top form during the League campaign.

Bernie Toner is very effective at centre-back, Mary Mernagh and Una Crowley the other two midfielders are fine strikers both on the ground and in the air while Marion Conroy, Joan Gormley, Edel Murphy and Ann Colgan combine well in attack.

Down have their stars also. News that Stephanie Kelly their brilliant defender may not be fit is disturbing for their mentors but the McCarton sisters and Cathy O'Hehir are in fine form for the defence.

Other stars on the side are Teresa Allen, Noreen O'Prey, Nuala McGrady and last Saturday's Gradam Tailte contestant Bonny McGreevey who is a very strong forward.

Claire Cronin, a star since her schooldays when she won a Levi Award and an All-Ireland Schools Senior award, was a worthy winner of the 1983 Gradam Tailte Award.

The new All-Ireland Camogie star plays on the right wing for Cork and has won three All-Ireland Senior championship medals, two minor medals with her county as well as eight senior Munster trophies.

She has been on Munster teams and holds one senior Gael-Linn medal.

The keen and friendly rivalry between Cork and Kilkenny was again part of the excitement of the whole competition. Angela Downey who finished two points behind the winner (37-35) was also in top form.

SAD EXIT OF CORK'S OPPONENTS

CORK were due to play their first round All-Ireland Championship against Antrim on Sunday next, but news has come through that Antrim cannot field a team, which means that Cork are through to the second round.

It is sad that Antrim cannot get a team on the field as they have battled against all the odds down through the years and in fact won the All-Ireland crown as recently as 1979.

Cork are holders of the title and followers had been looking forward to the first round tie with Antrim. But now it's off.

However one first round tie will be played on Sunday when Dublin meet Down at Hillview, Co. Down, and here the easterners, who only went down to Cork after a replay in last year's final, must be expected to advance.

There are no club fixtures for the coming week-end but one club will be

very busy. That is the Bishopstown under-14 side, who will be representing Cork in the National Feile Na nGael finals in Dublin the following week-end. They are training very hard and their mentors are hard at work in fund-raising for the event, no easy task when one considers the amount of finance needed for a Thursday to Monday trip for a party of 22 players and mentors to Dublin.

Finally, our national coach Mary Moran has asked me to give notice of the national coaching course which she will be holding in Gormanstown from July 1 to 3. All those interested in attending should contact the County Board or Mary herself as soon as possible.

FIXTURES

Sunday — All-Ireland Championship first round: At Hillview (Co. Down), Dublin v. Down, 3 p.m.

Tough test for holders

CAMOGIE
By Taobh Line

CAMOGIE was introduced into Feile na nGael, the All-Ireland Competition for Under-14 players, in 1974.

Since then the titles have gone to the following Counties, Ahane (Limerick) 1974, Knockanna (Wicklow) 1975, Na Piarasigh (Cork) 1976, Killeagh (Cork) 1977, Croagh-Kilfinny (Limerick) 1978, Woodville Dublin (1979-80) and Marino (Dublin) (1981-2).

Dublin are hosting the Competition for the second year in succession this week-end when the champions of twenty-one counties participate with twenty-six Dublin clubs who host the visitors.

STRONGEST

The strongest counties and clubs play in Division I and Division II and III comprise the remaining according to standards.

The competition which started with six teams in 1974 has gone from strength to strength and each year more counties are getting involved.

The holders, Marino, were very hard pressed by St. Finbarrs, Cork in last year's decider.

Excellent games are again anticipated between such

teams as Bishopstown (Cork) and their hosts Killeagh; between Marino and St. Flannans (Clare), and the Na Fianna and Granagh (Limerick).

NOT EASY

Woodville, who host Templeport (Cavan), may not get it easy from the Breffni champions who won a Community Games title a few years ago.

An Caislean entertain the Shamrocks Kilkenny who have a cousin of the President, Miss Mary Fennelly, on their team.

Sarsfield (Galway) who had a keen final against Na Piarasigh at home travel hopefully to Fingallians and Leixlip should match the Wexford representatives, Ballindaggin well.

St. Dominics, Roscommon, and Camerons Park are expected to have a keen first round game.

FULL LIST

The full list of fixtures are: All games at nearest host venue 10 a.m. The remaining rounds are arranged

for the Camogie Grounds Phoenix Park.

Division 1 — Kilkenny v. Bishopstown; Camerons Park v. St. Dominics; Roscommon v. Na Fianna; Granagh (Limerick) v. Na Piarasigh; Shamrocks Kilkenny v. Fingallians; Sarsfield (Galway) v. Leixlip; Ballindaggin (Dublin) v. Marino; St. Flannans (Clare) v. Woodville; Templeport (Cavan) v. Woodville.

Division 2 — Sligo v. Ballyduff; Waterford v. Gals v. Deirdre; Antrim v. Towers v. Annascahan; Crumlin v. Rathfriland; Meath v. St. Anne's; Dunfermline v. Offaly; Kilmacud Crokes v. Limerick; St. Patrick's v. Eunan; (Donegal); Good Counsel v. Ballyna (Kildare).

Division 3 — Clanna Gael; Fingallians v. Naomh Barrois; St. Priscilla's v. Sligo; Sligo v. Sarsfield v. St. (Kerry); Whitehall; Colmcille's Leixlip; (Donegal); Oliver Plunkett's v. Dunfermline; Meath; Naomh Brid v. Madden; (Armagh); Craobh Chaitian v. Parke; (Mayo); Raheny v. Seamus.

The Division I semi-finals are fixed for Phoenix Park (3.0) and the finals of Division II and III are arranged for the same venue (3.45 and 5.45).

The Division I final will be played at Croke Park on Sunday (4.05).

SENIOR TESTS

The way is now clear for the Senior Championship quarter-finals. The Champions (Cork), who got a walk-over, will play Limerick at home to Wexford on 17.

The other two games will be played at Croke Park on 17.

Cork Begin Defence Of Munster Title

THE Cork Junior team, who lost by the narrowest of margins to Louth in last year's All Ireland Championship Final begin the defence of their Munster Crown at Patrickswell tomorrow evening (Sat) when they meet Limerick in the first round.

Bishopstown will also be away this weekend as their Under 14 side represent Cork in the Feile na nGael Finals in Dublin.

There are no local fixtures for the coming week. Seven of the Cork team which lost to Louth by that single point last September will be in the side which meets Limerick tomorrow. These include the entire backline, with the exception of goalie Eileen Barrett, one midfielder, and two forwards.

Last year's goalie, Eileen Barrett, was not available for selection so Marie O'Sullivan of St. Finbarr's gets her chance between the posts. She will be fronted en bloc by last year's defence of Mary Maher, Joan Shannon, Liz Dunphy and Margo Twomey.

There are two newcomers at midfield, where Finola Broderick of St. Finbarrs and Irene O'Leary of Na Piarasigh play on the wings, where they join Mary O'Donovan who retains her place at full centre.

Bernie Murphy of Ballinora comes in to the side at centre forward and will have the honour of captain-

ing the side. She will be joined in the attack by another newcomer Una O'Connor of Blackrock and last year's duo of Clare Higgins and Lilian Zinkant.

Besides Eileen Barrett the other four missing from last year's side are Patsy Keniry who has been promoted to the senior panel, Stephanie Curtin, still recovering from injury, but named as a reserve, and Ann Marie Landers and Ann Leahy, also named as substitutes.

The remaining reserves are Carmel Hinchion, Sarah Murphy, Eileen Noonan, Marie Power, Shelly Spillane, Mary Ring and Regina Scouts.

Limerick on home soil will not be easy to overcome. Cork did have a good win over them last season and will be hoping that they can repeat this performance. However, they can expect tougher opposition this time as Limerick are determined to do well and with excellent players in Breda Murphy, Catriona Keane, Marguiretta Guiry, Debby Cleary and Teresa Byrne in the side, Cork can expect a tough battle, but they should come out on top at the end of the day.

Bishopstown left for Dublin yesterday to represent Cork in the Feile na nGael Finals. This is the second time in three years that the Bishopstown girls have represented the county and on the last occasion they only lost the final by a single point to

Marino of Dublin. This time they are hoping to go a step further and bring the Feile Trophy back to Cork. However, they are a very young side - eight of them will be underage again next year, so the going is bound to be tough.

However, in the Cork Area finals, they proved quite experienced, with fine wins over Eire Og, Na Piarasigh, Watergrasshill and were particularly impressive against a very good Killeagh team in the final.

The actual games in the Feile will not begin until Saturday morning when Bishopstown will have their first outing against their host club Kilmore. It will be a knockout competition, and although Bishopstown will expect to win against Kilmore, competition is bound to get tougher as the day goes on. But if they can survive their three games on Saturday they will play the final in Croke Park, a marvelous experience for any camogie player.

The Bishopstown panel for the Feile is: Bernie Power, Carol Enright, Una Buckley, Vicky Coleman, Sheenagh Morley, Shirley Callanan, Nuala Hobbs, Aine Buckley, Deirdre Carroll, Zena O'Riordan, Deirdre Long, Mary O'Shea, Brid Corcoran, Judith Coughlan, Evelyn Mahon, Bernie Hayes, Theresa Geary, Dorothy O'Mahony, Fiona Harte, Karen Higgins, Joanne O'Flynn, Leon Collins.

Na Piarasigh will also be represented at the Feile as their young star Jean Paula Kent is representing Cork in the Skills Final. Jean Paula is a very talented and stylish player who should do well in Dublin.

FIXTURES

Dublin: Saturday and Sunday; Feile na nGael. Saturday at Patrickswell: Munster Senior Championship (First Round), Cork v Limerick, 7 p.m. Bus leaves Grand Parade at 4.45 p.m.

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The Cuchulainn Club from Crumlin march past the G.P.O. in Dublin during the annual Feile na Gael parade in O'Connell Street. (Pictures by Donal Doherty)

Lilliputian army on the march

It's Sarsfields

SARSFIELD 3-4
ST. DOMINICS 1-1

Sarsfields made history when they took the first Feile na nGael title to Galway and Connacht when they defeated neighbours St. Dominics (Roscommon) in the final at Croke Park yesterday.

The winners, the more skilful side, led 2-3 to 0-1 at half time and had two outstanding players in Deirdre Costello and Brid Stratford who got all their scores.

Scorers: Sarsfields — D. Costelloe (2-1); B. Stratford (1-3). St. Dominics — C. Cunningham (1-0); M. Gannon (0-1).

Dublin shatter Louth

DUBLIN 8-7, LOUTH 0-2

DUBLIN qualified for the Leinster Camogie Championship final by defeating a very disappointing Louth side in a one sided game at Philipstown yesterday. Although Louth had shown much promise during their league campaign they were never in contention in this game and were totally outclassed by a more determined and skilful Dublin side.

Dublin dominated throughout and indeed their winning margin could have

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been much greater but for some poor finishing.

SCORERS — Dublin — A. Colgan (4-0), J. Gormley (3-0), M. Conroy (1-2), E. Murphy (0-3), U. Crowley (0-2). Louth — N. Maguire (0-1), T. Bates (0-1).

Leinster W. 14—Dublin 2-1; Cavan 0-2.

Dublin Inter A championship final—Naomh Aoife 5-4; Kilmacud Crookes 2-0.

Wicklow—Senior C. final — Avoca 2-3; Glenash 0-0.

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Coaching course highlight

By TAOBH LINE

THERE are no senior championship fixtures this weekend as the National Coaching Course is arranged for Gormanston College starting on Friday evening and continuing until Sunday evening.

Miss Mary Moran, the national coach, will direct the course and will have as her assistants Mrs. Rosina McManus (Antrim) and Mr. Paddy Maher (Wicklow), both Grade A coaches.

Miss Moran has recently published the second book on coaching. It is packed with ideas and sketched out suggestions for skill-training and should be in the possession of all young players who wish to improve their play.

The course at Gormanston will also receive a new aid. In recent weeks, Kelloggs Ireland Ltd. have sponsored an attractive coaching chart for the Camogie Association.

The chart in three colours demonstrates (1) the correct grip and how to attain it; (2) the stroke and how to use the body and arms to get the best results; (3) lifting a ball, with detailed smaller pictures demonstrating how to place the stick on the ball to roll it on to the stick before striking it away and (4) catching and how to position the fingers to cup the approaching ball, either in the air or at waist high level.

The chart will be made available to schools at the beginning of the new term in September and should

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prove to be of good promotional value.

Prospective coaches are coming to Gormanston from all over the country and they hope to return to their native counties with the expertise to train their local teams. If they gain that level they are awarded a Grade "C" badge.

Many return again to go a step higher and to gain a Grade "B" status, which is a recognised grade to coaching county teams. The top Grade "A" qualifies the recipients to give a full scale coaching course.

There are some inter-county games organised in Leinster where the Senior Championship semi-finals, Louth versus Dublin, Phil-

lipstown (2.30) and Kilkenny versus Wexford, at Tullagher (7.00) are arranged.

Both games should give the participants a preview of their form for the Senior Championship next month.

Also in Leinster, the Under 14 semi-finals are down for decision. Dublin play Cavan at Russell Park (2.30) and Offaly entertain Wexford at Birr (3.0). Both games are arranged for Saturday.

Congratulations to the Feile Camogie Committee who organised the whole weekend so well. The idea of playing all the games, after the first round, at Phoenix Park, was most successful and certainly the weatherman was very co-operative.

It was a real festival day at the Camogie Grounds

where thirty-two games were played without a hitch.

It was a great day for Connaught Camogie fans. They ended up the day with Sarsfields (Galway and St. Dominics (Roscommon) reaching the final of Division One. Sarsfields took the first Feile title home to Galway while St. Dominics, the winners of the best dressed team award, did not go home empty-handed.

In the Division Three final Parke (Mayo) won their first title also when they defeated Spa (Kerry).

Crumlin kept the flag flying for Dublin by taking the Division II honours. Ann Paula Kent (Na Piarsaigh, Cork) won the skills trophy and the Bannan awards went to Whitehall Gaels (host county) and Anacurra Wicklow (visitors).

Runaway win for Cork girls

Cork 13-5
Tipperary 1-1

Cork had a runaway victory over Tipperary in the Munster minor camogie final at Cashel on Saturday night. The winners, who led 8-3 to 0-0 at the interval were superior in all sectors. But in fairness to the losers, most of them were playing together for the first time.

Star performer for the winners was the St. Finbarr's player Paula Cleary, who contributed a massive 7-4 to the final tally. She was ably assisted by Linda Mellerick who also gave an outstanding display.

Scores for Cork: P. Cleary 7-4, L. Mellerick 3-1, G. Kent 2-0, U. Leahy 1-0. Tipperary: J. Tobin 1-0, T. Bonnar 0-1.

Cork—F. McCarthy, K. O'Keefe, L. Towler, N. Coughlan, P. Morgan, E. Healy, C. O'Mahony (capt.), D. Christy, G. Kent, B. O'Sullivan, P. Cleary, L. Mellerick. Subs. D. Deane for F. McCarthy, U. Leahy for P. Cleary.

Tipperary—N. Bonnar, J. Fanning, N. O'Dwyer, D. Feehan, M. Moloney, T. Bonnar, S. Conlon, P. Seymour (capt.), P. Scully, A. M. Fanning, F. Kennedy, E. Shanahan. Subs. D. Butler for N. Bonnar, J. Tobin for P. Scully.

Referee: Rose Mackey (Glen Rovers). Rose O'Leary, vice-chairman Cork County Board, presented the Cup to the Cork captain Colette O'Mahony and congratulated the team on their brilliant victory.

WEXFORD TO BEAT LOUTH

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The big camogie game this weekend is the quarter-final of the senior championship between Louth and Wexford at Phillipstown (3.0).

Both counties have had an outing in the Leinster championship semi-finals. Louth went down decisively to senior league winners Dublin, while Wexford were beaten by Kilkenny by just two points.

Wexford, motivated by their showing in the senior league, in which they reached the final against Dublin and also encouraged by their good performance against Kilkenny are very keen to reach the All-Ireland final for the first time since 1977.

Wexford last won the title in 1975 when they beat Cork 4-3 to 2-1 in the final. On that occasion the winning captain was Greta (Kehoe) Quigley, who got married on the previous day.

I call this to mind because Sunday's quarter final was originally fixed for Sunday week, but at the request of the Wexford board the date was changed to facilitate Elsie Walsh, who is getting married to Kilkenny hurler, Brian Cody, next Saturday.

The winners of this tie play the winners of the Cork-Clare match in the first semi-final. Tipperary, who ousted Galway, are listed to play Limerick on Sunday week and the winners of that game will meet the winners of the Dublin-Kilkenny tie (July 24) in the second semi-final.

Also down for decision on Sunday are the first of the junior and minor (Willwood Talteann) Leinster semi-finals

between Kilkenny and Westmeath.

The second set of semi-finals in these grades will be played on Sunday week between Wexford and Dublin.

Wexford in control

WEXFORD 5-6, LOUTH 0-2

WEXFORD had a convincing win over Louth in their first game in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship. Louth, although lacking the services of their regular goalie, Vivian Kelly, settled quickly, and a tight defence held the Wexford girls scoreless for the first ten minutes.

In the second half Wexford began to play with the skill and determination which they showed earlier in their League campaign when they reached the National League final.

Scores — Wexford—A. Reddy (2-1), C. Murphy (2-1), T. Codd (1-1), E. Walsh (0-2), G. O'Leary (0-1). Louth—A. Harrington and K. Sharkey (0-1 each).

New Coaching Book

Mary Moran, National Coach, and a former All Ireland senior medalist with Cork, has provided a valuable aid to those engaged in coaching in camogie with her new publication **CAMOGIE — COACHING BOOK II, THE COACH IN ACTION.**

This is a very readable and well produced book running to 61 pages, covering all aspects of coaching and enhanced by a series of diagrams that do much to bring home in striking terms the many skill exercises presented in the publication.

There are nine separate chapters, ranging from the coach in action and practice sessions, to set-ups for skill exercises and games and variations of camogie.

I like the way that each chapter is also divided into separate sections. This makes for easy reading and quick reference.

In the chapter on the coach in action, Ms Moran makes the very telling point:

"It is not easy to view a game critically. An objective eye has to be developed and the interest detached from the result or the fate of the team you follow."

That is a telling observation that is applicable not only to camogie, but to many of us following sport in general. It is also the type of sound sense and critical approach by Miss Moran that marks out this book as a must for anyone involved at any level with coaching in camogie. Indeed, coaches in other sports might well profit from studying the book.

At only £2 per copy, the book is excellent value.

"Camogie — Coaching Book II. The Coach in Action. By Mary Moran, National Coach, Cumann Camogaoiltha na nGael.

40 YEARS AGO

NAOMH BRIGID qualified for the final of the Cork City Junior Camogie Championship when they scored a 1-1 to 1-0 win over Rathpeacon in the semi-final at Victoria Cross. K. McGrath (1-0) and E. Barry (0-1) scored for the winners, while M. Cronin scored Rathpeacon's goal.

Killeagh's lesson for the powers-that-be

Camogie has come on by leaps and bounds in recent times: KEVIN CASHMAN visits a club which typifies this development.

THE standard of camogie is today higher than ever it has been since Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael was founded in 1904. In an interview last September, Orla Ni Riain of Dublin summarised the matter neatly enough by contrasting the comprehensiveness and virtuosity of today's strokeplay with the almost monotonous ground pulling of Dublin teams which, throughout the '50s and early '60s, found it easy enough to win and retain titles against opposition which used the same methods less proficiently.

Doubters of the magnitude of the improvement since those years should have been last autumn's semi-final and replay between Cork and Kilkenny, and especially the period of extra time. Cathy Landers of Cork made of those twenty minutes a celebration of the skills of hurling. From her position at centre back, she doubled three overhead balls deep into Kilkenny's lines. She met daisycutters first time and sent them back with generous interest. She deadened the sliotar with a single touch and, from left and right, sent sweeping true-hit drives away to her inside forwards.

Cathy Landers, Marian



Sweeney, Pat Linehan and Marie O'Donovan have a score of All Ireland medals between them. The quartet is the gift of the parish of Killeagh to camogie and Cork. The little village lies astride the placid Deisuir stream in the east of the green and pleasant barony of Imokilly. Its May festival, with origins in Druidic times, was, not so long ago, one of the greatest revels on the calendar of Cork county. Maybe it will revive when they begin commemorating the fact that at it, sometime in the early Thirties, Christy Ring playing in goal, won his first trophy.

The Killeagh camogie club is an exemplar and an exaltation of the twin fundamentals of true amateurism: the first of which is that you are never paid for playing, and the second that you always pay for your own playing. In Killeagh

there are no travelling or any other "expenses" for players or mentors; no reimbursement for time taken off work or lost overtime. And everyone pays for her own hurleys and gear. The game that is worth playing is worth paying for.

They have their own pitch and facilities, and to get them they didn't wheedle for state aid or local authority grants, or any other handouts — club and community just got on with it. And the adventure of the *meitheal* has been rewarded.

Three times in succession they've won the Cork and Munster senior club championship. They won the All Ireland in 1980 and were unluckily beaten, when under strength, in the finals of '81 and '82. They won Feile na nGael — the All Ireland under-14 championship — in 1975, and the All Ireland seven-a-side trophy in 1981.

IT HAS always seemed axiomatic to the present writer that the propagation of hurling, male and female, requires the organisational ability, the spirit of purpose and the clear principles of those who have given Killeagh its club and its achievements. And, thence, that hurling will never reap the full fruits of the talents of such people while they are operating in separate organisations, and while responsibility for propagation of

the game among men lies with a body half of whose brief is the promotion of a game — gaelic football — which is clearly and continuously obstructive of hurling's development.

An organisation having hurling only on its charter, and constituted of women and men radically dedicated to pushing the game to new frontiers of skill and

geography, is needed. by Cork in last year's championship final. And they are largely the same team which defeated Cork in the league final of '81. The selections are not to hand as we write, but if Yvonne Redmond, Ann Condon, Orla Ni Riain, Barbara Redmond and their comrades attain their normal form it should be enough to see them through.

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Jean Kent, 65, Knockpogue Avenue, Cork, winner of the U-14 All-Ireland Hurling Skills at Feile na Gael was received by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. John Dennehy, at the City Hall, yesterday. On left is Dan Wallace T.D. and right Mrs. Noreen Kent.

Cork win with a late rally

Cork 1-8
Clare 1-7

THOUGH neither side yielded all through the game, victory was achieved only by a last minute rally when Cork took the Munster junior camogie title by defeating Clare at Churchfield, Shannon on Saturday evening.

The determination and power of the Clare girls who led by a point at half-time (0-4 to 0-3) stunned the Leesiders for long periods of the play. Again, in the second half, Clare dominated play and when Noleen Quinn raised the green flag after five minutes supporters of the home side drew confident of victory.

Cork, however, battled on and when Lilian Zinkant, star of the game, crashed home a great goal it propelled an eagerness to win that Clare were unable to repel despite a valiant effort.

Liz Dunphy at half-back rendered unshakable service to Cork. Mary O'Donovan at centrefield displayed

great skill and Joan Shannon who moved from wing back to wing forward was always an inspiration to her team mates. Anne Leahy had many fine moments and, of course, Lilian Zinkant by her tally of 1-4 contributed in a major way to Cork's victory.

Clare's wing forward Maura McNicholls was outstanding; Noleen Quinn had also a great game along with Clare Naughton, Cora Fahy and Caroline McNamara. Jackie Malone gave a fine display of goal-keeping for Clare.

CORK — M O'Sullivan, M Twoomey, M Maher, J Shannon, L Dunphy, I O'Leary, A Leahy, O'Donovan, B Murphy (Capt), U O'Connor, L Zinkant, S Curtin. Subs. A Landers for B Murphy, M Ring for U O'Connor. CLARE: J Malone, C McNamara, G O'Dea, G Morey, H Cusack, A Daly, M Fahy, T Naughton, M McNicholls, J Mullins, N Quinn, K Naughton. Subs. J Mullen for C O'Dea, P Ryan for P Naughton.

Scorers: Cork — L Zinkant 1-4, I O'Leary 0-1, L Dunphy 0-1, A Leahy 0-2; Clare: N Quinn 1-1, M McNicholls 0-6.

Referee: M Lynch, Limerick.

Longford: A Camogie Board has been formed in Longford with the following officers: Mrs Ann Flanagan, Kenagh (chairperson); Ignatius Gallagher, Mostrim (vice-chair); Mrs Carmel McCormack, Ballymahon (secretary); Mrs Hourican, Longford (treasurer); Mrs Bridie Dillon, Ballymahon (PRO).

The affiliation of Longford now means that all twelve Leinster counties are now affiliated to the Camogie Association.

Cork Girls Take On Tipperary

THE Cork junior team, which lost to Louth by the narrowest of margins in last year's All-Ireland Championship final, will face the second hurdle in defence of their Munster crown when they meet Tipperary at Mitchelstown this evening.

In a long list of local fixtures for the coming week there are three senior League ties listed including what should be a most exciting encounter between last year's County champions Killeagh and the new champions Glen Rovers.

Cork were very disappointed when they lost to Louth in last season's All-Ireland decider and this year are determined to take that vital step further and take the crown.

In their first round Munster Championship tie against Limerick they showed how keen they really are with a marvellous win and this evening they will be expected to repeat that success with a resounding victory over

Tipperary.

This is a very strong Cork side with talent and experience in all sectors. Marie O'Sullivan is a fine goalie, while defenders Joan Shannon, Mary Maher, Margo Twomey and Liz Dunphy are all excellent performers.

The centrefield trio of Ann Leahy, Patsy Keniry and Irene O'Leary, will be hard to beat, while the forwards — Bernie Murphy, Una O'Connor, Lilian Zinkant and Stephanie Curtin, are all capable of being matchwinners in their own right.

The Tipperary team was not available at the time of writing but they should be able to field quite a useful side. However, with Cork playing as they are at present it is difficult to see how Tipperary can hold them. However, Cork should not take too much for granted, as champions always have their "major surprises" and this county would not want to be on the wrong end of such an event.

Cork: M. O'Sullivan, J. Shannon, M. Maher, M. Twomey, L. Dunphy, A. Leahy, P. Keniry, I. O'Leary, B. Murphy, U. O'Connor, L. Zinkant, S. Curtin.

Subs: E. Noonan, C. Henchion, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, F. Broderick, M. Ring, R. Scutts, C. Higgins.

It will be interesting to see how new County champions, Glen Rovers, fare against former champions Killeagh when these sides meet in the Senior League on Wednesday next. These teams did not meet in the "County" as it was defeated finalists, Eire Og, who put Killeagh out, so a win over the former champions would really establish Glen as the best team in the county.

And with Glen in a position to call on such top players as Deirdre Coleman, Ann O'Donovan, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Ger McCarthy, and company, and Killeagh having

Marian Sweeney, Marie O'Donovan, Ann Marie Landers, and Shelly Spillane, then a thriller must be on the cards here.

There are two senior league ties also listed for Tuesday, and again they are intriguing pairings. New seniors St. Finbarr's meet Sarsfields in what should be an interesting battle between two young sides, while the clash between Na Piarasigh and Aghabullogue should also be well worth watching.

And talking of Na Piarasigh, congratulations go to their brilliant young star Jean Paula Kent, who won the Individual Skills competition at the Feile na nGael Finals in Dublin. Jean had a most impressive win in the finals and is surely one of the brightest prospects on the camogie scene for some time.

The Junior "B" Championship Draw has been made and is: "A": Cloughduv v. Courcy Rovers; "B": St. Fanahans v. Bride Rovers; "C": Castleknock v. Ballygarvan; "D": Araglen v. Churchtown; "E": Watergrasshill v. Eire Og; "F": Bishopstown v. Sarsfields; "G": Fr. Mathews v. Blackrock; "H": Fr. O'Neills v. St. Catherine's; "I": Winners "A" v. "F"; "J": "C" v. "K"; "H" v. "D"; "L": "G" v. "B"; semi-finals: "I" v. "K" and "J" v. "L".

Castleknock v. Ballygarvan; "D": Araglen v. Churchtown; "E": Watergrasshill v. Eire Og; "F": Bishopstown v. Sarsfields; "G": Fr. Mathews v. Blackrock; "H": Fr. O'Neills v. St. Catherine's; "I": Winners "A" v. "F"; "J": "C" v. "K"; "H" v. "D"; "L": "G" v. "B"; semi-finals: "I" v. "K" and "J" v. "L".

FIXTURES

TONIGHT (FRIDAY)

At C.B.S. Mitchelstown, M.J.C. semi-final: Cork v. Tipperary, 7.30 p.m.
U-16L (all 7.30 p.m.): Watergrasshill v. Fr. O'Neills at Watergrasshill (ref. Sarsfields); Old Aloysians v. Nemo Rangers at Old Als (ref. Bishopstown); Brian Dillon v. Blackrock at Brian Dillon's (ref. Glen Rovers); Bishopstown v. Na Piarasigh at Bishopstown (ref. St. Finbarrs).

TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

J.B.L. at Castleknock: Fr. O'Neills v. Castleknock, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Fr. O'Neills).

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Limerick hope to recapture 1978 form in quarter-final against Tipperary

TIPP FAIL TO SHOW UP

The Tipperary team failed to turn up for the Munster camogie junior championship semi-final at Mitchelstown C.B.S. sportsfield last evening. Late in the afternoon Tipperary officials informed Cork that they could not field the team.

While the matter has yet to go before the Munster Council for a decision it is expected that Cork will go through to the final to be held in a week's time.

THE second quarter-final of the Senior Championship between Tipperary and Limerick will be decided at Cappawhite (6.00) on Sunday next.

Limerick started out in top year in 1978, after they had won the Junior All-Ireland title in 1977 and reached the senior final, against Cork, which ended in a draw. However, Cork just pipped the Shannonsiders by one goal in the replay.

For some reason that great standard did not obtain in the following year and the Shannonsiders have not equalled that 1978 performance since.

A number of that junior All-Ireland winning team have got married since and are not always available but they can still field out hopefully on Sunday next

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when they oppose Tipperary whom they defeated in the Senior League a few months ago.

Tipperary caused a small surprise when they eliminated fancied Galway in the first round and can also look for confidence in the late Senior League game when they held finalists, Wexford, to a draw.

Whoever are the winners on Sunday will have tough opposition in the semi-final, against Dublin or Kilkenny, who are listed for their quarter-final for Sunday week.

Limerick have outstanding players in Margie Dore, Geraldine O'Brien, Vera Mackey, Helen Mulcaire,

Brid Stokes and Pauline McCarthy all of whom are All-Ireland Junior medal-holders.

Tipperary can call on Mary O'Brien, Maura Hackett, Deirdre Lane, Siobhan McDonnell, Shiela Delaney and Agnes Brophy from their All-Ireland runners-up team in 1979.

There will be a feast of camogie at Paire Charman, Wexford, on Sunday next where the Junior and Willwood Tailteann Minor provincial semi-finals will be played between Wexford and Dublin and the under-14 final, listed for Saturday, has been switched to Sunday as Wexford and Dublin are also contesting this under-age decider.

The Slaneysiders kept the county's flag flying last Sunday when they advanced

to the semi-final of the All-Ireland Senior Championship at Phoenix Park, where they defeated Louth, so all three grades will be keen to equal their seniors' feat.

In the junior game the Wexford girls take on the 1983 Junior League winners and in the minor game they face the All-Ireland champions.

In the under-14 grade Wexford can always field a strong side and they knocked out Dublin at the semi-final stage last season but then went down to Kilkenny.

Home venue is a decided advantage in the under-age grades but the Dublin juniors should be strong enough to advance to the final against ———.

Tipperary have an easy passage

Tipperary 3-9; Limerick 1-4
TIPPERARY had a convincing win over Limerick in a lack-lustre All-Ireland S.C. game, at Cappawhite, yesterday evening.

Tipperary's victory was never in doubt. From the start of the game, when Limerick arrived late on the pitch, Tipperary's more professional approach and greater determination were clearly evident.

When Jenny English cut through the Limerick defence with ease to palm the ball over the bar in the opening minutes Tipperary looked firmly in the driving seat but although leading 1-2 to 0-0

after five minutes they allowed Limerick to settle and only led by two points at half-time.

After the break Tipperary took control of the game. Corner forward Mona Quigley roamed freely among the Limerick defence and her fine goal seven minutes after the re-start virtually ended the game as a contest.

Scorers — Tipperary — M. Quigley (2-4), D. Lane (1-1), J. M. O'Connell (0-2), A. Gleeson (0-1), McCarthy (0-1), Limerick — P. H. Clifford (0-1).

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M. Leinster C — Semi-final — Dublin 7-4, Wexford 1-1.

U-14 Leinster Final — Dublin 1-3, Wexford 0-3.



Kilkenny hurling star Brian Cody, Sheeston, Co. Kilkenny and Elsie Walsh, a member of the Butlers Alley camogie team, The Barracks, Effernogue, Ferns, Co. Wexford, after their marriage at St. Brigid's Church, Clologue, Ferns.

Cork's power may end Clare's hopes

NEXT Sunday is a very busy day on the camogie scene. The two remaining quarter-finals are scheduled with Cork meeting Clare at Church Road, Blackrock (3.00) and Dublin playing Kilkenny at Russell Park, Blanchardstown (3.00). Also at Russell Park Dublin and Kilkenny will be engaged in the Willwood Tailteann minor provincial final and in the junior provincial decider.

All-Ireland champions Cork have had a number of months but all their stars Marion McCarthy, in goal, Claire Cronin the 1983 Tailte winner, Graham Kearney, Marion McCarthy, Catherine Landers and Mary O'Leary are expected to be in action. The highlights of last year's senior championship were the drawn semi-final and the replay which also ended in a draw between Cork and Kilkenny, the 1981 holders. Can Cork, who were so dogged with an understrength team through the League, reach these 1982 heights once more?

So far they have not been. This season as their opening game with Antrim did not materialise so they face Clare, who got a bye to the quarter-final, on equal terms. Clare didn't have much to be happy about in this season's League campaign but they have the potential to build into a good side. Cork, however, could hold the upper hand on Sunday with the home side as an asset on their side.

Dublin, who went down to Cork by one point in the 1982 All-Ireland Final, face a stern test on Sunday as they oppose Kilkenny.

In the meantime Dublin have retained peak performance and have won out the Senior League in which they defeated Kilkenny.

However, the Noreiders do not always take the League seriously but are reported to be in training for the past few weeks for Sunday's encounter. Since their 1981 All-Ireland victory, Kilkenny have lost such stars as Helena McCormack, her sister Teresa O'Neill, Peggy Muldowney, Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary, who captained that side.

The Downey twins, Anne and Angela, Margaret Farrell, Jo Dunne and Anna Whelan are the Noreiders backbone and they will give confidence to their younger players Biddy O'Sullivan, Geraldine Sutton, Anne Holden and Anne Marie Brennan.

The Liffesiders have practically the same side as won out the 1983 Senior League. The Redmond sisters, Yvonne in goal, Anne, full-back, and Barbara, the left winger, Bernie Toner, Una Crowley, Grainne Burke, Edel Murphy, Marion Conroy, Mary Mernagh, Anna Condon, Joan Gormley and Catherine O'Leary, are still in top form but the Dub-

liners never underestimate the Noreiders and a first class game is anticipated.

The Dublin junior side, like their seniors, are also the League winners in their grade. They had a very close encounter with Westmeath in the final and now the Noreiders have defeated the Midlanders in the provincial semi-final two weeks ago.

This also may turn out to be a close game with Dublin slight favourites to qualify after their good victory over Wexford last Sunday.

In the minor final, the All-Ireland champions, Dublin will start favourites but Kilkenny could surprise.

Indeed the semi-finals of this competition could be very close games as the other provincial Willwood Tailteann champions proved very worthy winners. Cork swept through Munster, Derry had a satisfying competition and Galway, last year's runners-up in the final, are reported to be a very skilful side.

These semi-finals scheduling Derry to Dublin on Sunday for Sunday week play the champions and Galway travel to Na Piarasigh. Cork to play

Cork ... 3-6; Clare ... 0-3
CORK, the All-Ireland champions, began the defence of their title, with a ten point victory over Clare yesterday. Cork, in spite of home advantage, were never allowed to settle in the opening period by an enthusiastic Clare side.

An outstanding performance by Clare's Clair Jones, alternating between centre-field and centre-back, was instrumental in keeping the Cork forwards at bay for most of the first half. Cork led by 1-3 to 0-3 at half-time.

However, the far more experienced Cork side began to play with greater determination and good work by Cathy Landers and Claire Cronin, who had a great game on the wing, helped Cork gain command in mid-field for the first time in the game. With a far better supply of the ball, the home side's forward line began to take their scores and deserved their ten-point winning margin.

Scorers: Cork—C. Kelleher (1-2), C. Cronin (1-0), M. Geaney (1-0), G. McCarthy (0-2), S. Fitzgibbon (0-1), M. O'Leary (0-1). Clare—L. Fox (0-3).

DUBLIN regained the Leinster Junior title with a convincing win over Kilkenny by 2-6 to 1-6 at Russell Park yesterday.

Scorers: Dublin—Mary Duane (1-1), Noreen Fleming (1-0), M. O'Connell (0-1), D. Byrne (0-1) and C. O'Byrne (0-3). Kilkenny—S. Ashe (0-2) and M. Fitzpatrick (0-1).

Dublin ... 6-3; Kilkenny ... 0-4
Although Kilkenny had a brilliant goalkeeper in Maria Lawlor, Dublin cruised to a 6-3 to 0-4 win in the Leinster Minor final.

Scorers: Dublin—P. Clinton (2-2), A. Campbell (1-0), G. Dunne (2-0), C. Whittaker (1-0), and M. Regan (0-1). Kilkenny—M. Fitzpatrick (0-3) and C. Ryan (0-1).

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Dubs spoil Kilkenny's title aims

A TREMENDOUS second half by Dublin brought them victory over a spirited Kilkenny side in this All-Ireland senior camogie quarter-final at Blanchardstown yesterday. This period of dominance followed a first half when Dublin were lethargic in their efforts and Kilkenny dominated most sectors, especially midfield.

The Downey sisters, Ann and Angela, were particularly impressive and between them amassed Kilkenny's first-half total of 1-5. The visitors played determined first-time camogie and led 0-4 to 0-1 at the end of the first quarter. Edel Murphy goaled for Dublin but straight from the puck-out Angela Downey did likewise and at half-time Kilkenny led 1-5 to 1-3.

Shrewd changes at half-time, which saw the introduction of Anna Condon to attack and the moving of Edel Murphy to midfield, combined with greater all-round determination led to Dublin's second-half revival.

Angela Downey had put Kilkenny three points up when Joan Gormley goaled for Dublin. Four minutes later Marion Conroy connected with an Una Crowley line-ball to goal again and gave Dublin a lead which they were never to relinquish.

Exchanges were now fast and furious and Marion Conroy, two and Anna Condon, one, added points for Dublin. A goal by Rita Wymms brought Kilkenny back into the game and only brave defensive work by Ann Redmond and Germaine Noonan prevented Kilkenny from levelling. A second goal from Joan Gormley put Dublin six points clear six minutes from time.

Dublin were sound throughout in defence, especially the Redmond sisters, Ann and Yvonne, and Germaine Noonan who settled down well after an extremely shaky start. Una Crowley was steady throughout and in the second-half Barbara Redmond, Anna Condon and Edel Murphy got the better of their opponents.

Biddy O'Sullivan, the Downey sisters and Margaret Farrell, especially, were impressive for Kilkenny, who faded somewhat following a strong first-half effort.

Scorers: Dublin—J. Gormley (2-0), M. Conroy (0-4), E. Murphy (1-1), A. Condon (0-2). Kilkenny—Angela Downey (1-5), Rita Wymms (1-0), Ann Downey (0-1), Anna Whelan (0-1).

Cork's title on the line

All-Ireland champions, Cork, continue the defence of their title on Sunday next when they meet Clare at the quarter-final at Church Road, Cork. Cork will welcome the return of their captain Catherine Landers. She returns to her usual berth at centre back to the exclusion of Liz Lynch. Otherwise the team is the same that which accounted for Tipperary.

That day in Ballincollig Cork made a devastating start with Eire Og pair Joelle O'Driscoll and Claire Kelleher practically ensur-

ing victory with some spectacular scores. Not surprisingly the forward line remains the same.

However, this Cork side has been inconsistent at times, and although they must be fancied to reach the semi-final against Wexford, they will have to find top form from the throw-in.

Clare are always very determined and their junior side's outstanding performance against Cork on Saturday last will surely have given them a boost. They have excellent performers in Maureen Davourn,

Margaret O'Toole and Claire Jones, and they will not give up without a struggle.

CORK — M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers (Capt.), M. Kearney, C. Cronin, S. Fitzgibbon, G. McCarthy, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, N. O'Driscoll, C. Kelleher. Subs: A. Higgins, L. Lynch, M. Sweeney, A. O'Donovan and M. Geaney.

Fixtures: Tomorrow: Cork I.C. Ballinora v Blackrock at Ballinora 7.30 p.m. J.A.C.: Killeagh v Old Aloysians at Killeagh 7.30 p.m. Nemo Rangers v St. Finbarr's at Nemo 8.00. J.B.L., St. Catherine's v

Churchtown at St. Catherine's 8.00 p.m. Castlemagner v Araglen at Araglen 8 p.m. Fr. O'Neills v Bride Rovers at Fr. O'Neills, 8 p.m. J.A.L.: Douglas v Glen Rovers at Glen Rovers 7.30 p.m. Sunday: All Ireland Senior Championship quarter final: Cork v Clare at Church Road 3 p.m. I.C. Eire Og v Youghal at Owens 8 p.m.

Tuesday: S.L. Eire Og v Watergrasshill at Owens 8 p.m. Wednesday: J.A.C.: Douglas v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons, 8 p.m.; Glen Rovers v Inniscarra at Glen Rovers 8 p.m. Under-16 League: Killeagh v Araglen at Killeagh 8 p.m.; Na Piarasigh v Blackrock at Na Piarasigh 7.30 p.m. Under-18 League: Eire Og v Cloughduv at Owens 8 p.m.

Thursday: Under-16 League: St. Finbarr's v Nemo Rangers at St. Finbarr's, 7.30 p.m.



The Cork team who defeated Clare in the All-Ireland camogie quarter-final at Church Road, Cork.

QUICK CORK GOALS KILL OFF CLARE

Cork 3-6, Clare 0-5

FOR three-quarters of this All-Ireland senior camogie championships quarter-final at Church Road, Cork, yesterday, the teams were evenly matched, but two vital goals from Claire Kelleher and substitute Mary Geaney put Cork on the road to victory.

Until then Clare were very much in the game after trailing by three points at half-time. However, while Cork always seemed to be on the verge of a breakthrough, the Clare forwards seldom had any clear opportunities at goal, and those that did come their way were ably closed off by the Cork defence, where Claire Cronin was always dominant.

She had the opening score of the game, a goal after six minutes, a beautifully taken sideline ball from Ger MacCarthy was hit on the ground by Cronin, and her shot went all the way to the net. Cork then lost opportunities to consolidate their position,

when both Cronin and Mary O'Leary hit narrowly wide.

Clare's ace forward Lourda Fox struck over two quick points to reduce the gap to a point. There was plenty of action at both ends of the field, and three fine efforts from Ger MacCarthy, Mary O'Leary and Claire Kelleher.

Kelleher strengthened Cork's position, with Fox getting one back from a free for Clare.

Another pointed free by Fox had Clare off to a good start in the second half, but she was not supported in attack, and the game gradually turned in Cork's favour. Ger MacCarthy pointed a free for Cork and then Sandy Fitzgibbon took a lovely point. When Claire

Kelleher hammered home a goal in the 10th minute, Cork's position was secure.

Mary Geaney made her mark quickly after being introduced, and she had the ball in the back of the net in the 11th minute, which put the match beyond the reach of Clare. In the closing minutes, Cork pressed forward but Anne Marie Russell was in great form in the Clare goal, and she made a series of excellent goalmouth clearances.

Scorers—Cork: C. Kelleher 1-2, M. Geaney and C. Cronin 1-0 each, G. MacCarthy 0-2, S. Fitzgibbon and M. O'Leary 0-1 each. Clare: L. Fox 0-5.

Cork—M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, G. MacCarthy, V. Fitzpatrick, N. O'Driscoll, C. Kelleher. Subs: M. Geaney for O'Driscoll, L.



Cork midfielder Claire Cronin, slams Cork's first goal past Clare goalkeeper Marie Russell, during the All-Ireland camogie quarter-final at Church Road, Cork yesterday.

Lynch for Kearney, and M. Davern, P. Moroney, C. Jones, C. Moroney, R. O'Shaughnessy, A. Daly, V. Casey, L. Fox, L. Condon.

Clare—A. M. Russell, M.

M. Duggan, A. Howard for Casey, before half-time.



Cork forward Claire Kelleher (No. 12) trying to block this clearance from a Clare defender during the All-Ireland camogie quarter-final at Church Road, Cork yesterday. (Pic. Eddie O'Hare)



Biddy O'Sullivan, staunch Clare defender.

BLEAK DAY FOR CAMOGIE

THERE WAS no light at the end of the tunnel when Kilkenny were beaten in the senior, junior and minor All-Ireland championships at sunny Russell Park (Dublin) on Sunday.

All three teams were beaten convincingly by Dublin, a county that has witnessed a camogie revival over the past few years.



THE DUBS ARE BACK

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KILKENNY crashed out of the All-Ireland senior championship on Sunday when they suffered a disappointing defeat, gleefully handed out to them by trophy-hunting Dublin — last year's beaten finalists.

DUBLIN	4-7
KILKENNY	2-7

It was the hard-line do-or-die attitude of Dublin which steered them through this quarter-final clash — despite a shaky start and a two-point deficit at half-time: 1-5 to 1-3.

Up to the break it was all Kilkenny, with only the Dublin defenders getting a piece of the action. However, control changed hands early on in the second half and after a fine Angela Downey point in the third minute, Kilkenny had to wait another 15 minutes for a score, during which time Dublin scored 2-3.

It was a day when there were problems in all departments of the Kilkenny side — notably the defence failing to check the Dublin tactic of loose players. However, this Kilkenny outfit has experienced numerous changes in the past two years — after fielding a relatively unchanged panel for many years. The simultaneous loss of such experienced regulars as Bridie Martin, Teresa and Helena O'Neill, and Peggy Carey, has meant an immense lessening of the Kilkenny might.

Morale booster

Star forward Angela Downey gave Kilkenny's morale a big boost when she pointed in the

fourth minute to open the scoring account. Her sister Ann added another from a long-range free, while Angela made it a hat-trick when she collected a fine ball from a cut-in taken by her twin.

Dublin got a look-in when team captain Marion Conroy grabbed a point but again Angela Downey replied to put Kilkenny ahead by 0-4 to 0-1. Kilkenny were not at the height of their reign and favourites Dublin looked set for a trouncing.

A good goal from Edel Murphy against the run of play then drew the game. But Dublin had little time to rejoice for Angela Downey goaled within seconds. Edel and Angela again swapped points in the 22nd and 23rd minutes, before Marion Conroy got the last point of the half, leaving Kilkenny leading by 1-5 to 1-2.

In this happy position, the country team looked set to take the second half by storm. And a snappy Angela Downey point taken on the run and off the bounce seemed to herald the slaughter. This left the Ballyragget girl's tally at 1-4 — scored despite the constant attention of up to four defenders.

Disaster

Then disaster struck. Full forward Joan Gormley chased a

ball to the line and, undefended, beat Kilkenny goalie Anne Marie Brennan. This drew the game in the 7th minute, while two minutes later Dublin assumed for the first time a lead they were never to lose, when Marion Conroy netted a ground pass from Una Crowley.

Kilkenny's answer was to bring on Helena O'Neill for Jo Dunne as full forward. Dublin's answer was to add two more points from Marion Conroy and one from substitute Ann Condon, all within three minutes. This put Dublin ahead by 3-6 to 1-6.

Helena O'Neill snatched a goal from a melee around the goalmouth in the 17th minute, and this raised Kilkenny's game somewhat as only a goal separated the sides. But the matter was finally settled in the 21st minute when Joan Gormley received a pass in front of the empty goalmouth and had only to beat the goalie for the clinching score.

In fact, Dublin added another point from Ann Condon, while Anna Whelan fired the last shot for Kilkenny with an excellent point.

Good players

The Downey sisters, Ann and Angela, provided some marvel-

lous hurling throughout the game, while also impressive were Biddy Sullivan, particularly in the first half, the industrious Margaret Farrell and 'Comer girl Anna Whelan.

For Dublin Marion Conroy, Joan Gormley and Una Crowley were best in attack, while goalie Yvonne Redmond and Germaine Noonan impressed.

For the record, Kilkenny won their fourth All-Ireland championship in 1981. Last year they lost out at the semi-final stage to Cork in an extra-time replay thriller.

● Scorers

Dublin — J. Gormley (2-0), M. Conroy (0-4), E. Murphy (1-1), A. Condon (0-2). Kilkenny — A. Downey (1-5), H. O'Neill (1-0), A. Downey (0-1), A. Whelan (0-1).

● Teams

Dublin: Y. Redmond, G. Noonan, A. Redmond, G. Burke, B. Toner, U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond, A. Colgan, M. Conroy, J. Gormley, E. Murphy. Subs: A. Condon for M. Mernagh.

Kilkenny: A. M. Brennan, A. Holden, L. Neary, B. Sullivan, A. Downey, A. Whelan, M. Farrell, C. Ryan, R. Wemyss, R. Walsh, J. Dunne, Angela Downey. Subs: H. O'Neill for J. Dunne, G. Sutton for C. Ryan.

No joy for juniors

THE introduction of Marie Fitzpatrick into the Kilkenny team in the second half of this Leinster junior final championship clash considerably strengthened the Noreiders' attack.

And a goal poached by the Piltown girl showed just how vulnerable the Dublin defence proved under pressure.

But spirit and team-work seemed to be lacking in this depleted Kilkenny side and they went under to a very suspect Dublin side by 2-6 to 1-2.

This was despite some fine individual performances by Sandra Ashe in the middle of the field and Alice Holden and Breda Fitzgerald in defence.

Although forward Marie Fitzpatrick was very dangerous when she got the ball, her attempts to gain possession showed a lack of industry. Nevertheless, she scored a fine goal for her side to bring them back into contention in the second half.

Dublin scored first in this game and dominated play in the first quarter, a fruitless exercise due to their huge number of wides. Then they began to find their target and boosted by an easy goal from Noreen Fleming, went on to lead at half-time by 2-

After the break Kilkenny came more into the game and could have overtaken their opponents. They missed many chances up front, while their defence improved considerably to allow Dublin only two points throughout the half.

● Scorers

Dublin — C. Byrne (0-4), D. Byrne and N. Fleming (1-0 each), M. Cronin (0-2). Kilkenny — M. Fitzpatrick (1-0), S. Ashe (0-2).

MINORS GO UNDER

A MUCH livelier Dublin team completely outclassed Kilkenny in the Leinster minor championship final on Sunday.

Although the Noreiders grabbed the first score of the game — a point from a free taken by Marie Fitzpatrick — this proved to be their only score in the first half.

Dublin led by 3-1 to 0-1 at the break.

The same pattern continued in the second half when Marie Fitzpatrick drew first blood with a pointed free. However, Dublin

DUBLIN	2-6
KILKENNY	1-2

● Teams

Dublin: G. Sutton, A. Hyland, C. Reaney, M. Cronin, M. Dwan, J. Holden, E. O'Hehir, D. Byrne, A. Cooper, C. O'Byrne, M. Connell, N. Fleming. Sub: M. Cronin for A. Cooper.

Kilkenny: K. Grace, A. Malone, B. Fitzgerald, C. Neary, A. Holden, E. Lanigan, N. Whelan, S. Ashe, F. Walsh, A. Devereux, C. Hennessy, R. Croke. Sub: M. Fitzpatrick for F. Walsh, J. Meagher for A. Malone.

DUBLIN	6-3
KILKENNY	0-3

doubled their score.

Best for Kilkenny were goalie Mary Lawlor and Marie Fitzpatrick while Dublin had stars in Adel Campbell and Patricia Clinton in attack.

Dublin — A. Campbell (2-0), C. Whitaker (1-0), G. Dunne (2-0), P. Clinton (1-3). Kilkenny — Marie Fitzpatrick (0-3).

Dublin — D. Duggan, C. Hanley, P. Strutt, E. Courtney, P. McHugh, C. Whitaker, P. Byrne, P. Clinton, M. Regan, S. Mullins, A. Campbell, G. Dunne.

Kilkenny: A. Lawlor, S. Crean, A. Hayes, B. Aylward, H. Morgan, K. Dermody, E. Glynn, C. Ryan, A. O'Grady, A. Dillon, M. Fitzpatrick, J. Ryan.

CORK AND GALWAY SHOULD PROVIDE TWO GREAT GAMES

THE Na Piarsaigh Club will host an attractive double bill on Sunday next when the Cork minor and junior teams take on Galway in the All-Ireland Championship semi-finals at 2 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. respectively. The junior game was originally scheduled for Sunday, August 7, but has been brought forward to facilitate Galway who were reluctant to travel to Cork on two consecutive Sundays.

Both games should be very close. Galway are holders of the minor title but are up against a very strong Cork side while the junior game could go either way.

The junior selectors have made one personnel and a number of positional changes from the side that won the Munster Championship against

Clare in such dramatic fashion.

Mary Ring (Glen Rovers) who came on as a substitute in that game, is retained at right corner back in place of Joan Shannon (Eire Og) who has been moved to right corner forward in an effort to strengthen the attack, while Una O'Connor (Blackrock) has been

relegated to the substitutes. Ann Leahy (Kilteash) reverts to centre field and Bernie Murphy (Ballinora) moves from the right corner to centre forward. Ann-Marie Landers is the surprise omission from the team having made such an impact when brought on against Clare.

Galway minors travel to Cork with great expectations of reaching their second successive final however they will be up against a very talented Cork side which includes Colette O'Mahony, Deirdre Christie, St. Finbarrs, Paula Morgan, Na Piarsaigh and Linda Mellerick, Brian Dillons.

There will of course be an intriguing battle between the 1982 and 1983 Feile Na nGael skills winners Ann Ryan (Galway) and Jean Kent (Cork).

Cork dominated this competition in the '70s but have not held the title for the past two years. However, hopes are high in the camp of regaining An Corn Tailte again in 1983.

On the local front, the only fixture is a Senior league game between Na Piarsaigh and Eire Og with the mid-Cork girls likely to take the points.

FIXTURES

Sunday, July 31, Minor All-Ireland semi-final: Cork v Galway at Na Piarsaigh, 2 p.m. Junior All-Ireland semi-final: Cork v Galway at Na Piarsaigh, 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 3, Senior league: Eire Og v Na Piarsaigh at Na Piarsaigh, 7.45 p.m. Referee: Glen Rovers.

Cork Junior team: Marie O'Sullivan, Mary Maher, Mary Ring, Liz Dunphy, Margo Twomey, Mary O'Donovan, Ann Leahy, Irene O'Leary, Joan Shannon, Bernie Murphy (capt), Stephanie Curtin, Lillian Zinkant. Subs: Finola Broderick, Eileen Noonan, Ann-Marie Landers, Regina Scott, Carmel Hinchion, Shelly Spillane, Una O'Connor.

Cork Minor team: Fiona McCarthy, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Liz Taylor, Paula Morgan, Niamh Coughlan, Evelyn Healy, Colette O'Mahony, Deirdre Christie, Jean Kent, Linda Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan, Paula Carey. Subs: Una Leahy, Patricia O'Shea, Diane Deane, Breanda O'Sullivan, Helena Murphy.

Galway v Cork on the double

THREE All-Ireland semi-finals are down for decision this weekend. The Willwood Tailteann Minor games bring into opposition Dublin, the champions, and Derry at Russell Park (2.00) and Cork and Galway at Na Piarsaigh Grounds, Cork, also at 2.00.

At the request of Galway, Cork has agreed to play the Connacht champions in the Junior semi-final at the same venue (3.30).

This semi-final was fixed for Sunday with the second junior semi between Dublin and Down. But Galway, who were due to travel on both occasions, sensibly asked for both games on the same day and Cork agreed.

Cork, who have won the Corn Tailte Minor trophy more often than any other county, will face a strong challenge from Galway, who performed so well in last year's decider against Dublin.

Ann Briscoe, the captain and lively midfielder, has been one of the stars of Loughrea School's team over the past few years. Other prominent players for Galway are goalie Angela Laheen, Ann Maloney, Ann Fahy and Ann Ryan.

Jean Kent, the Feile skills star, is also Cork's right forward and, with her colleagues Kathleen O'Keeffe, Niamh Coughlan, Colette O'Mahoney, Linda Melluick and Paula Carey, will make a brave bid to advance to the final, but a close contest is anticipated.

Champions, Dublin, face Derry, who are powered by the All-Ireland Junior Schools finalists.

The Metropolitans have only four of that champion side still eligible for the Minor age group. Patricia Clinton, the captain, is a powerful midfielder and her partners in the sector Cheryl Whitaker and Phyllis Byrne are also 1982 medal holders.

The Dublin newcomers, Deirdre Byrne in goal, Eileen Courtney, Fiona McHugh, Roisin Brady and Maria Jackson have been performing well.

The Derry stars are Paula Robinson, Ann McWilliams, Joan McCluskey and Ann Higgins.

Cork, who lost to Louth in last year's Junior final, have had a tough passage in Muster and have practically the same team as last season.

Their outstanding players, Margo Twomey, who captained last year's team, Ann Leahy, County Secretary, Mary Maher, Liz Dunphy, Joan Shannon and Lillian Lincant, are very experienced players.

They have some very strong players on this team. Carmel Briscoe is a sound goalie, Noeline Cormican a safe full-back, Ann Gallagher and Ann Briscoe, the minor captain, are powerful midfielders, while Deirdre Lawless and Julie Flynn are clever in attack. So Cork will need to be at their best if they are to reach the final.

Claire Cronin, who has enjoyed considerable success in camogie, has earned herself a special place in the annals of the game by winning GRADAM TAILTE. She is the first Munster player to take the award.

What is Gradam Tailte? Briefly, the promotion is camogie's annual day of sporting competition involving the player of the year from each county. The competition is based on a series of events, ranging from 800 metres, gym test, obstacle race and poc fada, designed with an overall emphasis on the skills of camogie, accuracy, speed and stamina.

Points are awarded for finishing in the leading positions in each event, and the overall winner receives Gradam Tailte, and is in effect camogie's player of the year.

The competition was only launched in 1982, when Josephine McClements, from Loughgiel, Antrim, was the winner. A new dimension was added this year when PMPA announced their sponsorship of the event.

Mary Fennelly, President of the Camogie Association, says that PMPA's sponsorship of Gradam Tailte is a welcome endorsement of the event by such a large and prestigious Irish company.

"I believe that this link-up will be of

"Gradam" Goes to Cork

mutual benefit", says the president, "and I look forward to a very happy relationship between my association and PMPA in the future".

The latest event at Dublin proved a particularly keen contest between Claire Cronin and Angela Downey, the brilliant Kilkenny forward, with the Cork ace finishing the winner by just two points — 37 to 35.

Claire Cronin was a brilliant minor with Cork, winning All Ireland under-18 medals in 1975 and 1976, and she has fully lived up to her potential of those days.

She helped Cork to their All Ireland senior title wins of 1978, 1980 and last year, when her tireless work in midfield made her one of the brightest stars of a dramatic one-point win by the Leesiders over Dublin.

Angela Downey has also had remarkable success. She was a member of the Kilkenny team that won the All Ireland senior title for the first time in 1974, and has starred for the county in every national championship win since then — 1976, 1977, when she also captained the team, and 1981.

One of the best score-getters the game has known, Angela was a key figure as well for Kilkenny in their National League title wins of 1980 and 1982, and has, not surprisingly, been honoured by Leinster. She was to the fore for Leinster in the province's last three Gael Linn Cup wins — 1978, 1979 and 1981.

Third place was gained by Patricia Finneran, of Roscommon, who is a Connacht interprovincial player.

Final run for Dublin

DUBLIN DOWN

DUBLIN qualified for the All-Ireland Junior final with a comprehensive victory over Down at Russell Park. This was a well-deserved victory for the first, more skilful and more determined home side.

Although Dublin dominated the first half their first goal did not come until a few minutes before half time, a fine goal palmed to the net by Marie O'Connell. Dublin led 1-4 to nil at half time.

When a side line cut from Carmel O'Hehir went straight to the Dublin net just after half time, a Down recovery looked possible. But from here on Dublin took almost complete control and goals from Marie O'Connell and Noreen Fleming put them on the path to the final.

Dublin were strong in midfield where Eileen O'Hehir and Deirdre Byrne worked tirelessly and the forward line combined well in the second half with full forward Marie O'Connell having a fine game. Apart from goalie Colette Lamb and winger Marie Swail, Down were not able to cope with their more experienced opponents.

Scorers — Dublin — M. O'Connell (3-2), C. O'Byrne (0-4), N. Fleming (1-0), D. Byrne (0-1), Down — O'Hehir (1-0), A. Thompson (0-2).

CORK LAND THE DOUBLE

CORK 3-5, GALWAY 2-1

PAULA CAREY got Cork off to a good start in the All-Ireland Minor semi-final with a well taken goal. Aided by a strong breeze Galway pressed continuously and good work by Ann Briscoe, Ann Moloney, Margaret Carrig and Ann Ryan saw the visitors in a one point lead at half time.

The introduction of Lis Towler for Cork made an immediate impact. Paula Carey, Liz Mellerick and Jean Kent took their scoring chances while good defensive work by Paula Morgan and Kathleen

O'Keeffe kept Galway scoreless in the second period.

Scorers for Cork: P. Carey 2-1, L. Mellerick 1-0, J. Kent 0-2, C. O'Mahony 0-1, E. Healy 0-1. Galway: B. Stratford 1-0, A. Moloney 1-0, A. Fahey 0-1. CORK: S. McCarthy, K. O'Keeffe,

D. Deane, P. Morgan, N. Coughlan, E. Healy, C. O'Mahony (capt), D. Christie, J. Kent, L. Mellerick, L. O'Sullivan, P. Carey. Subs: L. Towler for L. O'Sullivan, B. O'Sullivan for C. O'Mahony.

GALWAY: A. Labeen, A. Burke, D. Feeney, S. Cohan, M. Carrick, B. Stratford, A. Briscoe, M. Griffin, A. Fahey, C. Robinson, A. Moloney, A. Ryan.

Referee: M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).

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CORK 2-9
GALWAY 2-7

The opening quarter of the Junior All-Ireland semi-final game promised a comfortable victory for Cork. Goals from Liz Dumphy and Stephanie Curtin and points from the accurate Lillian Zinkant opened a gap on the scoreboard early in the game. From this strong position Cork seemed to relax and become almost lackadaisical. While Cork players saw plenty of the ball, chances were not taken and Galway were allowed back into the game. The westerners exerted great pressure in the final minutes but the home side held out to reach their

Cork make most of early lead

Cork 2-9; Galway 2-7

CORK, beaten junior finalists of last season, are back in the final once again, the second semi-final between Dublin and Down to be played in Dublin next Sunday. In yesterday's semi-final Cork beat Galway, the Connacht champions, in a game of two halves.

Cork dominated the first half and led 2-4 to 1-2 at half time. Galway came into the game more after the interval and went close to catching up on the Leesiders who just held out.

Best for the winners were — M. Twomey, L. Dunphy, M. O'Donovan, L. Zinkant, Deirdre Dillon, C. Briscoe (the goaley), and A. Ryan were most prominent for Galway.

Scorers — Cork — L. Zinkant (0-5), S. Curtin, L. Dunphy (1-0 each), A. Leahy (0-2), J. Shannon and M. O'Donovan (0-1 each). Galway — A. Ryan (2-0), D. Lawless (0-3), B. Kenny, J. Glyns (0-2 each).

Dublin 6-1; Derry 1-3

Dublin, the holders and Cork qualified for the Willwood Tailteann all-Ireland Minor final on August 13 when they respectively defeated Derry and Galway at Dublin and Cork yesterday.

After a closely contested first half, Dublin had to fight hard to lead 3-1 to 1-1 at the interval, but took command in the second half.

Scorers — Dublin — M. Reegan (3-0), A. Campbell, C. Whittaker, G. Dunne (1-0 each), S. Mullen (0-1). Derry — P. Robinson (1-1), M.

O'Kane, E. McWilliams (1-0 each).

Cork 3-5; Galway 2-1

Galway led 2-1 to 1-3 at the interval in this semi-final but when the Leesiders got the wind behind them they dominated the second half.

Scorers — Cork — P. Carey (2-1), L. Mellerick (1-0), J. Kent (0-2), C. O'Mahony, E. Healy (0-1 each). Galway — B. Stratford, A. Moloney (1-0 each), E. Fahey (0-1).



The Cork team, above, which played Galway in the All-Ireland camogie junior semi-final at Na Piarsaigh ground yesterday. ("Examiner")



Cork's right wing Mary O'Donovan getting the ball away from the Galway defence during the All-Ireland Camogie Junior semi-final at Na Piarsaigh Grounds on Sunday. ("Echo")



The Cork minor team which beat Galway in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Camogie Championship at Na Piarasigh Grounds on Sunday.
—(Richard Mills, "Echo")

Jean Paula Maintains A Proud Record

MAINTAINING Na Piarasigh's remarkable record of success in Feile na nGael — the wonderful GAA youth festival of hurling and camogie — was 14-years-old Jean Paula Kent who won the skills competition at the recent sporting extravaganza held in Dublin.

The richly talented young lady showed her artistic prowess in defeating the cream of the country in the various arts and skills of camogie.

A member of the North Presentation Convent team which won this season's Munster Junior Championship Jean Paula seems destined for a great career in

the sport. She recently won a Munster championship medal with the Cork minors and received rave notices for her performances.

Her tremendous victory in the Feile was undoubtedly her most illustrious achievement so far and was a great feather also in her club's cap because without doubt the name of Na Piarasigh's has become synonymous with Feile na nGael.

On six occasions since the event was inaugurated at the commencement of the seventies Na Piarasigh's have represented Cork in the premier hurling com-

petition winning the prestigious title with a series of brilliant teams on four occasions, 1973, '74, '77, and '80.

In the sphere of camogie Na Piarasigh's have also enjoyed many memorable moments of triumph. They won the Feile camogie competition at Pairc Ui Chaoimh in 1976 in its inaugural year and followed this success in Galway two years ago.

In successive years 1978-'79 young Deirdre O'Shea a young lady of great talent won the skills competition.

Now Jean Paula Kent has triumphantly lived up to the marvellous legacy bequeathed to her.

**BALLINORA
BEST
AGAIN**

**BALLINORA 5-4
YOUGHAL 2-7**

At their first attempt, Ballinora won the Cork Intermediate Camogie championship, at the expense of Youghal at Ballinacollig yesterday. The winners were pressed hard in the end, but they were well superior over the hour.

It was a notable treble for Ballinora because in the last two seasons they won the junior 'B' and Junior 'A' titles to qualify for intermediate status.

They played like champions in the opening half, slamming home five goals, although they were only credited with four at the break.

After Bernie Murphy had struck over the first of her four points in the opening minute, Margaret Murphy followed up with a goal two minutes later. Maria Power put Youghal into the game with three points before the 14th minute, but after that it was all Ballinora.

Gertrude Murphy goalied in the 16th minute from 20 yards and then Margaret Lane hit a ground shot all the way to the net a minute later. Margaret Lane was again on target six minutes later with Ballinora's fourth goal and Margaret Murphy raised another green flag just before half time from close range, but the score remained at 4-2 to 0-3 at the change over.

The second half started off with a flourish from Youghal with Margaret Beausang pointing from the throw-in but there was no further score for 14 minutes despite a lot of pressure by Youghal. Maria Power reduced the gap with a point and then Janette Power sent a 30 yards shot all the way to the net for Youghal.

But their joy was short-lived as Ballinora swept back into the attack and had a goal inside a minute from Margaret Murphy.

Scorers: Ballinora: M. Murphy 2-0, G. Murphy 2-0, B. Murphy 0-4, M. Lane 1-0, Youghal: M. Power 0-6, J. Power 2-0, M. Beausang 0-1.

Ballinora: A. Murphy, H. O'Mahony, R. Barrett, C. Murphy, M. Murphy, B. Murphy, M. Hourihan, K. Murphy, M. Murphy, M. Lane, K. O'Shea, G. Murphy.

Youghal: M. Tieran, C. O'Neill, M. Kenneally, T. Collins, B. Flaherty, J. Power, D. Gahan, E. Gardiner, M. Power, M. Power, M. Beausang, A. Kent.

Referee: Mary Maher (Douglas).

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Cork Minors Hope To Show Good Example

THE first of the All-Ireland championship deciders will be played on Sunday when Cork meet Dublin in the minor final at St. Finbarr's Grounds at 3 p.m. and followers will be hoping that this will be the start of a hat-trick of titles as all three county teams are still very much in contention. With Cork juniors already through to the final and the seniors at the semi-final stage.

There is only one other fixture on Sunday, a junior 'B' league tie between Fr. O'Neills and St. Fanahans, but the remainder of the coming week will be pretty hectic with fixtures most evenings.

Cork minors have been very impressive this season. They are a talented team with five of last year's side still under age. Most of the side have plenty of experience as they are mainly from Cork's top colleges of recent years — St. Patrick's and North Presentation. In addition, most of them have had plenty of club experience, with Fiona McCarthy and Breda O'Sullivan, having won senior county

championship medals this season, as members of the Glen Rovers panel. One of the stars of the side Paula Carey, is only 13, but she too is experienced way beyond her years in camogie. Jean Paula Kent is one of the most stylish youngsters in the game today, and won the Feile na nGael skills competition against very stiff competition in June.

Against Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final, this Cork side showed their true worth as they came from a point behind at half time, to hold Galway scoreless in the second half and at the same time record a 3-5 to 2-1 win. In that game Paula Carey, Jean Paula Kent and Linda Mellerick were particularly impressive around goal, while Paula Morgan and Kathleen O'Keeffe were first class defenders.

Fiona McCarthy has played well in goal all year, while in addition to Kathleen O'Keeffe and Paula Morgan, the Cork defenders Diane Deane and Niamh Coughlan, have also impressed throughout the campaign so far.

The centrefield trio of Liz

Towler, Colette O'Mahony, who captains the side, and Deirdre Christie, are all marvellous minors, while the attack of Jean Paula Kent, Linda Mellerick, Evelyn Healy and Paula Carey are all stylish as well as accurate forwards.

So, on paper, this looks a very good minor side, and if they can strike top form and with the advantage of a home venue they must be very much in the running to take the title for the first time since 1980.

But Dublin will not be an easy side to overcome. They have four members of the side, which contested last year's final. These consist of the entire centrefield of Cheryl Whittaker, Phyllis Byrne and Patricia Clinton and the full forward Edel Campbell. And the latter is regarded as one of the top prospects in Dublin. Edel has both senior and junior colleges medals with St. John of God's, while six members of the side hold Feile na nGael medals with Marino and Maryfield.

Their goalkeeper, Deirdre Duggan, although a newcomer to the side is exceptionally good and overall they have strength and ability which will make them a very difficult side to topple.

So Cork can expect to have the toughest of games and will have to strike top form right from the throw-in if they are to win on Sunday.

Teams: Cork: Fiona McCarthy (Glen Rovers), Kathleen O'Keeffe (Brian Dillons), Diane Deane

(Glen), Paula Morgan (Na Piaras), Niamh Coughlan (Bishopstown), Colette O'Mahony (St. Finbarrs) (captain), Liz Towler (Bishopstown), Deirdre Christie (St. Finbarrs), Jean Paula Kent (Na Piaras), Linda Mellerick (Brian Dillons), Evelyn Healy (Na Piaras), Paula Carey (St. Finbarrs). Subs: Una Leahy (Cloughduv), Breda O'Sullivan (Glen Rovers), Helena Barry (Brian Dillons), Liz O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons), Patricia O'Shea (Blackrock).

Dublin: Deirdre Duggan, Cora Hanley, Pauline Strutt, Eileen Courtney, Fiona McHugh, Cheryl Whittaker, Phyllis Byrne, Patricia Clinton (captain), Sharon Mullen, Mary Regan, Geraldine Dunne, Edel Campbell. Subs: Maria Jackson, Roisin Brady, Ann Marie Grey, Ger. O'Connor.

In Senior League games during the week there should be an interesting tie between Sarsfields and Watergrasshill, but new seniors St. Finbarr's could find it very tough against new county champions, Glen Rovers.

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Dublin Defend Willwood Title

by AGNES HOURIGAN

Dublin defend their Willwood Talteann All Ireland Minor Camogie Championship crown against Cork at St. Finbarrs ground, Cork, on Sunday.

Last year's victory was the first in ten years for Dublin while Cork have held Corn Talteann a record five times, so Sunday's clash should have that added bit of 'bite'.

In their only previous meeting in a final in 1978, Cork defeated the Dubliners by one goal—5-1 to 3-4.

Martha Kearney, the Cork captain that day, and Geraldine McCarthy are now established senior inter-county players on the Cork side while Claire Kelleher, another member of that team won an All-Ireland senior medal last September.

Available

Dublin have four of last year's team still available—the three midfielders, Patricia Clinton the captain, Cheryl Whittaker and Phyllis Byrne and full forward Adelle Campbell. In addition, Patricia Clinton and Cheryl Whittaker have on All-Ireland junior schools medals with Maryfield and Patricia has won Feile trophies with her club, Marino.

Adelle Campbell is a senior All-Ireland schools medalholder with St. John of God, Kilmore; she holds two Feile trophies, two Pan Celtic trophies and a Community Games medal, all with her club, Woodville.

Of the newcomers, Eileen Courtney, Fiona McHugh, Sharon Mullen and Mary Regan are winners of All-Ireland Junior Schools medals with Maryfield and Feile na nGael trophies with Marino.

Goalkeeper Deirdre Duggan from a comparatively new club, Naomh Barrog, has had a very successful campaign so far in Dublin's victories over Wexford, Kilkenny and Derry, while the full-back, Cora Hanley, a daughter of former All-Ireland player, Carmel Hanley, is a sound defender. Geraldine Dunne, another young player, is a nippy left-forward.

On their way to the final

Cork defeated Clare and Tipperary in Munster and knocked out fancied Galway in the semi-final.

This is a well-balanced side with much experience gained by players in Munster Schools and under-age competition. In particular, Jean Paula Kent and Evelyn Healy won the Munster Schools Junior Championship with their school, North Presentation.

In addition, Jean Paula won the coveted Skills Trophy at Feile na nGael in June; Colette O'Mahony who captains the team, Paula Carey and Deirdre Christie were members of the St. Finbarrs club which won Pan Celtic in Killarney this year and Paula holds the added distinction of being the top scorers for the team during the championship.

Niamh Coughlan and Liz Towler play for Bishopstown who have figured prominently in Community Games in recent years. Kathleen O'Keeffe, Linda Mellerick and Breda O'Sullivan, pupils of St. Patrick's School, were on the side that lost the Senior Schools final to St. John of God, Kilmore, in the Spring.

Strongest

The challengers' strongest players are Kathleen O'Keeffe and Paula Morgan in defence. Elizabeth Towler at midfield and Linda Mellerick, Jean Paula Kent and Paula Carey in attack.

It should be a keen, skilful and well-contested game with home venue an asset to Cork. However, Dublin are full of confidence that they can retain the trophy.

CORK — F. McCarthy, E. O'Keeffe, D. Deane, N. Coughlan, P. Morgan; C. O'Mahony (capt.), E. Towler, D. Christie, L. Mellerick, J. P. Kent, E. Healy, P. Carey. Subs. — M. Leahy, B. O'Sullivan, H. Barry, E. O'Sullivan.

DUBLIN — D. Duggan, C. Hanley, P. Strutt, E. Courtney, F. McHugh, C. Whittaker, P. Byrne, P. Clinton (capt.), S. Mullen, M. Regan, G. Dunne, A. Campbell. Subs.—M. Jackson, R. Brady, G. O'Connor, A. M. Gray.

Cork come back to end Dublin's reign

CORK 3-3; DUBLIN 2-3

A THRILLING final five minutes saw Cork dethrone the reigning champions Dublin in the All-Ireland Minor Final at St. Finbarr's Ground, Cork, yesterday. After a hectic struggle in extremely hot and sunny conditions a goal from sub. Liz O'Sullivan four minutes from the end gave Cork victory.

Dublin took the initiative in the first half and they set up some very good attacking movements. Patricia Clinton was outstanding during this period often clearing from her own full-back line.

Dublin's first goal came after 15 mins. from Sharon Mullen. Minutes later a neat pass found Sharon unmarked behind Cork's defence and she drove the ball home for what appeared to be a fine goal, but after some hesitation was signalled a point by the umpires.

Then came a point from a very acute angle from Cork's Colette O'Mahoney but on the stroke of half-time Sharon Mullen sent home her second goal.

BRILLIANT GOAL

Within two minutes of the restart Linda Mellerick scored a brilliant goal after fine approach work by her teammates. Cork now began to play with far greater skill than in the first half and this was most definitely the decisive factor in the game, with Colette O'Mahoney and Elisha Towler gaining control at centre field Dublin were on the defensive for long periods.

The equalising goal was a superb shot from 30 yards by Colette O'Mahoney and when she added a point minutes later Dublin looked in trouble. But they rallied well and a now tiring Patricia Clinton brought them back on level terms.

An elementary error by the Dublin defence — loose marking — which allowed Cork Liz O'Sullivan to knock home the winning score when she made no mistake with the rebound from a save from Dublin's Deirdre Duggan. Cork withstood great pressure in the final few minutes to emerge victorious after an excellent team performance.

Scorers — Cork — Liz O'Sullivan (1-0), Linda Mellerick (1-0), C. O'Mahoney (1-2), D. Christie (0-1). Dublin — Sharon Mullen (2-1), Patricia Clinton (0-2).

Cork — S. McCarthy, E. O'Keeffe, D. Deane, N. Coughlan, P. Morgan, C. O'Mahoney, E. Towler, D. Christie, L. Mellerick, J. P. Kent, E. Healy, P. Carey. Subs — B. O'Sullivan and E. O'Sullivan — not used.

Dublin — D. Duggan, C. Hanley, T. Strutt, E. Courtney, S. McHugh, C. Whittaker, P. Byrne, P. Clinton, S. Mullen, M. Regan, G. Dunne, A. Campbell. Subs — M. Jackson — not used.

Referee — B. Stokes (Limerick).

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The Cork team who defeated Dublin in the All-Ireland minor camogie final.

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CORK MINORS WIN BACK ALL-IRELAND

By JOAN MORLEY

CORK 3-3, DUBLIN 2-3.

CORK regained the All-Ireland minor camogie championship they last held in 1980 with a marvellous win over holders Dublin, in the final at St. Finbarr's Grounds yesterday.

And what a thriller this game was with victory in doubt right to the final whistle as both these fine

young sides battled for national honours.

Playing with the breeze in the first half, Dublin looked very good indeed with Sharon Mullen and captain Patricia Clinton being particularly impressive. And at the end of the game the holders must have regretted the missed chances in this period, when they had so much possession and had the Cork defence at sixes and sevens for much of the time.

In fact, were it not for two marvellous saves from Cork goalkeeper Fiona McCarthy, and a point from Sharon Mullen when she should have scored a goal for the holders, Cork would have been in real trouble at the interval.

As it was they were still

trailing by 2-2 to 0-2 and had it all to do in the second period.

But what a brilliant start Cork made to the second half. Within two minutes Linda Mellerick, one of Cork's best players yesterday, had a great goal, and after eight minutes Colette O'Mahony, the Cork captain, and another of Cork's stars yesterday, levelled with a similar score.

Then, in the 11th minute, Cork took the lead for the first time with a minor from Colette O'Mahony. But the game was far from over, as Dublin came rushing back and a point from Patricia Clinton put them on level terms again. From there on it was anyone's game as the ball sped from one end to the other.

But then came a dream moment for Cork substitute Breda O'Sullivan, who finished a marvellous Cork move which began in the defence, to the back of the net for the winners with only three minutes remaining.

Linda Mellerick, Colette O'Mahony, Liz Towler, Fiona McCarthy and Jean Paula Kent were all in top-class form for Cork yesterday, while Patricia Clinton, Sharon Mullen, Cheryl Whittaker and Pauline Strutt were Dublin's best players.

Scorers — Cork: Colette O'Mahony (1-2), Linda Mellerick and Breda O'Sullivan (1-0 each), Deirdre Christie (0-1). Dublin: Sharon Mullen (2-1), Patricia Clinton (0-2).

Cork — F. McCarthy, K. O'Keeffe, D. Deane, N. Coughlan, P. Morgan, C. O'Mahony, E. Towler, D. Christie, L. Mellerick, J. P. Kent, E. Healy, P. Carey. Subs: E. O'Sullivan for D. Christie; B. O'Sullivan for P. Morgan. Dublin — D. Duggan, C. Hanley, P. Strutt, E. Courtney, F. McHugh, C. Whittaker, P. Byrne, B. Clinton, S. Mullen, M. O'Regan, G. Dunne, A. Campbell. Sub: M. Jackson for C. Hanley.

Referee — B. Stokes (Limerick).



CLARE CRONIN (Corcaigh), proud winner of Gradam Tailte, pictured with PMPA chairman Joe Moore, and Máire Ní Fhionnalaigh, uachtarán Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael.

Camogie Superstar

GIVE a Corkman — or woman — a caman and you can expect a display of top-class skill. It was no great surprise, therefore, that a girl from St. Finbarr's club in Cork emerged the victor in a superbly contested Gradam Tailte in Dublin recently.

All 32 counties were represented in this competition which could deservedly be called the Camogie Superstar event. The day-long competition got under way with a parade of the

contestants, led by the Artane Boys Band, and each representative was preceded by her county's flag.

The competition was razor keen, the rivalry intense, and the sportsmanship above reproach. Indeed, many new friendships were made, and the day came to a fitting climax with a friendly, award-giving gala dinner in the Gresham Hotel.

PMPA sponsored the award, with Group Chairman Joe Moore a keenly-

interested spectator throughout the day's events.

And when the last race had been run, and the last sliothar pucked, it was Cork's Clare Cronin who had most points stashed away with 33.

But only just, for Angela Downey from Kilkenny was breathing down her neck all the way and finished just two points in arrears.

The Cork girl took first place in skills, as well as being placed in other events. Angela Downey won the indoor obstacle race and was well placed in other tests. Roscommon girl Patricia Finneran carried off both the 800 metres and the basketball titles, while the Poc Fada was won by Limerick's Pat McCarthy.

But altogether it was a great day for Camogie which, after 80 years, appears to be flourishing as never before. The organisers were obviously delighted to be associated with PMPA; it was a coming together of two uniquely Irish national institutions.



Pictured at the reception prior to Gradam Tailte are Liz Howard, of An Cumann Camogaíochta, Sean O Siachain, former Director General of the GAA and Ashley Hurley-Kirwan, Miss PMPA.

Home venue to boost Dublin

THE first of the Senior Championship Camogie semi-finals is down for decision on Sunday. Last year's finalists and this year's senior League winners, Dublin, travel to Cappawhite to play Tipperary (3.0).

Dublin, who hold the team of '79 Deirdre Lane, record number of 25 titles but they have not won the O'Duffy Cup for sixteen years.

In that period they lost the deciders to Antrim, 1967, Kilkenny 1976, Cork in 1978 and 1982.

Tipperary have yet to win a Senior All-Ireland Championship title but they have been successful in the Senior National League, which they won in the inaugural year, 1977.

They also have experienced All-Ireland successes at Schools level. Presentation Convent, Cashel, have brought home three All-Ireland Schools titles, the Junior Cup in 1975 and the Senior in 1977 and 1979.

Tipperary's last appearance in an All-Ireland final, which was their sixth since 1949, was against Antrim in 1979 when they lost 2-3 to 1-3 after a great game in which Antrim's goalkeeper, Carol Blaney, proved her side's saviour.

On the way to the semi-final Tipperary ousted Galway and Limerick while Dublin defeated Dwyonand Kilkenny. The Metropolitans have practically the same side as won the League in MAY.

VERY STRONG

The three Redmond sisters, Yvonne, in goal, Anne, full-back and Barbara, on the left wing, are very strong and consistent players.

Germaise Noonan, who had the unenviable task of playing on Angela Downey in the quarter final, will be just as busy on Sunday coping with Tipperary's Jimmy English.

Bernie Toner, whose speed and long clearances have proved a tremendous asset in their earlier games is again at centre back with Grainne Burke, on her left.

The midfield line is as they started against Kilkenny Una Crowley, Mary Mernagh and Barbara Redmond, Anna Condon, who came on for Mary Mernagh in that game is a very valuable substitute as she proved in the quarter-final.

The Dublin attack, playing together all this season, have a great understanding and are hard to contain.

Tipperary have an even blend of youth and experience. From the finalist

Dublin never in trouble

DUBLIN scored a convincing 5-9 to 0-9 win over Tipperary in the All-Ireland Camogie semi-final at Cappawhite yesterday.

Edel Murphy opened the scoring with a point from a free for Dublin. Points were exchanged before Marian Conroy scored a fine goal for Dublin.

Two points apiece from frees, plenty of close ground play and clever moves by both sides left a half time score of Dublin 1-5 Tipperary 0-3 and an exciting second half in prospect.

This however, was not to be. Tipperary failed to maintain the pace they had set in the first half and the standard of play dropped considerably.

In the second minute, Mary Mernagh, surfaced after a quiet first half to score an exciting goal with an overhead flick. Accurate free taking from Edel Murphy and three more goals left Dublin in an in-pregnable position.

Tipperary to their credit did fight until the very last moment and even increased the pressure in the dying moments, thanks especially to the efforts of Deirdre Lane and Jenny English, who took their points well. Triona Bonner and Rosie Ryan also worked hard, throughout for Tipperary.

In a good all round team effort, Dublin's greatest inspiration came from Anne Redmond, Bernie Toner, Edel Murphy and Marian Conroy.

Scorers, Dublin — M. Conroy (2-2), E. Murphy (0-7), M. Mernagh (1-0), A. Colgan (1-0), J. Gormley (1-0); Tipperary — D. Lane (0-5), J. English (0-3), T. Bonner (0-1).

WON FIRST TITLE
Deirdre Lane and Maura (Hogan) Hackett were on the tea that won the inaugural League title and Jenny English, who has just finished school has been the star of St. Pauls, Kilfinane, for the past five years.

Breda Kennedy is a very sound goalie and she has able defenders in to experienced Maura Hackett and Rosie Ryan. Deirdre Lane positioned at midfield is the County's most experienced player.

She plays her club Camogie with Celtic, Dublin, where she has won Championship and League Senior titles.

Wingers Anne Marie Meaney, whose mother won a JUNIOR All-Ireland medal with Limerick in 1977 and the experienced Mona Quigley are useful players with plenty of spirit.

The half forward line Anne Gleeson, Triona Bonner and Jenny English have been performing very well in their earlier games and combine well with Mary O'Connell who is the County Chairman.

LEAGUE SUCCESS
Dublin, because of their League success and experience will start favourites but Tipperary surprised fancied Galway and Limerick and home venue is on their side.

Cork won the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland Championship for the sixth time since it was inaugurated ten years ago when they defeated holders Dublin at St. Finbarrs Grounds, Cork.

The game was of a very high standard all through with plenty of excitement in the fourth quarter as the teams remain level from the twelfth minute of the second half until Cork scored the winning goal in the dying minutes.

Dublin — Y. Redmond, A. Redmond, G. Noonan, B. Toner, G. Burke, U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond, E. Murphy, A. Colgan, M. Conroy, J. Gormley, Subs — T. O'Byrne, C. Docherty, A. Condon, A. Thorpe.

Tipperary — B. Kennedy, C. O'Brien, S. Hickey, R. Ryan, M. Hackett, A. M. Meaney, D. Lane, M. Quigley, A. Gleeson, T. Bonner, J. English, M. O'Connell.

Old Guard Could Swing Issue For Cork

CORK are just one game away from the All-Ireland Senior final. But what a tough match that could be against Wexford at Rathnure on Sunday.

Sunday is a quiet day on the home front, but all next week will be busy as the County Board endeavour to get competitions up to date.

Wexford had an easy journey to Sunday's All-Ireland semi-final against Cork. They had a bye in the first round and then easily accounted for Louth in the second. But Cork would do well to remember that Wexford had a most impressive National League run this season, defeating Tipperary, Clare and Cork in their way to the final. In this they lost to Dublin, who have already qualified for the All-Ireland decider, so that was no disgrace.

Cork's National League performances were pretty dismal to say the least but they were more impressive in their lone championship tie against Clare. Cork received a walk-over in the first round from Antrim, so they too had only that single championship tie.

Cork would also want to remember that their away record against Wexford is not good. They lost to Wexford in the National League this season and again in the League final of 1978 and when Wexford won their last All-Ireland title in 1975 Cork were their opponents in that year's final.

However, Cork have never been a really impressive National League team - in fact they have never won the title - and they will be expected to be far more impressive in this latest meeting with Wexford. But, of course, Wexford will be expected to be better too, with so much extra training, and their big news for Sunday is that Margaret O'Leary, one of their all time greats, is back in the side after a number of years' absence.

Margaret is a great player and if she has regained her former fitness then Cork can expect a great deal of trouble from her. They also have the Walsh sisters, Elsie and Dorothy, that marvellous goalie Kathleen Tonks, and the powerful defender Geraldine Butler, and Deirdre Cussins.

What have Cork to offer in defence of their title? They have again made changes for this game and it appears that the selectors have gone back to the "old guard" for the big one. Mary Geaney, of Eire Og is back at full forward, and Marian Sweeney comes into the side in the centre to the exclusion of Noelle O'Driscoll and Clare Kelleher, who are listed in the substitutes.

Ger McCarthy has been moved from centre-field to corner forward, surely her best position, with sharpshooter, and B+1 Player of the Year for last season, Mary O'Leary on the other wing, the powerful Val Fitzpatrick at centre-forward.

Marian McCarthy as usual will be between the posts and Eileen Dineen will be at full back. The half line of Miriam Higgins, Catherine Landers and Martha Kearney has been together for some time now and is very sound.

Marian Sweeney is joined in the centre line by the hardworking and stylish Clare Cronin, and that bundle of energy and skill Sandy Fitzgibbon.

So on paper Cork look very good and must have an excellent chance indeed of reaching their third final this season. They have already won the Minor - defeating Dublin in the final, two weeks ago; They have qualified for the Junior - against Dublin, and if they win on Sunday it will be Dublin for the third time.

But Cork will need to pull out all the stops and they are depending on a good following travelling to Rathnure - in spite of that

other great attraction in Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

Cork Team: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, M. Sweeney, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, M. Geaney, Subs: N. O'Driscoll, L. Lynch, C. Kelleher, A. O'Donovan, A. Higgins, P. Keniry.

Champions should be too experienced

CORK, the All-Ireland camogie champions travel to Rathnure (3.30) on Sunday next to defend their crown against Wexford in the second semi-final of the All-Ireland Championship.

Dublin, who were runners-up to Cork in last year's decider, will play the winners at Croke Park on September 5. Dublin and Cork already have their junior sides in opposition on All-Ireland day in the curtain-raiser to the final.

Cork, who have already defeated Dublin in the Minor final, will be very keen to repeat their record

feat of 1980 when they captured all three titles.

The Leesiders place their confidence for this game on experience while the Slaneysiders depend on the speed of their younger side who will get their confidence from their well-known stars, Elsie Walsh, goalie, Kathleen Tonks and Caroline Farrington.

GLORY HOURS

Both counties have had their hours of glory in the past fifteen years. For Wexford they won their first All-Ireland title in 1968, retained the cup the follow-

ing year and came back again in 1975 to win the O'Duffy Cup for the third time.

The years between have also been fruitful for Wexford in that their champion club Buffers Alley has won three All-Ireland Club Championship titles in 1979, '81 and '82.

In fact Buffers Alley have contested the last five club championship finals.

But their success over the period does not measure up to Cork's achievements. They have won seven titles, four in a row from 1970-'73, and the remaining three in

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1978, '80 and '82. They qualified for four other finals.

Sunday's participants have been in opposition four times. Wexford's first title in 1968 was in a victory over Cork, while Cork defeated Wexford in 1971 and the Slaneysiders had their revenge in the 1975 final. Wexford also scored a victory over Cork in the Senior League final in 1978.

Their respective county champions have met in the

All-Ireland club championship finals and shared the spoils, Killeagh (Cork) took the Cup in 1980 while Buffers Alley regained it in 1981.

But the more experienced Cork side will be hard to beat. Marion McCarthy, with seven All-Ireland medals, is a brilliant goalie, Eileen Dineen, Catherine Landers, Martha Kearney, Geraldine McCarthy, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Clare Cronin, have come up from Minor and Junior winning

By Taobh Line

Cork teams and have won distinctions at senior level.

Marion Sweeney, comes next to Marion with five medals. Mary O'Leary, Catherine Landers, Mary Geaney and Clare Cronin hold three each while Martha Kearney, Miriam Higgins and Eileen Dineen have two. Geraldine McCarthy and Sandy Fitzgibbon were on last year's winning team.

Elsie Walsh and Kathleen Tonks are the only surviving members of the Wexford

team of '75 but in their club, Buffers Alley, have won All-Ireland medals in 1979, '81 and '82, an experience which stand to them now.

NEWCOMES

They are Wynne, Caroline I. Ann Butler, O'Leary, and Stella Tina Fitzhenr Reddy, Deirdre G. Catherine Murphy only fourteen year newcomers to senior but have been well on the team. Yet it will be match the Leesiders' experience, especially



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ALL-IRELAND SENIOR SEMI FINAL

Nicky Rackard Mem. Park, Rathnure

Sunday, 28th August, 1983

3. 30pm.

CORCAIGH -v- LOCH GARMAN

Reitheoir : Belle Uí Lochlainn

WEXFORD COUNTY UNDER 14 C.SHIP FINAL

BALLINDAGGIN -v- ST. IBARS

2. 00pm.

Reitheoir : Paidirín Uí Draolín

Clár Oifigiúil _____ 20p

Cork girls were never troubled

Cork 1-14, Wexford 0-4
CORK struck top form in their All-Ireland senior semi-final against Wexford at Rathnure yesterday and won their way to the final against Dublin on September 25.

Playing with the wind in the first half, Cork opened the scoring with a Mary Geaney point and this was followed by a marvellous period for the winners during which sharpshooter Mary O'Leary scored five

great points. At this stage Cork looked very strong and by half-time had built up a commanding 0-10 to 0-1 lead.

In the second half Cork continued to be very much on top and in fact the match was well over with 10 minutes to go.

The Wexford forwards were very young and rather ineffective and this was probably the big difference between the sides, as the Cork attack were in bril-

liant scoring form and picked off points practically at will.

Mary O'Leary returned to her best form and was Cork's outstanding player and she found able assistance from Sandy Fitzgibbon, Captain Catherine Landers, Clare Cronin and Mary Geaney. For Wexford, Elsie Walsh, Geraldine Wynn, Gertrude O'Leary and Stella Synnott were best.

Scorers — Cork: M. O'Leary

1-8, Mary Geaney 0-4, C. Cronin and C. Kelleher 0-1 each. Wexford: A. Reddy 0-2, C. Murphy and E. Walsh 0-1 each.

Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, M. Sweeney, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, M. Geaney. Sub.: C. Kelleher for V. Fitzpatrick.

Wexford: K. Tonks, A. Butler, G. Wynn, S. Synnott, D. Guinan, T. Fitzhenry, E. Walsh, C. Farrington, A. Reddy, G. O'Leary, J. Codd, C. Murphy.

Referee: B. O'Loughlin, Down.

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Slaneysiders forwards, three of whom, Anne Reddy, Jacqueline Codd and Catherine Murphy, are very young. Gertrude O'Leary at centre forward, should be able to hold her own.

Wexford, who were in the same zone as Cork in the Senior League will get confidence from their victory over the All-Ireland champions who only collected three points out of eight in that competition.

They lost to Wexford and Limerick, drew with Tipperary and defeated Clare. Wexford, who reached the final, also defeated Tipperary, and Clare and drew

with Limerick. It is however generally accepted that League and Championship form differ greatly.

It should be another Cork-Dublin Final on September 25, and it would be the eighth time that the counties meet. Cork won in 1935, '41, '78 and '82 while Dublin took the title in 1942, '43 and '55.

CORK — M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, M. Kearney, C. Landers (Capt), C. Cronin, M. Sweeney, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, M. Geaney.

WEXFORD — K. Tonks, A. Butler, G. Wynn, S. Synnott, D. Guinan, T. Fitzhenry, E. Walsh, C. Farrington, A. Reddy, G. O'Leary, J. Codd, C. Murphy.

CAMOGIE COMMENT

By
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THE most successful event undertaken by An Cumann Camógachta in recent years has been An Gradam Táihte. This competition, to find the Camogie star of the year was inaugurated in 1982 and is open to the players who participate in the senior county panel.

The aims of the competition are to give greater recognition to the county stars, to promote the game through the publicity and to increase the finances of the Association.

All thirty-two counties entered again this year and the competition took on a new significance with the involvement of P.M.P.A. as sponsors.

Many well-known players represented their counties at St. Patrick's College. The highlight of the day-long entertainment was the closeness of Cork's right winger, Claire Cronin, and Kilkenny's star forward, Angela Downey, going into the last competition of the day.

The destiny of the beautiful Gradam Táihte Trophy, also sponsored by P.M.P.A., was wide open as each contestant got the opportunity to score as much as possible from six placed balls along the thirty yard line.

P.M.P.A. ENSURE SUCCESS OF AN GRADAM TÁILTE

In the goal for Claire, who was in group one, was Kathleen Tonks and this great Wexford goalie only conceded one goal to Claire while Marion McCarthy, the Cork star goalie, foiled Angela on all six attempts.

So Claire Cronin, the winner of All-Ireland medals at Senior, Minor and Schools level, received the trophy from Joe Moore, Managing Director of P.M.P.A. and in her own victory paid a wonderful tribute to her gallant runner-up, Angela Downey, of whom she said "the greatest camogie player in Ireland."

The other big event of the season so far has been Féile na nGael, again held in Dublin.

For the first time, forty-eight under-14 teams participated and also, for the first time, there were three divisions. The week-end was most enjoyable and Dublin's plan of playing all the games, after the first round, at the Phoenix Park Grounds, where the Camogie Board has four pitches, was most successful. Twenty-two games were played, without a hitch, between 2.30 and 6.30.

The success of Connacht teams in the Competitions speaks highly for the standard of the game in the West. Sarsfields (Galway) played St. Dominics (Roscommon) in the Final. The Galway champions made history by taking the title west for the first time.

Division three was won by Parke (Mayo), who defeated Spa, (Kerry) in the final. Caslean (Dublin) were the winners of Division two.

Another pleasing feature of Féile was the wonderful parade through O'Connell St., to the open-air Mass at Croke Park.

The defeated finalists of Division one, St. Dominics, got the prize for

the best dressed team and well deserved it. They even had their camogie sticks painted in their club colours of purple and white!

At time of writing the Senior Championship (Open Draw) quarter finals have been decided.

GREAT RIVALS

Into the semi-finals go All-Ireland champions Cork, who defeated Clare, against Wexford, who eliminated last seasons Junior Champions, Louth, while All-Ireland runners-up, Dublin, who knocked out their great rivals Kilkenny and Down oppose Tipperary, who defeated Galway and Limerick, although the underdogs on both occasions.

The Provincial Champions at both Junior and Wilwood Tailteann Minor are decided and the semi-final pairings are:

Junior:

Dublin v Down
Cork v Galway

Minor:

Dublin (Holders) v Derry
Cork v Galway

The National Coaching Course held during the summer was again very successful. It attracted interested prospective coaches from the whole country.

Available at Gormanston College, under the direction of National Coach, Mary Moran, was Mary's new coaching book, which illustrates as many as ninety-two ways of improving skills. Also distributed was the new coaching chart, which, illustrates the main skills, the grip, the stroke and the lift, in detail. It should be a great help to schoolteachers who are just starting the game.

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Wexford outplayed by champions

Cork.....1.14
Wexford.....0.4

Cork's Mary O'Leary was the scourge of Wexford when the flying winger scored a goal and ten points in All-Ireland champions Cork's emphatic 1.14 to 0.4 win over homesters Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie semi-final at Rathnure last Sunday.

The very promising but youthful Wexford side proved no match for the crafty Leesiders, with just two - Elsie Walsh and Kathleen Tonks - survivors on the Wexford team that last beat Cork in the final in 1975, now a golden memory for Slaneyside Camogie.

It will be Cork's 11th final in 14 years, and they were always in control in this game, leading by ten points at the break, though every credit to this young and eager Wexford side, whose scorers were Ann Reddy of Rathnure (0.2), and Catherine Murphy (Cloughbawn) and Elsie Walsh (Buffers Alley), 0-1 each.



The Wexford senior camogie team which lost to All-Ireland champions, Cork.



Cork, winners over Wexford, in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-final played at Rathnure.

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CORK, 1-14
WEXFORD, 0-4

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WITH Mary O'Leary in fine scoring form, Cork raced through to their 11th All-Ireland Final in 14 years at Rathnure yesterday. Wexford were the victims of a more experienced Cork side who never really looked in danger. The Cork girls now meet Dublin in a final pairing which is a repeat of last year's decider.

Playing with wind advantage in the first half, Cork were four points ahead after seven minutes. In the 10th minute, Wexford opened the scoring with a point but it was a strong Cork defence led by Cathy Landers and

Martha Kearney who held off the Wexford forwards throughout this opening half. Cork had a decisive lead of 10 points to one at half time.

Although Wexford, aided by the wind, fought hard to gain possession, Cork added two further points to their tally before Wexford's Catherine Murphy gave some spirit to her side with a point.

A lucky goal by Mary O'Leary was Cork's answer to the Wexford threat. Anne Reddy pointed for Wexford, but the game seemed

decided when Cork added two further points. Elsie Walsh shot for goal from a free for Wexford only to see it converted into a point to complete Wexford's scoring.

Anne Butler, Geraldine Wynne and Caroline Farrington strove to bring Wexford into the game but the young Wexford forward line were no match for the Cork defence. Claire Cronin was dominant at midfield for Cork while Cork's Marian Sweeney and Wexford's Elsie Walsh were well matched.

Scorers — Cork: M. O'Leary (1-10), M. Kearney (0-2), C. Cronin (0-1), C. Kelleher (0-1). Wexford: A. Reddy (0-2), C. Murphy (0-1), E. Walsh (0-1).



Jim Sheils presents trophy to Ann Lydon, Captain of St. Ibar's under-14 side.

CAMOGIE COMMENT

BY AGNES HOURIGAN

Clash of the Titans

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FINAL SHOULD BE A THRILLER

THE fifty-second All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final is scheduled for Croke Park on September 25. The contestants are old rivals Cork and Dublin.

Dublin, who won twenty-five titles in the first thirty-five years of the championship, have not won the cup for the past seventeen years, while Cork have captured the O'Duffy Cup seven times since 1970.

The metropolitans possess a remarkable record — they won the cup eighteen times out of nineteen between 1948 and 1966, only missing out in 1956. Since 1966 the Liffesiders have appeared in four finals. In 1967 they played a draw with Antrim, a game which has been acclaimed as the best final ever played, they lost the replay 3-9 to 4-2 and then went into decline for the next decade. They reappeared in 1976 in an All-Leinster final, with the advent of the open draw, against Kilkenny.

Kilkenny won by a point after a

very exciting game. The Dubliners next returned to Croke Park in 1978 and a day they would like to forget, they lost 6-4 to 1-2 to Cork. Last year they met Cork again and after a very close game they lost by a point from a free scored in the dying minutes.

Practically all of the current Dublin team have been on the winning senior league teams of 1979, '81 and are current League Champions.

In fact the Dublin Junior team are also league champions, a title they retained from 1982 and they also play Cork in the Junior Final on September 25.

The question is often asked "What has happened to Dublin?" It is my own belief that Dublin has not changed. Actually, apart from one section, the Post Primary Schools, who were so strong in the 'thirties and 'forties, there is more camogie in Dublin now than ever before.

The number of clubs is increasing all the time and the success of the under-age teams in recent years has been very promising. Féile na nGael titles went to Woodville in '79 and '80 and to Marino in '81 and '82. Dublin won the minor All-Ireland title last year but lost narrowly to Cork this season.

The Dublin Board has 41 affiliated clubs and run twenty-four competitions. In addition Post Primary Schools and the Primary Schools Committees run separate competitions.

It is generally accepted that the setting up of the Provincial Schools Councils in the early 'sixties and the All-Ireland Schools Council in the late sixties has made all the difference.

Great Wexford and Kilkenny teams, who went on to win senior All-Ireland titles were fostered in the schools.

The pattern was similar in the Junior Championship. Down, Derry, Galway, Clare, Limerick and Louth, as well as Dublin and Cork,

have all written their names on the New Ireland Cup, the Junior All-Ireland Trophy and the schools participation has been strong in all these counties.

So it is not that Dublin has gone down but through increased participation the other counties have come up.

Cork have been the most successful in the last thirteen years. Their greatest achievement in one year was in 1980 when the county won five All-Ireland titles. The O'Duffy Cup (Senior), New Ireland Cup (Junior) Corn Tailte (Minors), Corn Sceilg was won by North Presentation (All-Ireland Schools Cup) and Killeagh, the county champions won the Club Championship title.

In that year of glory they broke their own record (1973) when they won the two titles senior and junior.

Looking back over the records, they were in six senior finals from 1970-1975 — and they won four in a row, '70, '71, '72, and '73. In the last thirteen years the Leesiders have qualified for ten finals and have won seven. It is easy to see how their senior standard is maintained when their performance in the minor championships is reviewed. This competition was inaugurated in 1974 and the Corkonians have dominated the scene, winning six titles out of the ten played and were runners-up in the inaugural year. Many of these minors are now established senior players, Catherine Landers, Martha Kearney, Ann Delaney, Claire Cronin, the 1983 Gradam Tailte winner, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Geraldine McCarthy are all minor All-Ireland medal holders.

So it will be an All-Cork-Dublin day in the All-Ireland finals at Croke Park on the 25th of September. While Cork senior and junior sides have contested the deciders several times in the same year, it is the first time that the same counties will contest both finals.

Community Games Camogie Final Should Be Thriller

Spirit Could See Bishopstown Through

The Bishopstown under 14 camogie team will represent Munster in the All-Ireland Community Games Finals, which take place in Mosney, Co. Meath over the forthcoming weekend.

In the 1983 Cork Community Games, Bishopstown defeated Mayfield, Glanmire and Farranree to win the title for the third time in four years. At this year's Munster finals, the Bishopstown girls with victories over Kerry champions, Kenmare and Clare champions, Shannon, became the only girls team from Cork to win a Munster title. Over the past few weeks, the girls have undergone a rigorous training schedule under team manager Pat Murray in preparation for the Mosney event. Despite their tender years, the girls are quite experienced as twelve of the panel played in this year's national Féile na nGael finals in Dublin

where Bishopstown were Cork's representatives. Team captain Sheenagh Morley and her teammate Bernie Hayes are the only links with the 1981 Bishopstown team which won bronze medals in Mosney.

The Cork girls will be up against it in their semi-final clash against the fancied Connaught champions Salthill from Galway. However, the spirit and determination of the Bishopstown girls will ensure that they will give a good account of themselves, especially as a large number of supporters from Cork are travelling to watch them in action.

The Bishopstown panel



Bishopstown under-14 camogie team, winners of the Cork and Munster Community Games and are going to Butlins this week for the National Community Games finals. (Echo)

who hope to do Cork and Munster proud this weekend is: Bernie Power, Deirdre Long, Lena O'Riordan, Carol Enright, Deirdre Carroll, Karen Higgins, Brid Corcoran, Teresa Geary, Sheenagh Morley, Judith Coughlan, Aisling Walsh, Leon Collins, Nuala Hobbs, Evelyn Mahon, Oonagh Buckley and Bernie Hayes.

Travelling with the team as well as team manager Pat Murray will be team officials Irene Higgins and Martin Hayes.



Bishopstown camogie players Niamh Coughlan (left) and Liz Towler who won All-Ireland Minor with the Cork team.

COMMUNITY GAMES
1. New Inn, Galway
2. W. Athlone, Dublin
3. Bishopstown, Cork

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Double All-Ireland date for Dubs, Cork

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winners, but Dublin have been more successful in the Senior National League which they have won three times (1979, 81, and 83).

Many oldtimers ask "what has happened to Dublin Camogie?" "How is it that a county which won 18 out of 19 titles between 1948 and 1966 has not succeeded since then?"

There is more camogie played in Dublin now than ever before, in all but one area. The number of schools playing in Post-Primary Competitions is very low.

However, competitions are organised by the Dublin Board for under-age players (under 11, 12, 13, 14), which has been reflected in their success in Feile na nGael, which was won by two Dublin clubs, Woodville (1979, '80) and Marino (1981, '82).

I maintain that the standard in Dublin is just as good as ever and that the standard in other counties

has come up to challenge the Metropolitans.

How has this come about? There are many answers, but the most apparent reason is the organisation of School competitions, with the setting up of the Provincial and All-Ireland Camogie Councils in the sixties.

Wexford and Kilkenny came to the fore in senior ranks, while Armagh, Derry, Down, Galway, Limerick, Clare and Tyrone, at Junior level, have benefited from their schools players.

Louth, who won last year, is the only exception to this theory. Their schools are not as strong as they might be.

COACHING

Coaching Courses have also played a big part in the raising of the standard. Mary Morn and Anne Carroll produced a Coaching Book and Mary has followed with a more advanced book recently.

Cork Girls In Line For Big Treble

CORK have yet to be beaten at inter-county level this season and are at present very much in line for the big All-Ireland treble — Minor (already won), junior and senior (due to play in both finals on the 25th of this month in Croke Park). In the meantime the under 18 string are through to their Munster final, against Clare on Sunday at Ballincollig and Cork also have the Munster representatives in the National Community Games finals at Butlins over the coming weekend in Bishopstown — so in all it is a marvellous season so far for the county.

Cork under-18's had the narrowest of wins over Tipperary in their Munster championship semi-final last week, but their win was a victory for their determination and character as they were up against a very strong Tipperary side, who battled to the final whistle. Now Cork, following that 1-2 to 0-4 win face what should be another tough task against Clare on Sunday in the final. The Clare team was not available at the time of writing, but no doubt they will be calling on a number of stars from that marvellous college, St. Patrick's, Shannon and Cork can expect yet another tough game in their efforts to retain the Munster crown. But a home venue is always a big asset in the younger age groups and if Cork can play with the same grit and skill as they produced a week ago then they must have a very good chance of winning.

They have an excellent goalie in Fiona McCarthy — remember her marvellous saves in the minor final — while Mary Ring and Diane Deane are sound corner backs. There is a change at full back with Mary Murphy coming into the side for the first time in this position. Liz Maher, who held the position, moves to centre back, and Liz Dunphy moves from that position to full centre, to the exclusion of Catherine O'Sullivan, who is relegated to the substitutes.

Partnering the stylish Liz Dunphy in the centre will be the two O'Leary's, Irene and Colleen and these changes should give Cork more power in the middle.

The marvellous St. Finbarr's player, Colette O'Mahony will again be at half forward, with the youthful though excellent Linda Mellerick in one of the corners. Completing the attack will be the very young Paula Carey at full forward and the former St. Patrick's School player, Mary Currid.

The subs for Sunday are Deirdre O'Shea, Dolores Duffy, Audrey Lenihan, Deirdre Christie, Catherine O'Sullivan, Shirley O'Sulli-

van and Caroline Reidy. Bishopstown, Cork and Munster Community Games champions, travel to Butlins this weekend for the national finals. Bishopstown have quite an experienced side for the finals as most of their team played in the Feile na nGael finals in Dublin in June. On that occasion they had a good win over Kilmore of Dublin in the first round and only lost to the Roscommon champions after extra time in the quarter-finals. Roscommon for their part went on to the final which they lost to a marvellous Galway team.

Bishopstown play their first game tomorrow morning, against the Galway Community Games champions, so they must expect the toughest of games, as Galway are determined to make it a national double. However, if the Cork champions can produce the form which saw them snatch a last minute victory against Clare in the Munster final, then they must have a very good chance of reaching Sunday's final. Incidentally, Bishopstown also have Cork's representative in the long puck competition in Sheenagh Morley.

The Bishopstown panel is: Zena O'Riordan, Aisling Walsh, Theresa Geary, Evelyn Mahon, Sheenagh Morley (captain), Karen Higgins, Deirdre Carroll, Bernie Hayes, Brid Corcoran, Carol Enright, Bernie Power, Leon Collins, Deirdre Long, Nuala Hobbs, Oonagh Buckley and Judith Coughlan.

There will be great excitement on the club front also, with arch rivals Killeagh and Eire Og meeting in the senior league. For years these sides have provided one marvellous encounter after another and Sunday morning's tie should be no exception.

There are also five Junior 'B' championship ties listed for Sunday and there will be plenty of keen competition in these games in which Cloughduv meet Courcy Rovers, St. Fanahan's play Bride Rovers, Castlemagner are at home to Ballygarvan, Bishopstown play host to Sarsfields and Fr. Mathew's oppose Blackrock.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday), Community Games semi-final at Butlins, Bishopstown v Galway champions at 10.30 a.m.

Sunday: M. U-18 C. final at Ballincollig, Cork v Clare, 3 p.m. S.L. at Ovens, Killeagh v Eire Og, 12.30 p.m. (Ref. Ballinora); J.B.C. at Cloughduv, Cloughduv v Courcy Rovers, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Eire Og); at Mitchelstown, St. Fanahan's v Bride Rovers, 6 p.m. (Ref. St. Catherine's); at Castlemagner, Castlemagner v Ballygarvan, 3.30 (Ref. St. Finbarr's); at Fr. Mathew's, Fr. Mathew's v Blackrock, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Douglas) at Bishopstown, Bishopstown v Sarsfields, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig).

Tuesday: U. 16L at Blackrock, Bishopstown v Blackrock, 6.30 p.m. (Ref. Fr. Mathew's).

Buffers Alley seeking sixth

THE ALL-IRELAND Club Championship competition is in the news this week. Many county finals are decided but the main interest is in the Leinster Club final in which the Wexford champions, Buffers Alley seek their sixth provincial title when they play Myshall (Carlow) at Buffers Alley grounds grounds (7.00) tomorrow.

This club first hit the headlines in 1978, when they qualified for the final against Ballygarvan (Limerick) but to the disappointment of the huge local following they had to take second place.

They came back the following year and won the Cup at the expense of Galway Champions Athenry.

Killeagh, the Cork County Champions for the first time, and Buffers Alley reached the 1980 decider and Killeagh won the fifth All-Ireland title for Cork that year.

REGAINED CUP

They had already won the three National titles, senior, junior and minor, and the senior schools Cup had gone to North Presentation.

Buffers Alley came back the next year and regained the Cup which they held on to last season.

Last week they defeated the Dublin Champions, Celtic, who, although they were the inaugural winners in 1964, have not succeeded in coming out of Leinster since then.

Myshall, the contestants, are a junior club who must be apprehensive about the outcome of this forthcoming game. Only in existence for a few years, they have achieved quite a reputation.

They represented the county in the 1982 junior league, won out their zone to qualify for the All-Ireland semi-final which they lost to Tyrone by one point. Carlow reached a play-off this year's League zone but went down to Wicklow. Buffers Alley are the favourites to collect their sixth Leinster Club Championship on Sunday.

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Cork about to get the better of the ball despite the close intervention of the Clare defence during the Munster under-18 camogie final in Ballincollig yesterday. (Echo)

Cork do enough in first half

CORK 5-9; CLARE 2-7

A DEVASTATING first-half goal blitz assured a strong and stylish Cork team of victory in the Munster under-18 camogie final at Ballincollig yesterday.

By half-time, the destiny of this year's title was very much settled, with the Cork girls leading their Clare opponents by 14 points. Outscoring the victors in the second-half was the only consolation left to Clare, although they will be disappointed at their attempts late in the match to reduce the wide deficit.

Fourteen-years-old Collette O'Mahony had a field day for Cork at full-forward, scoring three first-half goals and continually causing havoc in the suspect Clare rearguard. Equally impressive for Cork were midfield players Liz Dunphy and Irene O'Leary while Lis Maher played a marvellous game in defence.

Maura McNicholas, Anne Murnane and Cora Fahey performed very well for Clare, with Murnane getting what was probably the score of the match — a finely struck first-half goal.

Cork—F. McCarthy, M. Ring, M. Murphy, D. Deane, L. Maher, C. O'Leary, L. Dunphy, I. O'Leary, C. O'Mahony, L. Mellerick, M. Currid, P. Long. Subs: D. O'Shea, A. Lenthian, C. O'Sullivan, D. Duffy, D. Christie.

Clare—J. Malone, C. O'Dea, T. O'Connell, G. Morey, C. McGrath, B. Cassidy, C. Fahey, T. Naughton, M. McNicholas, A. Murnane, N. Quinn, K. Naughton. Subs: S. Marsh for Catherine O'Dea.



Clare about to block a clearance from the Cork defence during the Munster under-18 camogie final in Ballincollig yesterday. —(Picture: Richard Mills)

CROAGH-KILFINNY EDGE OUT THE GLEN

By NOEL SPILLANE

GLEN ROVERS 2-4;
CROAGH-KILFINNY 2-6

LIMERICK champions Croagh-Kilfinny had to withstand a nerve-racking closing ten minutes to beat Cork champions Glen Rovers in the Munster inter-club senior camogie championship semi-final at rain-soaked Glen Field on Saturday evening.

However, at the end of a highly charged encounter, Croagh deserved their two point win for in that second half they came back from a goal down at half time (2-3 to 1-3) and gradually whittled away at the Glen lead to go in front with two Rosie FitzGerald points midway through the second period.

Glen Rovers' inter-county star Ger McCarthy was responsible for giving her side the half-time advantage when she turned in a superb first half display with a goal and three points. Frances Hurley scored the other Glen goal. Helen Mulcare and Rosie FitzGerald were the first half scorers for Croagh.

TURNING POINT

The turning point came two minutes into the second half when Croagh grabbed the equaliser through Margie

Dore when she smashed the ball to the net to make it 2-3 each.

Rosie FitzGerald, another of Croagh's inter-county stars, took over from here and with three second half points, two from frees, she edged Croagh ahead. Some gallant defensive play by goalkeeper Helen Sheehy, Breda O'Dea and Margaret Guiney held the Croagh goal intact to the end and despite the best efforts of the Glen they were unable to break through to take the game.

Best for Glen Rovers were Ger McCarthy, Marie Mackey, Mary Owens, the team captain Ann O'Donovan, Sandy FitzGibbon, and Val FitzPatrick. For Croagh inter-county players, Helen Sheehy, Margie Dore, Helen Mulcare, Brid Stokes, Rosie FitzGerald, and Noreen and Eithne Courtney all played well.

Scorers for Croagh-Kilfinny: Rosie FitzGerald 0-5 (0-2 frees); H. Mulcare 1-1; M. Dore 1-0.

Glen Rovers: Ger McCarthy 1-4; F. Hurley 1-0.

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, M. Owens, A. O'Donovan (capt.), M. Ring, M. Mackey, M. Horgan, M. Currid, S. FitzGibbon, V. FitzPatrick, G. McCarthy, F. Hurley, C. McCarthy. Sub: Patricia Mackey for Mary Horgan (second half).

Croagh-Kilfinny: H. Sheehy, B. O'Dea, M. Guiney, G. Murphy, H. Mulcare (capt.), N. Courtney, E. Courtney, A. Sheehy, R. FitzGerald, B. Stokes, M. Dore, A. Sheehy. Sub: Ann Madigan for Gene Murphy (second half). Referee: Betty Joyce (Killeagh).



Glen Rovers forward, Francis Hurley (left) about to shoot for goal as Croagh-Kilfinny, defender Margaret Guiry comes in to challenge during the Munster inter-club senior camogie semi-final at the Glen field on Saturday. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

Another title for Glen Rovers

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GLEN ROVERS 1-8
ST. FINBARR'S 2-2

GLEN ROVERS added the Junior 'A' Championship title to their Senior County crown when they had a fine 1-8 to 2-2 win over St. Finbarr's in the final played at Caherlag yesterday.

Glen, playing with the wind in the opening period, had the St. Finbarr's defence under a lot of pressure for most of that first half, but only led at the interval by 0-5 to 1-0. During this period only marvellous perform-

ances from the losers defence and especially goalie Ann Collins and Marian McCarthy kept the winners at bay.

On the resumption Glen again came at the Barrs and for the first quarter looked as if they were going to overrun the losers. But St. Finbarr's fought back gallantly and came with a marvellous late rally in which the youthful Paula Carey, Collette O'Mahony and substitute Kay Desmond battled gamely for equality.

But in spite of their

efforts, it was the winners who snapped up the vital scores and who, thanks to brilliant performances from Breda O'Sullivan, Diane Deane, Regina Scoutts and Denise Cotter, came away with a well deserved victory.

Scorers. Glen Rovers: Regina Scoutts 0-5, Theresa O'Callaghan 1-0, Pamela Lane 0-2, Carmel Currid 0-1.

St. Finbarr's: Kay Desmond 1-1, Catherine McCarthy 1-0, Collette O'Mahony 0-1. Teams:

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, R. Mackey, M. Cole-

man, D. Deane, T. O'Callaghan, C. Currid, B. O'Sullivan, R. Scoutts, C. Fitzgibbon, D. Cotter, M. Newman, A. Loneragan. Subs. T. Connolly for C. Fitzgibbon, P. Lane for M. Newman, F. Wallace for T. Connolly.

St. Finbarr's: A. Collins, M. McCarthy, G. Kelleher, N. O'Brien, D. Duffy, D. Christie, C. O'Mahony, A. Christie, P. Carey, C. McCarthy, Mary Walsh, Majella Walsh. Subs. K. Desmond for D. Duffy, C. Coughlan for C. McCarthy.

Referee: B. Joyce (Kil-leagh).



Croagh, Kilfinny, Co. Limerick (top) who defeated Glen Rovers Cork in the Munster inter-club senior camogie semi-final at the Glen Field on Saturday. (Examiner)



Ms. Anna Crotty, committee member of the Irish Kidney Association, Cork branch presenting a kidney donor card to the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. John Dennehy during 'National Kidney Donor Week.' Also present were (l to r): Mrs. Nora Newman, chairperson, Glen Rovers Camogie Club, Cork (who accepted a card), Mr. Sean Deasy, vice-chairman, Cork branch; Eithne Buckley and Joan Wilson who are officiating at a stand in the Queens Old Castle, Cork; Mr. Jim Clifford, manager, do; Mrs. Anne O'Donovan, captain, Glen Rovers Camogie team and Cllr. Dan Wallace, both of whom accepted cards.

DUBLIN GIRLS HAVE THE ABILITY TO SHOCK CORK

By AGNES HOURIGAN

CAN Dublin, who have not won the All-Ireland senior camogie title since 1966, halt Cork's run of success on Sunday at Croke Park (3.30). The senior final will be preceded by the Junior decider (2.0) in which Cork and Dublin also compete.



● MARY O'LEARY (Cork).



● HIGGINS

Though Dublin lead Cork 25 to 13 titles, Cork have won the premier competition seven times since 1970 and have contested three more finals as well.

This is Dublin's fourth final since 1976. Two of the three they lost by a point and in the fourth they were well beaten.

Cork and Dublin meet for the third time since 1978 and because last year's decider was so close (2-7 to 2-6) it makes Sunday's game all the more intriguing.

Both counties qualified decisively in their earlier games. Dublin defeated Down 4-12 to 0-3; Kilkenny 4-7 to 2-6 and Tipperary 5-9 to 1-9.

Experienced

In Cork's game their tallies were equally impressive. They beat Clare 3-6 to 0-5 and Wexford 1-14 to 0-4.

The Leesiders have sixteen medalholders on their panel while Dublin have a similar number of National League winners.

Cork have ten of last year's players on their lineout. Eight of those Marion McCarthy in goal, full-back Eileen Dineen, half-back line Miriam Higgins, captain Cathy Landers, Martha Kearney, winger Claire Cronin and left forward Mary O'Leary

Cork's ace forward are placed in the same position.

Marion Sweeney who has won five All-Ireland medals in attack is switched to the centre-field spot for this game. Sandy Fitzgibbon, who came on as a substitute last year retains the left wing.

Mary Geaney, who missed last year's final, as she was away with the Irish hockey team is back in her usual place at full-forward. Val Fitzpatrick is moved from midfield to centre forward and Claire Kelleher, a surprise replacement for Geraldine McCarthy is at left forward.

The Dublin selection has eight of last year's lineout still available with five of those in the same positions.

Yvonne Redmond, who was so impressive in last year's final is in goal, her sister Anne, full back Bernie Toner centre back have two newcomers as cornerbacks Germaine Noonan, who played at right back in the League final is now at left back and Catherine Ledwidge comes on at right back.

Normal Spot

Una Crowley holds her spot at right wing. Edil Murphy moves from the left to the centre and Barbara Redmond

who was at left forward last year returns to her usual position at left wing. Anna Condon who has not been a regular this season is now back in the position of left wing in which she played last year. Mary Mernagh moves from midfield to centre forward, Marion Conroy, capt., at left forward, Joan Gormley is placed at full-forward.

In this contest of champions Cork, the 1982 winners, will start favourites but Dublin the 1983 League winners could surprise the champions. They have been more impressive this season especially in the National League in which they defeated Galway, Down, Kilkenny, Antrim and Louth. Cork, on the other hand, only gained three points out of eight. They defeated Clare, drew with Tipperary and lost to Limerick and Wexford.

However they came back to defeat Wexford decisively in the semi-final a few weeks ago.

Cork's strongest sector is their defence, so the Dublin forwards will need to be on their mark to get the scores. Marion McCarthy did not concede a goal yet in this year's competition.

But, Dublin have got a good combination going in their attack and we saw some good

scores in their earlier games especially against such strong opposition as Kilkenny.

The Dubliners may have a slight edge at midfield with Una Crowley, Edil Murphy and Barbara Redmond against Clair Cronin, Marion Sweeney and Sandy Fitzgibbon.

Mary O'Leary the Leesiders scorer-in-chief will take some attention to contain while Mary Geaney is always dangerous.

However, the Dublin defence kept Angela Downey of Kilkenny at bay and if Germaine Noonan can hold Mary Cork may find it hard to get the scores.

New Recruits

Cork, who are in their ninth junior final, have been champions only in 1973 and 1980. Dublin are contesting their fifth decider and were champions three times, in 1970, 71 and '75.

Cork contested four out of the last five finals, defeated Tyrone in 1980 but lost to Derry Galway and to Louth last year by only one point.

They have seven of last years team still on the side which gives them good experience.

Dublin who are Junior National League winners this season and last season have had



● DUBLIN CAPTAINS . . . Marian Conroy (left) who leads the Senior team and Junior Captain Geraldine

plenty of experience of playing together. They have lost four of that team to the seniors but their replacements have proved successful in the Leinster Championship.

They have a sound goalie in Ger Sutton who is the captain, strong defenders in Mary Duane Mairead Cronin, Anna Hyland, and Helena Broderick. Jo Holden, Ethna O'Hehir and Deirdre Byrne were impressive in all their games to date, while Carmel O'Byrne, Marie Connell, Siobhan Cronin and Noreen Fleming have been impressive in attack.

Marie O'Sullivan in goal and Mary Ring who joined Mary Maher, Liz Dunphy and Margo Twomey in defence have fitted in well. Anne Marie Landers, Shelly Spillane and Mary O'Donovan are skilful at midfield while Joan Shannon, in defence last season, Ann Leahy, Captain Bernie Murphy and Lillian Lincant are strong in attack and have been playing well.

This tie should be close with Dublin fractionally favoured to take the New Ireland Cup.

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Tom Nott (left), trainer Cork senior camogie team, giving final words of advice.

Dubs captain is confident

IN CONTRAST to Sunday last, the human traffic that will proceed down the Jones' Road this coming Sunday will be mainly of the female variety, as Dublin oppose Cork in the All-Ireland Camogie final.

It is the same pairing as last season, when Cork won by a point in a contest that slipped agonisingly away from the Dubs. Not since 1966 have the latter captured the All-Ireland crown, despite being the county that can boast the most titles.

The situation has become a trifle desperate, and leading the crusade on this occasion is Marian Conroy, the 29-year-old left-corner forward and captain of the Metropolitan side. Marian, originally from Laois, has played for Palmerstown, Austin Stacks and her present club, Celtic.

GREAT TRADITION

Twelve years ago she came to the city with a strong Gaelic games tradition behind her. Marian's father and brother played hurling for Laois, while her aunt represented the county in camogie.

Marian is employed in the Central Statistics Office near St. Stephen's Green and she has rueful memories of the Cork victory. She comments: "We performed as well, if not better than they did. We really beat ourselves and, overall, it was a question of confidence. They had a championship behind them, while we hadn't."

Everything so far has gone well. The backroom people are marvellous, and all the players have to do is train. They even provided us

with a video of the clash with Cork, and we have studied it in depth."

Marian Conroy initially came on the county horizon in the junior sector in 1971, and around three years later she graduated to the senior side. She has learned much from the notable exploits of Una O'Connor, Judy Doyle, Orla Ryan and Ali Hussey, among others.

"They were certainly memorable," she states, "but for me to collect an All-Ireland medal as captain of the team would cap it all. It's every county player's dream to win an All-Ireland, but to do so as skipper would be a tremendous privilege."

"At club level," she maintains, "it's hard to get people, and sometimes the turn-out for training is terrible. You may be lucky if a colleges girl arrives from the county."

There is much sporting prowess within Marian's small frame. She operates as a sweeper for the Dublin Castle in the Civil Service Soccer League, has done well in competitive badminton, and has been a superstar representative for Celtic in the annual All-Ireland tournament.

"My life is all about sport," she muses. "I watch them all on the television, and I have been to Milltown, Tolka and Dalymount Park frequently."

On the morning of the tie, Marian will join the rest of the girls in the Phoenix Park at around eleven for a puck-about. They will then go home for lunch prior to gathering again at Croke Park 45 minutes before they start.

"I am expecting a very tight tussle," she declares. "Cork have the best backs in the country, and Mary O'Leary is a big threat. She is Seanie's sister. From last year we have five personnel changes, and that gives more balance. It will be difficult but I think we can win."

On the route to Croke Park, the Dublin girls overcame Down, Kilkenny and Tipperary, and Christy Hayes, on the losing hurlers' side in '61, has been preparing his panel regularly three nights a week.

Marian dearly wishes for a big attendance, and she is graciously aware of the contribution the sponsors have made to the event. They are O'Neills, Dublin Oil and Surewelt International.

As the fateful hour nears, however, all she sees is another opportunity of resurrecting the spirit that last brought the trophy to Liffey-side. It would be the ultimate accolade for the former small child, educated who used to be pushed into goal by her brother in Laois just to allow him a target to shoot at.

CORK — M. McCarthy; E. Dineen; M. Higgins, C. Landus (capt.); M. Kearney; C. Cronin, M. Sweeney, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kelleher, M. Geaney. Subs — L. Lynch, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, G. McCarthy.

DUBLIN — Y. Redmond, A. Redmond, C. Ledwidge, B. Toner, G. Noonan; U. Crowley, E. Murphy, B. Redmond, A. Condon, M. Mernagh, M. Conroy (capt.); J. Gormley. Subs — T. O'Byrne, G. Burke, A. Thorpe, A. Coigan.

Christy's girl plays for Cork

ONE of the most famous names in Irish sport will be recalled when the Cork camogie team meets Dublin today in the All-Ireland Junior Final.

For, playing at right corner back for the Leesiders is Mary Ring, 17-year-old daughter of the late Christy Ring.

Mary did her Leaving Certificate this summer and now is attending a secretarial course in Cork. She also played in the Munster final and with her club, Glen Rovers, won the county championships this year. The family live in Ballintemple.

Her brother, Christy jnr also plays with Glen Rovers hurling club and is on the panel for today's match between Glen Rovers and St. Finbarr's — traditional Cork rivals.



● Mary Ring . . . following in dad's footsteps.



Martha Kearney

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Cork camogie star to shine

By MAOL MUIRE TYNAN
SEVENTEEN years ago Dublin's impeccable camogie record paused and plummeted and today their girls must try once again to wrench the All-Ireland title from vigorous Cork at Croke Park.

Having also met in last year's final — which ended in a one point win for Cork — rivalry has rarely been as intense between these two teams and since there are so few changes from the 1982 sides, it would be an act of pure faith or madness to put money on either side.

Dublin have long proved themselves voracious winners; they have already taken a total of 25 All-Ireland titles and established an unassailable eight-in-a-row record between 1948 and '55. Though they have twice as many titles as Cork to their credit, their recent history in the Championship has been sluggish and they undoubtedly feel it is past time to finish a lengthy period in the doldrums that has only

been broken by three National League wins.

Cork and Dublin have already met six times in the Championship and have broken even with titles; each occasion has been memorable for its exceptional standard of play.

In the past 13 years, Cork have totally outshone any other county by competing in ten All-Ireland finals, seven of which they won. They have developed wonderful style and concentrate on complete physical fitness — as, indeed, do Dublin.

Since their great strength lies in the fact that their repertoire of talent is unparalleled, and since they actually have All-Ireland medal holders among their substitutes, Cork will argue that they can absorb the loss of last year's captain Pat Lenihan quite well. She will be replaced by Val Fitzpatrick. Pat has gone, with her husband to work in Bangladesh.

As Antrim provided them with a walkover in the first

round and Wexford succumbed mildly, Cork have had no real test this season but they can be confident in their forwards, Mary Geaney, Mary O'Leary and Claire Kelleher, three extraordinarily powerful players.

Goalkeeper Marion McCarthy who has seven All-Ireland medals, is supported by captain, Catherine Landers, at centre-back, Miriam Higgins who once won a Junior All-Ireland with Dublin, and Martha Keavney. Full back Eileen Dineen is also very experienced and the harmony with which this area works could be Dublin's stumbling block.

Sandy Fitzgibbon, recruited from the 1982 Minor team, is a superb wing midfielder and will be a real difficulty if she is allowed to play freely to the forward line.

Dublin's path to the final has been thornier though they did have an easy win over Down in the first round. Their biggest challenge came from Kilkenny whom they beat by one goal and which gave them enormous confidence. Tipperary did not provide any great obstacles in the semi-final.

Their goalkeeper, Yvonne Redmond, ranks as one of the best in the country and with her sisters, Anne and Barbara, provides Dublin with a very strong defence. But they will also rely greatly on Bernie Toner at centre-back and Germaine Noonan.

There is nothing to suggest that this afternoon's game will not be as even as last year's. Dublin feel that if their luck is to turn at all, it must happen now after their crucial win over a highly competent Kilkenny team. Cork, unpractised in this year's Championship, might not be quite so keenly motivated but this should be their only weakness. If they travel to Dublin in their usual professional state of fitness, they could clinch the Sean O'Duffy Cup again — but narrowly.

Cork Have The Talent To Retain Senior Crown

THE magic treble is on for Cork — and this is something which players and followers alike must accept. A few weeks ago Cork won the minor All-Ireland crown, and on Sunday they play in both the junior and senior finals at Croke Park, and as in the minor decider, their opponents will be Dublin.

It appears that this season, Dublin are convinced that they are easily the best team in the country at senior level. They have won the National League for the last two seasons, and only lost by a point in last year's All-Ireland decider. But they, and Cork, would do well to remember that it was the Rebel County who had that single point win over the Dubliners, and that in the last two seasons Cork have beaten every county in the country at senior level.

But Dublin have to be respected as they certainly have an excellent side this season. They are particularly effective at centre-field, with three experienced performers in Una Crowley, Edel Murphy and Barbara Redmond.

Cork have chosen Marian Sweeney to take on the job of looking after Edel and this could be the most vital marking of the game, as Edel will have to be held if Cork are not to lose the centre-field. And if Cork lose the centre-field, then the speedy Dublin forwards could create an awful lot of problems for the Cork backs.

But Marian is a seasoned

campaigner and she will not be lacking in her task. And the Cork defence with the brilliant Marian McCarthy in goal, the steady and constantly improving Eileen Dineen at full back, and the excellent half back line of Miriam Higgins, Martha Kearney and captain Catherine Landers, should be able to cope, even with Anna Condon, Mary Mernagh, Marian Conroy and Joan Gormley.

From last year's final, which Cork won by a single point, the Cork captain on that day Pat Lenihan, is no longer there. But Mary Geaney is back in the side, and her inclusion seems to have done a great deal for the other Cork forwards. Mary and Mary O'Leary play particularly well together, while Val Fitzpatrick will not give an inch and the youthful Clare Kelleher could give the Dublin backs a hard time. However, Dublin are strong in defence with Yvonne Redmond in goal and steady backs in Bernie Toner and Ann Redmond.

For Marian McCarthy, it will be a very special day as she hopes to win her eighth All-Ireland medal, a record for Cork, but on the day it won't be Marian's eighth which will be troubling her but a win over Dublin, a second successive title for Cork, and an eighth since that magic 1970 win when Cork took the title for the first time since 1941. Dublin for their part after an incredible feat of 19 titles out of 20 from 1948

have not won an All-Ireland senior title since 1966 and they are hungry for victory.

So although I expect Dublin to be a very hard side to beat, Cork have the talent and the fighting spirit to retain the title.

What of the juniors? Cork lost this crown by a single point to Louth last season, and this year are determined to go one further. Their team is mainly the same as last season, and it is full of experience and talent. They have the sound Marie O'Sullivan in goal, and excellent defenders in Mary Maher, Mary Ring, Margo Twomey and Liz Dunphy. Mary O'Donovan, Shelly Spillane and Ann Marie Landers are all fine midfielders, while Ann Leahy, Joan Shannon, Lilian Zinkant and captain Bernie Murphy, are all capable of taking their chances in front of goal.

But again their opponents will be Dublin, and although they have not taken the junior crown since 1975, they are convinced that the double is on the cards and that they can account for Cork.

But again Cork should remember that they always play best when the odds are stacked against them, and with the minor crown already by the Lee, the junior must set the example for their seniors by taking their title.

And with the Cork footballers and hurlers having failed in their efforts for All-Ireland honours, what a marvellous achievement

it would be if Cork could bring off the double on Sunday and emulate the 1980 Cork teams who became the first county — and still the only one — to win minor, junior and senior All-Ireland titles in the same season.

Teams:

Senior:

Cork: K. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers (capt.), M. Kearney, C. Cronin, M. Sweeney, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kelleher, M. Geaney. Subs: G. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, L. Lynch, A. O'Donovan.

Dublin: Y. Redmond, A. Redmond, C. Ledwidge, B. Toner, G. Noonan, U. Crowley, E. Murphy, B. Redmond, A. Condon, M. Mernagh, M. Conroy (capt.), J. Gormley. Subs: T. O'Byrne, G. Burke, A. Torpe, A. Colgan.

Junior:

Cork: M. O'Sullivan, M. Ring, M. Maher, M. Twomey, L. Dunphy, M. O'Donovan, S. Spillane, A. M. Landers, A. Leahy, J. Shannon, L. Zinkant, B. Murphy (capt.). Subs: E. Noonan, C. Henchion, I. O'Leary, S. Curtin.

Dublin: G. Sutton, M. Cronin, A. Hyland, M. Duane, H. Broderick, J. Holden, E. O'Hehir, D. Byrne, C. O'Byrne, S. Cronin, N. Fleming, M. Connel. Subs: A. Cooper, C. Reaney, G. Brady, B. Reynolds.

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All-Ireland finals at Croke Park:
Junior: Cork v. Dublin, 2 p.m. (Referee: Brid Stokes, Limerick).
Senior: Cork v. Dublin, 3.30 p.m. (Referee: Kathleen Quinn, Galway).

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Cork favourites for O'Duffy Cup

CAMOGIE

By Taobh Line

THE MEETING of champions Cork and runners-up Dublin, who have since won the Senior National League, should provide a great occasion in the 52nd All-Ireland Camogie Final at Croke Park on Sunday. Both counties are also opponents in the Junior All-Ireland Final at 2.0. with the senior game starting at 3.30.

The counties are the leaders on the roll of honour of All-Ireland titles won. Cork have made their name in recent years, having won seven times since 1970, to

bring their total to thirteen.

Dublin, on the other hand, have set up a record which may never be equalled. Holders of 25 titles, they won 18 times between 1948 and 1966, losing only in 1956, when they went down in the semi-final to Antrim. But if Dublin have been out of the limelight recently in the Championship, they have been prominent in the League, which they won three times since 1979, and their Junior team has captured that title both last season and this.

After the close contest between these two sides in last year's decider, a point separating the teams at the final whistle, camogie fans around the country are anticipating another great game between these keen rivals, who have been in opposition eight times since 1932.

If consideration were given only to this year's form, the Liffesiders would rate way ahead, as they won out the National League in top gear, while Cork's record in the second zone was not impressive. However, both counties had decisive victories in their respective paths to the final.

The champions defeated Clare by 3-6 to 0-3 in the quarter-final and scored by 1-14 to 0-4 against Wexford in the semi-final.

Dublin, who had an extra game in the campaign, eliminated Down (4-12 to 0-3), were deserving winners (4-7 to 2-6) over Kilkenny, and were much too experienced against Tipperary, whom they beat 5-9 to 1-9. While Dublin's scor-

ing average is much greater, it is significant that Cork's goalie, Marion McCarthy, has not so far in the campaign conceded a goal which must be one area of concern for the Dubliners.

Marion, who started her camogie career as a midfielder, played at left back before she went into goal in 1978. She has distinguished herself in that position since then, and won the B + I Star of the Year Award in 1980. To add to her confidence, she has the same four backs in front of her as last year.

Cathy Landers' speed and long clearances at centre-back often give the Cork defence great relief. Marion Sweeney, who is now at midfield, has won her previous five medals in attack. How she will cope with the extra demand on her stamina remains to be seen.

The Dubliners, by their performance in last year's final, must have lost some of their despondency

about regaining the Sean O'Duffy Cup.

They have gained also from their good showing in the league, which they won for a record third time in a row. They have an excellent goalie in Yvonne Redmond. She was the star of the Dublin team in last year's decider. Anne, her sister, is very sound in the full-back berth. Bernie Toner, a lively and sweeping centre-back, is seldom beaten. Edel Murphy, Una Crowley and Barbara Redmond are strong at midfield.

While Cork will start favourites because of their great experience Dublin are there with a very good chance.

Cork Juniors, who are appearing in their ninth final, have won the New Ireland Cup twice, in 1973 and 1980. Dublin, who are making their fifth appearance, have been champions three times in 1970, '71 and '75.

Cork contested the last four finals, while Dublin have not reached the

decider since 1975. The Leesiders have eight of last year's team, which lost to Louth by one point.

Dublin, the Junior National League champions of 1982 and 1983 have gained great experience from their participation in this competition. They lost four of that team to the senior panel, but their newcomers have filled in well, as was proved in their Leinster Championship Competition, which they won comfortably.

DUBLIN JUNIORS — G. Sutton (Capt.), M. Cronin, A. Hyland, M. Duane, H. Broderick; J. Holden, E. O'Hehir, D. Byrne; C. O'Byrne, S. Cronin, N. Fleming, M. Connell. Subs., H. Cooper, C. Reaney, G. Brady, B. Reynolds.

CORK JUNIORS — M. O'Sullivan; M. Maher; M. Ring, L. Dunphy, M. Twomey; M. O'Donovan, S. Spillane, A. M. Landers; J. Shannon, A. Leahy, B. Murphy (Capt.), L. Lincant. Subs.: E. Noonan, C. Hinchion, I. O'Leary, S. Curtin.

Cork Girls Chase All-Ireland Treble

By NOEL SPILLANE

CORK senior and junior camogie teams will be chasing an All-Ireland treble championship success when they confront Dublin at Croke Park on Next Sunday — and both sides will be hoping they can follow the example set by the Cork minor team in bringing an All-Ireland title to the city. Earlier last month, the Cork minors beat Dublin in the All-Ireland decider and now this weekend it's up to the senior and junior panels to glean the championships.

The Cork senior team are holders of the title having beaten Dublin last year with a last minute point, and team captain, Cathy Landers of Killeagh, the county champions, expects next Sunday's game to be just as difficult and tough as last year's decider against Dublin. Cathy qual-

ifies to captain the senior team because she is also team captain of the county championship-winning Killeagh squad.

At a Cork senior squad training session at Ballinlough she said that she expected a tough and hard game with Dublin. Cathy is secretary to Mr. Frank Murphy, hon. secretary of the Cork County GAA Board, and has won three senior All-Irelands and a minor medal with Cork since she came into the team in 1974.

Cathy hopes that Cork can reproduce the form they showed in their semi-final tie against Wexford at the end of August when they scored a 1-14 to 0-4 win and she said that Cork had a number of match winners to look to on the day.

She said: "Goalkeeper Marian McCarthy of Eire Og is a key member of the team. She is chasing her eighth All-Ireland winners

medal. Clare Cronin of St. Finbarr's is another of our best players and will be at wing-centre field. Sandy Fitzgibbon of Glen Rovers is the youngest member of the team, but she is a great player, too."

Cathy also singled out Mary O'Leary of Watergrasshill for special mention, a sister of Cork hurling ace, Seanie O'Leary. Mary is an expert free-taker on the team. She plays at wing-forward and was the top scorer against Wexford in the semi-final, and indeed has been the team's top scorer all season.

Team trainer Mr. Tommy Nott, of Na Piarsaigh, who has put the squad through their paces for this championship final since May last, said that Dublin would be the slight favourites on Sunday.

He said: "We had a tough game with them last year in the final and won by a

point. In 1978 we beat them more easily in the final, but now that Dublin have won the National League twice in succession over the past two seasons they will be all the more difficult to beat."

Cork, in fact, are the only team to beat Dublin over the past two seasons at senior level.

Nott said: "They will be slight favourites though I think we have a more balanced side. Mary O'Leary could be our match-winner on the day with her frees but the thing is that Dublin do not give away that many frees during the course of a game. I don't think there will be much in it at the end on Sunday," he said.

He said that Dublin had won the harder section in this year's championship run-up to the final in beating Tipperary by four goals and also getting the better of Kilkenny, another tough team to beat.



Cathy Landers, Killeagh captain of the Cork senior camogie team who play Dublin in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on Sunday. ("Echo")



Sandy Fitzgibbon

LATE CORK CLINCH

By MAOL MUIRE TYNAN

CORK 2-5

DUBLIN 1-6

The indomitable perseverance and sheer physical strength that has become the hallmark of Cork camogie enabled them to wrench their 14th All-Ireland Senior title from a resolute Dublin team in calm and sunny Croke Park yesterday.

In stark contrast to the final of the previous Sunday, this game epitomised all that is some breathtaking individual noble in sport. Marked by efforts, play was smooth and disciplined even in the tenuous moments and the occasion can be remembered as one of spectacular excitement.

By taking the Sean O'Duffy Cup yesterday, Cork repeated a record set by them in 1980 and completed a championship treble. At Dublin's expense in all cases, they won the minor, junior and senior All-Ireland titles.

Dublin, who lost to Cork by only a point in last year's final, were fancied by many to break out of 17 years in the doldrums. And it looked a good omen as brilliant Edel Murphy took their first point from a free after five minutes. Settling easily into their stride, Dublin's confidence received a further boost when Marion Conroy pointed within minutes.

Cork conceded another point to Edel Murphy whose centre-field struggle with Marion Sweeney was one of the highlights of the game, before raising their first flag with a Mary O'Leary free after 12 minutes.

Setback

Dublin suffered a huge setback when their outstanding centre-fielder, Una Crowley, was forced to retire with an ear injury. She was replaced by Anne Thorpe who also had to leave the pitch through injury in the second half. Her substitute, Anne Colgan, had a game that was as impressive as it was brief.

Trailing by two points, Cork put on the pressure but several scoring efforts were repelled by Dublin goalkeeper, Yvonne Redmond, whose bravery under attack was nothing short of remarkable. And looking cool and confident, Dublin stretched their advantage further when Edel Murphy pointed another free to put them three ahead.

But just when things seemed to be going Dublin's way, Cork struck a vital blow. Val Fitzpatrick dashed to collect the puck out and her thunderbolt shot to the net from 25 yards brought Cork right back into contention. And following up the advantage, Cork surged through again for full forward Mary Geaney to put them ahead for the first time with a beautiful point from 20 yards.

Cork's sudden surge seemed to throw Dublin into temporary confusion and they looked in imminent danger of yielding to the pressure of Claire Cronin and Sandy Fitzgibbon. The fine mid-fielder, in particular, was apparently unstoppable and must definitely be in contention for "woman of the match" award.

Superb

But, showing true grit, Dublin surged forward again. Moments before half-time, a long Bernie Toner free dropped into Dublin's centre-forward Mary Mernagh who turned swiftly to her left and hit an absolutely superb shot past Marion McCarthy and into the net.

It was a welcome 'lift' for Dublin but an excellent Cork forward line never wavered. After forcing a 'thirty', Marion Sweeney tapped over a point and Cork trailed by just one point at the interval.

Mary O'Leary's close range

Glorious Goal Foins Dublin

free just after the break put the sides level but Dublin bounced back again and Edel Murphy gave them a one point lead from 25 yards. The swaying fortunes and end-to-end play kept the 3,400 attendance in a welter of excitement as yet again Mary O'Leary put Cork on an even footing with a fine point.

Cork brought on their only substitute of the game—Geraldine McCarthy for Marion Sweeney but it was Dublin who struck again with Marion Conroy pointing from 30 yards.

As Dublin held firm, Cork seemed to panic and lose some fine chances through fouling but they kept pegging away and got the vital break when Claire Kelleher at wing-forward scooped up a long low cross from the sideline and raced through to hammer the ball to the Dublin net.

With just six minutes to go, Dublin desperately strove to claw back the two-point deficit

but determined Cork repulsed every attack. Dublin did get one last-minute opportunity at goal but fumbled the chance and Catherine Landers, the Cork captain, lifted the siege with a fine clearance.

Scorers: Cork—C. Kelleher, V. Fitzpatrick (1-0 each), M. O'Leary (0-3), M. Geaney, M. Sweeney (0-1 each). Dublin—E. Murphy (0-4), M. Mernagh (1-0), M. Conroy (0-2).

CORK—M. McCarthy; F. Dinneen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, M. Sweeney, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kelleher, M. Geaney. Subs.—G. McCarthy for M. Sweeney.

DUBLIN—Y. Redmond; A. Redmond, C. Ledwidge, B. Toner, G. Noonan, U. Crowley, E. Murphy, B. Redmond, A. Condon, M. Mernagh, M. Conroy, J. Gormley. Subs.—A. Thorpe for U. Crowley; A. Colgan for A. Thorpe.

Referee—Kathleen Quinn (Galway).



● CONTROL . . . Dublin defender Anne Redmond was despite pressure from Cork's Mary Geaney during yesterday final at Croke Park.



● MINE . . . Cork forward Clare Cronin (centre) beats Dublin's Barbara Redmond (left) in this tussle for possession at Croke Park yesterday.



Cork corner back Irene O'Leary gets in her clearance past Dublin forward Noreen Fleming during the All-Ireland junior camogie final.

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Catherine Landers, captain of the Cork team in jubilant mood after her side's victory over Dublin in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday — Photograph: Kevin McMahon).



Cork senior camogie captain Catherine Landers, holds the All-Ireland senior camogie trophy aloft after her side's victory over Dublin at Croke Park yesterday (Echo)

Camogie: All-Ireland finals

Cork complete successes at three levels

BY PAT ROCHE

COMPARED with the 71,988 attendance for the previous Sunday's All-Ireland football final, the figures for yesterday's Camogie finals were low — 3,413 — but those present to see Cork beat Dublin in both the senior and junior games at Croke Park witnessed a much higher level of sporting behaviour. Cork have now won all three national titles this year, minor, junior and senior, and Christy Ring's daughter, Mary, won an All-Ireland junior medal.

CORK.....2-5
DUBLIN.....1-6

Cork's greater determination, even though Dublin had some of the best players on the field, carried them through to a deserved victory in a dogged rather than spectacular senior final which finished in a tornado of commitment as the Cork defence came under a testing examination.

Cork, seemingly better equipped to back up the skills of their key players with sound team work and a higher level of resolve got the match clinching goal five minutes from time. It was a great score by Claire Kelleher, the left wing, but at the same time it was ironic that she could carry the ball around the hitherto outstanding Dublin defence without having the ball tapped off her stick.

To Kelleher's credit she shielded the ball well, apparently too well for her marker, before slamming past a helpless Yvonne Redmond in the Dublin goal.

That score left two points between them and although Dublin used all their resources and somehow borrowed some more they could not break down the magnificent Cork defensive screen.

Cork did their chances a lot of harm in the first half when shooting a surfeit of wides. They did not open their account until the 12th-minute when Mary O'Leary who strikes superbly off the left side, landed a pointed free. Earlier she had hit the post with a free attempt.

By this time Dublin were three points up, thanks to the accuracy of Edel Murphy and Marion Conroy. This pattern was a prelude to the first real glimpse of Cork fire. They trailed by 0-4 to 0-1 when Val Fitzpatrick hit a cracking shot, which Yvonne Redmond could not keep out and Mary Guiney, with an inspiring point gave the Cork girls the lead for the first time.

It was an advantage not to be enjoyed for long by the Cork girls for, Bernie Toner, one of the big successes of the Dublin defence, whipped a long range free up towards the left, Mary Mernagh was the one to collect and careered forward to smash a great goal to which the only subsequent reply was a pointed free by Mary O'Leary.

Cork reflected on wides as they walked to the dressing room 1-3 to 1-4 behind and Dublin were happy in the knowledge that they had the measure of the champions. Early second half points were exchanged by Mary O'Leary and Edel Murphy and O'Leary, always a tireless worker and real source of inspiration in the Cork attack put Cork level.

Immediately Dublin's defence came under pressure and Catherine Ledwidge had to clear off her line but Marion Conroy got the lead point once more for Dublin off a 35 yards free in the 16th minute of the half. Clare Kelleher's goal was the most significant thing to happen after that.

CORK — M McCarthy; E Dineen, M Higgins, C Landers, M Kearney; C Cronin, M Sweeney, S Fitzgibbon, M O'Leary (0-4, 2 frees), V Fitzpatrick (1-0), C Kelleher (1-0), M Guiney (0-1). Sub — G McCarthy for Sweeney (35 min).

DUBLIN — Y Redmond; A Redmond, C Ledwidge, B Toner, G Noonan, U Crowley, E Murphy (0-4, 3 frees), B Redmond; A E. Murphy (0-4, 3 frees), M Conroy (0-2), J Condon, M Mernagh (1-0), M Conroy (0-2), J Gormley. Sub — A Thorpe for U Crowley 35 min; A Colgan for Thorpe (40 min).

Referee — C Ni Chinn (Galway).

CORK.....2-5
DUBLIN.....2-3

The Cork juniors showed excellent powers of recovery notably in the closing five minutes during which they had three points to take victory from a Dublin team that looked set to hold out once they got inspiring points in the 20th-minute of the second half.

These scores from Carmel O'Byrne and substitute Brid Reynolds gave the Dubliners the lead for the second time in the game — they had opened with a smashing goal from Marie Connell — But again it was Cork's super resilience which paid off.

Their outstanding and prolific scoring forward, Lilian Zincent who put up a tally of 1-4, levelled at 2-3; Mary Twomey came up with a huge free from well inside her own half of the pitch to make it 2-4 to 2-3 and Miss Zincent cracked over the final score of the match, again off a free to leave Cork in front and deservedly so if only for the way they took their chances.

A major factor was the Cork girls' penetrative play which helped them get inside the strong Dublin defensive screen. Dublin goalkeeper, Ger Sutton, had finally to bring off a save from central Cork attacker Shelly Spillane and generally played a fine game but she was not so fortunate for Cork's crucial second goal. She had got in the parry but Joan Shannon was on hand to volley the ball home. Dublin, having trailed by 2-0 to 2-1 at the interval, got back on level terms within seconds of the restart when Carmel O'Byrne pointed.

CORK — M O'Sullivan; M Maher, M Ring, L Dunphy, M Twomey (0-1); M O'Donovan, S Spillane, A M Landers, J Shannon (1-0), a Leahy, B Murphy (Capt), L Zincent (1-4). Sub — P Kennedy for B Murphy.

DUBLIN — G Sutton; M Cronin, A Tallon, M Dunne, H Broderick, J Holden, E O'Leary; D Byrne; C O'Byrne (0-2), S Cronin (1-0), N Fleming, M Connell (1-0). Sub — C Reaney for Duane, B Reynolds (0-1) for J Holden.

Referee — B de Stoe (Limerick).

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SENIOR GIRLS SO CLASSY!

SENIOR: CORK 2-5, DUBLIN 1-6
JUNIOR: CORK 2-5, DUBLIN 2-3

CORK had a truly fantastic day at Croke Park yesterday, winning both the senior and junior All-Ireland titles, to add to the minor crown they took a few weeks ago, and so completed the All-Ireland treble, only achieved once before — by Cork in 1980.

But perhaps the biggest winner of all yesterday was the game of camogie, as Cork and Dublin turned on the style and served up two matches full of everything good in the game, and turned this showpiece of the camogie year into one of the most memorable "ladies days" ever at Croke Park.

And what a day it was for Marian McCarthy, the brilliant Cork goalie, who won her eighth All-Ireland medal and set up a Cork record.

Cork had only defeated Dublin by a single point in last season's final so from the throw-in the excitement was at fever pitch. And in all honesty this game could have gone either way as victory was in doubt right up to the final whistle.

But it was Cork who snatched a late winner and what a cheeky goal it was from young Clare Kelleher, who, in the cauldron that was Croke Park, with only five minutes to go, and Cork trailing by a point, coolly picked the ball outside the square, went on a daring solo run and slammed the ball to the back of the net.

Dublin opened the scoring and had three points to their credit, two from Edel Murphy and one from Marion Conroy, before Cork, through Mary O'Leary, opened their account with a point after 12 minutes. A further Edel Murphy point put Dublin 0-1 to 0-4 ahead but then a powerfully struck ball from Val Fitzpatrick saw Yvonne Redmond in the Dublin goal get to the shot but she was unable to prevent it finishing in the net. This put Cork on level terms and Mary Geaney put them into the lead with a point. But Dublin struck back with a marvellous goal from Mary Mernagh to go ahead again 1-4 to 1-2 after 23 minutes. Then, just before the interval, Mary O'Leary again cut

the arrears by a point.

Within a minute of the second period this same player put Cork back on level terms; Edel Murphy put Dublin ahead after two minutes; Mary O'Leary equalised again, and from then to the 16th minute it was a suspense packed tie as each struggled for supremacy.

Then it was Dublin's turn to go ahead with a great point from captain Marion Conroy, but back came the champions with that Clare Kelleher goal with only five minutes to go. And this vital score was to prove decisive in spite of extreme pressure from the losers helped by a spectacular save from Marian McCarthy minutes from the end of a game that was to give Cork their second successive title and their 14th in all.

But spare a thought for this gallant Dublin team, who gave so much to this truly magnificent game, and had to be content for the second successive year with runner-up medals.

Both goalies, Marian McCarthy for Cork and Yvonne Redmond for Dublin, made spectacular saves, while both defences were in uncompromising form.

In this sector Eileen Dineen at full-back was majestic for Cork, while captain Catherine Landers, Martha Kearney and Miriam Higgins also impressed. Dublin had their top defenders in Bernie Toner and Ann Redmond.

There was a marvellous battle for supremacy in midfield where Dublin had the brilliant Edel Murphy, but Cork surely had the "player of the match" here in young Sandy Fitzgibbon who was truly magnificent.

Scorers — Cork: M. O'Leary 0-4, C. Kelleher and V. Fitzpatrick 1-0 each, M. Geaney 0-1. Dublin: E. Murphy 0-4, M. Mernagh 1-0, M. Conroy 0-2.

Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, M. Sweeney, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kelleher, M. Geaney. Sub: G. McCarthy for M. Sweeney.

Dublin: Y. Redmond, A. Redmond, C. Ledwidge, B. Toner, G. Noonan, U. Crowley, E. Murphy, B. Redmond, A. Condon, M. Mernagh, M. Conroy, J. Gormley. Subs: A. Thorpe for U. Crowley, A. Colgan for A. Thorpe.

Referee: Kathleen Quinn (Galway).

Unusual Accident

UNA CROWLEY, one of the Dublin stars, had to leave the field after quarter of an hour of last Sunday's senior camogie final because of an ear injury which necessitated 14 stitches. The injury, however, was not inflicted by a caman or an opponent. The gash was caused by

one of her earrings catching in the collar of her shirt as she fell awkwardly.

Una's father Dan comes from the College Road area of Cork city and her mother Eileen is daughter of Mrs. Kitty and the late Bob Langford of South Terrace.



Cork captain, Catherine Landers under pressure from Dublin forwards Marion Conroy and Edel Murphy as she tries to clear during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Juniors start day in style

CORK 2-5
DUBLIN 2-3

The juniors made a great start to the day for Cork as they fought all the way for their two points win.

This was also a highly entertaining game, with plenty of excellent camogie, the play swinging from end to end and the outcome in doubt to the final whistle.

The winners were ahead by single point at the interval, 2-1 to 2-0, but had to battle all the way for their win.

The sides were level after 23 minutes. Then came a wonderful long range point from a free by Margo Twomey to put Cork back in the lead and this was followed almost immediately by a similar score from Lilian Zinkant to give Cork a two point win.

For the winners, Mary Ring, daughter of the famed Christy, was in brilliant form at corner back, Ann Marie Landers was dominant at centrefield, while the hard-working Ann

Leahy and stylish Lilian Zinkant were Cork's top forwards.

Dublin had their top players in goalie Ger Sutton, corner back Helena Broderick and attackers Carmel O'Byrne, Marie Connell and Noreen Fleming.

Scorers:— Cork: L. Zinkant, 1-4; J. Shannon 1-0; M. Twomey 0-1.

Dublin: D. Byrne and M. Connell 1-0 each; C. O'Byrne 0-2.

B. Reynolds 0-1.

Cork: M. O'Sullivan, M. Maher, M. Ring, L. Dunphy, M. Twomey, M. O'Donovan, S. Spillane, A. M. Landers, J. Shannon, A. Leahy, B. Murphy (capt.), L. Zinkant. Subs: P. Keniry for B. Murphy.

Dublin: G. Sutton, M. Cronin, A. Tallon, M. Duane, H. Broderick, J. Holden, E. O'Hehir, D. Byrne, C. O'Byrne, S. Cronin, N. Fleming, M. Connell. Subs: B. Reynolds for M. Duane; C. Reaney for J. Holden.

Referee: B. Stokes (Limerick).



Mary Ring, daughter of Cork's all-time great Christy, and her mother Rita, pictured at Croke Park, yesterday, after winning an All-Ireland junior camogie medal.

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CLAIRE KELLEHER, Cork, races for the ball, watched by colleague Val Fitzpatrick, left, and Dublin's Catherine Ledwidge and Bernie Toner.

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Cork win in camogie final

Dublin's 2-5 to 1-6 defeat by Cork in the camogie final at Croke Park yesterday was painful. Captain Marion Conroy said: "We feel desolate. There are no words to describe our disappointment." In 1980, Cork established a record by taking the minor, junior and senior All-Ireland titles in one season. They have accomplished this very remarkable feat again. Maol Mhuire Tynan's match report: Page 42.

Maurice Chevalier got it right 'thank Heaven for little girls

CORK 2-3
DUBLIN 1-6

MAURICE CHEVALIER was dead right... thank Heaven for little (3) girls! The women of Cork and Dublin brought a breath of fresh air back to Croke Park yesterday, only a week after the image of Gaelic games had been sullied by the footballers of Dublin and Galway.

The glory belongs to Cork, whose powerful 12-girl crew clinched a second successive All-Ireland final victory over Dublin with a display of controlled aggression and superior strength.

Though Dublin failed to upset camogie's revolution—Cork have now won eight All-Ireland's since 1970—the girls in blue can proudly share the credit that this final brought to Gaelic games.

A LESSON

Only 3,413 attended Croke Park yesterday. I didn't see any Dublin or Galway footballers among the noisy clutch of women and children in the Hogan Stand. If they were watching, they might have learned a lesson in restraint.

Camogie is not a game for the feeble hearted and both teams gave it their full-blooded test. There were fouls, questionable decisions

Victory for Cork —and the game!

CAMOGIE SENIOR REPORT

by Karl MacGinty

and injuries — Dublin's Una Crowley visited hospital after taking a noff-the-ball blow on the ear in the first half, for example, but was not detained.

But there were no visible signs of bad temper or retaliation from either team. Dissent was at a minimum... I saw one girl having a "head-to-head" with referee Cathleen Quinn.

I didn't know what to expect when I went to Croke Park. But I came away from my Camogie 'debut' impressed with the fitness, strength, ability and, above all, attitude of these girls.

Referee Quinn rounded-off the afternoon's proceedings with a pleasant private gesture. She gave winning goal-keeper Marian McCarthy the sliothar to mark the Cork girl's 8th All-Ireland senior medal... a Munster record.

McCarthy played a significant part in her team's victory and was involved in drama right up to the dying seconds.

Full forward Joan Gormley's shot from eighteen yards could have clinched the title for Dublin but McCarthy stopped this powerful effort at a breathtaking second attempt, as the vultures gathered.

"I think my life depended on getting it. It just proves that there was only the belt of a ball between the two teams. I'm glad I didn't know that there were only a few seconds left," said jubilant Marian.

In fairness, Cork were worthy winners, as dejected Dublin captain Marion Conroy admitted afterwards. But one can't help feeling that things might have been different if Crowley hadn't been

forced off after only six minutes.

Dublin still had the influential Edel Murphy in centrefield, but the intense physical effort of Marion Sweeney and Sandy Fitzgibbon gave Cork a decisive upper hand in this sector.

Cork put Dublin under a lot of pressure right from the off. Keeper McCarthy's wind assisted long clearances and Claire Cronin's searching sideline cuts caused severe problems.

But only the combative Val Fitzpatrick could beat valiant Yvonne Redmond. The keeper could only deflect Val's 20 yard "rocket" into her own net in the 16th minute. Redmond earlier saved superbly from the energetic duo of Mary O'Leary — a sister of Seanie — and Claire Kelleher.

Thanks largely to Yvonne's efforts and Mary Mernagh's superbly taken goal in the 24th minute — the first conceded by Cork in the Championship — Dublin went in with a 1-4 to 1-3 halftime lead.

The game stayed finely balanced until the 19th minute of the second half when Kelleher brilliantly finished her twenty yard solo run down the left flank with a scorching shot into the far corner of the net.

LATE-LATE!

Though Gormley had a late-late chance to give the game, Dublin found it more and more difficult to break out of their own half as the final ten minutes ticked away. Cork were on their way to a hat-trick of All-Ireland titles this season.

Scorers — Cork: Fitzpatrick and Kelleher (1-0 each), O'Leary (0-3), Geaney and Sweeney (0-2 each). Dublin — Murphy (0-4), Mernagh (1-0), Conroy (0-2).

CORK — M. McCarthy; E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney; C. Cronin, M. Sweeney, S. Fitzgibbon; M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kelleher; M. Geaney, Sub. — G. McCarthy for Sweeney (second half).

DUBLIN — Y. Redmond; A. Redmond; C. Ledwidge, B. Toner, C. Noonan; U. Crowley, E. Murphy, B. Redmond; A. Condon, M. Mernagh, M. Conroy; J. Gormley, Subs. — A. Thorpe for Crowley (6 mins.), A. Colgan for Thorpe (second half).

Referee — C. Quinn (Galway).



Bernie Murphy, the Cork Junior captain, holds the cup up after Cork had beaten Dublin at Croke Park yesterday.

● MARY RING, daughter of the legendary Crislin, gathers the ball, watched by Noreen Fleming (Dublin) during yesterday's All-Ireland minor camogie final at Croke Park.



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End-of-season titles



The Cork senior camogie team which retained the All-Ireland senior camogie trophy by defeating Dublin at Croke Park.



Cork captain, Bernie Murphy proudly shows off the All-Ireland junior camogie trophy after her side's victory over Dublin.

(Picture: Des Barry).



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Marion McCarthy, the Cork goalkeeper, makes a super last minute save in the senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.—Picture Jim O'Kelly.



Cork's Mary Geaney flicks the ball goalwards past the Dublin defence during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.

(Echo).

Zincant The Cork Star

CORK 2-5 **DUBLIN** 2-3
Cork won the New Ireland Cup for the third time at Croke Park yesterday when, after a most exciting game which was levelled three times during the second half, they defeated Dublin in the Junior All-Ireland camogie final.

In a closely contested first half Dublin's Marie Connell put her side into the lead with a well taken goal in the eighth minute. Full forward Lillian Zincant equalised in the 10th minute for Cork and the same player added a point one minute later. Dublin then missed an easy chance of a goal and from the puck out Joan Shannon added another goal for Cork.

The Liffesiders then lost chances in the next five minutes, as they had three wides in a row, but redeemed themselves when Noreen Fleming shot a goal in the 18th minute, to leave Cork ahead 2-1 to 2-0 at half-time.

Dublin drew level in the fifth minute of the second half, but failed to capitalise on their chances during the next ten minutes, and Lillian Zincant came back to score another point for Cork. Carmel O'Byrne scored a point for Dublin to make the scores level again, but points from Margo Twomey and Lillian Zincant in the closing minutes gave victory to Cork.

Lillian Zincant, who scored 1-4 for Cork, proved their matchwinner. Other prominent members were Mary Ring, Lix Dunphy, in defence, Ann Marie Landers at mid-field and Joan Shannon in attack.

Best for Dublin were goalie and captain Geraldine Sutton, Anna Hyland and Helena Broderick in defence, Elthne O'Hehir at mid-field and Noreen Fleming and Carmel O'Byrne in attack.

Scorers — Cork: L. Zincant (1-4), J. Shannon (1-0), M. Twomey (0-1). Dublin: M. Connell, N. Fleming (1-0 each), C. O'Byrne (0-3).

CORK — M. O'Sullivan; M. Maher, M. Ring, L. Dunphy, M. Twomey, M. O'Donovan, S. Spillane, A. M. Landers, J. Shannon, A. Leavy, B. Murphy (capt.), L. Zincant. Sub: B. Keniry for B. Murphy.

DUBLIN — G. Sutton (capt.); M. Cronin, A. Hyland, M. Duane, H. Broderick, J. Holden, E. O'Hehir, D. Byrne, C. O'Byrne, S. Cronin, N. Fleming, M. Connell. Subs: C. Reaney for M. Duane; B. Reynolds for J. Holden.

Referee — B. Stokes (Limerick).

Cork come back to end Dublin's hopes

Cork 2-5; Dublin 2-3

CORK GAINED the first leg of their double when they had a late narrow victory over Dublin in the Junior Final. This brought them their third title and their first since 1980.

In a fast open game the finer skills of the game were evident in abundance. Dublin went a goal up through Carmel O'Byrne but a goal by Joan Shannon and a point from Lillian Zincant put Cork in front as they settled down. Geraldine Sutton was playing a captain's part in the Dublin goal and kept out many promising Cork attacks. Lillian Zincant scored Cork's second goal before Marie Connell pulled on an overhead pass from Jo Holden to pull back Cork's lead. Patricia O'Byrne levelled for Dublin just before half-time

to leave the score at the break 2-1 apiece.

Cork added an early second half point. A long period passed without a score but the game was always exciting as both sides pulled out all the stops. Two points within a few minutes in the last quarter from long range by Carmel O'Byrne and Bridget Reynolds seemed to put Dublin on the road to victory.

However, Cork rallied and a point from Lillian Zincant brought them level. Entering the final 5 minutes, a long range free was pointed by Margo Twomey to give Cork the lead and after their defence had repelled some strong Dublin attacks Lillian Zincant pointed a free to ensure Cork's victory.

Scorers — Cork — L. Zincant (1-4), J. Shannon (1-0), M. Twomey (0-1); Dublin — P. O'Byrne (1-2), M. Connell (1-0), B. Reynolds (0-1).



Jubilant Cork players after their victory over Dublin in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.
(Picture by Des Barry)

Triumphant Return For Cork Girls

THE victorious Cork camogie teams who brought All-Ireland senior and junior honours to the county at Croke Park yesterday will be feted on their arrival back home this evening.

They are scheduled to arrive at Kent Station at 8.30 p.m. where a huge turnout is expected to greet them. They will then travel by bus, via

Lower Glanmire Road and Merchant's Quay, to Patrick Street.

Outside the Victoria Hotel they will be welcomed by the Lord Mayor, Councillor John Dennehy, and officials of the Camogie Board and, afterwards, they will be entertained at a reception in their honour at St. Finbarr's G.A.A. Pavilion, Toghher.

CLAIRE'S LATE GOAL WINS DAY FOR CORK

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ABOUT a quarter past three yesterday Croke Park was as serene as the setting for a vicarage garden party — if you excluded the chattering of the multitude of children who accompanied the 3,413 adults registered by the computer as paying guests.

The weather too was in benign mood; the sun smiled without the slightest hint of a frown; a light current of air moved from The Railway End — and never uttered the least threat of being a spoil-sport.

The Lawrence O'Toole Pipe Band brought a taste of the Highlands to this homely north city suburb.

And the green sward looked in great nick for a joust involving twenty-four camogs and a small ball.

And that same small ball is getting notions — those who make the laws for camogie may be thinking of doing something about it.

Yesterday it seemed to have a greater carry than of yore.

Perhaps it was my imagination; perhaps the lassies are better strikers than those of yesteryear; more likely the answer lies in the sliotar — it has sprouted new wings.

And a question provoked by the recent hurling final was almost answered yesterday. May you score directly from a puck-out?

In the first minute of the second half Dublin's keeper, Yvonne Redmond, took a 21-yard puck-out after a Cork point — the ball very nearly ended up in the net at The Canal End.

And even though there are only twelve players in a camogie team, I would have preferred to see the full pitch in use yesterday — there would have been fewer melees.

And an addition of ten minutes or so to the time limit might be as welcome as the addition of forty yards to the pitch.

Today's girls are unlikely to welcome being labelled the weaker sex — among other things they are running 6.2 miles without a bother on them.

And certainly there was little sign of tiring limbs or labouring lungs yesterday as a game that had set out quietly approached its end in a tumult of endeavour.

Dublin were two points to the bad — and their vociferous howlers, not to mention the quieter ones, were dreaming a dramatic winning goal, the kind that the county's goalkeepers have almost patented.

It was not to be, though a minute from the end a fumble by keeper Marion McCarthy almost let Dublin in — and when referee Cathleen Quinn threw her arms wide, the girls in blue had once again been the bridesmaids.

The fact that they had led for much of the game hardly lessened their wee: being beaten thus is not unlike having your pocket picked.

And if I set out to analyse the game and came up with the reasons for Cork's success, I would be wandering in the wood of make believe: if Dublin had got that last minute goal, would have to come with different answers from almost identical evidence.

There were, however, two clear differences between the sides: Cork were the better ground strikers — and had the better approach to the getting of goals.

Dublin played with bubbling energy and fierce determination — a little subtlety up in front might have brought a handsome victory: there were times when Cork were clearly in distress.

It was the hardest final for many years; the marking was intense and scrimmages frequent — it also proved a truth that some people refuse to acknowledge: the line between hard play and dirty play is as clearly defined as the boundary between France and Spain.

Only one feature worried me; the numbers of the back-up squads seem to be growing — and during a stoppage for an injury late in the game we had to endure the spectacle of a male Cork mentor prancing around the field exhorting the girls in red.

Unsightly intrusions

Surely it is time to banish these motivators; it might be a good idea to add a point to the other side's score for every act of trespass.

Their intrusions are not only illegal and unsightly; their actions are superfluous — 'motivating' either team yesterday was about as necessary and as useful as bringing turl to Limerick.

One other aspect disappointed me: the match-programme was unworthy of the occasion — it was an exceedingly skimpy affair that provided little more than the names of the players.

The standard of the programmes at the camogie finals in recent years has been good — it is strange to see a decline: the general standards of programmes is improving.

About the game itself I have little complaint — but were the girls in blue with getting the sliotar into the hand.

It was their biggest failing — several times when a simple ground stroke might have been profitable, the sliotar was wild — and the possessor found herself in trouble.

And yet for most of the first half Dublin looked the stronger side. Cork were providing more grace notes — but the Railway End had a territorial advantage: much of the play was in the Railway half.

The CON HOULIHAN column



It is a familiar axiom in camogie that if you have a good keeper and a good free-taker, you are in business — Dublin had both.

Yvonne Redmond showed her class with a great early save — and went on to play with confidence and competence and the ability to marshal her backs.

Dublin had several girls well able to strike the placed ball — and one point from a free by Marion Conroy was as memorable as the three goals.

There were two stoppages for injuries in the first five minutes — and the game took an unusual length of time to develop something like last year's rhythm — then the same counties produced a classic.

Dublin seemed the quicker to get into their stride and soon were three points up — with two from Edel Murphy and one from Marian McCarthy.

Cork's free-taking at this stage was not too happy — but eventually Mary O'Leary opened their account. And so at the end of the first quarter it was three points to one.

Then Edel Murphy got another point — and Dublin were now surging like winners. Then came a heavy blow: Val Fitzpatrick let fly the hardest-hit shot of the game: Yvonne Redmond could only parry — and the ball crossed the line.

Mary Geaney added a neat point — now Cork were surging. Then they in turn were pulled back: Mary Mernagh plucked down the ball from a long free — and from 18 yards drove diagonally away to Marion McCarthy's left and into the side-wall of the net.

Mary O'Leary scored a point — and so at half-time it was 1-4 to 1-3.

Mary equalised very soon after the re-start — and now the play was as skilful and thrilling as it had been for all the game last year.

Marion Conroy put Dublin in front with her second point — and with six minutes left the score was 1-6 to 1-3.

And then came Claire Kelleher's moment of glory: the wing-forward made a mazy run down the left, held off three tacklers — and drove the ball diagonally and shoulder-high to the net.

Then followed a five-minute siege of Marion McCarthy's goal. In the last minute she just got a hand to a half-hit close-range shot. She dropped the sliotar — but Cork won the scramble.

I dislike singling out individuals from two fine teams — but surely must give a metaphorical pat on the back to Cork's keeper: Marion McCarthy was as efficient as ever in winning her eighth senior All-Ireland.

And I must mention Sandy Fitzgibbon. She and Edel Murphy were as good in the midfield play as we have seen for a long time.

Not Dublin's day

Both full-backs, Eileen Dineen (Cork) and Ann Redmond played splendidly — and I must mention Cork's right-side mid-fielder, Claire Cronin: her industry was invaluable.

And any analysis must take into account Dublin's loss of midfielder Una Crowley early in the game. It wasn't their lucky day — but they shared the glory if not the honours.

Cork beat Dublin in the Junior Final too. By all accounts it was a marvellous game — I regret that I could not see it.



Cork camogie captains Catherine Landers (left) senior and Bernie Murphy, junior, in happy mood at a reception at St. Finbarr's Club last night to celebrate the All-Ireland successes. (Echo).

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Lord Mayor Cllr. Dennehy, welcomes home victorious Cork All-Ireland camogie captains, Cath Landers (right), of the team, and Bernie Murphy, junior skipper, in Cork last night.

(Picture: Michael C.)

Cork champ feted

THE tired, but oh so jubilant Cork Senior and Junior All-Ireland Camogie champions arrived back in Cork last night, and proudly showed off their trophies to the large number of Cork followers. The champions gathered at Kent Station outside the Victoria Hotel where they were welcomed by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Dennehy, and again their victory celebrations in St. Finbarr's Club.

"Marvellous — especially with both teams winning," said Cork captain Cath Landers of Killeagh, who added that a bit of a damper had been put on last year's Senior victory because the Juniors had lost by a single point.

Clare Kelleher, who scored that "golden goal" to give Cork the senior title, admitted that she couldn't believe it when she hit the net. Known as "Little Chip" (she works in Apple Computers) Clare said she got the ball on her wrong side and really intended to hit it across goal in the hope that Mary Geaney or Mary O'Leary might be able to put it in the net. She thought there was more than five minutes to go so she was calm enough when she hit it.



Enjoying the celebrations for the Cork All-Ireland camogie teams at St. Finbarr's Club last night were from left, Mary O'Leary, Marion McCarthy, Tom Nott trainer, and Mary Geaney. (Echo).



Joyous scenes as the victorious Cork All-Ireland senior and junior camogie teams parade through Cork on their return home last night.

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CAMOGIE INTERPROVINCIALS

Munster Teams Expected To Advance

THE euphoria of last Sunday's wins is still very much in evidence in Cork camogie circles, but on Sunday it will be back to business for twelve Cork players, as six seniors and the same number of juniors have been named on the Munster teams, to meet Ulster in the Junior and Senior Interprovincial semi-finals at Ballymacnab, Co. Tyrone.

On the local front there are eight Under-16 championship games listed for Sunday.

Six Cork players have been named in the Senior Munster team. Not surprisingly Marian McCarthy, who won her eighth All-Ireland medal with Cork on Sunday is in goal, while Eileen Dineen, so brilliant in that win against Dublin is at full back. Cork captain, Catherine Landers has been named at centre-back and she will be joined by yet another Cork player, the stylish Martha Kearney and the powerful Rose Ryan of Tipperary.

"Camogie Superstar".

Clare Cronin, has been named at wing centre and this Cork player will be joined in the centrefield by the stylish Vera Mackey and hardworking Ber O'Brien of Limerick, while in attack only one Cork player, has been named. Mary O'Leary, who played so well in the corner for Cork last Sunday is in that position for Munster and she will be partnered by Tipperary's Deirdre Lane and Jenny English, while Limerick's versatile Brid Stokes will be at full forward.

The Ulster team was not available at the time of writing.

At this stage of the season, and with six of the side so "high" after their All-Ireland win, Munster must be expected to advance on Sunday. But of course, they have the long journey to the North in front of them and if the Northern province can produce a full strength side then they could give them a run for a place in the final.

Three Cork defenders

have been named in the Junior Provincial side for Sunday. They are Mary Maher, such a tower of strength on Sunday, Liz Dunphy always so reliable and the hardworking Margo Twomey, who got that marvellous long range point in last Sunday's junior final. The Cork players will be joined by Debbie Cleary of Limerick in goal, and Clare's Carol McNamara at corner back.

Ann Marie Landers and Mary O'Donovan who did so well for Cork, not alone on Sunday last, but all year, are named in the centre-field, and they will partner Ann Marie Meaney of Tipperary.

The stylish Lilian Zinkant, who scored such vital scores in Cork's Junior win, is the only Cork forward named on the side, and the other forwards are the brilliant Clare trio of Ger Manly, Mary McNicholas and Teresa Naughton.

It is very difficult to know the strength of Junior Provincial sides but no doubt there will be a

number of the successful Tyrone side on the team, so Munster can expect to have a tough game. But again I think Munster will be experienced enough to reach the final, so a Munster double must be very much on the cards.

Munster teams: SENIOR: — M. McCarthy (Cork), E. Dineen (do.), R. Ryan (Tipperary), C. Landers (Cork), M. Kearney (do.), V. Mackey (Limerick), B. O'Brien (do.), C. Cronin (Cork), M. O'Leary (do.), D. Lane (Tipperary), J. English (do.), B. Stokes (Limerick). Subs: M. Higgins (Cork), M. Geaney (do.), M. Quigley (Tipperary) and Helen Sheehy (Limerick), S. Fitzgibbon.

JUNIOR: — D. Cleary (Limerick), M. Maher (Cork), C. McNamara (Clare), L. Dunphy (Cork), M. Twomey (do.), A. M. Meaney (Tipperary), A. M. Lander (Cork), M. O'Donovan (do.), G. Manly (Clare), M. McNicholas (do.), T. Naughton (Clare), L. Zinkant (Cork). Subs:

A. Leahy (Cork), S. Spillane (do.), H. Cusack (Clare), J. Malone (Clare), J. Shannon (Cork).

There will be plenty of keen competition in the Under 16 championship games listed for Sunday as rivalry in this competition is very close.

FIXTURES:

Sunday, at Ballymacnab, Co. Armagh. Interprovincial Semi-Finals. Junior: Munster v. Ulster, 1.30 p.m. Senior: Munster v. Ulster, 3 p.m.

U-16. Glen Rovers v. Killeagh at Glen Rovers, 3 p.m. (Ref. Na Piarasigh). Youghal v. Bishopscourt at Youghal, 3 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh). Nemo Rangers v. Blackrock at Nemo, 3 p.m. (Ref. Douglas). Watergrasshill v. Brian Dillon at Watergrasshill, 3 p.m. (Ref. Sarsfields). Inniscarra v. Fr. O'Neills at Inniscarra, 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig). Na Piarasigh v. Douglas at Na Piarasigh, 3 p.m. (Ref. Glen Rovers). Araglen v. Eire Og at Araglen, 3 p.m. (Ref. St. Fannahans). St. Finbarrs v. Aghabullogue at St. Finbarrs, 12 noon (Ref. Ballinora).

Sportstar of week



Marion McCarthy

GOALKEEPER Marion McCarthy is our Sports Star of the Week following her outstanding display for Cork against Dublin in the All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park. After the game the referee presented Marion with the match ball to mark her eighth All-Ireland Senior medal, a Munster record.

Cork's Titles Treble An Admirable Achievement

By AGNES HOURIGAN

CORK'S achievement in equalling their 1980 record, of winning the senior, junior and minor All-Ireland Camogie titles, is admirable. Dublin, who lost to Cork in the senior final by two points, the junior by one point, and the minor by one goal, can be justly proud of their performances in all three games.

It is harder to accept defeat when the scores are so close, just one puck of the ball could have made the difference in each contest, but the game is so strong in the Metropolis that the girls in blue are sure to be back to try again.

Cork's record over the past 13 years, eight All-Ireland senior titles, three junior and six minor spears for itself and places the Leesiders on a high pedestal.

Many of the senior and junior players of both counties will be back in action on Sunday with the senior and junior semi-finals of the Gael-Linn competition.

Munster travel north to Ballymacaward to play Ulster and Leinster are at home to Connacht at Moibhi Road, Dublin. Junior games 2.00 and senior 3.15 at both venues.

All four provinces have announced their panels of players.

Leinster have selected their side from the three senior counties, seven from Dublin, three from Kilkenny and two from Wexford, while Connacht has named an all-Galway panel.

Leinster lost last year's final

to Munster by one point, 3-10 to 2-12. There are five changes on the team. Yvonne Redmond replaces Kathleen Tonks who is the reserve goalie, Geraldine Duggan (Wexford) comes on in defence in place of Bridie McGarry who is not available.

Barbara Redmond (Dublin), who is getting married shortly was not available and her place is filled by Biddy O'Sullivan (Kilkenny). Mary Mernagh (Dublin) is at centrefield as Elsie Walsh (Wexford) is moved to centre-forward. Joan Gormley (Dublin) is selected at full forward, a position which Jo Dunne (Kilkenny) held last year.

The all-Galway team will be selected from the following panel of players, Breda Coady, Nono McHugh, Brid Holland, Chris Silke, Noreen Treacy, Chris Ryan, Annette Ryan, Una Jordan, Ann Morris, Madge Hobbs, Teresa Duane, Anne Gallagher and Anne Kennedy.

The Leinster side look the stronger on paper, but Galway sides are always determined and are sure to put up a good show.

In the second semi-final Munster travel a strong team

to play Ulster. Six of the All-Ireland champions, Cork, fill vital positions. Marion McCarthy in goal, Eileen Dineen full back, Catherine Landers and Martha Kearney at centre back and right-back respectively.

Claire Cronin right wing and Mary O'Leary right forward. Three players from Tipperary and three from Limerick complete the lineout.

Bernadette O'Brien and Vera Mackey (Limerick) partner Claire Cronin at midfield and Brid Stokes also from Limerick is in her usual position at full forward.

The Tipperary players are Rosie Ryan (right back), Deirdre Lane centre forward and Jenny English left forward.

There are three changes from the team that won the Cup last season. Miriam Higgins goes from right back to sub back, Marion Sweeney and Ger McCarthy are not selected this season.

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IF you ever imagined the occupants of enclosed, contemplative orders of nuns to be serious, unsmiling "goody-goodies," have a look at the accompanying picture.

It comes from "And Speak To Her Heart," a new book about Ireland's contemplative orders, and like so many illustrations in the book, it positively radiates personal happiness and good humour.

The photographs were taken by Sister Mairéad Butterly of the Medical Missionaries of Mary. Sister Mairéad's photos show the sisters working in their garden, cooking, cleaning, making altar breads and vestments, and of course, praying.

The idea for a book of this kind, written by the nuns themselves, came from the joint committee of bishops and major religious superiors of Ireland. Sr. Helen Conway, Abbess General of the Sisters of St. Clare, a member of that committee, acted as a liaison between the different orders of contemplative nuns.

A Carmelite nun wrote the article on contemplative life with which the book opens. In the second half of the book, each of the seven orders contributed an article on its particular way of living out this vocation.

The book is available from the Conference of Major Religious Superiors, Milltown, Dublin, from the contemplative convents throughout the country and from Veritas Bookshops in Dublin, Sligo and Cork. Price £4.50. Lovely!



LILY SCALLAN
ANTRIM
ALL-IRELAND
PLAYER



Safe in Bangladesh where recent floods have claimed 137 lives — Eamonn and Pat Lenihan, Cork.

Volunteers safe in Bangladesh floods

FEARS over the safety of four Cork Concern volunteers, working in a part of Bangladesh in which floods have claimed 137 lives in the past few days, lifted last night.

Pat Lenihan, captain of the 1982 Cork All-Ireland camogie winning team, her husband Eamonn, a U.C.C. scientist, Maria Cronin and Mary Daly, both also Cork, were reported safe by Concern last night.

Other team members reported safe included Mary Quirke and Eileen O'Hanlon, both from Kerry and Ann Fay, Limerick.

Social worker Pat, employed by the Southern Health Board and Eamonn have recently returned to Bangladesh after a brief leave of absence in Thailand.

"We had a card from them only today," her sister Mrs. Betty Power,

By VINCENT KELLY

Killeagh, said last night. Eamonn of Monastery Hill, Rochestown, is son of Mr. Ned Lenihan, well-known for his long association with Blackrock hurling club.

Last night, Fr. Jack Finucane, Concern's director in Bangladesh, painted a grim

picture of the situation in that country.

"So far the floods have claimed 137 lives and affected 2,500,000 in 11 districts," he said in a telegram to the group's Dublin headquarters.

He listed cholera, a shortage of food supplies and water purifying tablets as the main problems to be dealt with.

Leinster, Munster meet in decider

**LEINSTER 5-8
CONNACHT 1-2**

LEINSTER had a comprehensive victory in the Gael Linn semi-final at Mobhi Road. With seven of the Dublin side defeated in last week's All-Ireland final, Leinster went into this game firm favourites over a Connacht team which included many junior players.

However, it was Connacht who opened the scoring with an early goal from Marie Collins, but this lead was short lived. A well taken goal by Anna Condon, brought Leinster into the game and from this on their lead never looked threatened.

Leading by 3-3 to 1-2 at half time Leinster showed some fine touches in the second half as the Connacht challenge faded. In attack Anna Condon, Elsie Walsh and Angela Downey created much open space and were quick to capitalise on the opportunities that came their way.

Scorers, Leinster, J. Gormley (2-0), E. Murphy (1-4), A. Downey (1-2), A. Condon (1-1), M. Mernagh (0-1), Connacht MN. Collins (1-0), A. Gallagher (0-2).

**MUNSTER 7-9
ULSTER 3-5**

MUNSTER likewise had a runaway victory over Ulster in the second senior semi-final. Again eight of the All-Ireland champions Cork were in the team that made the long journey north and proved much too strong for the home side.

Leading by 3-5 to 2-2 at half-time the Cork girls combined well with their

Munster colleagues Dairde Lane and Brid Stokes, to sail easily into the final against Leinster.

Scorers, Munster D. Lane (2-2), B. Stokes (2-2), M. O'Leary (2-1), M. Geaney (1-2), H. Collins (0-2), Ulster T. Allen (1-1), M. McGrath (1-0), C. BLANEY (1-0), B. McGreevey (0-2), S. Kelly (0-2).

**LEINSTER 4-6
CONNACHT 1-4**

This Gael Linn junior semi-final was a much closer game than the soreline suggests and some good camogie was played before Leinster finally clinched their place in the final. Indeed, Connacht led at half-time by a single point and with the many Galway players on the team combining well together looked set for victory.

Scorers, Leinster M. Dwane (1-2), C. O'Beirne (1-2), N. Malone (1-1), J. Holden (1-0), D. Byrne (0-1), Connacht A. Gallagher (1-3), A. Manning (1-0), V. Lawless (0-1).

**MUNSTER 2-12
ULSTER 3-5**

Munster defeated Ulster in another close game in the second junior semi-final. Ulster looked the stronger team for long periods and led by 2-4 to 1-3 at half-time. They retained this lead until the closing stages when Munster got the vital goal that carried them through.

Scorers, Munster M. McNicholas (1-6), L. Vincent (1-5), A. Leahy (0-1), Ulster S. Quinn (0-5), A. Traynor (2-0), B. O'Doherty (1-0).

Versatile Clare On The Right Road

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THE greatest honour brought the biggest disappointment to Clare Cronin in the All-Ireland senior camogie final two years ago. When Kilkenny's three representatives dropped out of the Cork team, the county champions paid the tribute of Clare the captain of the county side — but Cork were beaten in a replay by Kilkenny.

The capture of an All-Ireland team was an opportunity she greatly appreciated, aware that she was unlikely ever to be the representative of a county championship winning team. Earlier that year Clare had an ankle in plaster, a sequel to a fracture that put her out of action from May to September, when she jumped into a pothole during a club game in 1979.

Injuries and disappointments do nothing, however, to deter the very fit, keen young lady who made rapid progress from schools corner forward to All-Ireland centre-fielder and superstar. Within a year of making her schools camogie debut with St. Als in 1973, she was promoted to their senior league winning team and two years later was on the team that beat Athenry in the All-Ireland colleges final at Croke Park.

That year she won her second minor All-Ireland medal when Cork beat Galway, the first coming the previous year against Down. After four or five years in under-age and junior with Ballyphehane, she resumed contact with former schoolmates by transferring to Old Als, and when they dropped out of senior ranks joined St. Finbarr's intermediate team, feeling she would be of more benefit to an up-and-coming club than to the senior sides to which she had been invited. The Barrs duly graduated to senior, having won the intermediate championship.

A season with the county juniors in '77 brought promotion to the seniors, which came to an abrupt halt with a first round defeat by Wexford, but the following year brought an All-Ireland final victory over Dublin, 1980 a final replay victory over Limerick at Croke Park, and last year the victory over Dublin as well as the interpro championship against Leinster. Tomorrow she will be up in Armagh with six county colleagues playing for Munster against Ulster.

Training twice a week since May, Clare, a nurse in the Dental Hospital, had to revise her programme to add training for the five compulsory events in the GAA's new camogie format. She is a member of the GAA's new camogie committee and is a member of the GAA's new camogie committee.

which involved a time test dribbling between bollards, the solo run in which they had to pick the ball and then shoot at goal from 30 to 40 yards, and scoring from five placed balls.

The Kilkenny star finished second with a total of 35 points.

Clare, who was the camogie nomination for the Levi Youth Awards in 1976, has had a keen interest in sport since childhood with her brother Donal, who is a year older. He won a county senior football championship with Nemo Rangers after gaining experience with Colaisiste Christ Ri. She jogs

five miles three nights a week in winter, plays squash and indulges in shore fishing.

Her father was a Gaelic footballer from Ballingearry and her mother played camogie in the city. There are sisters Mary and Carmel, one older, one younger than Clare.

The one regret Clare has about the All-Irelands is that last Sunday's panels were unable to train together, so that the players could get to know one another better. The juniors trained in Ballinacollig, and the seniors at Ballinlough. Juniors and seniors previously trained

together at the Mardyke. Funds are so low the players, officials and supporters had to sell lines on cards offering a £100 for a winning forecast of the final result.

Like Marian McCarthy, Clare hopes for the day when they will have their own ground, where they can stage their county finals at each level. She would like, too, to see better television coverage.

On the brighter side was the welcome home they received on Monday night, and the reception provided by the Barrs ladies committee in their splendid complex.



Clare Cronin poses for our photographer, displaying her many trophies which she has won.

Munster Title For Limerick

CROAGH-KILFINNY 3-6

SIXMILEBRIDGE ... 2-1

Croagh Kilfinny, Limerick, All-Ireland Club champions in 1977, won the Munster Club championship title at Adare yesterday when they defeated Sixmilebridge, Clare, in a well contested game. The winners are due to play Kilkerrin-Glenamaddy, Galway, in the All-Ireland semi-final on Sunday.

Croagh-Kilfinny played with the wing in the first half and built up a commanding lead (2-5 to 1-1) by half time. Sixmilebridge scored a goal on the restart which gave the visitors renewed heart but the home side held out, regained their grip on the game to qualify for the semi-final.

SCORERS: Croagh Kilfinny — M. Dore (2/1), A. Sheehy (1-0), R. Fitzgerald (0-3), H. Collins, B. Stokes (0-1) each. Sixmilebridge — A. O'Fynn (1-1), C. Conney (1-0).



The large crowd in Patrick Street on Monday night to welcome home the victorious Cork All-Ireland senior and junior camogie team. —(Michael Olney, Echo)

Marian Born To Be A Hurler

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MARIAN MCCARTHY lives across the road from the G.A.A. pitch at Ballinhassig and has been hurling there with her brothers as long as she can remember. She recalls that she had a hurley and ball rather than a doll when she was a child. Now she has the record for a Cork player of eight All-Ireland senior championship medals, is confident that the Cork team can add two or three more titles and she hopes to be there with them as their goalkeeper.

The extraordinary feature of Marian's career is that half her total of All-Ireland medals have been won as a goalkeeper and that in itself tells the story of team spirit, dedication and love of the game.

Honours came early in her sporting life. At the age of 13, she played senior for the South Presentation Past Pupils and with them won three county championships in a row in 1969, '70 and '71. In the middle year she played in

the All-Ireland junior final and then went out as a sub for the seniors to gain her first medal when Cork beat Kilkenny.

The following year Marian was centrefield in the win over Wexford, was there again against Kilkenny in '72 and was there against Antrim for the four in a row in '73.

When Deirdre Sutton retired in 1976 Cork needed a goalkeeper and put it to Marian that she might take over the job. She says with a chuckle that as she was slowing down at the time she agreed to try it if that was what they wanted.

"I was frightened at the beginning that any slips I made might make the difference between winning and losing, but settled down, relaxed and then really enjoyed it" she says. "I learned to appreciate my backs. Now I am enjoying myself more than ever."

So well she might.

Within two years of taking over between the posts she won the first of her second four All-Irelands when Cork beat Dublin. Two years later Limerick were beaten in a replay, last year Dublin were beaten and last Sunday Cork again mastered Dublin.

In Marian's opinion the present Cork team can stand comparison with any of the sides she has seen and the team spirit is wonderful. They have, too, she adds, been very fortunate to have had such excellent trainers as Tom Nott, Jack Dempsey and Mary Moran.

The standard of camogie is definitely improving according to Marian, but they need better facilities and better support for club matches. "We play for the love of the game and are not disheartened, but it would be nice to be well supported. After winning three All-Irelands in the one year one could expect people to sit up and take

notice," is a reasonable claim.

Her great wish is to see Cork with a camogie headquarters where they could have at least one pitch of their own and proper pavilion facilities. She would like to see them able to stand on their own feet and fight their own battles.

The year 1980 was a very special one for the Eire Og centrefield star who gained more glory as a goalkeeper. Her club won their first county senior championship for the first time in 14 years. She was awarded the B.&I. trophy for the camogie player of the year and the Cork camogie star award.

A second interpro medal was added two years later to the collection which includes 12 Munster senior championships, one Munster secondary championship, two junior, two under-18, a Munster senior club championship and league and a Cork senior club league trophy.

Angela Downey, The Kilkenny corner forward whose twin Ann plays in the backline, is generally accepted as the outstanding player of her era, Marian says, and Marian Conroy, the Dublin corner-forward is another opponent highly rated.

Last year's Cork captain and an old centre-field colleague Pat Moloney who won seven All-Irelands before going off with her husband to work in Bangladesh for Concern, corner forward Mary O'Leary and Liz Garvan "who had a style of her own" stand out among the team-mates of whom she has happy memories.

Though fully committed to a camogie season that is almost all year round with the club and inter-county championships followed by the interpros and then the club leagues, Marian still finds time to star in badminton for the Carrigaline club and Cork. She has been on Cork Brewster Cup and Butterfield Cup winning teams and on the team that beat Louth to win the Badminton Union of Ireland interpros in 1978.

A sporting family helps to stimulate interest for the enthusiast who has two older sisters and a brother and two younger brothers and a sister. Denis and Sean play for the Ballinhassig intermediate team and the eldest, Michael, for the juniors and they too, have their trophies to prove it. Their father, Denis, played for the club in his day.



Marian McCarthy displaying her many trophies and medals which she has won during her illustrious career.



Cork camogie player Mary O'Donovan returns to her old school Presentation Convent, Bandon, with the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Cup. Pictured with the present senior camogie panel of Presentation Convent, Bandon.



Reception For Cork Teams

The combined Cork junior and senior camogie teams celebrated their great All-Ireland wins at a reception hosted by Beamish at Crawford, Cork. Beamish personnel included are Messrs O'Rahilly and Bill O'Connell, sales reps; Don Hegarty, personnel executive; team captains, Catherine Landers (Senior) and Mary Murphy (Junior) and Mary O'Callaghan, chairperson, Camogie Board.

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Mary Ring Takes One Step At A Time

THE babe of the Cork squads was the centre of attraction in camogie circles over the weekend, but Mary Ring is a sensible 17-year-old who keeps her feet on the ground.

Thoughts of her famous father naturally run through her head in Croke Park. She is very much her own woman, however, and her attitude is: I am out there, not my dad. She accepts that she has to put up with the pressure, but thinks it's great to be able to go out and play for herself and the team.

Though her dad, her brother and herself played a little game of hurling with local boys and girls every Saturday in Cloyne, Christy never pushed his children. It was up to themselves and they took it as sport and enjoyed it.

Mary is much more serious about the game now that she is playing so competitively. It came to her what it was all about when she joined Glen Rovers two years ago. She says they are a great crowd there and make you

She won her first county senior championship medal last month as a corner back against Eire Og. That was "brilliant" she admits. She trained with them Monday to Friday for weeks under former hurling goalkeeper Finbarr O'Neill.

Brilliant was also how she described last Sunday's All-Ireland junior championship victory over Dublin.

After Ballinlough folded up (the Rings, mother, son Christy and daughter live in Ballintemple), Mary moved to the Glen and won an under-18 championship with them last season. She was on the Cork minors last year and came on as a second half sub against Clare in this year's junior final.

But she won't even consider prospects of making the senior team next year when the county will be forced to field a completely new side. Meantime there is the Senior League to be won to complete the double for the Glen.



Cork defender Mary Ring and Dublin forward Noreen Fleming tussle for possession during the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final at Croke Park.

ALL-IRELAND WIN FOR ST. PAUL'S



St. Paul's, Kilkenny, who won the all-Ireland seven-a-side camogie championship. They defeated An Ríocht, Co. Down in the final. Seated (from left): Liz Neary, Angela Downey, Nelly Colclough (captain), Julie Fry, Kathleen Holohan. Behind: Ann Downey, Agnes Reddy, Carmel Savage, Biddy O'Sullivan, Breda Ryan.

CLASSY St. Paul's secured an all-Ireland title recently when they beat a Down side in the final of the national club seven-a-side camogie competition in Dublin.

This completed a remarkable record for the city club of winning the competition six out of the

eight times they entered - while twice being beaten in the final.

The event was run off on the day before the all-Ireland senior camogie final and featured 15 top senior clubs. After playing three tough games to emerge from their pool, St. Paul's

defeated Aharne, Limerick, in the quarter-final and then had to struggle to overcome the lion-hearted Eoin Mor, Galway, by two points in the semi-final.

In the final they easily outclassed a Down side.

Captain of the team was Nelly Colclough, while the club's guest player was Biddy O'Sullivan of Tullogher. Other team members were Carmel Savage, Liz Neary, Agnes Reddy, Angela Downey, Ann Downey, Kathleen Houlihan, Breda Ryan and J. Fry.

Second national day emphasis is on fun!

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THE counties and many individual clubs around the country have responded magnificently in the preparation of the second Cospoir National Camogie Day, organised for next Sunday. The day was launched at a press conference last Monday at O'Neills Irish International Sports Company in Capel St. by Mary Fennelly.

While the emphasis is mainly on fun games a few counties have taken the opportunity of running off an important fixture before patrons who may not have seen a good game previously.

For example Clare, who are hosting the Munster Club Championship final, between Sixmilebridge and Croagh-Kilfinny, have made the Clare champions pitch their central point.

This is also the case in North Antrim where the holders Portglenone defend their title against Cushendall at Dunboy (3.30).

South Antrim is active from 12 p.m. with a seven-a-sides planned for all age groups. Cavan and Monaghan have also mixed the serious with the fun, as they have arranged for the Superstar Competition to pick the 1984 Goodam Tuilte winners.

PARADES POPULAR

Parades, too, are popular in many counties and indeed Cavan have been donated a Cup by the Anglo-Celt for the best dressed club. Dublin also plan to parade from St. Stephen's Green (12.00) to Parnell Square from where the participants advance to 12 centres for varied programmes.

Down are also having a parade from the centre of Clonduff to the local park and there a variety of events are on the programme.

Cork have eight entries in which they hope to involve the community at large in a number of events for example Former Players v The Present, Mothers v Daughters and Marrieds v Singles.

Derry meet at Greenlough (1.00) for an open air Mass followed by the Minor Championship final and seven-a-side and competitions.

Many counties have on their programmes a Primary Schools competition, a sure way to involve parents and a suitable opportunity to introduce them to camogie.

POSTERS

A number of counties like Wicklow have organised poster competitions and they will be judged on Sunday. Galway has a huge programme arranged for the day.

It adds up to 15 venues but Pearse Stadium must attract a good crowd with the U-13, U-14 and U-16 seven finals arranged for 2.00, 2.30 and 3.00 and a Mothers versus Daughters game at 4.00.

Roscommon start the day with Mass at 10 a.m. and finish with a ceili and old time dancing competition, 8 p.m. In between, a long and varied programme will keep the organisers busy.

Offaly players assemble at six centres where the local clubs organise varied programmes; St. Colman's Club, Ballycommon, have a sports day which includes a parents race.

Tyrone players meet at Carrickmore, where the

highlight of the day should be the special Poc Fada event for veterans.

The Laoise centre is at Cullahill where they have arranged a long programme with all age groups catered for.

Wexford is divided into five zones and the programmes include a club's

first ever team against the present team. They have continued the poster competition at primary school level, an event that was so successful last year.

Westmeath have divided the day into two parts. The early part is devoted to fund raising and the afternoon to fun games.



At a press reception in O'Neills of Capel St. to announce details of the Cospoir-National Camogie Day (October 9) were (left to right): Paul O'Neill, O'Neills Irish International Sportswear Ltd., the sponsors; Mary Fennelly, President, Camogie Association of Ireland; and Sean Barrett, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of An Taoiseach.

Varied programme for National Camogie Day

TWENTY-NINE of the 32 counties have committed themselves to holding camogie activities on Sunday next — Cospoir National Camogie Day. And even at this late stage officials are hopeful that Leitrim, Longford and Sligo, the three not in so far, will come up with something to promote the game on this special day.

It is good to see that all the Munster counties are involved and will be busy with activities on Sunday, although the list received for Cork's participation is quite disappointing as only seven clubs have actually sent in notice of their participation. Of course, this does not mean that other clubs will not be doing their bit for the promotion of the game on Sunday, and let's hope that an awful lot more will, as, with so much talk of lack of media coverage, this is a vital opportunity

for camogie people in general and individual clubs in particular to show the public what the game of camogie is all about, and why it should get more attention.

Two Cork senior clubs will definitely be participating on Sunday with Killeagh holding the final of their Under 14 club competition at 11 a.m. to mark the occasion. Eire Og, for their part, will have a busy day in Ovens (11 a.m.) with an Under 14 Blitz competition; a camogie skills competition at 11.45 and a married v singles game beginning at 12.15 p.m.

Bishopstown will be a hive of activity also on Sunday, with a seven-a-side for primary schools in the morning and a similar competition for secondary schools after dinner. The club is also holding a poster competition.

Ballygarvan will have a past v present game, be-

ginning at 3 p.m., followed by a married v singles tie, while Douglas will play host to Nemo Rangers in a Junior A friendly at 11.30 a.m.

Brian Dillons too will be staging a friendly tie — against Fr. Matthews — at the Tank Field (11.30 a.m.) and Ballincollig will be staging an under 14 seven-a-side.

The preliminary round of the Munster Senior Colleges championship got under way on Wednesday, when St. Patrick's (Cork) had a most impressive 4-11 to 0-0 win over old rivals St. Patrick's, Shannon. Three other games in this round will be decided tomorrow, with St. Aloysius meeting St. Mary's Charleville, Colaisie Mhuire hosting Presentation de la Salle, Hospital, and Bishopstown Community School making their debut in the senior grade against Presentation, Bandon.

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NATIONAL CAMOGIE DAY'S BUSY SCHEDULE

AGNES BOURIGAN
At the recent Press conference at O'Neill's International Irish Sports Company, the Camogie Association launched their annual Cospoirt National Camogie Day for this Sunday. Sean Barrett, Minister of State in the Department of the Taoiseach, congratulated the Camogie Association on their work and on the success of their recent All-Ireland finals. He also referred to the work of the association in their efforts to promote the game at all levels.

Fennelly, president of the association, praised the Boards and clubs for

the varied activities and especially for their efforts to include the community, and, in some cases, the whole family.

Many counties will start the Day with a parade and will then proceed to the centre or centres for the day's activities. Falls Park, Belfast, will have a busy afternoon with seven-a-side blitzes arranged for all age groups, while the county senior final will be a more serious affair between Portlennore (the holders) and Cushendall, at Dunloy (3.30).

Armagh's day-long programme ends with a mothers v daughters game. Dublin, whose parade goes from Stephen's Green (12 noon) to Parnell Square, are proceeding to 20

centres where a variety of events are organised.

Cavan, who have been presented with a cup for the best dressed team, have all age groups involved at Cootehill. Also they have organised the serious superstars competition for the Gradam Talte winner for 1984.

Among many other activities, Wicklow have organised a poster competition for under-14 and 16 age groups with the theme "Women in Sport."

Clare are combining their activities with the Munster club championship final between Croagh Kilfinny and Sixmilebridge at the latter's venue.

Cork have planned to congregate at ten venues in an

effort to involve the local communities.

Down's programme is organised for Hilltown and starts with a parade from the Town Centre to Clonduff Park where several events are organised.

Westmeath have asked their clubs to organise locally in the forenoon and to assemble at two areas, Crookedwood and Drumraney, at 3.00 for a number of activities.

Louth's centre is at Drumcar from 1.00, and the big item here is the range of athletics from under-16 to veterans.

Meath clubs assemble at Kilbride (1.30) for an open seven-a-side competition for the first 12 teams which apply.

Mayo have booked McHale

Park, Castlebar, (1.0), for their day, and the highlight is the county team's captain's selection v the vice-captain's selection.

Tipperary's venue is Littleton. They start at 11.30. An inter-club seven-a-side, and a veterans' seven-a-side are the highlights.

Offaly have six venues organised and the local clubs are in charge. The mothers versus daughters match at Ballycommon (4.30) should attract most interest.

Due to difficulties with pitches some counties have postponed their Cospoirt Day to October 23 and 30. In this group are Kilkenny, Kerry, Fermanagh and Limerick.

Clash of the club champs

THE Camogie Champions of the four Provincial Councils are in contention on Sunday next in the All-Ireland semi-finals of the Club Championship.

Holders Buffers Alley travel North to Swatragh (Derry), to play the local side in one semi-final and Croagh-Kilfinny (Limerick) go to Glenamaddy to play the home team, who are Galway champions for the first time.

Champions, Buffers Alley, have been the most consistent club in this competition since St. Paul's (Kilkenny) 10-year period from 1946 to '76, during which time they won the title five times and were runners-up on two other occasions.

Buffers Alley have appeared in the last five deciders and were victorious in three finals.

In this year's competition they defeated Celtic, Dublin and Myshall, (Carlow), who won out the Leinster Junior club title.

FIRST TITLE

Their opponents, Swatragh, knocked out Killeel on their way to the final to take the Ulster title for the first time.

In the second tie Croagh-Kilfinny, who were All-Ireland champions in 1975 defeated Portroe (Tipperary) Glen Rovers (Cork) and Sixmilebridge (Clare) in the Munster Competition.

Kilkerrin - Glenamaddy, who defeated last year's finalists Athenry in the Galway final conquered Knockcroghery (Roscommon) in the Connacht decider.

As an asset for the first-timers Swatragh and Kilkerrin - Glenamaddy they have home venues. Buffers Alley have the majority of last year's side still available and what an experienced line-out.

Eilis Walsh, county and Interprovincial star, Kathleen Tenks, who is the county's brilliant goalie, plays in attack for her club and does so to good effect. Margaret Lacey, Wexford's best known player in the late sixties and seventies, is well a force in defence while

her sisters, Caroline Farrington and Gertrude O'Leary, are also strong players.

Geraldine Duggan who performed so well for Leinster in the Gael-Linn semi-final a few weeks ago is another powerful player while the Butler sisters, Ann and Terry, are hard to match.

Swatragh have their stars in Sarah Anne Quinn, who has been prominent in the Ulster post primary Schools at Ulster Polytechnic, with Derry and Ulster.

Another well known player is Brid McLaughlin, who is a tireless winger. Martina O'Kane and Eileen McGuckin can hold their own against the best.

But the Leinster Champions, who are the more experienced, are favoured to qualify for the final on October 30.

Croagh-Kilfinny, who have more than half of their 1975 winning team still available, have outstanding players in Margie Neville Dore then a defender but now playing successfully in attack.

Helen (Mulcair) Collins is a powerful midfielder, while Brid Stokes has been Limerick's full forward for nearly a decade. Brid is also one of the association's top referees and she officiated at the recent All-Ireland Junior Final.

Helen Sheehy, the Limerick Junior goalie, is still in goal for her club while her sisters, Anne and Agnes play out field. Rosie Fitzgerald, who won the Feile na nGael with her club in 1978, is now a clever forward.

Kilkerrin / Glenamaddy have their share of prominent players in Catherine Ward and Mary Kelly who are members of the Galway senior team. . . . Anne Gallagher, was on the Connacht Gael-Linn team and the Divilly sisters are sound players.

Croagh-Kilfinny, because of their long experience, must get the vote to advance.

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HOLDERS (Buffers Alley, Wexford and St. Mary's, Kilkerrin, Glenamaddy - Galway qualified for the All-Ireland Senior Club C. final when they defeated Swatragh, Derry at Swatragh and Croagh-Kilfinny, Limerick at Glenamaddy respectively, yesterday.

SCORERS - Buffers Alley - B. Doran 1-0, E. Walsh 0-2, A. Graham, K. Tenks and C. Farrington 0-1 each; Swatragh - S. O'Kane 0-1, St. Mary's 1-1, Croagh-Kilfinny 1-0. **SCORERS** - St. Mary's - A. O'Leary 1-0, A. Gallagher 1-1, C. Ward 0-2, Croagh-Kilfinny 1-0.

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Cork captains, Catherine Landers (senior), Colette O'Mahony (minor) and Bernie Murphy (junior) display the All-Ireland trophies, which their teams won this season, at the Cork Senior County Hurling Championship last Sunday.

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Competing name of the game

"Participation, not winning or being in competition, is the important thing." So said Minister of State at the Dept. of An Taoiseach, Sean Barrett deputising for the Minister of Sport, Macroom-born Donal Creed, when announcing the Cospoir Camogie-for-all Day at the premises of O'Neill International Sports Goods, Capel Street, Dublin.

The counties, in keeping with the present theme of the older person in sport, are encouraging some of our elder citizens to take part in the events of the Camogie-for-all Day. Clubs within the county of Cork have made special arrangements to celebrate the national camogie day.

Included among the centres are Courcies, Glen Rovers, Inniscarra, Eire Og, Blackrock, Brian Dillons, St. Finbarrs, Cloughduv, Castlemagner and Killeagh. Events will include church gate collections, seven-a-side blitz competitions, former players v present, mothers v daughters, the poc fada, skills competitions, free taking, married v single, and parades.

No special events have been arranged in Kerry but blitzes at all age levels will be staged on the bank holiday weekend of October 30.

Clare will stage the Munster club championship final between Six-milebridge and Croagh-Kilfinny from Limerick. Due to other events in Limerick, the Cospoir Day will be on October 22, and will be staged at the Salesian College, Pallaskenry.

Spotlight On The Stars Of To-morrow

THIS weekend the young people of Killeagh and St. Finbarr's take over the limelight when they contest the Under-14 League Final at Carrigtwohill on Sunday.

Both these clubs have paid a great deal of attention to their underage players and they are reaping the rewards on Sunday with an appearance in the under-14 League decider, which promises to be a most exciting affair.

The Junior 'B' Championship also continues on Sunday and there should be exciting contests at Cloughduv, Watergrasshill and Blackrock. And to round off the fixtures yet another keen contest should be on the cards at Na Piarasigh where that team play host to Douglas in the under-16 Championship.

For some years now both St. Finbarr's and Killeagh have been participating in the Feile na nGael National Competition—the blue ribbon of Under-Age camogie.

The 'Barrs have always been pretty prominent in this tough competition and

won their way to the National Final two years ago. Killeagh too have always been one of the top Cork sides in the competition and must be expected to reach the National Finals in the not too distant future.

Camogie in this age group gets more and more exciting to watch as Primary and Colleges competitions, as well as the national coaching courses, ensure that the standard is constantly improving, and, even at this early stage, players in this group are highly skilled. And Sunday's game should be no exception as St. Finbarr's and Killeagh have a number of top class players.

The 'Barrs are captained by Paul Carey, who played on both the Cork Minor (Under 16) all-Ireland winning side, and the under-18 Munster championship winning team this season. Paul could win the game for the Barrs and could give the Killeagh defence many problems on Sunday. Fiona and Niamh O'Sullivan were members of the Feile na nGael side, and are

two excellent players, while another who could play a big part in the Barrs performance is their sound full-back Deirdre Ryan.

Killeagh for their part have two excellent centre-fielders in Aine Leahy, a sister of Cork junior, Ann, and Breda Kelly, and they also have star performers in centre-forward Noreen Barry and centre-back Helen O'Connor.

So the stage must be set for a marvellous final, with victory in the balance to the final whistle.

The Junior 'B' Championship is heating up at this stage and on Sunday keen competition will be the order of the day at the three venues involved. Cloughduv, who are one of the fancied sides in the championship, will be at home to Bishopstown and although the former will probably be expected to advance, the city club have been training hard for this competition, and are determined to do well, and could give Cloughduv a hard time.

Watergrasshill will probably be expected to have too much strength for Castlemagner when they meet at Watergrasshill, while the strong Blackrock side will surely have too much power for Bride Rovers.

In the only under-16 Championship tie listed, Na Piarasigh, another side very much geared to Under-age camogie, will be expected to account for Douglas, although the latter could give them a fright. It was good to see the three Cork captains, Catherine Landers (Senior), Bernie Murphy (Junior) and Colette O'Mahony (Minor), who led the county sides to the grand slam of All-Ireland titles, acclaimed at the Cork Co. Hurling Final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday, where they got a great reception when they displayed their trophies. And this was especially appropriate on Sunday last, which was Cospoir National Camogie Day.

FIXTURES:

All on Sunday at 3 p.m. unless otherwise stated: U-14 League Final-Killeagh v. St. Finbarr's at Carrigtwohill (Ref. Mary Maher) 1.30 p.m. J.B.C.-Cloughduv v. Bishopstown at Cloughduv (Ref. Aghabullogue). J.B.C.-Watergrasshill v. Castlemagner at Watergrasshill (Ref. Sarsfields). J.B.C.-Blackrock v. Bride Rovers (Ref. Nemo Rangers). U-16 Na Piarasigh v. Douglas (Ref. Glen Rovers).



Mary O'Callaghan, chairperson of the Cork Co. Camogie Board, presents the under-14 league trophy to Paula Carey, captain of St. Finbarr's who defeated Killeagh in the final in Carrigtwohill.

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A civic reception was accorded the Cork senior, junior and minor All-Ireland camogie winning teams by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. John Dennehy, at City Hall. Included are Mrs. Phil Dennehy, Lady Mayoress; Mary O'Callaghan, chairperson, Camogie Board; and Cllr. Chrissie Aherne.



A second Northern Sports Personality is Mary Curran of Newry Office. Mary was one of the stars in the AIB victory in the final of the IBOA Camogie Competition played on November 2nd last. A member of An Ríocht GAA Club, she plays Gaelic Football as well as camogie. Mary's other interests include bowling and badminton. She is also keenly interested in Irish dancing at which she won an Irish Solo Championship. She goes with her numerous Ulster medals.

Eire Og take camogie league title

EIRE OG 0-7
CROAGH-KILFEENEY 0-3

EIRE OG captured the Munster camogie league honours over Croagh-Kilfeeny at Rathluirc yesterday.

Both sides were level 0-2 each at the interval but the superior Eire Og teamwork paid off in the end. The winners were well served by Marian Higgins, Eileen Dineen, Margo Twomey, Mary Geaney and Clare Kelleher.

On the losing side which produced its best attacking play before half time, Bernie O'Dea, Rosie Fitzgerald, Marjorie Dore and Ann Sheehy-Watson were prominent.

Scorers for Eire Og: M. Geaney 0-2, N. O'Driscoll 0-2, C. Kelleher and J. Shannon 0-1 each. Croagh-Kilfeeny: R. Fitzgerald, M. Dore and R. Collins 0-1 each.

Dublin Retain Camogie Title

DUBLIN 1-7
KILKENNY 0-7

Dublin retained the Leinster Senior Championship title and the New Ireland Cup when they defeated Kilkenny in a close and hardfought final at Russell Park yesterday.

Scorers — Dublin — E. Murphy (0-5); M. Cooney (1-1). A. Colgan (0-1). Kilkenny — A. Downey (0-5); M. Farrell, R. Wemyss (0-1 each).



Pictured before the start of the Westmeath Junior 'A' Camogie Championship Final are, from left, Sheilla O'Donoghue, Drumraney captain; Mrs. Nancy McKeogh, referee and Bridie Flanagan, St. Munna's.



Annette Glynn, right, captain of the St. Munna's team which defeated Raharney in the Minor Camogie Final pictured with Nan Lynch, who presented her trophy to the winning team and Helan Connaughton, the Raharney captain.

Gael Linn Interprovincial Cup Finals day

THE finals of the Gael Linn Interprovincial Cup (senior) and Shield (junior) are arranged for Sunday at Ballinlough, Cork, between Munster, senior holders and Leinster (3.0) and between Leinster (junior holders) and Munster (1.45).

The senior competition first inaugurated in 1954, to commemorate the first camogie game in 1904, proved so popular that the 1955 congress decided to make it an annual competition. Gael Linn donated the Cup and the competition has continued. Leinster have won the cup fifteen times

Munster six, Connacht twice and Ulster once.

For a period of three years 1975 - '77 the Cup was competed for between Junior counties. When it reverted to senior status a junior competition started and Gael Linn donated the Shield.

Since 1978 all four provinces has won the Shield Munster '78 and '80 Ulster '79, Connacht '81, and Leinster '82.

In last year's finals two weeks ago, Leinster and Munster defeated Connacht and Ulster respectively in both grades.

In last years finals Munster triumphed over Leinster by one point 3-10 to 2-12 in the senior game and Leinster were victorious over Connacht on the score 3-16 to 2-8.

A whole host of well known stars comprise the senior teams of Munster and Leinster. Marion McCarthy who won her eighth All-Ireland medal with Cork, is the goalie Eileen Dineen, Catherine Landers and Martha Kearney (Cork) are sound defenders while Rosie Ryan (Tipp) the fourth back is also an experienced player. Sandy

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By Taobh Line

Fitzgibbon, Bernadette O'Brien and Helen Collins (Limerick) make a strong midfield line.

In attack Mary O'Leary, Cork's highest scorer, Deirdre Lane (Tipp) Mary Geaney (Cork), and Brid Stokes (Limerick) are all well known for their power in attack.

Their opponents Leinster have seven of Dublin's senior team who went down narrowly to Cork in the All Ireland final, three from Kil-

kenny and two from Wexford

Yvonne Redmond in goal, with Anne her sister at full back and Bernie Toner at centre back are in the same positions as they play in Dublin. Geraldine Wynne left back (Wexford) and Anne Downey (Kilkenny) right back make a strong Leinster defence.

Biddy O'Sullivan (Kilkenny), Mary Mernagh and Edel Murphy (Dublin) performed well against Con-

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Ballinlough Bill Promises Much

THE Gael Linn Cup Interprovincial Finals will be played at Ballinlough on Sunday when Munster meet Leinster in both Senior and Junior deciders, in what should be a marvellous afternoon of camogie. Not surprisingly, both Munster and Leinster teams will be spearheaded by Cork and Dublin players, and following the keen rivalry which has marked the meetings of these sides, especially this year, Sunday's games promise to have an even more than usual edge.

The actual Munster teams were not available at the time of writing as they will be selected on Sunday morning but the selectors

have issued panels.

Limerick's Vera Mackey, who is on her honeymoon is not available for Sunday and her position on the panel will be taken by Marjorie Dore, but Clare Cronin, the Cork midfielder, who didn't travel to Armagh for the semi-finals against Ulster is back in action and she is likely to be fit for Sunday, and is included in the panel.

There are nine Cork players listed and no doubt the majority of these girls will win places on the side. Surely ace goalie Marian McCarthy will be included while fullback Eileen Dineen must be a certainty. Catherine Landers, who captains the side, must be

included while Martha Kearney, Clare Cronin and Mary O'Leary will have to be considered. And who can ignore the claims of young Sandy Fitzgibbon, who was the best player on view for Cork in the All-Ireland final.

From Tipperary there are the claims of Rose Ryan and Deirdre Lane, and from Limerick the case for inclusion by Helen Mulcare, Helen Sheehy, Marjorie Dore and Brid Stokes.

However, the Munster seniors would do well to remember the strength of the Leinster counties, as in addition to Dublin the Easterners can draw from Kilkenny and Wexford for

their twelve. It will also be remembered that last season, Munster did manage to account for the strongly fancied Leinster side, but only by a single point, and although Leinster have to travel to Cork this time, they will still probably start as slight favourites.

On their side they have the Dublin goalie Yvonne Redmond, while other excellent Dublin players in the side include Bernie Toner, Mary Mernagh, Edel Murphy and Joan Gormley, while from Wexford they have Geraldine Wynne and Elsie Walsh and from Kilkenny the renowned Downey, Ann and Angela.

So Munster can expect the toughest possible battle to retain the title, as the Easterners - dominated by Dublin - will be determined to gain some measure of consolation for their treble defeat at county level by Cork this season, and also to regain the Gael Linn trophy which they last held in 1981.

In the Junior competition Leinster are the holders and Munster will be hoping to regain the title they last won in 1980.

Here again the competition is likely to be at a knife-edge as these keen rivals battle for supremacy.

So if you have even the slightest interest in camogie Ballinlough is certainly the place to be on Sunday.

SENIOR TEAMS

Munster (panel): M. McCarthy (Cork), E. Dineen (Do.), B. Ryan (Tipperary), M. Higgins (Cork), C. Landers (do., capt.), M. Kearney (do.), B. O'Brien (Limerick), C. Cronin (Cork), H. Mulcare (Limerick), D. Lane (Tipperary), M. O'Leary (Cork), S. Fitzgibbon (do.), B. Stokes (Limerick), M. Geaney (Cork), H. Sheehy (Limerick), M. Dore (do.).

Leinster: Y. Redmond (Dublin), A. Downey (do.), G. Wynn (Wexford), B. Toner (Dublin), A. Downey (Kilkenny), B. O'Sullivan (do.), M. Mernagh (Dublin), E. Murphy (do.), A. Condon (do.), Elsie Walsh (Wexford), A. Downey (Kilkenny), J. Gormley (Dublin).

JUNIOR TEAMS

Munster (panel): D. Cleary (Limerick), M. Maher (Cork), C. McNamara (Clare), L. Dunphy (Cork), M. Twomey (do., capt.), A. M. Landers (do.), J. Shannon (do.), S. Spillane (do.), L. Zinkant (do.), A. Daly (Clare), T. Naughton (do.), M. O'Donovan (Cork), A. Leahy (do.), M. McNicholas (Clare), J. Malone (Clare), H. Cusack (do.), M. Ring (Cork). Leinster: G. Sutton (Dublin), C. Reaney (do.), A. Hyland (do.), M. Dwan (do.), A. Dorgan (Kildare), J. Holden (Dublin), E. O'Hehir (do.), D. Byrne (do.), C. O'Byrne (do.), M. Malone (Kildare), S. Cronin (do.), L. Forde (Westmeath).

FIXTURES (all on Sunday)

Gael Linn Cup Finals at Ballinlough: 1.45 p.m. Junior Leinster v. Munster (ref. N. O'Callaghan, Offaly); 3 p.m. Senior, Leinster v. Munster (ref. K. Quinn, Galway).

Leinster - with last puck

LEINSTER 2-7, MUNSTER 1-7

By JOHN MORLEY

This was a marvellous Gael Linn Cup Interprovincial Senior Camogie Final played at Ballinlough yesterday, in which the sides served up a ding dong game right through and the tie, showing all the signs of going into extra-time, had the most dramatic of finishes as an extraordinary goal saw Leinster snatch victory with the last puck of the game.

The winning goal came from Joan Gormley whose shot seemed to be covered by Munster goalie Marian McCarthy but Marian turned the ball into her own net for the winning goal for Leinster. And, having played a marvellous game right through, this was a heartbreaking finish for Marian, who won her record eighth All-Ireland medal for Cork only a few weeks ago. But for Leinster it meant that they regained the interprovincial crown, which Munster snatched from them last season, in an equally exciting encounter.

Deirdre Lane put Munster into an early lead with a fine goal to which Mary Geaney added a point before Leinster opened their scoring with a grand goal from Angela Downey. The winners Edel

Murphy then added two further points to leave them ahead at the break by a single point (1-2 to 1-1).

The second half continued in the same exciting fashion with Mary O'Leary in devastating form for Munster, scoring no less than five points in this spell but Leinster had their ace in Edel Murphy, who added four more points to the Leinster tally after the interval. And with Angela Downey adding another minor for the winners and Mary Geaney doing a similar job for the losers, the scores stood level with only seconds to go. Then came that extraordinary Joan Gormley goal which gave Leinster the trophy.

The winners were best served by Edel Murphy, Mary Mernagh, Ann Condon and Angela Downey, while Munster had their best players in Marian McCarthy, Mary O'Leary, Catherine Landers, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Mary Geaney.

Scorers: Leinster: E. Murphy 0-6, A. Downey 1-1, J. Gormley 1-0. Munster: M. O'Leary 0-5, D. Lane 1-0, M. Geaney 0-2. LEINSTER: Y. Redmond, A. Redmond, G. Wynn, B. Toner, Ann Downey, B. O'Sullivan, M. Mernagh, E. Murphy, A. Condon, E. Walsh, Angela Downey, J. Gormley. Sub. A. Colgan for A. Condon (injured). MUNSTER: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, H. Collins, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, D. Lane, B. Stokes, M. Geaney. Referee: K. Quinn (Galway).

THE SMILE OF VICTORY



The Raharney troupe which won the Set and Ceili Dancing sections of Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa in 1982. Back row, from left: Coll Doyle, Jacqueline Weir, Anne Connaughton, Geraldine Mitchell, Rosemary Holdwright, Lucy Weir, Nancy McKeogh, Lily Connaughton. Front row, from left: Noeleen Lynam, Martina McKeogh, Helen Connaughton, Monica Connaughton and Shay Callaghan.

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from two from Kildare and one from Westmeath. Buffers Alley (Westford) qualified for their sixth club championship final in a row when they scored a deserved victory over Swatragh (Drogheda).

In the second semi-final, Mary Kilkerrin-Gunnadilly surprised fans by defeating Croagh-Kilfinny to qualify for the final. The game is fixed for Sunday Oct 30 at 2.30.

JUNIOR TEAMS
Leinster: A. Reilly, J. Byrne, C. Wynn (Westford), J. Gormley (Dublin), A.

Downey, Ben O'Sullivan (Kilkenny), M. Murnagh, E. Murphy, A. Gordon (Dublin), E. Walsh (Westford), A. Downey (Kilkenny), J. Gormley (Dublin).

Munster—M. McCarthy, E. Dineen (Cork), R. Ryan (Tipp.), C. Landers, M. Kearney (Cork), B. O'Brien, H. Collins (Limerick), S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary (Cork), D. Lane (Tipp.), B. Stokes (Limerick), M. Geaney (Cork).

JUNIOR TEAMS

Leinster—G. Sutton, C. Reaney, A. Hyland, M. Duane (Dublin), A. Dargan (Kildare), T. Holden, E. O'Hehir, D. Byrne, C. O'Byrne, M. Malone (Kildare), S. Cronin (Dublin), L. Forde (Westmeath).
Munster—D. Cleary (Limerick), M. Maher (Cork), C. McNamara (Cork), L. Dunphy, M. Twomey, J. Shannon (Cork), A. Daly (Cork), M. O'Donovan (Cork), M. McNicholas (Cork), A. Leahy (Cork), H. Cusack (Cork), L. Lincant (Cork).

Leinster snatch winner

Leinster 23-7; Munster 1-7

LEINSTER regained the Gael Linn Cup after a hectic struggle against Munster at Ballinlough, Cork yesterday. In a highly exciting and competitive game in which both sides played some fine camogie it took a goal in the last seconds to separate the two sides.

Munster opened the scoring when Deirdre Lane blasted the ball beyond Leinster's goalkeeper for a fine goal. Mary O'Leary added a point before Leinster's Angela Downey scrambled home a goal from a goalmouth melee. Points from frees on both sides left the scores level at half time 1-2 each.

Heavy rain began to fall at the start of the second half but in spite of this and the heavy ground conditions both sides displayed great determination, points were exchanged mainly from frees with never more than two points separating the sides at any stage.

Although Munster tended to be ahead on the scoreboard, Leinster had most of the play but failed to capitalise on their chances up front.

The Munster defence stood firm clearing off the

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line on three occasions and it looked like extra time would be needed to decide this game.

However, a speculative shot from centre field was partially stopped by Munster goalkeeper Marian McCarthy but, when put under pressure by an in-rushing Joan Gormley, the ball ended up in the net. The pick out was the last of the game and so this last gasp goal gave Leinster victory.

Scorers — Leinster — E. Murphy (0-6), A. Dowling (1-1), J. Gormley (1-0), Munster N. O'Neill (0-5), E. Lane (1-0), M. Geaney (0-2).

Munster 1-12; Leinster 1-11

Munster beat Leinster, the holders in an exciting and close game in the Gael Line gshild at the same venue, the game which was level twelve times went into extra time with seldom more than a point between the sides.

Leinster led 1-5 to 1-4 at half time and the teams exchanged score for score throught through the second half, leaving the scores 1-9 each at full time.

In the extra period Leinster were a point up at

the break Munster drew level and went to a point ahead, but Leinster again qualified but Munster scored the winner in the last second of the game.

Scorers — Munster — L. Zinkant (0-7), M. McNichol (1-2), A. Leahy (0-2), A. Landers (0-1), Leinster — D. O'Byrne (0-6), N. Malone (0-5), L. Jordan (1-0).

Camogie — Junior Interpro

Munster in a thriller

Munster 1-12
Leinster 1-11

(after extra-time)

DURING the course of this cliff-hanging Junior Interprovincial final at Ballinlough yesterday, the sides were level on no less than twelve occasions and the game was only eventually decided after extra time, writes Joan Morley.

Here again there was a constant exchanging of scores as first Leinster scored a point, Munster equalised, Leinster drew ahead again with another winner before Munster came back on terms and then scored a last minute winner through Ann Marie Landers.

At half-time Leinster were ahead by 1-5 to 1-4 and at full-time the sides were on level terms 1-9 each.

The winners had their best performers in Margo Twomey, Ann O'Donovan, Maura McNicholas, Ann Leahy and Ann Marie Landers, while Leinster had their top players in Mary Duane, Jo Holden, Eithne O'Hehir and Maura Malone.

Scorers — Munster: L. Zinkant 0-7, M. McNicholas 1-2, A. Leahy 0-2, A. M. Landers 0-1; Leinster: C. O'Byrne 0-6, M. Malone 0-5, L. Forde 1-0.

Munster: M. Cleary, M. Maher, M. Ring, L. Dunphy, M. Twomey, A. M. Landers, A. Daly, A. O'Donovan, M. McNicholas, A. Leahy, E. Cusack, L. Zinkant, Subs. J. Shannon for A.

A.I.B. LADIES TRIUMPH IN I.B.O.A. CAMOGIE FINAL

A.I.B. retained the IBOA Camogie Cup for the fourth year in succession when they defeated the Bank of Ireland by 4-6 to 0-1 in Knockrabo on 1st November.

The scoreline would suggest that this was a walk-over for A.I.B., yet it was a most enjoyable match. The Bank of Ireland girls played very well but unfortunately their inability to finish off their many attacks let them down.

The match started very well for A.I.B. when Mary Curran got a goal in the first five minutes. The A.I.B. defence showed great character in withstanding first half pressure from Bank of Ireland. Elsie Coady was outstanding for Bank of Ireland. She was ably assisted by Margaret Norris up front. Felicity Conway, Joan Maher and Anne Malone were very sound in defence for A.I.B. After a mix up in the Bank of Ireland goal mouth Vera Murren A.I.B. was on hand to get a rather lucky goal just before half time.

In the second half a very well drilled A.I.B. side began to take over. Patricia Cully had a hard time in the Bank of Ireland goal. Bernie Byrne and Caroline Farrington led the attack. Goals from Vera Murren and points from Tina Twomey and Ann Smith put the issue beyond doubt.

Cecil Barron, Honorary Assistant Secretary/Treasurer IBOA, presented the cup to Mary Curran Captain of the A.I.B. team.



Munster captain Margo Twomey with the Gael Linn trophy after her side had defeated Leinster in the junior camogie final at Ballinlough yesterday

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Buffer's Alley fancied

THE CLUB Camogie Championships final, the last of Central Council's fixtures for 1983, is down for decision on Sunday next when holders for the past two years, the Wexford and Leinster champions, Buffer's Alley defend their crown against St. Mary's, Kilkerrin-Glenamaddy, who are not only Connacht champions for the first time but are also Galway champions. The decider will be played at Buffer's Alley Grounds, Monomolin, Gorey (2.30).

This competition, inaugurated in 1964 to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary, has been won by the champions of seven counties. In the inaugural year Dublin's Celtic took the Cup. Two other Dublin clubs, Eoghan Ruadh (1967) and Austin Stacks (1972 and '73), were also champions. St. Pauls, Kilkenny, who hold the record, gained honours five times (1968-70, 1974 and '77).

St. Patrick's, Glengoole, were the winners in 1965 and '66. Galway came to the fore in 1973 (Oranmore) and in 1978 (Athenry).

Limerick's Croagh-Kilkinny, 1975 and Ballyragan 1973 were also winners, while Killeagh (1980) climaxed a great year for Cork when they won the county fifth all-Ireland title.

Since 1978, Buffer's Alley have reached the decider and have taken the Cup three times, in 1979, '82 and '82. So, they are appearing for the sixth year-in-a-row and if they succeed this year, they will equal St.

Paul's record three successive victory.

They have eight of their 1979 winning team still available, ten of the 1981 side and eleven of the 1981 year's winning side, which gives the Wexford champions a decided advantage over newcomers, St. Mary's, especially since the latter have to travel to Wexford.

But these drawbacks did not worry the Galway champions when they faced Croagh-Kilfinny, who had five experienced players of their last victory, in the 1975 competition, still available.

They performed very well in that all-Ireland semi-final. The defence, which was always supported by the midfielders, when in need, was magnificent. They have outstanding players in this sector in goalie Thrissie Divilly, her sister, full back, Rita and Kitty Hoey. Mary Kelly played a fine game at midfield, while Catherine Ward, Anne Divilly and Anne Gallagher took their chances well in attack.

Buffer's Alley had a testing competition in Leinster. They defeated Celtic, the Dublin champions and Myshall (Carlow) the Junior Leinster winners. They scored a good victory over the Ulster champions Scout-rath, Derry, in miserable windy and wet conditions.

In their six finals this is only their second decider at home. In 1978 they lost to Ballyragan 1-3 to 0-1 on the day that they officially opened their new clubrooms

at Monomolin.

The goalie, Terry Butler and her four backs are in the same positions as last year. Ann Butler, full-back, and Geraldine Duggan, Margaret Lacey and Stella Sinnott are the half-back line.

Fiona Cousins, Elsie Walsh and Nora Gahan are at midfield. Caroline Farrington, Gertrude O'Leary, Kathleen Tonks and Bridie Doran make a strong forward line.

The big question is can the Galway champions repeat that fine performance once again or will the Wexford girls succeed in gaining a hat-trick?

The champions must start favourites but it could be a close game if St. Mary's play as well as they did against Croagh-Kilfinny.

The Gael-linn finals at Cork last Sunday were just as closely and as keenly contested as the all-Ireland finals. With NINE FROM Cork and eight from Dublin in the senior game, it was almost a repeat of that closely contested game.

Again either side could have won the Cup but it was Leinster's turn in the senior competition. Munster took the Junior Shield with a last minute point.

BUFFER'S ALLEY — T. Butler, A. Butler, G. Wynne, M. Lacey, Sinnott, F. Cousins, E. Walsh, N. Gahan, C. Farrington, G. O'Leary, K. Tonks, B. Doran.

ST. MARY'S KILKERRIN — Glenamaddy — C. Divilly, R. Divilly, K. Hoey, C. Geraghty, C. Dolan, T. Garvey, M. Kelly, T. Rafferty, C. Ward, A. Divilly, A. Gallagher, K. Garvey.

Referee — Miss Rita White (Dublin).

Third title for Buffer's Alley

Buffer's Alley ... 3-7; St. Mary's ... 0-6

BUFFER'S ALLEY (WEXFORD), the reigning champions, captured their third All Ireland Club Camogie Championship in a row in an exciting game against Connacht's St. Mary's Kilkerrin-Glenamaddy, at Buffer's Alley on Sunday. The home side, in their sixth successive final, made full use of their experience to swing the issue.

Buffer's Alley got off to a good start scoring 1-4 before St. Mary's scored their first point. Both teams exchanged points leaving the score at half time at 1-6 to 0-2. Buffers Alley squandered many chances during this period when backed by a strong wind.

On the restart St. Mary's fought hard and after a scoreless spell sent over four points narrowing the gap to one goal with only 10 minutes remaining.

However Buffers Alley hit a purple patch and two goals in the space of a few minutes put them well clear of their opponents.

The Wexford side were stronger and much more experienced, with no fewer than seven of the side contributing to their scoreline. However their Galway opponents can take much pride from their first performance in an All Ireland final.

Scorers — Buffer's Alley: E. Walsh (1-3), T. Hoey (1-0), C. Farrington (1-0), B. Doran, G. O'Leary, M. Lacey, N. Garvey (0-1 each). **St. Mary's:** A. Gallagher (0-3), K. Hoey (0-2), C. Ward (0-1).

KILLANNY 3-6
INNISKEEN 0-2

Naomh Eanna Killanny beat Inniskeen in the Monaghan Camogie League final, to claim their fourth successive title. They are also the holders, for the last three years, of the County Championship and County Shield.

The winners had outstanding backs in Sandra McMahon and Margaret Brady. Frances Byrne and Geraldine and Tina Thornton controlled the midfield while the best of the forwards were Marie Garibud Rosemary McMahon, Sheila Finnegan and Imelda Clarke. **Leinster Junior C. League** — Wicklow 2-4; Carlow 1-0.

Two new Boards underway

TWO new County Boards are due to be set up in the next few weeks. On Saturday next Ulster Council has convened a meeting at Loreto Convent, Letterkenny, to establish a County Board for Donegal and Longford has invited Ard Choiste and Leinster Council to the re-establishment of a County Board on November 27. This will give complete affiliation from all counties in both Ulster and Leinster.

St. Eunan's, Letterkenny, have been representing Donegal in Ulster competitions and in the Junior National League for the past four years. Since there are twelve schools in the county it is surprising that it has taken so long to get County Board established. The one club-county team has had a very good record in their games to date. In the Junior National League

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by Taobh Line

they had very close games with Derry.

Longford had a strong Board going in the sixties so it is a welcome return for them to the Leinster Council. Westmeath, who invited Longford's club, Edgeworthstown to play in their competitions last year, must be complimented on their promotion work, as now at least four clubs are active.

This only leaves Sligo and Leitrim without County Boards and since there are schools playing in each county it is only a matter of time until they join the fold also.

GREAT WORK

Fr. O'Reilly, who did so much to promote camogie in Cavan, is now a curate in Leckraun, Leitrim, and is, I understand, working hard

for camogie in the county. Cavan, who have more Primary Schools playing than any other county, are very active locally and have had their efforts rewarded in such competitions as Community Games, which have been won by Bawnboy and Templefort, and Cavan won the Junior National League in 1981.

With the end of 1983 in view Ard Choiste are at present planning their fixtures for 1984. The Junior League, which has been such a success since it was inaugurated in 1980 had a participation of twenty-six counties last season. At least four counties, who did not take part last year have indicated their intention to compete in 1984.

All-Ireland Junior cham-

pions, Cork, whose county has not, up to the present, been in contention in this competition, Antrim, who were not involved last year, Cavan, who were late in applying, and Waterford swell the number to thirty counties.

Dublin, who won the Leinster Senior Championship Final last Sunday end up with five titles, the National Senior and Junior League and the three Leinster Championships.

Some consolation after losing the three All-Ireland titles by one, two and three points. Many of their fans question the wisdom of such a long season. They have been active in intercounty competition since February — a period of ten months and now the Dublin Leagues are in progress. Nevertheless the players seem to like being involved.

A Year To Remember For Glen Girls

NO matter what next year may bring, the year 1983 will forever be etched in the minds of all Glen Rovers' Camogie Club members and followers as being amongst one of their greatest ever. For this year the club pulled off their remarkable double, senior and junior county championships titles.

After fifteen years the senior county was won, and for the first time Glen Rovers are "Junior A" county champions. Since 1979 Glen Rovers have captured many important trophies — the senior club tournament, u-16 championship, u-18 championship, senior league, junior 'B' championship and this year the unique double, senior and junior 'A' counties. With this achievement they become the first club to do so, and surely their youth policy of the last few years is at last paying rich rewards. It must also be good for the older players to know that such rich talent is readily available to step up and take its place when required by the top team. Players like Fiona McCarthy, Broda O'Sullivan, Ann Lonergan, who have

gained five county medals with Glen Rovers since 1980, u-16, u-18, Jun. 'B', senior and Junior 'A' surely have a great future ahead of them. Mary Currid, u-16, u-18, junior 'B' and senior, Mary Ring u-18 and senior, Pamela Lane, Denise Cotter, Regina Scoutts, Diane Deane all have u-16, u-18, Jun. 'A' and 'B' county medals at the ripe old age of 16½ years, as has Margo Cronin.

Surely when captain, Rose Mackey rose the junior county cup aloft in Caherlag, a lot of Glen hearts missed a beat. People like Anna Crotty and Nora Newman who went through the very good years as well as the bad with Glen Rovers. Warriors like Billy Connolly and John McCarthy always to be seen at the games, always on hand

when needed. But spare a thought to the thrill this 'County' was to Maura Coleman (Walsh) who twelve months ago returned from retirement and came back to wear the jersey she always served with such pride. A great thrill also for Celia Fitzgibbon (Walsh) also back after a long absence. Terese O'Callaghan and 14 year old Carmel Currid in their first season with the club. Club secretary Mary Newman (McCarthy), Teresa Connolly, Fiona Wallace who have been with Glen Rovers since school days.

County championships are hard to come by but if the women of Glen Rovers have any say in the matter, Blackpool and Glen Rovers will never be without one.



Junior "A" County Champions, 1983



Captain Rose Mackey receiving the Cup in Caherlag

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