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CORK TIPPED FOR A CLEAN SWEEP

CORK, the holders of eleven Senior Camogie championship titles, one Junior title and five Minor titles are in line for a clean sweep on Sunday next when they face Limerick in the premier decider and Tyrone in the Junior final. The Minors have already won out the Teitenn Cup.

This is Limerick's first attempt at winning the Senior Cup and since it is only three years since they won their only Junior title, they have made great strides. The Shannonsiders are the first county outside the established senior counties to contest a senior decider.

It is also Tyrone's first time to reach an All-Ireland final. Indeed it is only Tyrone's second victory in Ulster. They were Junior "B" champions in 1973.

On paper both Cork teams look more experienced than their opponents. In the senior game no fewer than ten of the 1978 champion side are still listed on the team and one more is named on the subs.

MORE THAN ONE

In addition most of the team has won more than one All-Ireland medal and many have come up through the grades winning minor medals on their way.

Nancy O'Driscoll holds the distinction of captaining her county to victory in the Senior ('78) and Junior ('73). Pat Moloney and Marion McCarthy are striving to equal another famous Cork star's record. Lil Kirby, who has six All-Ireland medals.

Cork will surely miss the cover of that great full-back, Marie Costine, who contributed so much to the five titles that the Leesiders won during the seventies.

Patricia Riordan, the left-back has moved into the full-back position and has been performing well there.

Cork will pin most trust on the half-forward line of Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney and Pat Moloney, who have so much skill and the ability to pick off scores from all angles.

PRE-MATCH PLANS

However, Limerick will no doubt have its pre-match plans as to how best to stop the Cork trio.

Limerick came to prominence in the mid seventies when the Coragh-Kilfinny club won the first All-Ireland title for Limerick by winning the Club Championship in 1975. The Ahane Club had prior to that qualified for the club final on two occasions.

Inspired by that victory the county went on to capture the Junior Championship title in 1977.

Their performances in senior ranks in '78 and '79 were first class. They reached the National Senior League final in both years and had a good run in the championship.

The start of the current year's campaign did not go so well for the Shannonsiders. Defeated by Kilkenny, first time out, they just managed to beat Galway. They lost their league engagement to Cork 4-5 to 0-3 and suffered a similar defeat in the Munster Final.

could give the Cork defence plenty to do.

Yet since the Leesiders have two deserved victories over Limerick in the last few months they must stand firm favourites to win their twelfth title.

GOOD SECOND STRING

Cork has a very good second string also. No fewer than ten of the panel were at Croke Park last year when they lost to Galway and six of the 1978 selection are still listed. This is a strong factor in Cork's favour.

Cork has already appeared in six finals since 1968 and, despite the fact that they have always had good players available, they have only once succeeded in winning through.

Their goalie, Claire McCarthy, has already won two All-Ireland medals this year. Last April her school North Presentation won the Post Primary Championship and she was also goalkeeper for the Minor Competition. She could finish the season with four

awards as she is Senior sub-goalie.

Other stars for Cork are captain, Betty Joyce, Eileen Dineen, Ger McCarthy, Noelle O'Driscoll and Anne Delaney, all of whom are Minor All-Ireland medal holders.

NO TROPHIES

What of Tyrone? They have no trophies from the past, but they have performed very convincingly. They scored a victory over Armagh, the Junior National League champions, and knocked out Antrim and Leinster champions Louth, on their way to the final.

Their most prominent players are Ursula Jordan who has won an Interprovincial Gael-Linn Trophy with Ulster, Anne Jordan, Sheila Burke, the captain, Pauline Vallely and goalie Teresa Kelly.

In view of Cork's record and the fact that so many of the team has the experience of two finals, the vote must favour the southerners once again.



Fullforward Mary Geaney, left, the Cork captain, and midfielder Angela Higgins, who will be playing against Limerick in the All-Ireland Camogie Final at Croke Park on Sunday.



Mary Geaney, Cork's full forward



Back l. to r.: Helen Clifford, Martina O'Donoghue, Helen Sheehy, Joan O'Shea. Front l. to r.: Helen Mulcair, Pauline McCarthy, Ann Sullivan.

RECOVERED FORM

However, they recovered their form when the championship started scoring a decisive victory over Derry and confounded all camogie fans when they knocked out current League Champions, Kilkenny, who were hotly tipped to reach the final.

In the line of achievements Cork weigh down the scales heavily in their favour, but examining the individual players' performances many would hold that both teams have their share of skilled players.

Many of the Cork girls have played at Croke Park so many times before and this is certainly an advantage. But then, both the Ballyragan players, of which there are seven, and the Croagh-Kilfinny players have played in All-Ireland Club finals.

For Limerick much will depend on how Vera Mackey, Geraldine O'Brien and Margie Neville (now Mrs. Dore) will cope with the Cork half-forward line. Midfield should be fairly even and Pauline McCarthy and Brid Stokes



● IN ACTION . . . for Cork in Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final (from left) will be: Miriam Higgins, Mary O'Leary and Clare Cronin.

Limerick and Cork in all Munster final

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Limerick who won their only All-Ireland title in 1977, when defeating Wexford in the junior decider are back again in Croke Park. On Sunday next they clash with Cork in the senior final, the first ever all Munster final.

Eight of the 77 team will lineout on Sunday. Helen Moynihan, Vera Mackey, Breed Stokes, Geraldine O'Brien, Margie Dore, Helen Mulcair, Bernadette O'Brien and Pauline McCarthy.

Liz Hayes and Bridgid Darcy O'Brien are among the substitutes. Joan O'Shea, Betty Conway, Ann Sullivan and Ann Sheehy are the newcomers on the first twelve. Elizabeth Moloney, Helen Clifford, Martina O'Donoghue and Helen Sheehy are new names on the reserve bench.

Since 1977 when Limerick moved up to senior grade they promised much but achieved little. Impressive in some league outings they made little impact in the championship.

They opened the 1980 campaign with the expected win over Down, at Adare. Against Derry in the quarter final at Swithragh they shaped much better. The semi final at Ballyagran was against Kilkenny with the latter firm favourites to win. A shock result saw Limerick through to their first ever senior final and their second ever appearance in Croke Park.

Cork are last favourites to beat Limerick. They disposed of the All-Ireland champions, Antrim on the road to the final and with such talented players as Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney, Mary O'Leary, Nanny O'Driscoll and Mary

Graney among an all star lineout they must rate their chances highly.

Limerick are happy with being classed as rank outsiders. Under the leadership of trainer Carrie Clancy, they have prepared seriously and enthusiastically. They have nothing to lose as everything to gain in this latest clash with old rivals. Indeed they are quietly confident of creating a major upset and deny Cork of yet another crown.

The Limerick selectors are Paddy McCarthy, Ballybricken; Margaret Hickey, Adare, and Carrie Clancy.

The Limerick lineout is as follows:

Helen Moynihan - Holder of 5 County medals with Ballyagran, 3 Munster and 1 All-Ireland club medal. All-Ireland medal with Limerick in 1977. Gael Linn awards as well as player of the year. Goalkeeper.

Joan O'Shea - Four County and 2 Munster club championships with Ballyagran. Full back.

Vera Mackey - won County championships in all grades with Ahane and Ballyagran. All-Ireland medals with Ballyagran and Limerick. Right half back.

Geraldine O'Brien - Munster championship with Rosary Hill, five County medals with Ballyagran. All-Ireland junior, club senior and Gael Linn medals. Centre back and captain.

Margie Dore - won county medals in all grades with Croagh/Kilfinny. All-Ireland junior in 1977 and two Gael Linn medals. Left half back.

Bernadette O'Brien - Junior and senior colleges medals with Rosary Hill. Junior All-Ireland in 1977. Five County championship medals with Ballyagran. One Gael Linn medal. Right centre field.

Helen Mulcair - County medals with Croagh/Kilfinny in all under age grades. All-Ireland junior in 1977. Two Gael Linn medals. Centre field.

Ann Sheehy - Holder of 4 Munster medals. One junior and club All-Ireland. Gael Linn medal and Munster intermediate colleges with St. Paul's County under age medals with Croagh/Kilfinny. Left centre field.

Ann Sullivan - Played with Ballynreena before joining Bruff. Learned her camogie with St. Paul's of Kilfinane. Right half forward.

Pauline McCarthy - County senior and under age medals with Ballyagran. One All-Ireland junior and club championship medal, won Munster B colleges with Hospital. Plays football with Newtownshandrum. Centre forward.

Betty Conway - Won County medals in all grades with Ahane. County senior and Munster club with Ballyagran. Left half forward.

Breed Stokes - Holder of County championships with Croagh/Kilfinny in all grades. Five Munster, one junior and club All-Ireland medals, won Gael Linn medals with Munster. Enjoys her annual trip to Lisdoonvarna. Full forward.

Bridgid Darcy O'Brien - Won County medals in all grades with Ahane, with All-Ireland junior in 1977, Munster interprovincial and club championship. Plays in the forward line.

Helen Sheehy - Won County championships with Croagh/Kilfinny. Under 18 Munster medal as well as provincial and All-Ireland club. Two Gael Linn medals. Reserve goalkeeper.

Elizabeth Moloney - Plays with Bruff. Holder of junior and intermediate county medals. This is her first year on the county panel. Plays in the forward line.

Elizabeth Hayes - Assisted Ballyagran in all their successes in recent years. All-Ireland junior in 1977 and All-Ireland club championship. Holder of Gael Linn medals. Plays in defence.

Helen Clifford - Won under age, junior and intermediate medals with Bruff. Has played with Limerick in all grades. First season on senior panel. Midfielder.

Martina O'Donoghue - Won County medals in all under age grades with Croagh/Kilfinny. Holder of Pan Celtic and All-Ireland Feile na nGael medals. Drafted on to the County panel after a brilliant display in the county senior final. Youngest member of the panel at 16 years.

Anybody going to the game on Sunday, might like to know that a bus will leave Kilfinny at 8.00 a.m. and will travel via Adare.



Back l. to r.: Geraldine O'Brien, Betty Conway, Vera Mackey, Bernadette O'Brien, Bridgid Darcy O'Brien. Front l. to r.: Helen Moynihan, Breed Stokes, Elizabeth Moloney, Ann Sheehy.



Carrie Clancy, the Limerick trainer.



Margie Dore.



Liz Hayes.

Mackey relation

Limerick was a Junior side until 1977, when they moved into Senior competition after winning the All-Ireland. Current team trainer, Carrie Clancy, was captain that day and subsequently became Junior Player of the Year. She later captained the Provincial side and helped her senior team to the 1978 and 1979 National League Finals. Her experience undoubtedly aided Limerick in their clashes with Derry, Down and a brilliant Kilkenny team in this year's championship.

Much of the limelight will today rest on one Vera Mackey daughter of John, niece to Mick. She managed to keep Angela Downey of Kilkenny—possibly one of the best three players in the country—under lock and key in their last encounter. Today she must keep Pat Moloney in subordination.

On the Junior and often neglected front, Tyrone come on their premier visit to Croke Park. They beat National Junior League champions, Armagh and to add surprise, then overcame Leinster tops, Louth. The latter only came through the province twice before; that was back in 1936 and 1944. Tyrone, Down, Derry and Armagh are the only Ulster teams to arrive at an All-Ireland Junior Final since the competition began in 1963.

But, since that time, their opponents, Cork, have played in six, and won once. This is their third consecutive final. It seems odd that they have only managed one victory, considering the progress of their Minor and schools' teams. And Tyrone will want to keep things that way.



Marion Sweeney: in Cork's attack on Sunday

Cork Players' Pen Pictures

TWO Cork teams will be in action at Croke Park on Sunday next as the Juniors meet Tyrone and the Seniors meet Limerick in the All-Ireland finals. With interest so high in Cork at the moment, followers might like to know a little more about the players who will represent this county on Sunday, so the following are pen pictures of the players who will wear the Cork colours.

Cork Seniors

Marion McCarthy; Goal-keeper. (Eire Og). Seeking her sixth All-Ireland senior medal, Marion is a most versatile player who has fielded for Cork in several positions. Has collected Cork County championship medals with both South Pres P.P. and Eire Og. Noted for her long relieving puck-outs, she wore Cork colours in all grades. Has played several times for Munster. An excellent badminton player, Marion is a factory worker.

Patricia Riordan; Full-back. (Ballinlough). Was left back on Cork's All-Ireland winning team in 1978, but has dropped back to fill the void left by the retirement of Marie Costine. Made the Munster panel last season. Has played in all grades for Cork. Patricia, who played colleges camogie for South Presentation, is a sales assistant.

Miriam Higgins; Right-back. (Eire Og). Learned her camogie at St. Vincent's Convent, and played for Glen Rovers before taking up a Civil Service appointment in Dublin. Won 5 Dublin Championships with Celtic. Collected Leinster and All-Ireland junior honours with Dublin. Joined Eire Og on returning to Cork. A well-known referee, she enjoys badminton and tennis.

Catherine Landers; Centre-back. (Killeagh). Helped Killeagh to their first County senior crown earlier this year. Previously won County medals with Divisional side, Imokilly. Holds All-Ireland minor and senior medals. Lined out for Loreto, Youghal in colleges camogie. An attacking centre-back. Catherine possesses Munster medals in all grades. Is employed on the clerical staff in Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

Martha Kearney; Left-back. (Na Piarsaigh). Although the youngest member of the team, Martha has considerable experience. Captained Cork to All-Ireland success at minor level. Won All-Ireland colleges medal with North Pres and fielded with Munster colleges interprovincial side. Equally at home in defence, midfield or attack, Martha hopes to bring the first senior All-Ireland medal to her club. Sat successfully for her Leaving Cert this summer.



Martha Kearney

Clare Cronin; Right-centre. (Old Aloysians). Clare holds All-Ireland medals at colleges, minor and senior level. Honoured with Levi Youth Sports Award for Camogie in 1976. Prominent member of St. Aloysius team which brought first colleges title to Cork. Clare, who previously fielded with Ballyphehane, is a dental surgery assistant.

Angela Higgins; Centre-field. (Watergrasshill).

Seeking her second senior medal, Angela also holds a junior All-Ireland medal. Won intermediate, league, and championship with Loreto, Fermoy, County junior and intermediate medals with Watergrasshill, county senior medals with Imokilly and Under 18, junior and senior medals with Cork. Published a history of first thirty years of camogie. Coaches college teams at Mercy, Macroom where she is a Physical Education teacher.

Nancy O'Driscoll; Left-centre. (Eire Og). Holds unique honour of captaining Cork to win All-Ireland honours at junior and senior grades. An international hockey player, she also plays badminton. One of six camogie playing sisters, she has won Cork County senior championship medals with Eire Og. Nancy practises as a solicitor in the family firm.



Miriam Higgins

Mary O'Leary; Right-forward. (Watergrasshill). Comes from a sporting family. She, her brother Seanie and her grandfather hold All-Ireland medals. Accuracy, both from placed balls and from play, is Mary's greatest asset. Won Cork junior, intermediate and senior medals, Munster Under 18, junior and senior, and All-Ireland junior and senior medals. The former Cork captain is a clerical worker.

Marion Sweeney; Centre-forward. (Killeagh). The former Loreto-Fermoy colleges player already holds three All-Ireland senior medals. Figured prominently in Killeagh's breakthrough in the County championship this year. Marion's tear-away style has earned her 6 Cork County championship (5 with Imokilly), Munster Under 18, junior and senior medals, and a place on the Munster team. Is employed in family business.

Mary Geaney; Full-forward. (Eire Og). Captain of the team, Mary is following in the family's sporting tradition. Her father, Con and her brother Dave also hold All-Ireland medals. From Castleisland in Co. Kerry, she is well-known in squash, badminton and ladies football circles, and is the goalkeeper on the Irish Ladies hockey team. Holder of three Cork County championship medals with Eire Og. Mary works in family business.

Pat Moloney; (Killeagh). Seeking her sixth All-Ireland medal, Pat is the only Cork player to have won the B. + I. Camogie Player of the Year award. Has collected Cork County Championship medals with Imokilly and Killeagh, Ashbourne Cup medals with U.C.C., and played with the Combined Universities and Munster. Pat is a social worker with the Southern Health Board.

Cork Juniors

Claire McCarthy; Goal-keeper. (Na Piarsaigh). In the running for a record haul of All-Ireland medals. Already holds All-Ireland minor, senior colleges and Interprovincial colleges medals. Is current minor goalkeeper, and reserve on senior panel. A successful day for Cork on Sunday would give Claire a special niche for herself in the record books. She is still a student of North Presentation Convent.

Regina O'Brien; Full-back. (Eire Og). Regina will be stepping on to Croke Park for the first time. A sister of Cork hurling under-21 captain, Sean O'Brien, she holds 3 Cork County senior championship and Munster U-18 medals. Also enjoyed success at U-16, U-18, and intermediate levels with Eire Og. A member of the Munster Under 19 squash team, she is a student at the Regional College.

Joan O'Sullivan; Right-back. (Glen Rovers). Comes into the side to replace Ger O'Donovan who is hospitalised with cartilage trouble. Joan has been a prominent member of the St. Patrick's school side which won Munster intermediate 'A' honours in 1979 and 1980. Shone on the Cork Under 18 team which won Munster title last year. Holds 3 Munster medals as well as her colleges awards. A school leaver, Joan is interested in basketball, swimming and reading.

Eileen Dineen; Centre-back. (Eire Og). This is Eileen's third attempt to win an All-Ireland medal. She played on Cork junior teams in 1978 and 1979. Eileen has won junior, intermediate and senior county medals with Eire Og, Munster junior and senior medals with Cork, and a Gael-Linn medal with Munster. Eileen, who played Jer colleges camogie with Mercy, Macroom, works as a key operator.

Liz Lynch; Left-back. (Douglas). Played at midfield for Cork in 1978 and 1979 All-Ireland junior finals. Was a member of Munster team which won junior Gael-Linn title in 1978. Holds 1 Munster Under 18 and 3 Munster junior medals. Is employed in printing firm.

Ger McCarthy; Right-centre. (Nemo Rangers). Ger has been honoured with a Cork Youth Award. She captained the Cork minors to All-Ireland success in 1979. Usually features in forward line, where she was top scorer for Cork minors last season. Holds two All-Ireland minor medals as well as Munster medals in minor, Under 18 and junior medals. She is commencing her Leaving Cert year at Sacred Heart Secondary School.

Betty Joyce; Centre-field. (Killeagh). Betty captained Cork on Sunday. Has fielded with the seniors in the National League and with Munster in the Junior Gael-Linn. Won All-Ireland minor medal in 1975, and holds Munster minor, Under 18 and junior medals. Member of Killeagh team which won 1980 Cork County championship. A well-known horse-woman, Betty is a cheese cutter with Imokilly Co-op.

Helena Fox; Left-centre. (Na Piarsaigh). This is Helena's first visit to Croke Park as a player. Won an All-Ireland

minor medal with Cork in 1978. Played for the Na Piarsaigh team which won Feile na nGael in 1976. Learned her camogie at North Presentation Convent. Holds Munster minor, Under 18 and junior medals and underage awards with her club.

Lillian Zinkant; Right-forward. (Sarsfields). Holder of two All-Ireland minor medals, she has been a member of the Munster colleges interprovincial side for past two seasons. Won Cork intermediate championship and league titles with her club, and Munster minor, Under 18 and junior medals with Cork. Interested in table tennis, athletics and badminton, she is a student at South Presentation Convent.

Ann Delaney; Centre-forward. (Glen Rovers/U.C.C.). Ann will be hoping for better luck on this, her third attempt to win All-Ireland junior honours. Already holds two All-Ireland minor awards as well as Munster minor, Under 18 and junior medals. Won Cork colleges league medal with St. Aloysius. A student at U.C.C., she has played in the Ashbourne Cup and was selected on Combined Universities side.

Claire Kelleher; Left-forward. (Eire Og). Yet another product of Cork's successful minor teams. Has won Cork county junior and senior medals with Eire Og, Munster minor, Under 18 and junior medals. Played for Munster interprovincial colleges side. Is a Grade C coach. Interested in watching sport on T.V., cycling and badminton, Claire has just finished school at Mercy, Macroom.

Noelle O'Driscoll; Full-forward. (Eire Og). Played in 1978 and 1979 All-Ireland junior finals. Holds Cork county junior, intermediate and senior medals with Eire Og, Duthracht Shield and 3 Munster junior medals. Has been selected on Munster junior and Combined Universities teams. Established free-taker on the team, she is a sister of Cork senior, Nancy. Is a student at University College Cork.

Cork on way for another Title

By MAOL MUIRE TYNAN

IN CROKE PARK today, four teams and about five to six thousand people will gather to watch one hundred minutes of Camogie in the All-Ireland final. No more than 9,000 ever watched the spectacle live; that was in 1943. But, if attendance figures for the women's All-Ireland do not compare to the male counterpart, the standard of play does. More's the pity it goes largely unnoticed.

Any male who dons county colours automatically becomes a hero; if he contributes to a win, he becomes a demigod. Not so the little ladies who put precisely the same effort and perspiration into a game that lacks nothing but prestige.

This afternoon's games are particularly interesting. At first glance, the Senior game between Cork and Limerick seems like a typical case of sheep trotting to the slaughter. This is Limerick's first Senior Final. It is Cork's twentieth, and they already have eleven titles. In the last decade, they have appeared in seven finals, winning five, and ten girls on the present team have senior medals.

Corkonians, by and large, have an undying belief in themselves. This team is no exception. They are ambitious, highly organised and know they are one of the best teams in the country. Pat Moloney, their outstanding forward, took the B. & I. GAA award in 1978; today she is chasing her sixth All-Ireland medal and, if successful, will be the only girl outside Dublin, apart from the famous Li Kirby, to establish the record.

Two medals

Cork's sub-goalkeeper, Claire McCarthy, is only sixteen. She has already won a Senior Colleges Championship with North Presentation plus an All-Ireland Minor (U-16) title with Cork. Today, she plays in goal for the Junior side, against Tyrone; so, if both Cork teams are successful, Claire stands to pick up two All-Ireland medals in one day.

Meanwhile, Kerry girl Mary Geaney plays as Cork full-forward. She has already captained the Irish Hockey team and her father Con, and brother Dave, have collected All-Ireland medals with Kerry. An ex-Ursuline pupil of Cork city, she could not play Senior camogie with her own county. Her move to next door must be re-endorsed every year by Munster Council.

Miriam Higgins, who earned an All-Ireland Junior medal with Dublin, has moved back to her hometown and joining the team that is basically the same as that which won in 1978. There are two changes: Marie Costine, former full-back, makes way for Patricia Riordan and Marie Ryan has also quit her place.

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CAMOGIE

Cork Can Make

HISTORIC MEETING OF MUNSTER TEAMS IN ALL-IRELAND

FOR the first time in the history of camogie two Munster teams will contest the Senior All-Ireland Final when Cork and Limerick meet at Croke Park on Sunday next to compete for the O'Duffy Cup. And for Cork it could be a "double" day as they also contest the Junior Final against Tyrone.

With the countdown to the All-Ireland camogie finals now only days away, excitement is fast reaching fever

pitch in Munster camogie circles. And with two Cork teams involved interest is particularly high in this county.

On paper Cork must be fancied to regain the senior title they last won in 1978, when they easily defeated Dublin. Last season Cork went out rather drastically at the hands of Kilkenny in the first round, but this season they are back to full strength and must take a great deal of stopping.

Marian McCarthy is a marvellous goalie, while Patricia Riordan has now settled down nicely in her new role at full-back. Catherine Landers is a stylish half-back and she is flanked by that brilliant "baby" of the side, Martha Kearney, and the sound Miriam Higgins.

The centrefield trio of Angela Higgins, Clare Cronin and Nancy O'Driscoll are all efficient centres, while the attacking quartet of Mary O'Leary, Pat Moloney,

Marion Sweeney and Mary Geaney needs no introduction to camogie followers in any part of the country.

What of Limerick? Well, they are the surprise packet of the championship, as against all the odds they defeated the hotly fancied Kilkenny in the semi-final. Kilkenny are a star-studded side, who were fancied to go all the way, and to beat them Limerick must have pulled something special out of the hat. Of course, it was felt by many that Kilkenny may

It A 'Double' Day



The Cork senior camogie team who will be hoping to regain the All-Ireland crown when they play Limerick in the final at Croke Park on Sunday.

have been over-confident and were caught "on the hop", in which case Limerick may not have been that great.

Cork's biggest problem on Sunday could be complacency, as they must now feel that this title is there for the taking.

But they would do well to remember Kilkenny and the fact that Limerick rose to that occasion, and could do so again on Sunday. The Shannonsiders have a number of top-class players in their line-up and with a nice combination of youth and experience they could give Cork a fright, and even maybe shock the Leesiders, to bring the trophy to Limerick for the very first time.

Helen Butler is an excellent goalie, while Joan

O'Brien, Vera Mackey, Ger O'Brien and Margie Neville are grand defenders. Ann Sheehy, Helen Mulcare and Ber O'Brien have played well all season, while Ann O'Sullivan, Pauline McCarthy, Betty Conway and Brid Stokes are all very good forwards.

Limerick have one All-Ireland title to their credit — the Junior, which they won in 1977. And although Limerick are appearing in their first senior final, no less than 11 of Sunday's panel were playing in that Junior Final, so that Croke Park won't be completely new to the majority of Limerick's players.

However, on past performances and traditions it is impossible to go against Cork, especially if they treat this game with the respect it

deserves and get involved right from the throw-in.

THIRD TIME LUCKY

Cork players are hoping that it will be third time lucky for them as they face Tyrone in the Junior decider. Cork players such as Eileen Dineen, Betty Joyce, Lilian Zinkant, Ann Delaney and Noelle O'Driscoll, have been knocking on the door of All-Ireland honours for the last two years and on Sunday face Tyrone in their third successive final. The Cork team has been a "workmanlike" unit throughout the season and with some fine talent in all sectors they must have a good chance of taking the title. However, reports from the north are that Tyrone have a very strong side this season with

top-class players in Ursula and Anne Jordan, both of whom played for Ulster, and Bernie Hughes, and having taken the Ulster title for the first time this season are determined to make it a unique double for them by taking the All-Ireland as well.

SENIOR

Cork — M. McCarthy, P. Riordan, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, M. Geaney. Subs — M. Mackey, C. McCarthy, E. Dineen, N. O'Driscoll.
Limerick — H. Butler, J. O'Brien, V. Mackey, G. O'Brien, M. Neville, A. Sheehy, H. Mulcare, B. O'Brien, A. O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, B. Conway, B. Stokes. Subs — L. Lynch, B.

Darcy, M. O'Donoghue, Clifford, H. Sheehy, Moloney.

JUNIOR

Cork — C. McCarthy, O'Brien, J. O'Sullivan, Dineen, L. Lynch, McCarthy, B. Joyce, H. F. L. Zinkant, A. Delaney, Kelleher, N. O'Driscoll. Subs — E. Barrett, A. Currid, Pinfield, G. O'Donovan.
Tyrone — T. Kelly, Haughey, C. MacKay, Valleley, T. Quinn, A. Jordan, B. Hughes, S. Burke, Kelly, U. Jordan, McKenna, I. Fay.

FIXTURES

Sunday, at Croke Park
All-Ireland Finals: Junior, Cork v. Tyrone, 2 p.m.
Senior, Cork v. Limerick, 4 p.m.

CORK ARE THE FAVOURITES

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Two Munster teams contest the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship title. This is the first time this has happened since the inauguration of the open draw system.

In the first two years two Leinster counties Wexford and Kilkenny and Dublin and Kilkenny were the pairings.

Cork, who are second to Dublin in All-Ireland titles won, take on Limerick, Junior winners in 1977 and seeking their first senior title in this year's decider on Sunday.

By comparison with their opponents Cork, most of whom have won All-Ireland senior honours, Limerick are very much the outsiders. However, they have made quite a reputation for themselves in their three years among the senior ranks. They qualified for the National League final in 1978 and 1979 but lost to Kilkenny and Dublin respectively.

Last year they unexpectedly lost the championship semi-final to Tipperary. But strange to say, they made a disastrous start to the current season.

They managed one win in their League engagements. They took the points from Galway, lost to Kilkenny, who went on to take the title, and were subsequently trounced by Cork 4-5 to 0-3.

SURPRISED ALL

However, they scored a deserved victory over Derry at Swatrah and surprised all the critics by defeating the current League champions, Kilkenny, who were favourites to reach the All-Ireland Final.

Limerick performed brilliantly in the home section and scored a classic victory in the final against Tipperary.

With that victory over Kilkenny to their credit Limerick will be no easy pushover.

Yet anyone looking at Cork's achievements at Minor and Senior level over the last decade, must surely accept the Leesiders as favourites to regain the Sean O'Duffy Cup.

From Marion McCarthy in goal to Mary Geaney, the full forward, every player has won All-Ireland medals and most of

the team have collected more than one. Miriam Higgins, who won her Junior All-Ireland medal with Dublin, is the only player who has not triumphed for Cork in some grade before.

The girls from the Rebel County are hoping to set a new record. Already they are the only county to have won the Senior and Junior titles on the same day. On this occasion they stand a good chance to improve on that achievement by taking the three championship titles.

The Minors; they have won the under 16 title five times out of seven chances, are the current champions.

Indeed, one of the players on the senior panel, Claire McCarthy, has a chance of collecting four All-Ireland camogie medals. She won a senior medal with her school, North Presentation, last April, the Willwood Tailteann Gold medal as goalie for Cork Minors, she is the Junior goalie for Cork next Sunday and is sub goalie for the Senior team as well.

PATHS

On the path to the final Cork annihilated Antrim (5-10 to 0-1) the champions, and beat Dublin 5-8 to 3-4 in the semi-final.

Limerick's quarter-final with Derry was impressive, scoring 5-8 to 1-1, having already defeated Down 2-7 to 0-7 in the first round. Things were closer in the semi-final where they

only had a goal to spare over Kilkenny (4-3 to 2-6).

Much will depend on how the Limerick half-back line of Vera Mackey, Geraldine O'Brien and Margie Neville will cope with Cork's most dangerous sector. In all their games this season Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney and Pat Moloney have proved great assets to Cork. All three players can pick off scores from any angle while Mary Geaney, captain and full forward, is sure to avail of any opportunities which fall her way.

The midfielders on the Limerick side may have a slight edge on their opponents. Bernadette O'Brien, Helen Mulcair and Ann Sheehy are very strong players and should give Clare Cronin, Angela Higgins and Nancy O'Driscoll a severe examination.

The relegation to the substitute bench of Brigid Darcy and Liz Hayes, two of their 1977 medal winners, really surprises me. It remains to be seen how newcomers Ann O'Sullivan and Betty Conway will fare.

Although Limerick have skill, stamina and spirit, Cork, because they have twice this season decisively defeated the Shannonsiders, must get the vote to win their 12th title.

In the Junior decider Cork made their seventh appearance since the competition started in 1968. They contested the first two, lost in 1971, but scored a record for their county when in 1973 they

carried home the double. Luck seems to desert the Leesiders in this grade as this is their third appearance in a row. Most of the sides are no strangers to Croke Park. Ten of the panel represented Cork in '79 against Galway, and six of those were on the team. In addition, four of those played against Derry in 1978.

They had an impressive campaign in Munster, defeating Limerick 5-5 to 2-0, Tipperary 5-6 to 0-1, and Galway 5-8 to 1-2 in the All-Ireland semifinal.

Tyrone, who make their first appearance in any grade, have been the surprise packet of this championship. Their only claim to fame is an Ulster Junior B Championship which they won in 1973.

Yet, they have impressed along the way to Sunday's final. They scored a surprise victory over League champions Armagh, who looked good against Kildare in the

They knocked out Antrim in the Ulster final and were impressive in the All-Ireland semi-final when they eclipsed fancied Louth, conquerors of League finalists, Kildare.

Their midfield of Ursula Jordan, Anne Jordan and Sheila Burke were outstanding in their matches to date. However Ursula Jordan and Sheila Burke have moved to attack and Bernie Hughes and Anne Daly, now join Anne Jordan at the centre.

Cork's outstanding players include goalie Claire McCarthy Eileen Dineen at centre back, Geraldine McCarthy and captain Betty Joyce at the centre while all four forwards Lillian Zinkant, Ann Delaney, Claire Kelleher and Noelle O'Driscoll are skilled players. It should be Cork's year in 1980.

JUNIORS

CORK — C. McCarthy; R. O'Brien; J. O'Sullivan, E. Dineen, L. Lynch; G. McCarthy, B. Joyce (Capt.), H. Fox; L. Linkant, A. Delaney, C. Kelleher; N. O'Driscoll. Subs. — E. Barrett, G. O'Donovan, C. Pinfield, A. Currid.

TYRONE — T. Kelly; M. Haughey; C. McKay, P. Vally (Capt.), T. Quinn; A. Daly, B. Hughes, A. Jordan, S. Burke, U. Jordan, A. McKenna; I. Fay. Subs. — K. Casey, B. Quinn, A. Mohan, C. Gormley.

THE LIMERICK VIEW

Limerick, who graduated to senior status after winning the New Ireland Cup for the All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1977, is the first winner of the secondary championship (outside the counties who hold senior status prior to the inauguration of the junior competition) to qualify for an All-Ireland Senior Championship final.

Eleven of the panel that took the Junior Cup are still listed on the present panel and in the meantime they have gained considerable experience.

They have qualified for the Senior National League final on two occasions and the Ballagran club which contributes half the team equalled the feat of Croagh-Kilfinny (1975) when they won the All-Ireland Club Championship Final in 1978 and were runners-up in 1979.

Helen Butler, who recently changed her surname to Moynihan, has had many brilliant games between the goals for her country over the last five years.

Full-back Joan O'Shea was not on the winning junior team but holds an All-Ireland medal with Ballagran. She is a sister to Geraldine and Bernadette O'Brien and like her sisters is a powerful player.

Vera Mackey, a daughter of the famous John Mackey of Abane, played at centrefield in the Junior final of '77 but is a very versatile player.

SETTLED AND EXPERIENCED

She had a very good game in the semi-final against Kilkenny when she had the arduous task of marking the famous Angela Downey. Her task at right back against Cork's Mary O'Leary could be just as difficult.

Centre - back Geraldine O'Brien has proved herself very capable in this position. She missed the semi-final as she was on the Continent on holidays.

Margie Neville, now Mrs. Dore, has been switched from the usual right back position to left back. Margie has been one of Croagh-Kilfinny's and Limerick's star defenders since they came to prominence.

Bernadette O'Brien, the right winger, won the admiration of many for her classic performance in 1977. Then a schoolgirl she has even improved since then.

Helen Mulcair, at centre-field is a powerful young player whose long shots send her forwards into attack. Only

just left school, she was a very young girl when she won her junior medal.

Ann Sheehy, a substitute on the 1977 team has taken over the left wing position this year. Fast and clever she has been doing well in that position. Ann O'Sullivan is a pupil of the Kilfinane St. Paul's School. She is also a newcomer who has potential.

Pauline McCarthy is at centre forward. A junior medal holder who can play equally well at midfield, she strikes a very hard ball and has good direction.

Betty Conway, who is also a recent find, fills the left corner forward position and has a good eye for the goal.

Brid Stokes, who always plays at full-forward, is a very experienced forward with plenty of power in her shot.

LIMERICK—H. Moynihan; J. O'Shea; V. Mackey, G. O'Brien, M. Dore; B. O'Brien, H. Mulcair, A. Sheehy; A. O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, B. Conway; B. Stokes. Subs. — M. O'Donoghue, H. Clifford, L. Hayes, B. Darcy.

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Cork's Experience Tells In The End

CORK 4-4 TYRONE 1-4

CORK became the all-Ireland junior camogie champions when they defeated Tyrone in yesterday's final at Croke Park. Although Tyrone put up a good fight, the experience and stamina of the Cork girls gave them the edge.

Tyrone started well and, playing with the wind advantage, looked impressive in the first quarter.

Helena Fox put Cork into the lead with a point after two minutes and Noelle O'Driscoll added another from a free in the 5th minute. Cork gradually took control and Geraldine McCarthy and Betty Joyce initiated many attacking movements.

Clare Kelleher added another point to put Cork three points ahead. Teresa Kelly did extremely well in Tyrone's goal at this stage to withstand the pressure.

Bernadette Hughes opened Tyrone's scoring with a point

in the 20th minute. However, at this stage, Cork showed their superiority and put an end to Tyrone's hopes of recovery with two quick goals to give them an eight-point lead, then a goal from Cork corner-forward Lillian Zinant just on the re-start put Cork further ahead.

Tyrone rallied and Anne Jordan was particularly impressive as the northern girl attempted to stay in touch. A point from Bernadette Hughes and a shot from Sheila Burke deflected into goal by Imelda Fay narrowed Tyrone's deficit to six points.

Scorers—Cork—N. O'Driscoll (1-2); L. Zinant, A. Delaney, G. McCarthy (1-0 each); H. Fox, C. Kelleher (0-1 each). Tyrone—I. Fay (1-0); B. Hughes (0-3); S. Burke (0-1).



● IT'S MINE Cork's Mary O'Leary (left) and Geraldine O'Brien of Limerick tussle for the ball during yesterday's All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park.

CORK ROCKED BY LIMERICK

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CORK 2-7

LIMERICK 3-4

This was the shock of the camogie season! The unfancied Limerick team grabbed a dramatic draw in the last minute of an exciting All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Just when it looked as if Limerick had failed in their effort at claiming The O'Duffy Cup, a last ditch attack by centre field forced the ball into the Cork square. Goal-keeper Marion McCarthy made a frantic effort to save but, from a scramble before the net, corner forward Ann O'Sullivan slapped home her second goal and Limerick—despite all predictions—lived to fight another day.

Nobody, including Limerick themselves, expected such a climax. Cork after all, have played in nineteen senior finals, and have won no less than eleven titles. On paper, their team looked superior in both experience and talent, and indeed proved that in the opening minutes.

Playing under overcast skies and against the wind, they got off to a dream start. Centre fielder Claire Cronin sent in a beautiful touch to Mary O'Leary and, within just thirty seconds, they were one goal ahead. From the puck out, the same forward picked the ball and added another point.

A foul on Limerick's Ann O'Sullivan gave them a chance to reply and Pauline McCarthy, who played extremely well, opened their scoring with a free point. Seven minutes later, after what appeared to be a rather inconspicuous foul on Helen Mulcaire, right corner forward, Betty Conway struck the ball over the bar from fifteen yards.

At last Limerick seemed to recover from their initial surprise. They began to dominate at centre-field, a fact that contributed immensely to their game. Their play was intelligent and down to earth, as they concentrated on ground hurling. But a smooth running game was frequently interrupted by frees; the reasons for many were unclear.

A free from Cork defender

was intercepted by Pauline McCarthy, who raced forward on a classic solo run. She dashed up the wing and through the Cork defence before passing to Betty Conway, who found herself unable to get her stick to the ball and was forced to kick it to the net.

Cork were far from being demoralised. They responded with the same resilience that beat a super Dublin side in this season's championship. Mary O'Leary, sister to Cork hurler Sean, put her team into the attack again and, incredibly managed to kick the ball over the bar. Within one minute, she had repeated the performance—this time with her stick!

Meanwhile, Limerick goal-keeper Helen Moynihan from Ballyagran, drew gasps of admiration, and perhaps terror, from her supporter as she coolly and continually made save after save. And referee Roisin McManus was subject to more than a little heckling from an irritated crowd who disputed her decisions on several occasions.

Before half-time Cork held off fresh waves of attack. They seem to have brought the practice of hooking to a fine art and appeared ready to continue in that vein as both teams went to their dressing rooms with 1-3 each.

Their trainer Tom Nott had some harsh things to say to his team at the interval, and delivered a rousing pep-talk. At the re-start, they took his advice to heart and, with the very strong wind behind them, dangerous Mary O'Leary set about dashing all Limerick's hopes as she had done in the first minutes of the first half.

Watergrasshill girl, Angela Higgins tossed the ball in her path and her powerful shot hit the side of the Limerick net.

But, eleven minutes into the second half, the latter were awarded a 21-yard free, when it seemed that Cork's keeper, Marion McCarthy picked the ball from the ground. Limer-

From Maol Muire Tynan In Croke Park



ick's Captain McCarthy took the free. Her low, strong shot was saved but eventually hit the back of the net from Brid Stokes' stick.

Both teams now showed enthusiasm as they raced through the half-way stage of the last half. The camogie, which was earlier too close and unfree, now began to flow and skills of each side became more apparent.

Vera Mackey, in particular, showed great tenacity. She already held super-scorer Angela Downey from Kilkenny earlier in the championship and proved very difficult for Pat Moloney, Cork's most lethal forward, yesterday. Even when Pat moved downfield, she followed and curtailed her there.

Unfortunately for them, Limerick slackened slightly and it was, in fact, Pat Moloney who took advantage of this. She put her team one point ahead with a 30 yard free. Cork proceeded to take command of the game at this stage. Marion Sweeney, their centre-forward, was awarded a free though many thought she had charged with the ball. Mary O'Leary pointed once more before Angela Higgins took another really impressive point from the left wing.

Cork began to pull away. They were dominant from attack to defence. Limerick, very much aware of the extra pressure, moved Brid Stokes

to wing forward and Ann O'Sullivan took up at full. Pressing forward, Helen Mulcaire was fouled and Pauline McCarthy took her point from about thirty yards.

Harsh

But their effort seemed to come to naught when Angela Higgins ran up the wing and added another Cork point. This one was very controversial. One umpire automatically signalled wide, while the other reached for the white flag. The referee settled the dispute by awarding the score.

The game was now drawing to an agonising close. With about five thousand fans screaming encouragement, Ann O'Sullivan's fateful score came and the game was over. Limerick were elated and Cork, indicating their complete confidence in the outcome of this most entertaining match, were completely deflated.

They should, in theory, have won. They were probably the better team. But Limerick played with utter determination and can only be admired for their grit. In any event, the replay will not be a game to be missed.

Scorers: Limerick — Ann O'Sullivan (2-0); Brid Stokes (1-0); Pauline McCarthy (0-3); Betty Conway (0-1). Cork — Mary O'Leary (2-4); Marion Sweeney (0-1); Angela Higgins (0-2).



Limerick defender Helen Mulcaire catching cleanly from Cork forward Angela Higgins, during the All-Ireland senior camogie final in Croke Park.

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Absorbing match ends in draw

By PAT ROCHE

CORK..... 2-7
LIMERICK..... 3-4

THE POINTS scoreboard ominously read 13-13 with a half minute remaining for play in an absorbing All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. Both sides will be grateful, Limerick perhaps the more so, that this is the way it ended for whereas it was a late goal by Ann O'Sullivan of Bruff which squared the match, a point moments earlier by Cork's Pat Moloney was disputed.

The annual outing to headquarters for the girls once again clearly demonstrated that camogie is every bit as exciting as hurling. President Hillery, who was among the attendance on the Hogan Stand, would no doubt agree judging by the enthusiastic manner he clapped each and every score.

Cork held a certain edge. They had more of the play but hit seven wides against one in the second half. The result, however, did not entirely depend on the accuracy, or lack of it, among the Cork forwards, for the Limerick backs turned in a diligent performance to keep their side in contention.

Had that Cork forward division been without Mary O'Leary, a sister of Seanie, they would have looked quite inept. As it was, Mary prised open the Limerick rearguard with great authority to slam home 2-4 of her side's total.

Equally important was the timing of her scores. She clipped 1-1 in the opening minute and hit the net again in the first minute of the second half, after she had completed Cork's 1-3 tally in the first half.

WITHIN POINT

Her massive contribution to Cork's bid continued 20 minutes into the second half. Limerick were within a point of their rivals when Mary smacked over the bar.

Cork's Pat Moloney, seeking her sixth All-Ireland medal, hit perhaps the most important point of her career with less than two minutes remaining. Her shot from the left was waved wide by the near post umpire, but when referee Roisin MacManus con-

Pauline McCarthy, of Limerick, tries to break through the Cork defence, in which Martha Kearney (left) is her closest pursuer, in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday and (below) a sterling clearance by another Cork defender (photographs: Dermot O'Shea)



sulted with both umpires the score was allowed.

It left Cork three points clear — but from the puck out Ann O'Sullivan doubled to the net from 20 yards. A fine ground stroke off her left side.

A big feature of the game was the amount of left-sided and right hand under-hitting which established a pattern of considerably more versatility than one has come to expect from the hurlers.

HIT BACK

Thanks mainly to Pauline McCarthy, Limerick hit back after their shaky start. They led for a while before being pegged back to level scores (1-3 each) at the interval. A Brid Stokes goal after 10 minutes of the second half had them level again but they were up against the wind in the second half.

Their stars were Vera Mackey, Pauline McCarthy, Ann Sheehy, Helen Mulcaire, Ann O'Sullivan and Joan O'Shea.

Cork's best were Martha Kearney, Angela Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary O'Leary, Marian Sweeney and Pat Moloney.

CORK — M. McCarthy, P. Riordan, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, A. Higgins (0-1), N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary (2-4), M. Sweeney, P. Moloney (0-2), M. Geaney.

LIMERICK — H. Moynihan, J. O'Shea, V. Mackey, G. O'Brien, M. Dore, B. O'Brien, H. Mulcaire, A. Sheehy, A. O'Sullivan (2-0), P. McCarthy (0-3), B. Conway (0-1), B. Stokes (1-0).
Referee — R. McManus (Antrim).

CORK..... 4-4
TYRONE..... 1-4

After successive defeats in the previous two finals by Derry and Galway, Cork finally took the convincing win in the junior final.

Cork were generally on top and could have had more to spare at half time. As it was they led 2-3 to 0-1 at the break, having created most of the scoring chances and generally putting the Tyrone defence under great pressure.

Tyrone had the best score of that first half when Bernie Hughes cut a side line ball over the bar from 40 yards. That was in the 20th minute and they did not score again until the 10th minute of the second half when the same player hit a point.

CORK — C. McCarthy, R. O'Brien, J. O'Sullivan, K. Dinneen, L. Lynch, G. McCarthy (1-0), B. Joyce, H. Fox (0-1), L. Zinkant (1-0), A. Delaney (1-0), C. Keenan (0-1), N. O'Driscoll (1-2).

TYRONE — T. Kelly, M. Hughes, C. McKay, P. Valley, T. Quinn, A. Daly, B. Hughes (0-3), A. Jordan, A. McKenna, J. Jordan (0-1), S. Burke, J. Fay (1-2), S. Fay (1-2).



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● THE EQUALISER . . . Limerick's ANN O'SULLIVAN gets in her shot despite the attendance of Cork's Miriam Higgins and Nancy O'Driscoll, leaves Marion McCarthy no chance in the Cork goal (centre), and Ann raises her hands high in delight (right).



● AWAY . . . Cork's MARTHA KEARNEY clears the ball despite the best efforts of the Limerick attack.



LEFT —

A LIMERICK GOAL!
MIRIAM HIGGINS (CORK)
MARTHA KEARNEY (CORK)
+ BETTY CONWAY
(LIMERICK) in picture.

Limerick snatch late equaliser

Cork 2-7 Limerick 3-4

Cork and Limerick will have to meet again to decide the destination of this year's All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship. Yesterday at Croke Park these sides — the first Munster counties ever to meet in a decider, played a dramatic draw, which left followers from both sides drained at the end.

Cork were hotly fancied to take the title, which they last held in 1978, but yesterday they came up against an excellent Limerick side, who seemed to have a greater appetite for the game, and who gave the Cork stars little opportunity of getting into their stride.

MEMORABLE DAY

In fact for Limerick, playing in their first ever senior final, it was a memorable day as they produced their best camogie of the season. They marked Cork player for player, fought every ball and when the chips were really down

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snatched a marvellous equaliser almost on the stroke of time, when it looked as if Cork had done just enough to win.

Helen Mulcare, Helen Moynihan, Ann O'Sullivan and Pauline McCarthy were in brilliant form for Limerick, who left Croke Park yesterday with an enhanced reputation and another chance of taking that elusive first title.

DRAMATIC

What of favourites Cork? They made a dramatic opening to the game with Mary O'Leary scoring 1-1 in the first minute. But soon it was obvious that they were struggling to find their form and one must wonder what would have been the outcome if Mary O'Leary had not found her scoring touch, as Marian Sweeney, Mary Geaney and Pat Moloney, usually such sharp shooters, never managed to



Limerick goalkeeper Helen Moynihan, clears over the head of Cork corner-forward Pat Moloney during the All-Ireland senior camogie final in Croke Park, yesterday.

room and the forwards missed golden opportunities. However, Cork did do enough to win in spite of these shortcomings and they too have that second chance of taking the title.

Among the attendance at the game were Dr. Patrick

Limerick: A. O'Sullivan 2-0, B. Stokes 1-0, P. McCarthy 0-3, B. Conway 0-1.

Cork: M. McCarthy, P. Riordan, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Geaney (Capt).

IMPRESSIVE VICTORY FOR CORK JUNIORS

CORK 4-4; TYRONE 1-4

CORK brought one All-Ireland home yesterday as the juniors had an impressive 4-4 to 1-4 win over Tyrone, who were playing in their first ever final.

Two great goals in two minutes just on half time, from Noelle O'Driscoll and Ger McCarthy, and another from Ann Delaney, just as Tyrone were attempting a comeback in the second period, proved matchwinners for Cork in what was an excellent final.

This was Cork's third successive decider, and on a day when they played excellently as a team, Clare McCarthy, Joan O'Sullivan, Ger McCarthy, Delaney, Helena Fox and Noelle O'Driscoll were particularly impressive, while for Tyrone, Teresa Kelly, Pauline Valley,

Bernie Hughes, Ann and Ursula Jordan and Sheila Burke were best.

This evening the victorious Cork team will arrive at Kent Station at 8.30 p.m. and parade through Patrick Street and then to Paice Uí Chaoimh for a reception.

Scorers for Cork: N. O'Driscoll 1-2, L. Lynch, C. Kelleher and G. McCarthy 1-0 each. Tyrone: S. Burke 1-1, B. Hughes 0-3.

CORK: C. McCarthy, R. O'Brien, J. McCarthy, B. Joyce (capt), H. Fox, L. Lynch, A. Delaney, C. Kelleher, N. O'Driscoll.

TYRONE: T. Kelly, M. Haughey, C. Daly, B. Hughes, A. Jordan, A. McKenna, U. Jordan, S. Burke, I. Fay, Sub: K. Casey for T. Quinn, C. Gormley for A. McKenna. Referee: Caitlin Ní Chuiáin (Galway).



The Cork team, junior All-Ireland camogie champions.

—("Examiner")

BACK:- NOELLE O'DRISCOLL, CHRISTINE PINKFIELD, HELENA FOX,
EILEEN DINEREN, REGINA O'BRIEN, GER O'DONOVAN, EILEEN BARRETT

FRONT:- ANN DELANEY, CLAIRE MCCARTHY, JOAN O'SULLIVAN,
BETTY JOYCE (CAPT), CLAIRE KELLEHER, GER MCCARTHY,
LILIAN ZINKANT, ANN CURRID & LIZ LYNCH

Late Goal Gives Limerick Famous Draw

LIMERICK.....3-4
CORK.....2-7

Limerick the rank outsiders, appearing in their first ever senior camogie final, threw caution to the wind at Croke Park, on Sunday, and in a thrilling encounter held mighty Cork to a draw.

This first meeting of the sides in a national decider, provided the connoisseur with a feast of fast, exciting, open play. These senior finals usually provide stirring fare, but those which can be classed as memorable, pale when compared to this Cork and Limerick confrontation.

Without question it was the greatest day in the history of Limerick camogie. Along with Cork they enriched and further glorified the code. From start to finish the combat was breathtaking and in arguably one of the best finals ever, the honours were evenly divided, with the game of Camogie the definite winners.

Cork had a dream start. Playing against a fresh breeze they were first on the offensive and Mary O'Leary had them a goal ahead inside 50 seconds. The same player raised a white flag, before Pauline McCarthy opened Limerick's account with a point from a free in the 6th minute.

Pauline McCarthy and Betty Conway had further Limerick points to reduce the lead to a single point, Cork's most dangerous forward,

Mary O'Leary, had another point at the end of the first quarter, and at this juncture things were not going Limerick's way.

Ann O'Sullivan, a surprise choice on the Limerick side, took a well placed pass from Pauline McCarthy with 12 minutes remaining in the opening half and crashed home a great goal. The opposition were soon on level terms, but now Limerick were playing with greater confidence. The last ten minutes failed to produce a score.

After the turnover, it was Cork who snapped another quick goal per Mary O'Leary. Limerick fought back and Brenda Stokes had the equaliser after the Cork goalkeeper had blocked down a Pauline McCarthy free.

Pat Moloney and Pauline McCarthy exchanged points before Cork, making full use of the wind advantage, went three points ahead.

Limerick fought back in the last quarter and were rewarded with an Ann O'Sullivan goal with five minutes remaining. Both sides tried desperately for the winning score, but in the end a draw was the fairest result.

Mary O'Leary, Martha Kearney, Nanacy O'Driscoll, Marion McCarthy and Angela Higgins were the key players in the Cork lineout. It was impossible to pick out any particular player on the Limerick twelve - suffice to say, it was team effort and dedication with an abundance of ability which helped them to finish on level terms with their more talented opponents.

Limerick scorers: A. O'Sullivan (2-0), P. McCarthy (0-3), B. Stokes (1-0), B. Conway (0-1). Cork scorers: M. O'Leary (2-5), P. Moloney, A. Higgins (0-1 each).

Limerick: H. Moynihan, J. O'Shea, V. Mackey, G. O'Brien, M. Dore, B. O'Brien, H. Mulcaire, A. Sheehy, A. O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, B. Conway, B. Stokes.

Cork: M. McCarthy, P. Riordan, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Geaney.

Referee: R. McManus (Antrim). Before the game, Mr. Rory Kiely, chairman of the Limerick G.A.A. Board, visited the Limerick dressingroom to extend the good wishes of the G.A.A. in Limerick to the Limerick girls. His gesture was highly appreciated.



Tyrone goalkeeper Teresa Kelly bustling past Cork forward Claire Kelleher as she clears her line during the All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park, yesterday.

Con Houlihan's Column

I HAVE never watched a camogie final in Croke Park without wishing it played elsewhere.

The reason is simple: the great stadium dwarfs the crowd.

And when it is the Sunday after the hurling final, the drop in atmosphere is enormous.

The attendance is like a pool left behind by a spring tide.

And after last Sunday—when tribal passion and sweet skills and high endeavour and romantically-inclined gremlins coalesced and wrote an epic—the diminishment was more palpable than ever.

I would love to watch the camogie finals played in a tight field where the girls on the pitch could see the whites of the eyes in the crowd and hear the words of the exhortations and admonishments.

But I know that many of the girls would prefer to play in Croke Park — for us it has the glamour of Wembley.

And yet I would love to see them in a rural field—with perhaps a singer or musician plying his trade up and down through the crowd and a vigorous voice crying "Apples, oranges and ripe bananas."

And why must Limerick and Cork come to do battle in Dublin?

There is no scarcity of Munster fields to provide a worthy setting.

And yet — on second thoughts — it was as well that yesterday's senior final was not played in a rural field.

It generated such passion that you would have needed the Irish Army to keep the pitch clear.

A 'PACKED' STADIUM

The crowd was only a few thousand — but at times a passer-by on the road outside would have thought the stadium was packed.

There may have been classier finals—but it would be hard to imagine one more thrilling.

This battle between Limerick and Cork resembled that between the menfolk of the counties in Thurles this summer.

From first to last the ball was hunted and fought for as if it contained all that is precious in the world.

And every stroke—even if it sent the sliotar only a few yards along the grass—was greeted like a winning score.

You may imagine all this crowd — emotion came from schoolgirls or next-of-kin.

It did not: the most passionate partisans were grown men. And there were so many of them that they couldn't all have been brothers or fathers.

And so another chapter was added to what has been a remarkable year for hurling.

And once again we had proof that romance is alive and well.

Cork were warm favourites: ten of their girls had already won senior All-Irelands.

Two of them—goalkeeper Marian McCarthy and left-wing forward Patricia Moloney—have won five.

Their team-sheet bristled with well-known names.

It was Limerick's first senior final—and this, with a few changes, was the team that won the junior final three years ago.

And indeed in the opening paragraphs it looked as if Cork would sweep to victory.

LIMITLESS HEART

But Limerick fought back with limitless heart and a fair amount of skill.

And even though the game seemed to have slipped from them when Cork went three points ahead with only two minutes remaining, they came back more determined than ever.

And as if some author of school fiction had written the script, they put in a goal that sent men, women and children into ecstasy.

Never was a draw a fairer result. And everyone who was in Croke Park yesterday—even a few babes-in-arms — will wish to see the replay.

Limerick's great finish was all the more praiseworthy because two of Cork's late points seemed to indicate that the gremlins had declared for the red-and-white.

One came after a free—and it was a free that roused the wrath of the Limerick crowd. It certainly was a harsh decision.

The other was first signalled wide — but allowed after a consultation between referee and umpires.

Such blows would have convinced a lesser side that all was lost—but this Limerick side was tiger-hearted.

They needed to be: Cork had the maturer skills and sense of position.

And they got away to a devastating start.

The last bars of the National Anthem, sweetly played by the Emerald Girls Pipe Band, had hardly died away before Mary O'Leary cut a great ball low to the Limerick net.

Mary was to have a remarkable game: she was well marked and indeed often outthured by Margie Dore—but like her brother Sean she needs only a sight of goal—and the ball goes away like a homing pigeon.

For the first ten minutes Cork were so dominant that a runaway seemed imminent.

But they missed a few easy chances—even Mary O'Leary was at fault—and thus revealed their humanity.

And in the tenth minute Pauline McCarthy made a great run and centred to Ann O'Sullivan who hit the ball first time to the net.

And suddenly Cork realised that this was no triumphal procession.

And now the game gathered momentum. Skills blossomed. The crowd went healthily mad.

And so absorbing was the battle that you were amazed when the referee signalled half-time. The minutes had galloped away.

The girls went in at the interval as level as could be — 1-3 each.

But Cork had the advantage: they would wind behind them as they played into the Railway goal.

And again they made a bravura start.

The crowd were still settling in their seats when Mary O'Leary made a little run and fired a great shot past Helen Moynihan.

Helen had a fine game—and was so cool that at times she put the hearts of her supporters into their mouths.

She needed all her skill in that second half—because now wave after wave came towards her goal.

But Cork were untypically inaccurate—and the usually deadly Mary Geaney was well held by tall shrewd Joan O'Shea.

The intensity of the game was now so great that often the ball was being fought for like a crust thrown to hens on a frosty morning.

It was very hard to be a star in this kind of warfare—and yet a few managed to emerge.

Cork's midfielder Angela Higgins looked the most accomplished player on the pitch.

MIGHTY HEART

And her Limerick counterpart, Helen Mulcaire, gave a display of mighty heart and no little skill.

She held the team together in that second half when Cork were always threatening to sprint away.

But if there were few stars, there were twenty-four heroines.

Not one girl gave less than her best — the most lasting impression was of bottomless determination.

And it was typified most of all by Cork's left midfielder, Claire Cronin.

She worked in a way that would make a bee seem under-employed—and made a great clearance when the game was evenly balanced seven minutes from the end.

Limerick were then enjoying their best spell—and if they had gone ahead, would have been very hard to pull back.

Vera Mackey too must get a special mention.

She played so tenaciously that usually brilliant Patricia Moloney was comparatively quiet.

And midway through the second half it seemed that Limerick's tenacity—and their ground hurling—might undo classier Cork.

Limerick's second goal—twelve minutes after the restart—seemed to indicate that luck was running their way.

They had been awarded a 21-yard free, from which Pauline McCarthy went for a goal.

The ball came back off the right-hand post. It was swept back in. Marion McCarthy made a marvellous save.

But Cork could not get the ball away—and Brid Stokes winkled it out of a hurley-forest and forced it over the line.

And now as the rankest of outsiders scented victory, Cork's centre-back, Catherine Landers, showed her worth.

She swept the ball away on half-a-dozen dangerous occasions—and Cork again went in front.

The minutes sped—and as Cork crept into a three-point lead, Limerick's supporters were agonisingly looking at their watches and asking how much broken time remained.

They were dreaming of a goal—and it seemed it would be only a dream, so sound was Cork's defence.

And then came a Limerick attack in which the ball was swept along the ground in stroke after stroke.

The last stroke was made by Ann O'Sullivan—and the ball skittered past friend and foe and Marion McCarthy appeared unsighted as it crossed her line.

The score was now: Cork 2-7, Limerick 3-4. And so it remained. And if I had a hat, I would take it off to two grand teams.



UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN . . . captains Geraldine O'Brien (Limerick) and Geaney (Cork) share a toast at a dinner following the drawn senior camogie

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A draw for camogie All-Ireland but not for Croke Park crowds

By MAOL MUIRE TYNAN
ALMOST 65,000 fans came to Croke Park for the All-Ireland Hurling Final. Maybe 5,000 people, including lots of enthusiastic crisp-devouring children, and President Hillery came along to watch the sister game.

Dublin's Emerald Girls' Pipe Band, in tartan and green, replaced the Artane Boys and sense of purpose — compared to any other All-Ireland — was generated long before the ball was thrown in.

The O'Duffy Cup was shining and waiting on the rostrum. But there were no winners. Earlier, young Betty Joyce had claimed the Minor trophy for Cork after beating an unflinching Tyrone side, but nobody emerged for the Senior camp, as Limerick and Cork

ended in stalemate.

The Southern belles, chasing their twelfth title, were shocked when referee Róisín McManus, blew the full-time whistle. This was their twentieth All-Ireland; they expected to win and were honest enough not to disguise their utter disappointment.

And, indeed, they had

cause for complacency after Miss O'Leary snatched a goal and a point in the first two minutes of the game. "She was, however, the only one who played as if she would score," said Marion.

Limerick, on the other hand were elated as a relieved Vera Mackey (daughter of famous Limerick hurler John Mackey

agreed afterwards:

This was Limerick's debut on a Senior pitch. The only time they had been to Croke Park since the Junior victory in 1977, was to watch their menfolk — most of whom did not return the compliment. That factor did not dampen their sheer delight and their trainer Carrie Clancy declared: "I'm very pleased with the result."

Meanwhile, the president of the Camogie Association, Mary Moran of Cork, still carrying the unclaimed cup said: "I would say Cork underrated this Limerick team. In fact, they were generally underrated."

She had, she claimed, seen "better camogie All-Irelands. More open play would have produced spectacular play."

JOYCE STARS FOR KILLEAGH

KILLEAGH 4-6,
BALLYAGRAN 2-2

Having already beaten Ballyagran on three occasions in tournaments, Killeagh made it four in a row in the semi-final of the Munster senior club champ-

ionship at the Limerick girls' venue on Saturday.

Betty Joyce had a personal tally of 3.3 for Killeagh against a team that held the Munster crown for the past three years and included seven of the Limerick side and a substitute.



Killeagh and Cork camogie star Pat Moloney.

Camogie

Killeagh bid for title

By JOAN MORLEY

CORK and Limerick have to wait for another week to decide the destination of this year's All-Ireland senior championship, but, in the meantime, club teams from these counties will meet tomorrow evening (Saturday) in the semi-final of the Munster club championship at Ballyagran, Co. Limerick.

Cork's representatives in the competition this year are county champions Killeagh, while Limerick are represented by their champions, Ballyagran who won the All-Ireland title in 1978 and the Munster crown for the last three seasons.

For Cork's part they have never taken an Ireland title in the club competition. So Killeagh travel to Limerick determined to do well and they have the all-round talent to do so. They have Cork seniors Pat Moloney, Catherine Landers, and Marion Sweeney, junior captain Betty Joyce and minor Patsy Keniry to lead them.

However, Ballyagran, can call on no less than seven of the Limerick senior side; Helen Moynihan, Joan

O'Shea, Vera Mackey, Geraldine and Ber O'Brien, Pauline McCarthy and Betty Conway and with their marvellous tradition in the competition, they must start as favourites to reach their fourth successive Munster final.

In the only other senior club game listed, Sarsfields will probably have too much power for Old Aloysians.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday): Munster Club Championship semi-final, At Ballyagran, Killeagh v Ballyagran, 5.30 p.m.

Well done both teams

THE ALL-IRELAND Senior Camogie Championship final replay between Cork and Limerick has been fixed for Sunday, September 28 at Croke Park (2.0). It will be followed by the Under-21 Football Semi-final between Cork and Tyrone.

Last Sunday's Senior final was exciting, well contested, thrilling for the closeness of the scoreboard and it makes the replay a game to be seen.

The determination and effort of both teams had to be admired and although Cork, had more of the play, the Limerick defence, from goalie Helen Moynihan who had an outstanding game, to left back Margie Dore, contributed most to the Shanonsiders second chance.

As was accepted before the

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match, the Leesiders half-forward line was Cork's trump card.

Yet, all, with the exception of Mary O'Leary, had a very quiet day. The questions have now to be answered are: Can the Limerick defence repeat that performance and will Cork be able to open up the defence to get their machine working as effectively as it did in previous games this season? We must all wait and see.

Congratulations to the Cork Juniors on winning the New Ireland Cup and the Junior All-Ireland title Victory was very sweet for captain Betty Joyce, Eileen Dineen Liz Lynch and

Anne Delaney for whom it was third time lucky.

Tyrone put up a good performance and in my opinion the game was far closer than the final score indicated.

Post Primary Schools are all back in action again. The various Councils who organise the Provincial Competitions are also making preparations.

Munster Council hold their Annual Convention last week? The Leinster and Ulster Councils have arranged their meetings for next Saturday and the following Saturday respectively.

The Gael-Linn Interprovincial semi-finals, Senior and Junior, were arranged for Sunday 28 but due to the All-Ireland replay a postponement will have to be made.

Only Leinster has as yet named a team. The Senior team has been chosen from the three senior counties, Dublin, Kilkenny and Wexford.

LEINSTER SIDE

The full selection is K. Tonks (Wexford); A. Donney; L. Neary, B. Martin (Kilkenny), B. Conway (Dublin); M. Farrell (Kilkenny), E. Walsh (Wexford), H. O'Neill, A. Downey (Kilkenny), M. Conroy, Orla Uí Riain; M. Mernagh (Dublin). Subs — T. O'Neill (Kilkenny), D. Walsh (Wexford) A. O'Brien, B. Redmond (Dublin).

St. Paul's (Kilkenny) retained the trophy for the Kilmacud-Crokes All-Ireland Seven-a-side which was held as usual on the eve of the All-Ireland Camogie Final.

The "Golden Goal" Award was won by Anne Downey, St. Paul's, and the Buffers Alley girls who reached the final captured the remaining awards. Dorothy Walsh was named the player of the tournament and Kathleen Tonk won the Golden Save Award.

Replay for Croke Park

THE venue for the replay of the Cork-Limerick All-Ireland camogie final has yet to be decided, but it now appears that it will almost certainly be refixed for Croke Park.

After Sunday's draw it was felt that the replay might be in Munster, but following a meeting of Central Council after the game it was announced that it would be at G.A.A. headquarters if at all possible. The reasoning behind this decision is that to take it out of Croke Park would relegate the game to a "Munster final" and deprive the winners of receiving their coveted medals on the rostrum of the famous grounds.

So now camogie officials await word from the G.A.A. Activities Committee on the finalisation of G.A.A. fixtures, before they can name the date. Difficulties over dates could, of course,

force the Council to change its decision.

In the meantime the victorious Cork junior side celebrated their junior All-Ireland win last evening. They arrived in Kent Station together with the seniors, and paraded through Patrick Street to Pairc Uí Chaoimh, where the victorious Cork minors joined them in their celebrations. There to congratulate them were Paddy O'Driscoll, chairman; Frank Murphy, secretary; Derry Maher, treasurer; and Denis Conroy of the Cork County Board, while Camogie Association president, Mary Moran, and Carmel Desmond, president of the Post Primary Schools, were also on hand.

) and Mary
camogie final.
ERIC LUKE

Cork To Break Replay Hoodoo?

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Both counties have named the same line-outs for the replay of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final between Cork and Limerick which is fixed for Sunday at Croke Park (2.0). It will be followed by the under 21 Football Championship semi-final between Cork and Tyrone.

The excitement of the drawn game should add to the attractiveness of the replay.

This is only the fourth time that there has been a draw in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final and Cork have been involved three times. In 1942, the Leesiders lost in the replay to Dublin, and to Kilkenny in 1974. The only other draw was in 1967 when Antrim defeated Dublin to end their victorious run of ten titles in a row.

So will it be third time lucky for Cork or will their bad luck in replays persist?

Yet, Cork juniors won the only replay in the junior grade. They defeated Wicklow in an All-Ireland semi final replay in 1978, but lost the decider to Derry.

Over

In the drawn game, Cork started favourites and seemed all set for victory when they went a goal and a point into the lead in the first minute.

Limerick showed great heart to recover from this early setback and as soon as they settled down again they had a slight edge at midfield which helped their chances immensely. By half-time it was level pegging at 3 each.

Cork restarted with the same spirit and Mary O'Leary sent a hard shot to the net. The Shannonsiders never gave up, however, and were rewarded with a goal from Brid Stokes to equalise again (2-3 each).

Cork added three points and then Limerick pointed a free but all seemed lost when Cork scored another point to take a threepoint advantage, which seemed to seal the issue.

Ann O'Sullivan (Limerick) showed great heart to finish to the net in the closing seconds.

Favourites

The game was over and the Limerick girls played with so much heart and determination that, despite the fact that Cork were territorially the better side (they had seven wides in the second half against one for Limerick), they deserved another chance.

The Cork half-forward line, which was expected to cause so many problems for the Limerick defence, was, apart from Mary O'Leary, very quiet while full forward, Mary Geaney, was held scoreless.

Cork mentors are bound to be heartened by the meeting

of the Cork champions, Killeagh, and the Limerick champions, Ballyagran, in the Munster club championship, which was played last week.

Ballyagran, All-Ireland club champions in 1978 and runners-up in 1979, have seven players up in 1979, have seven players and one sub on the Limerick team, while Killeagh totals three seniors and one junior.

Winners

Killeagh emerged decisive winners on the score 4-6 to 2-4. Four of the five defenders on the Limerick champions side, the Helen Moynihan, Joan O'Shea, Vera Mackey and Geraldine O'Brien were on duty in the All-Ireland final.

Two of the Cork attack, Marion Sweeney and Pat Moloney, with the addition of Catherine Landers and Betty Joyce, the Cork junior captain, played with Killeagh and had a happier outing against the Limerick girls.

Can Limerick repeat the same dedication, the same heart, and the same determination as they showed in the drawn game?

If so they could surprise Cork. Yet, the Leesiders must remain favourites, in my book. They have ten of the team which won the 1978 final, and two players, Marion McCarthy and Pat Moloney, who are chasing their sixth senior medals.

Many Cork people hold that their stars could not be as subdued again—we must all wait and see.

CORK: M. McCarthy; P. Riordan; M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney; C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll; M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney; M. Geaney.

Limerick: H. Moynihan; J. O'Shea; V. Mackey, G. O'Brien, M. Dore; B. O'Brien, H. Mulcaire, A. Sheehy; A. O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, B. Conway; B. Stokes.

A Thrilling Replay In Store

THE eagerly awaited replay of the All-Ireland Senior Championship final between Cork and Limerick will be played on Sunday next at Croke Park before the Under 21 All-Ireland Hurling semi-final between Cork and Tyrone. All other matches in Cork on that day have been postponed because of the replay and with two Cork sides in action in Croke Park a big crowd will be expected to travel.

Bad news from the Cork camp is that they could be without the services of star forward Pat Moloney. Pat, after helping Killeagh to their first Munster Club final last weekend, left for a month's holiday in America. However, efforts are being made to get her back for the game, and the selectors have left her berth vacant, as they await confirmation from the player.

As Pat is one of the top players on the Cork side she would be a great loss and it is difficult to know how the selectors would fill her place. So selectors and followers alike will be hoping for her return. Otherwise the Cork team is the same as that which played in the drawn game, but certainly they will need to give a much better account of themselves if they are to regain the All-Ireland crown.

Only young Martha Kearney, Patricia Riordan and Catherine Landers played up to form last time out when the Cork side left too many openings in the defence, were struggling at midfield and missed glorious opportunities in attack.

Cork may have travelled to Croke Park last time in complacent fashion, but I doubt if that will be the case this time, as even though they were probably the better team on that occasion, they might so easily have lost it.

It will be remembered that only that referee Rosina McManus of Antrim questioned a Pat Moloney point — waved wide by the umpire — and awarded the score to Cork, that Limerick's equalising goal scored minutes later could have proved the winning score for the Shannonsiders.

Cork never really got going in that first game. They were

sluggish, easily beaten, and slow to the ball, and a repeat of that kind of performance must surely beat them this time.

Limerick on the other hand travelled to Croke Park complete underdogs and gave a performance they never stopped running and played some first-class camogie, in what must surely have been the best performance of their season so far.

Can they repeat that performance on Sunday? Certainly to hold Cork will have been a great boost to their confidence and they must now feel that they have a chance of taking their first ever senior title. However, they must expect to be up against a very different Cork

side this time and will need to pull out all the stops if they are to win.

All of Limerick's players played their part in the drawn game, but Vera Mackey was particularly effective on Pat Moloney. Helen Moynihan was excellent in goal and Margie Dore, Pauline McCarthy and Helen Mulcaire were other top class players.

Incidentally Vera Mackey is a member of the legendary Mackey family, being a daughter of John and a niece of Mick, and she is the only member of the two families to carry on the Gaelic games tradition.

Whatever the result on Sunday it should be a game well worth seeing. This time Cork will no doubt go into the arena with a very different attitude and if they can reproduce the form which saw them take the title so easily in 1978, then they must win. But Limerick, if they can play as well as in the first game, will give them a very hard time, and might even cause the major upset of the season by taking the title.

TEAMS

Cork: M. McCarthy, P. Riordan, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, A. N. Other, M. Geaney. Subs.: C. McCarthy, M. Ryan, E. Dineen, N. O'Driscoll.

Limerick: H. Moynihan, J. O'Shea, V. Mackey, G. O'Brien, M. Dore, B. O'Brien, H. Mulcaire, A. Sheehy, A. O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, B. Conway, B. Stokes. Subs.: M. O'Donoghue, H. Clifford, L. Hayes, B. O'Brien.

With a Colleges season just around the corner, a Colleges Coaching Course will be held at the Mon Field on tomorrow (Saturday) beginning at 11 a.m. National Coach Mary Moran will be in charge and all players, especially newcomers are invited to attend.

FIXTURES

Saturday at Mon Field: Colleges Coaching Course, 11 a.m.

Sunday at Croke Park: All-Ireland Senior Final replay, Cork v. Limerick, 2 p.m. (Ref. McManus).



● The Cork camogie team which plays Limerick in the replay of the All-Ireland senior final at Croke Park on Sunday.

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Cluiche Ceannais **Camógaíochta (Ath-Imirt)**

CORCAIGH v LUIMNEACH

Réiteoir: R. Mhic Mhánaís (Aontroim) 2.00 p.m.

PÁIRC **AN CHRÓCAIGH**

Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán
Red and White

3. M. Ní Uiginn
MIRIAM HIGGINS
(Éire Óg)
6. C. Ní Chróinín
CLAIRE CRONIN
(Old Aloysians)
9. M. Ní Laoire
MARY O'LEARY
(Watergrasshill)

1. M. Ní Carthaigh
MARION McCARTHY
(Éire Óg)
2. P. Ní Riordáin
PATRICIA RIORDAN
(Ballinlough)
4. C. de Londras
CATHERINE LANDERS
(Killeagh)
7. A. Ní Uiginn
ANGELA HIGGINS
(Watergrasshill)
10. M. Ní Shuibhne
MARION SWEENEY
(Killeagh)
12. M. Ní Gheibheannaigh
MARY GEANEY (Capt.)
(Éire Óg)

5. M. Ní Chearnaigh
MARTHA KEARNEY
(Na Píarsaigh)
8. N. Ní Dhrisceoil
NANCY O'DRISCOLL
(Éire Óg)
11. P. Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh
PAT MOLONEY
(Killeagh)

IONADAITHE: (13) C. Ní Charthaigh (CLAIRE McCARTHY, Na Píarsaigh); (14) M. Ní Riain (MARY RYAN, Glen Rovers); (15) E. Ní Dhuinnín (EILEEN DINEEN Éire Óg); (16) N. Ní Dhrisceoil (NOELLE O'DRISCOLL, Éire Óg and U.C.C.).

Luimneach

Dathanna: Glas agus Bán
Green and White

3. V. Ní Mhaca
VERA MACKEY
(Ballyagran)
6. B. Ní Bhriain
BERNADETTE O'BRIEN
(Ballyagran)
9. A. Ní Shúilleabháin
ANN O'SULLIVAN
(Bruff)

1. E. Ní Mhuineacháin
HELEN MOYNIHAN
(Ballyagran)
2. S. Uí Shé
JOAN O'SHEA
(Ballyagran)
4. G. Ní Bhrian (Capt.)
GERALDINE O'BRIEN
(Ballyagran)
7. E. Ní Mhaolchéire
HELEN MULCAIRE
(Croagh/Kilfinny)
10. P. Ní Charthaigh
PAULINE McCARTHY
(Ballyagran)
12. B. de Stóc
BRID STOKES
(Croagh/Kilfinny)

5. M. Uí Dhoghair
MARGIE DORE
(Croagh/Kilfinny)
8. A. Ní Shithigh
ANN SHEEHY
(Croagh Kilfinny)
11. É. Ní Chonmídhe
BETTY CONWAY
(Ballyagran)

IONADAITHE: (13) M. Ní Dhonnchú (MARTINA O'DONOGHUE, Croagh/Kilfinny); (14) E. Ní Chlumbáin (HELEN CLIFFORD, Bruff); (15) É. Ní Aodha (LIZ HAYES, Ballyagran); (16) B. Uí Bhriain (BRIDGET O'BRIEN, Newport).



The Cork captain, Mary Geaney, with helmet, in a tussle for the ball with Limerick's John O'Shea during the All-Ireland camogie final replay at Croke Park yesterday. — (Photograph by Tom Lawlor)

Camogie: All-Ireland final replay

Cork hold on for victory from Limerick rally

BY SEAN KILFEATHER

CORK 1-8

LIMERICK 2-2

LIMERICK STAGED another great fight-back in the replay of the All-Ireland camogie championship at Croke Park yesterday with two goals in the last eight minutes but they left the marvellous effort a little too late and the experienced Cork girls held on for victory in a splendid competitive and exciting match.

Cork had looked sharper and more organised all through but they were clearly worried when Limerick picked off two shock goals from placed balls to get within two points with less than five minutes remaining. They almost conceded another at this stage when the Cork centre back drove a first-time shot a mere foot wide of the post with a minute to go but Cork held out with great spirit and were well worthy of their win at the finish.

The Limerick attack, particularly their full forward line, could never get the better of their opponents and this in the end was the difference between the two teams. Limerick's tactics in this department seemed wrong for their front-line attackers were always hovering behind their markers with the result that a fair supply of the ball from the midfield play was never fully used as the Cork girls were able to cut off the passes as they came in. Had Limerick tried to spread their attack over a wider front things might have been different but that is speculation.

What cannot be denied, however, is that the Cork girls had learned from the experience of having victory snatched from their grasp in the drawn match. This time they were determined to shut out any and all Limerick efforts to pick off scores. In this respect Patricia O'Riordan at fullback and Catherine Landers at centre back were outstanding. Miss Landers in particular "hurled" with great skill and athleticism. She played what might elsewhere be called a "sweeper's" role and covered off all the open spaces whenever Limerick threatened to break through.

Angela Higgins, in front of Miss Landers, was also able to turn defence into attack with long deft strokes and with Mary O'Leary,

Marion Sweeney, Nancy O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney always looking for opportunities Cork were on top for most of the game.

Limerick were not without their stars either. Helen Mulcaire was as busy as a bee all day and there was a touch of class about everything she did. Her sideline cutting was a model of accuracy and consistency and her marvellous goal from a free sparked off the Limerick revival.

Pauline McCarthy played with great dash also but it was the Limerick defence which took the brunt of the attack and here none played better than Geraldine O'Brien, with Margie Dore and Vera Mackey — of the great Mackey hurling family — not far behind in the matter of spirit and achievement. A word of praise too for the cool performance of Helen Moynihan in the Limerick goal.

Limerick were slow to settle and Cork were three points up after 15 minutes and apparently in complete control. Catherine Landers, in the middle of the Cork defence, frustrated Limerick's best efforts and their first point did not arrive until the 20th minute.

Four minutes later Cork got a goal which was to prove vital. The Limerick defence fumbled a clearance to the left of their goal and when the ball was driven back in by the Cork attack Helen Mulcaire could only block it on the line and it bobbed about before Mary Geaney got in to dab it over the line. A consultation between the umpires and referee ensued but finally the green flag went up to give Cork a 1-3 to 0-1 lead at half time.

Cork seemed to have things mostly their own way in the second half and they raced into a lead of 1-6 to 0-2 by the 10th minute. An injury to Ann Sheehy,

which forced her out of the match for 10 minutes, disrupted Limerick at this stage but her return lifted the team spirits and Catherine Landers had to be at her mobil best to cut off a determined attack.

Limerick kept up the fight and got the break they needed when a free from about 40 yards by Geraldine O'Brien dipped and swung across the Cork goal and was, somehow, deflected into the net to narrow the margin to four points.

Marion Sweeney shot a fine point for Cork but Limerick surged back and when they were awarded a free 25 yards out Helen Mulcaire stepped up and drove it firmly through the massed defence for another goal and Limerick were back in the match.

Geraldine O'Brien then swung first-time on the ball from about 35 yards and brought a gasp from the crowd as the ball zipped past the Cork posts with the defence in disarray. Cork survived another near disaster immediately afterwards when their goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy scrambled the ball away from a group of raiding girls and a free from Mary O'Leary just before the finish left Cork rather breathless winners by three points.

CORK—M. McCarthy; P. O'Riordan; M. Higgins; C. Landers; M. Kearney; C. Cronin; A. Higgins (0-1); N. O'Driscoll (0-1); M. O'Leary (0-3, 2 frees); M. Sweeney (0-1); P. Moynihan (0-1); M. Geaney (1-1).

LIMERICK—H. Moynihan; J. O'Shea; V. Mackey; G. O'Brien (1-0); M. Dore; B. O'Brien; M. Mulcaire (1-0, a free); A. Sheehy; A. O'Sullivan; P. McCarthy (0-2, one free); B. Conway; B. Stokes. Subs: B. O'Brien for J. Conway (30 mins); M. O'Donoghue for A. Sheehy (33 mins); A. Sheehy, for M. O'Donoghue (43 mins).

Referee: Ms R. McManus.

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No Errors This Time As Cork Take Title

By MAOL MUIRE TYNAN

A rampant Cork team made no errors this time! They put the finest finishing touch to their third victory of the season by beating Limerick in the Senior Camogie All-Ireland replay at Croke Park yesterday, adding the title to their previous Junior and Minor wins. It is a record unachieved by any other county and makes them the undisputed leaders of camogie, as they take the O'Duffy Cup home for the twelfth time.

Played without a breeze, in bright sunshine, this game was quite unlike the tremendously exciting drawn match and the 5,000 or so spectators saw little to make the adrenalin flow until the drama of the last ten minutes. Then, Limerick displayed some of their dormant grit against the domineering Southerners and looked as if they might again end on level terms.

But, if this final was not as gripping as the first, the play was freer and flowed easily. Cork, typically, got off to an enviable start when centre-fielder Angela Higgins slapped over a point after just two minutes. Yet Limerick fought back vehemently and their outstanding Helen Mulcaire persistently encouraged the attack.

Cork, now under pressure, held off forwards Pauline McCarthy and Brid Stokes' whose efforts at scoring led to four consecutive touches from close range. But these chances never came to fruition, and no flag was raised for the next ten minutes.

Then, Cork's attack pressed forward. Their finishing power was much more apparent than the opposition's and they eventually forced a Thirty. Water-grass girl, Mary O'Leary put her team two points ahead with the free stroke.

Advantage

Cork took advantage of Limerick's mistakes. Centre-fielder, Nancy O'Driscoll, continued to live up to her reputation of being one of the finest players in Cork and took a beautiful point from 40 yards, after fifteen minutes.

Limerick's overdue break came however, when Cork's Marion Sweeney fouled Pauline McCarthy. The latter took the free herself and provoked the first Limerick applause by putting the ball over the bar from forty yards.

Then came Limerick's morale crusher, in the form of a Cork goal which, in the estimation of the crowd, was a blatant injustice. A heroic backline cracked when a ball came from

CORK 1-8 LIMERICK ... 2-2

centrefield through to Limerick goalkeeper, Helen Moynihan. She ran out, tipping the ball in front of her as she went, but failed to clear. Amid a scramble it was struck towards the square and eventually Cork's captain, Mary Geaney, hit it to the net.

The umpire at the green flag seemed adamant that Ms. Geaney was inside the square, but referee, Roisin McManus, after consultation with the umpires, decided to award the score.

Limerick were the first to score after the interval, when Pauline McCarthy ran through for a classical point, but Cork came back again. After a series of passes and intricate stick work, Marion Sweeney — having a great game — palmed

the ball to Pat Moloney, who pointed, and put her team ahead by six points.

Another Cork point, twelve minutes later, this time from Mary Geaney, and Limerick seemed to be fading away, but they rallied. Helen Mulcaire's free from 60 yards dropped towards goal and, in the melee, was deflected off Bridgit O'Brien's shoulder into the net. Limerick were elated, but Cork would not tolerate the threat, and Marion Sweeney retaliated right away with a point.

Then, within five minutes, Helen Mulcaire struck one of the finest goals I have seen on a camogie pitch. It was a marvellous free shot from about 30 yards that left the Cork defence gaping, and rose the spirits of a disenchanted crowd of

Limerick supporters.

Now trailing by two points, Limerick tried frantically to make up for lost time. But their hopes were finally dashed when Cork got another free from fairly close range and Mary O'Leary pointed again.

Time had run out on Limerick. Their attack was too late and on the day the best team won.

Scorers: Cork — M. Geaney (1-1), M. Sweeney (0-2), M. O'Leary (0-2), N. O'Driscoll, M. Maloney, A. Higgins (0-1 each). Limerick — H. Mulcaire (1-0), B. O'Brien (1-0), P. McCarthy (0-2).

CORK — M. McCarthy; H. Riordan; M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney; C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll; M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Molony; M. Geaney.

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● CLASH . . . between Cork's Marion Sweeney (No. 10) and Limerick's Geraldine O'Brien watched by Mary Geaney (with helmet) and Bernadette O'Brien.



Helen Mulcaire is the centre of attraction as she breaks up a Cork attack during the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park. Also in the picture are Angela Higgins (Cork) and Nancy O'Driscoll (Cork).

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Mary Geaney, Cork Captain, battles past Limerick's Joan O'Shea and Margie Dore to score Cork's first goal.

CAMOGIE

Cork get fright but take crown

BY JOAN MORLEY
CORK 1-8, LIMERICK 2-2

CORK, although once again strongly fancied to beat Limerick in the All-Ireland Senior Championship final replay, at Croke Park yesterday, had to fight all the way for this 12th title. And how near Limerick came to snatching the game out of the fire in the closing minutes, just as they had grabbed a draw in the first game.

The star-studded Cork attack found the going difficult against the close marking Limerick defence, and only Pat Moloney, who broke a holiday in America to play in this game, played up to form, and then only in the second half when she eventually managed to break away from that marvellous Limerick back, Vera Mackey,

slammed the ball to the back of the net. The umpires were divided on whether Mary Geaney was in the square before the ball or not, but after a consultation with the referee, Cork were awarded the goal. This score brought the game to half time with Cork ahead by 1-3 to 0-1.

CAME TO LIFE

Midway through the second half it looked as if Cork were going to win easily as Pat Moloney, Mary O'Leary and Mary Geaney scored three good points. But with about six minutes to go Limerick suddenly came to life and in two dramatic minutes snapped two marvellous goals from Helen Mulcaire and Ger O'Brien to leave them within two points of the winners.

Then came a heart-stopping moment for Cork as

a Limerick forward with the goal at her mercy chose to kick, instead of palming to the net, and even after Mary O'Leary had put Cork ahead by a further point, Geraldine O'Brien hit a marvellous long range free which only went inches wide of the post.

Scorers: Cork: M. Geaney 1-1, M. O'Leary 0-3, M. Sweeney, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, and P. Moloney 0-1 each. Limerick: H. Mulcaire and G. O'Brien 1-0 each; P. McCarthy 0-2.

Cork: M. McCarthy, P. Riordan, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Geaney.

Limerick: H. Moynihan, J. O'Shea, V. Mackey, G. O'Brien, M. Dore, B. O'Brien, H. Mulcaire, A. Sheehy, A. O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, B. Conway, B. Stokes. Subs: B. O'Brien for B. Conway; M. O'Donoghue for A. Sheehy; A. Sheehy for M. O'Donoghue.

Referee: R. McManus (Antrim).

MEDAL RECORD FOR CLAIRE McCARTHY

CLAIRE McCARTHY the under sixteen Cork school girl has won for herself a very special place in the Camogie record books by winning her fourth All-Ireland medal this year in the replay of the Senior All-Ireland final which the Cork girls won to bring the Sean O'Duffy Cup to the Leeward side for the twelfth time.

Claire was the goalie for North Presentation when they won the Post Primary Schools Championship last April. She also minded the goal for the Cork Minor team which won the Tailteann Cup in August and for the Cork Juniors who won the New Ireland Cup two weeks ago. She was Cork's sub goalie last Sunday.

Pat Moloney and goalie Marion McCarthy equalled the record of a former Cork star, Lil Kirby, when they each won their sixth All-Ireland medal.

Congratulations to Cork for their own brilliant performances in the three National Championships. This is the first time that any county succeeded in winning all three titles. It was on the cards for Cork in '73 when they won the senior and junior titles but they lost the minor to Galway that year.

This achievement should be an example to other counties that it pays to promote the game in schools as all the Cork players are ex-Colleges players.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Junior League, which is scheduled to start on October 26, is divided into three Zones as follows:

Zone A — Kerry, Offaly, Waterford, Carlow and Kildare.
Zone B — Wicklow, Meath, Louth, Monaghan, Armagh.
Zone C — Roscommon,

Cavan, Tyrone, Donegal and Mayo.

The first games are: Offaly v Carlow; Wicklow v Meath; Roscommon v Tyrone; Mayo v Cavan.

The semi-finals of the Gael Linn competition which were postponed from last Sunday, because they clashed with the replay of the All-Ireland final have been refixed for October 12 with the finals on November 2.

Leinster travel to play Connaught in both grades and the Munster Council hosts both Ulster teams.

Leinster are the senior holders and Ulster won the Junior title for the first time last year.

Munster have announced their panel for the senior inter-provincial team and it includes no less than thirteen of the All-Ireland finalists, Cork and Limerick with two from Tipperary and one from Clare.

The line-out is as follows: M. McCarthy (Cork); J. O'Sullivan, V. Mackey (Limerick); C. Landers (Cork), M. Hackett (Tipperary); H. Mulcaire, G. O'Brien (Limerick), M. Kearney, M. O'Leary (Cork), D. Linn (Tipperary); P. Moloney (Cork); A. O'Sullivan (Limerick); S. C. Harrington (Clare); M. McCarthy, H. Moynihan (Limerick), A. Higgins (Cork).

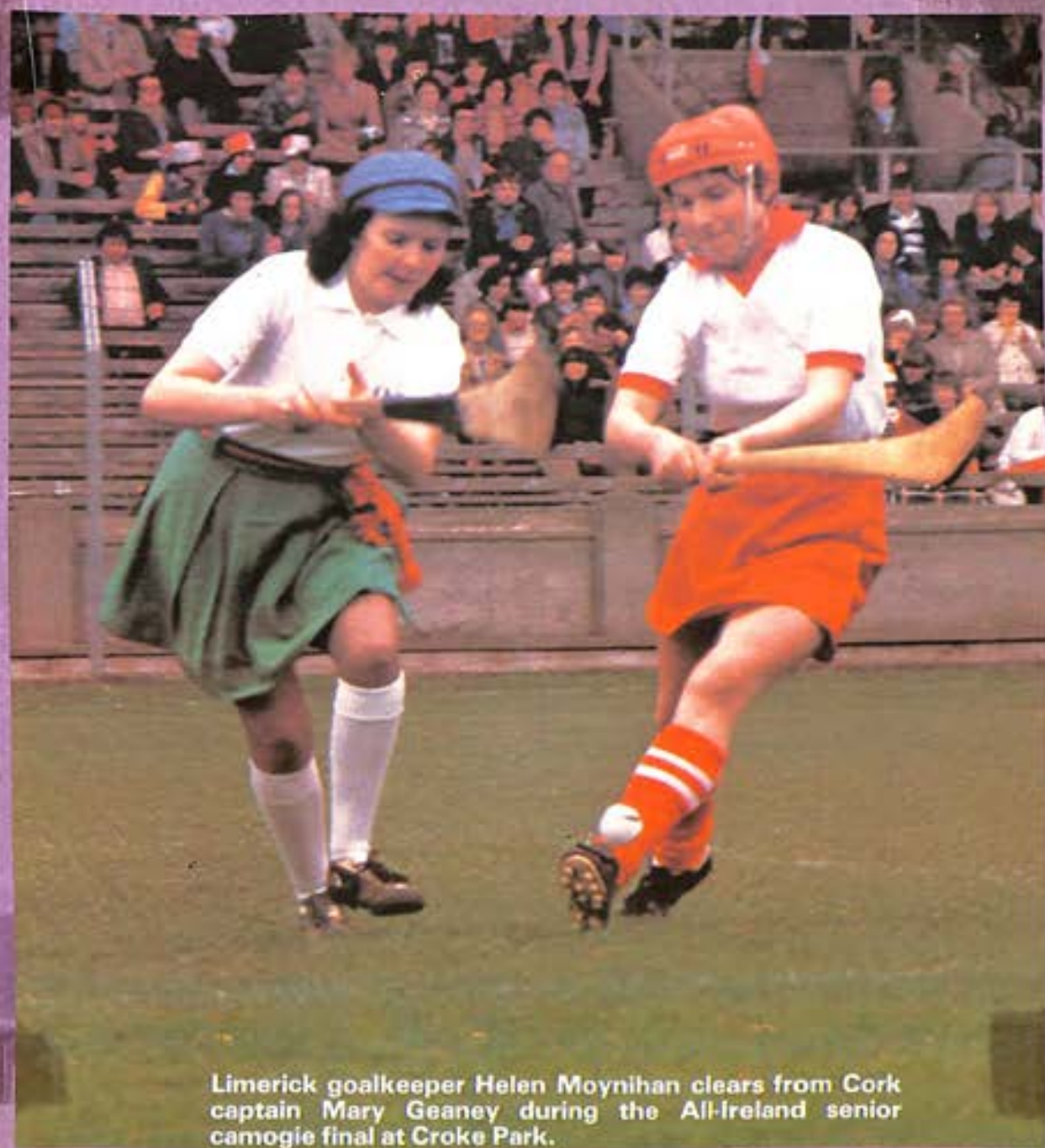




CORK **All-Ireland Senior Camogie** **Champions 1980**

Back row, from left: Miriam Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll, Angela Higgins, Patricia Riordan, Pat Moloney, Mary O'Leary.
Front row: Catherine Landers, Marion McCarthy, Mary Geaney, capt., Martha Kearney, Marion Sweeney, Claire Cronin.

GAELIC WORLD



Limerick goalkeeper Helen Moynihan clears from Cork captain Mary Geaney during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.



LIMERICK All-Ireland Senior Camogie Runners-Up 1980

Back row, from left: Ann O'Sullivan, Pauline McCarthy, capt., Vera Mackey, Joan O'Shea, Betty Conway, Bernadette O'Brien.
Front row: Brid Stokes, Helen Moynihan, Geraldine O'Brien, Helen Mulcaire, Margie Neville-Dore, Ann Sheehy.

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THE CONTROVERSIAL GOAL. . . Cork captain Mary Geaney scores in the 24th minute from a position that seems to be inside the square, despite a determined effort to block her shot by Limerick's Joan O'Shea, and to the delight of Cork forwards Mary O'Leary and Marion Sweeney. The umpire on the green flag (Mary Lynch) is adamant that she was inside the square but the other umpire Mary McMahon comes over to disagree while referee Roisin MacManus also comes to investigate. The disgruntled Kilkenny goalkeeper is Helen Moynihan. The goal was given, and put Cork into a 1-3 to 0-1 half-time lead.

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CORK'S TWELFTH!



MARGIE NEVILLE (L) + MARY O'LEARY (C)

Cork captured the O'Duffy Cup for the twelfth time on Sunday, not without a fair share of controversy and one of those fight-backs we have come to expect from Limerick teams in all codes.

Mary Geaney's goal before half-time will be discussed for a long time to come, and the questions about whether or not she was in the "square" debated.

The fact is that the referee decided that she was not. The goal stands, and Cork are the All-Ireland champions after two fine matches, memorable in camogie history for their sheer drama, throughout the drawn match, and in the last ten minutes of the replay that made up for an undistinguished earlier period.

The margin was three points at the end, which corresponds to the total that Mary Geaney's goal tacked on to Cork's scoreline.

So down south they have a treble to celebrate — Cork won the senior, minor and junior camogie titles for the one year.

In any sport this is an achievement, but it may mean that a monopoly of the honours by one particular county is damaging the game.

At first after the introduction of the open draw, Leinster counties tended to dominate the camogie final, but the dominance of the game has firmly swung into Munster with this year's final.

Our congratulations to the successful Cork team — after two matches like that, they deserve it!



We have stamped it out in football and hurling, why not in Camogie? Cork county camogie board chairperson Maire Ni Cheallaghain makes an excursion onto the field to advise Cork captain Mary Geaney, and gets a reprimand from a Croke Park Official

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1937 Dublin 9-4; Galway 1-0
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1938 Dublin 5-0; Cork 2-3
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1939 Cork 6-1; Galway 1-1
(R. Fitzgerald)
1940 Cork 4-1; Dublin 2-2
(L. Kirby)
1941 Cork 7-5; Dublin 1-5
(K. Buckley)
1942 Dublin 4-1; Cork 2-2
(REPLAY) (P. Griffin)
Dublin 1-2; Cork 1-2
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1954 Dublin 10-4; Derry 4-2
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(S. Brack)
1956 Antrim 5-3; Cork 4-2
(M. Rainey)
1957 Dublin 3-3; Antrim 3-1
(E. Duffy)
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(K. Mills)
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Hectic Programme For Weekend

FOLLOWING last Sunday's All-Ireland Championship win by Cork, the spotlight now turns to the club scene with a hectic programme for the coming weekend.

Sunday's games include the finals of the Munster Club Championship, and the Cork Junior Championship, as well as an Intermediate League semi-final and a number of other championship and league ties. And on tomorrow (Saturday) the Munster Colleges season gets under way with first round junior championship ties listed for many venues throughout the province.

Killeagh, playing in their first ever Munster Club Championship, will be without Pat Moloney for their final game against Eire Og of Clare on Sunday next at Killeagh. Pat, who returned home from America to play for Cork on Sunday last, returned to the States on Monday to continue her vacation. She will be missed by Killeagh but even so they have a top class side, with Cork seniors Catherine Landers, and Marion Sweeney, Junior captain Betty Joyce, and other marvellous players in Patsy Keniry, Ann Marie Landers, and Patricia Fitzgibbon, and if they play to their best form then they must have a very good chance of taking the Munster crown and advancing to the All-Ireland semi-final of the competition.

However, they would want to show the greatest respect for the Clare champions who on Tuesday evening last defeated Drom-Inch by a shattering 8-2 to 1-0, and who have a marvellous centreback in Maureen Davern and top class goalie in Ann Russell.

St. Finbarrs have been knocking on the door of the Junior Championship for a number of years now and on Sunday they have yet another chance of taking their first title when they meet Aghabullogue at Ballincollig. St. Finbarrs will probably be expected to edge it this time, especially if Marie O'Sullivan, Valerie

O'Mahony, Marie O'Brien, and Ann Moore play up to form, but they will find it tough enough against the determined Aghabullogue, who are bidding for their second junior title. They won their first ten years ago and for this year's decider they have fine players in Eileen and Sheila Barrett, Joan Riordan, the Noonan sisters Mary and Eileen and Sarah O'Shea.

In the second half of an interesting double decker at the Ballincollig venue the Intermediate Championship semi-final between Eire Og and Na Piarsaigh will be played.

Na Piarsaigh, with Claire McCarthy, Martha Kearney, Paula Goggin and Imelda Cronin will be expected to reach the county final here. Eire Og, who reached last year's final and were beaten by Sarsfields, will be missing three players including Clare Kelleher who have been graded seniors this year. However they have grand players in Martina Murray, Ann O'Keeffe, Ann Brennan and Ann O'Leary and with the traditional fighting spirit of the club, they will not give up the chance of a place in the final without a struggle.

There are two Junior 'B' Championship games listed for Sunday. In these Ballinora are fancied to account for Blackwater and St. Fanahans should beat Cobh, while in the Under 16 Championship Glen Rovers with Cork minor captain Sandy Fitzgibbon, Antoinette Gibbs and Ann Currid, will be fancied to oust Bishopstown who will be depending on their Cork minor Ann Duggan to see them through.

In the only senior League tie listed the still struggling Old Aloysians who will be depending on former Cork senior Ann Ryan, Nuala Jennings and Eleanor Hackett, could find it difficult against the Lillian Zincent and Lillian Twomey led Sarsfields. In the remaining League games listed wins should be on the

cards for Fr. O'Neills, Blackrock and Douglas at the expense of Youghal, Nemo Rangers and Ballinlough respectively.

No less than 25 colleges have entered for the Munster Junior Colleges Championship this season. The competition is divided into five sections and on tomorrow (Saturday) the first games in the competition will be played, with nine Cork colleges taking part.

fixtures

Saturday — Munster Junior Colleges Championship (First Round), (First named have home venue with times to be arranged between colleges): Loreto, Fermoy v. St. Patrick's, Cork; St. Aloysius v. Sacred Heart; South Presentation v. Immaculate Heart; North Presentation v. Youghal; Drishane v. Loreto, Killarney.

Sunday — Munster Club Championship Final at Killeagh: Killeagh v. Eire Og, 3 p.m.; I.C. Semi-final at Ballincollig: Eire Og (Clare) v. Na Piarsaigh, 2.30 p.m. (Referee: A. O'Donovan); J.C. Final at Ballincollig: St. Finbarrs v. Aghabullogue, 3.45 p.m. (Referee: M. Higgins); At Mon Field: U16C, Glen Rovers v. Bishopstow, 3.15 p.m. (Referee: J.B.C. Old Als); At Mallow: J.B.C. Ballinora v. Blackwater, 3 p.m. (Referee: Castle-magner); At Cobh: J.B.C. Cobh v. St. Fanahans, 3 p.m. (Referee: Douglas); At St. Aloysius: S.L., Old Aloysians v. Sarsfields, 11.30 a.m.; At Youghal: U16L, Youghal v. Fr. O'Neills, 3 p.m. (Referee: M. Leahy); At Ballinure: U16L, Blackrock v. Nemo Rangers, 3 p.m. (Referee: Douglas); At Ballinlough: U14L, Ballinlough v. Douglas, 11.30 a.m. (Referee: Douglas).

LEINSTER START TITLE DEFENCE

THE FOUR PROVINCES are involved at Senior and Junior levels this weekend in the semi-finals of the Gael-Lin Interprovincials which are scheduled to be played at Castlebar (2.00 and 3.30) where Connacht entertain Leinster and at Roscrea (2.00 and 3.30) where Munster are at home to Ulster.

Holders of the senior competition, Leinster, have won the Cup 14 times while Ulster are defending their Junior title for the first time.

Munster has selected ten from the Senior All-Ireland finalists, Cork, and Limerick. Each side has five representatives with Tipperary supplying two to make up a strong side.

The Cork players are goalie, Marian McCarthy, Catherine Landers at centre back, Martha Kearney left wing, Mary O'Leary right wing, and Pat Moloney left wing. Limerick's Joan O'Shea full back, Vera Mackey right back, Helen Mulcair left wing, Geraldine O'Brien midfield and Ann Sullivan full forward.

Maura Hackett left back and Deirdre Lane centre forward are Tipperary's representatives.

Their opponents, Ulster, are represented by Down, Antrim, Tyrone and Armagh, Carol Blaney, the star goalie of the Antrim 1979 champion side, and her colleagues Anne McGhee, Bernie Hasson and Maeve O'Hagan are selected at left wing, right forward and centre forward. Sheila McCartan right back, Jo Gilmore centre back, Anne Rooney midfield, Veronica McCreavy full forward and Noreen O'Prey full forward are all from Down with Margaret Moriarty, Armagh, at full back.

FINALISTS

Two of the Junior All-Ireland finalists side Tyrone, Ann Jordan, left back and Ursula Jordan left wing make up the side.

Connacht, who are fielding an all-Galway team in the Senior grade have not yet named their

teams but such prominent players as Bridie Cuniffe, Ursula Jordan, Chris Silke, Mary Mullins, Valerie O'Neill and Mary Kelly should be among the selected.

The Leinster team has now six players from Dublin, four from Kilkenny and two from Wexford. Helena McCormack and Liz Neary of Kilkenny are not available so their places will be filled by Ann O'Brien at right back and her sister Barbara Redmond at left wing.

Kathleen Tonks in goal and Elsie Walsh at midfield are from the Buffers Alley club in Wexford. The Kilkenny players are the Donney sisters Angel and Anne, Bridie Martin and Margaret Farrell.

Dublin have four more players on the side. They are Bernie Conway, Orla Uí Riain, Marion Conroy and Mary McNagh.

It looks as if it could be a Munster-Leinster final in the title grade.

The Junior sides carry many well-known names from the junior games. Munster has named seven of the Cork All-Ireland champion team with Clare, Limerick and Tipperary making up the remainder.

Their opponents Ulster have also put their trust on the All-Ireland runners-up Tyrone who have six of their team on the panel. Cavan, Monaghan, Down and Armagh are also represented.

The Leinster Junior side is made up of a wide selection of players from Louth, Carlow, Kilkenny, Dublin, Wicklow, Kildare and Offaly figure on the side. Their opponents Connacht are not yet to hand.

CAMOGIE RESULTS

CORK — I.F.C. — Aghabullogue 2-4, St. Finbarrs 2-0.
WEXFORD — Leinster Club Club 1-4, Buffers Alley 1-4; St. Paul's (Kilmore) 0-4.
DUBLIN LEAGUE — Senior A — Phoenix 3-3, Scoil Uí Chonaill 1-1; Quail 4-4, Presentation 1-1, Senior B — Marino 3-4, Na Fianna 0-3, Inter A — Phoenix 2-0, Scoil Uí Chonaill 1-0; Leixlip 1-1, Marino 0-2, Inter B — Woodville 1-0, St. Annes 0-0, Junior A — Fingallians 2-0, Na Fianna 2-0; Presentation 3-1, Cuckullians 1-1.

40 YEARS AGO

THE recently formed Cove camogie team played their first game at Ringmeen, Cove, when they met Old Aloysians junior team in a challenge game, in which they gave a good account of themselves before being defeated by 4-3 to 2-2. The teams were: Cove — L. Walsh, B. Cashman, M. Leahy, M. Olden, P. Ward, M. Cronin, E. Drake, L. O'Driscoll, N. Cashman, B. Allen, M. Bransfield, M. Coombe, Old Als. — B. Kiely, S. Hobbs, L. O'Sullivan, E. Dinan, N. Miller, N. Casey, P. Noonan, M. Hobbs, H. Goggin, D. O'Regan, A. Brennan, M. Russell.

Leinster Too Clever

LEINSTER 6-7
CONNACHT 1-4

Leinster, the holders, combining magnificently proved too clever for a good all-Galway Connacht side, who played far better than the score suggests, in the semi-final of the Gael Linn inter-provincial senior camogie championship at Castlebar yesterday.

Connacht recalled to their side two former stars, Nono McHugh and Josie Kelly of Oranmore, who were on the Connacht team that won the cup in '73 and '74.

The homieside opened the scoring with a point, but failed to raise another flag for the next 15 minutes, during which time Leinster recorded three goals and two points.

A point for Connacht and 1-1 for Leinster made the half-time score 4-3 to 0-2 in Leinster's favour.

The visitors added two more points on the restart but Connacht, trying very hard to get on terms, were rewarded with two points and a goal. However a point and two goals gave Leinster a unassailable lead.

Best for the winners were the Downey sisters (Kilkenny), Barbara Redmond and Orla U Riain (Dublin) and E. Walsh (Wexford). Mona McHugh, Una Jordan and J. Kelly were best for Connacht.

Scorers: Leinster — O. U Riain (+1), B. Redmond, A. Downey (1-1 each); M. Mernagh, E. Walsh (0-2 each); Connacht — U. Jordan (1-2), J. Kelly (0-2).

Referee—P. Breslin, Dublin.

Too Experienced

LEINSTER 10-7
CONNACHT 0-1

Leinster proved much too experienced for Connacht in the semi-final of the Gael Linn Junior interprovincial championship at Castlebar yesterday.

The western province kept in the game for the first quarter at the end of which they were only trailing by one point (0-2 to 0-1).

Two quick goals put Leinster well ahead to lead 2-2 to 0-1 at the interval.

It was all Leinster during the second half when they added eight goals and five points without reply.

M. Molloy (Offaly) was outstanding for Leinster at mid-field. Others to impress were T. McCann (Dublin), M. O'Loughlin (Wicklow), and Miriam Malone (Kildare).

Connacht were best served by the Ryan sisters, Mary and Annette, and B. Glynn (Galway), K. Carty (Roscommon), and M. Maginn (Mayo).

Scorers: Leinster—T. McCann (6-1), A. Molloy (2-2), M. Birmingham, T. Barry (1-0 each), M. Malone, M. O'Loughlin (0-2 each). Connacht — M. Ryan (0-1).

IMPRESSIVE DOUBLE FOR MUNSTER GIRLS

Munster 4-8, Ulster 0-2
(senior)

Munster 7-13, Ulster 1-5
(junior)

MUNSTER had an impressive double over Ulster in the interprovincial semi-finals played at Roscrea on Sunday.

The Munster win in the senior semi-final was not quite as comprehensive as the score suggests as for the first seven minutes of the game the sides were scoreless and at half time Munster only led by 1-5 to nil.

But midway through the second half two quick goals from Deirdre Lane and Pauline McCarthy put the issue beyond doubt as Munster went on to chalk up a 4-8 tally, to which Ulster could only reply with two points.

Clare Harrington, Catherine Landers, Mary O'Leary and Deirdre Lane

were Munster's top performers, while Ulster were well served by Margaret Moriarty, Teresa McDonnell, Maeve O'Hagan and Marian McGarvey.

Scorers for Munster: Mary O'Leary (2-4), Deirdre Lane (1-4), Pauline McCarthy (1-0). For Ulster: M. McGarvey (0-2).

Munster: M. McCarthy (capt.), C. Harrington, V. Mackey, G. O'Brien, M. Hackett, M. Kearney, C. Landers, H. Mulcare, M. O'Leary, D. Lane, P. McCarthy, A. O'Sullivan.

Ulster: T. McDonnell, M. Moriarty, S. McCartan, J. Hamilton, A. Daly, N. Kienan, U. Jordan, A. Rooney, B. Hasson, M. O'Hagan, M. McGarvey, N. O'Prey.

Referee: Bernie Byrne.

In the junior semi-final Ulster travelled under the misapprehension that, as they won the title last season they had to field a completely

new side, and consequently were very much under strength.

Munster for their part were without a number of their original selections, but the substitutes who came on were more than adequate and the southerners were in command right through. They led at half time by 3-6 to 1-3 and with Clare Kelleher, Noelle O'Driscoll, Betty Joyce and Ger McCarthy, in devastating form, they pushed this score to 7-13 to Ulster's 1-5 in the second period.

Scorers for Munster: C. Kelleher (3-6), N. O'Driscoll (2-6), L. Zinkant (2-0), and G. McCarthy (0-1). For Ulster: A. Lynch (1-0), E. Hughes (0-5).

Referee: Miriam Higgins.

In the other semi-finals Leinster had a double over Connacht, winning the senior by 6-7 to 1-4 and the junior by 10-1 to 0-1.

The finals will be played on November 2.

30 YEARS AGO

SHAMROCK MAIDS (North Cork) qualified for the final of the Cork County Junior Camogie Championship by defeating St. Patricks (City) by 6-1 to 3-0 in the semi-final at Buttevant.

Buffers Alley to reach final

BUFFERS ALLEY (Wexford), holders of the All-Ireland Club Championship title, defend their crown on Sunday at Russell Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin (3.0) when they play the new Ulster Champions, Kilkeel, in the semi-final.

The second semifinal will take place at Ballyragan, Co. Limerick (3.0) also on Sunday, when Killeagh (Cork) will be opposed by Oranmore (Galway). The latter won the title in 1973, and were runners up in 1967, and 1974.

Both Killeagh and Kilkeel are provincial champions for the first time. Killeagh are powered by three of the all-Ireland senior champions' team, Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney and Catherine Landers, the Junior All-Ireland captain Betty Joe and minor medal holder Patsy Keniry.

Kilkeel have only two inter-county players, Veronica McCreevy and Cathy O'Hare, but they have sound players in goalkeeper Christina Rooney, Maura Archerton, Teresa McKey and the Morgan sisters Carmel and Michaelle. They beat the best in Ulster, including the Antrim champions, Creggan.

EXPERIENCED

Buffers Alley have a very experienced team. Goalkeeper Kathleen Tonks was in fine form last Sunday in the inter-provincial semi-final. Other fine players on the team are Elsie Walsh, Teresa Hobbs, Geraldine Duggan and Mairead Darcy.

All these have played inter-county and most of them were on the 1978 team which lost the decider to Ballyragan and also on the side that defeated Athenry last season. They should have the measure of Kilkeel.

Oranmore will be guided by Nono McHugh and Josie Kelly both of whom played for Connacht last Sunday, and both also played with Oranmore in this competition in 1973 and '74.

YOUNGER PLAYERS

The Ryan sisters Annette and Mary, Paula Carr Margaret Burke and Mary Kane are some of the prominent younger players on the team.

In the past few years, Oranmore have won two minor championships, two minor leagues, the 1979 Junior Championship and the 1980 Senior Championship.

It is debatable whether these younger players will match the Killeagh stars, who also have Marie Costine, the former Cork full-back who won four All-Ireland medals in the Seventies and was one of the best county full backs. The Cork champions appear to have the power, skill and experience to reach the final for the first time.

CONVINCING

Munster and Leinster qualified for the Senior and Junior finals of the Gael-Linn inter-provincial championship in convincing style last Sunday. The finals on November 2 should be close encounters.

Dublin are holding their annual convention tomorrow at Glenalbyn House, Kilmacud. A very long agenda is on the programme consequently the meeting will start at 10.45 a.m.

BUFFERS ALLEY GO THROUGH TO FINAL

Buffers Alley 2-8
Kilkeel (Down) 0-3

BUFFERS ALLEY, Wexford, qualified for the All-Ireland camogie club final by defeating a solid Kilkeel side in an entertaining game at Blanchardstown yesterday.

Kilkeel, somewhat of an unknown quantity, held the Leinster champions well apiece in the first half although Buffers Alley's Elsie Walsh opened the scoring with two points. Kilkeel kept well in touch and were only trailing by five points at half time 1-5 to 0-3. Indeed, were it not for the Alley's fine back line the score could have been very different at this stage.

Buffers Alley began to dominate the game during the second half and gradually their experience began to show. Backboned by many Wexford county players they gained the upper hand on a Kilkeel side who never stopped fighting.

A goal from Teresa Hobbs eventually put victory out of Kilkeel's reach and the Alley gained a well deserved but hard won victory. Goalie Kathleen Tonks and the back line especially Ann Butler and Dorothy Walsh were their strong points but Kilkeel had their stars also in Veronica McCreevy, Teresa McVeigh, Michell Mogan and goalie Christine Rooney.

SCORERS — Buffers Alley — M. Carthy (1-1), T. Hobbs (1-1), E. Walsh (0-4), C. O'Leary (0-2), Kilkeel — C. O'Hare (0-1), M. Curran (0-1), V. McCreevy (0-1).

KILLEAGH ROMP

Killeagh 4-8, Oranmore 2-1

IN THE second All-Ireland senior camogie club semi-final at Ballyragan yesterday, Killeagh the stronger and more experienced side overcame the Connacht champions Oranmore.

The half-time score was 1-3 to no score in favour of Kil-

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leagh b t Killeagh's all-round experience served them in the second half and Oranmore had no answer to Marie Costine, Catherine Landers, Patsy Kinney and Ann-Marie Landers. Noreen McHugh, Josie Kelly, and Mary Kane did best for Oranmore.

Scorers Killeagh, B. Joyce (2-1), M. Sweeney (1-4), A. M. Landers (1-0), C. Kinney (0-3), Oranmore, M. Keane (2-0), T. Carr (0-1).

CLUB RESULTS

Dublin Senior A League — UCD 3-3, Cuchulainn-Cranagh 1-1, Inter B League—Marino 1-4, St. Anne's 0-2, Junior B League — Marino 1-1, Ballymun 1-0.

DEMOCRAT

CORK HAD EDGE

By a Special Correspondent

CORK 4-4 TYRONE 1-4

Cork became All-Ireland junior camogie champions on Sunday last but not before they had beaten a very tough Tyrone team. Making their first venture into Croke park Tyrone played well enough and if they had taken their scoring chances in the second half who knows what might have happened. But Cork's undoubted experience and stamina gave them the edge.

Tyrone started well and playing with wind advantage looked impressive in the first quarter but failed to register any scores. Helena Fox opened the score with a point for Cork followed by two more from play. It was at this stage that Tyrone were made to fight for their lives. Teresa Kelly in the Tyrone goals performed many miracle saves to keep Tyrone in the game. It was not until the 20th minute that the Tyrone fans got their first cheer.

The celebrations didn't last long as Cork put paid to Tyrone's hopes with two quick goals from which our girls never recovered.

Following the restart Cork moved further ahead when a defensive disaster let in Lillian Vincent for a goal. After this Tyrone began to play as if their lives depended on it. Ann Jordan was particularly impressive as Tyrone struggled to stay in touch. Good play on both wings by Ann McKenna and Shelia Burke



The Tyrone junior team who were defeated in the All-Ireland final on Sunday by Cork on a scoreline of 1-4 to 4-4. All girls played their hearts out and certainly were a credit to the county. Maybe next year girls! Photo: Gerard Ryan

claiming her second point of the game.

DREAM GOAL

Tyrone kept up their pressure and Cork were made to play second fiddle. A shot from Shelia Burke deflected into a goal by Imelda Fay gave Tyrone a new breath of life and brought the deficit down to six points. Bernie Hughes claimed her third point of the game and it looked as if

the fire. Cork's undoubted superiority and experience, however, began to show at this stage and they held the Tyrone attack time and time again.

The Tyrone forwards kept up their attack in the last quarter but missed many scoring chances which could have proved vital to the outcome of the match. Shelia Burke claimed Tyrone's last score

Tyrone Teresa Kelly (Carrickmore), Margaret Haughey (Carrickmore), Celia McKay (Eglis), Pauline Vallely (Eglis capt.), Teresa Quinn (Edendork), Ann Daly (Eglis), Bernie Hughes (0-3 Dungannon), Ann Jordan (Eglis), Ann McKenna (Eglis), Ursula Jordan (Eglis), Shelia Burke (0-1 Eglis), Imelda Fay (1-0 Eglis).

C.L.C.G.



URSLA JORDAN



MARGARET HAUGHEY

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Seosaimhin Nic Uaidrich.

This summer saw a big breakthrough in the Camogie Association with the appointment of Seosaimhin Nic Uaidrich as the first full-time officer in the history of the game. Here, Seosaimhin gives her opinion on the state of the game and explains her involvement with the game.

Q: How did you become involved in Camogie?

A: Being from Kilkenny I could hardly escape having a hurley put in my hand as soon as I could hold one. My mother, sisters and aunts had played Camogie, and my father and brothers were avid hurling followers. I went to post-primary school in Colaiste Mhuire in Ennis where we were encouraged to play.

Q: For which Clubs did you play?

A: I joined the U.C.D. Club in my first year in College and played with St. Paul's, Kilkenny, during the holidays. I am still a member of Colaiste na hOllscoile.

Q: What was your favourite position?

A: I didn't have any preferences, really. I played at midfield initially in my student days but subsequently spent a few years as goalkeeper. My later playing days were spent in the full-forward position which I enjoyed. It was easier to have the younger players do all the running and pass the ball in to me rather than have to make a marathon effort not to concede a goal at the other end.

Q: What are your most treasured memories of your playing days?

A: I'm afraid that my treasured memories are mostly in connection with funny incidents on and off the field and are, therefore, best kept to myself. I remember my playing days for the great fun we had and for friendships made which have stood the test of time.

Q: What annoyed you as a player?

A: Referees who were not au fait with the Rules and who composed extra ones of their own. Players who questioned referees' decisions, regardless of the seeming unintelligibility of same, also irritated me. I could never play well against players who poked at the ball rather than playing fast, open Camogie.

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THE VIEWS OF SEOSAIMHIN

BY
MÁIRE NÍ CHEALLAIGH

Q: Which referees did you admire most?

A: I'm not sure that I would describe my reactions to people as admiration. Nevertheless, in my opinion, Nancy Murray and Lily Spence, both of Antrim, would be top class referees by any standards.

Q: How did you become involved in Administration?

A: The older people in the St. Paul's and U.C.D. clubs always encouraged the younger ones to take an interest in aspects of the Club other than playing. While in U.C.D. I was coerced into editing 'ROSC' a College magazine, as I managed to avoid the catering and social committees through lack of talent on my part in both those spheres. I later edited the first Camogie Magazine which was a quarterly publication and sold on a national basis. When C.C.I.A. was set up that Council sent me as a delegate to Ard Choiste. While on my summer holidays in 1974 Ard Choiste appointed me as National P.R.O. The 1975 Comhdhail Vhlantuil elected me as Ard Runai. I succeeded Signle Nic an Ultaigh from Down who held office for twenty three years and who had decided not to seek re-election.

Q: How did you become full-time Officer?

A: During the last decade it was becoming obvious that, because of increasing interest in Camogie, administrators were finding it difficult to achieve their targets while working in their spare time only. Some far seeing people had been advocating during the previous decade that someone be employed even on a part-time basis. While there was a general acceptance of the need for a full-time Officer it seemed to be an impossibility until An Roinn Oideachais made grants available for the purpose of such appointments. Our Association qualified for such a grant, Cumann Luthchleas Gael generously provided office facilities and Ard Choiste advertised the position.

Q: What is the role of the full-time Officer?

A: The job specification combines the duties of Ard Runai with those of Oifigeach Forbartha. The Officer would be involved in the routine administration of the organisation as well as initiating and helping to implement a development plan. Having a full-time Officer gives the organisation a centre or a pivot, and will hopefully, enable it to

make progress in a unified fashion.

Q: What are the qualities needed to be a full-time Officer?

A: I wouldn't even hazard a guess at which qualities my employers thought they detected in me. I feel that one must have total commitment of the ideals of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael. It would also help if one had an open mind adaptability to change and an acceptance of change without losing sight of ideals; the ability to delegate work to others and then to let them do it their way; an understanding of human nature; patience and tolerance; and perhaps most important of all, a sense of humour.

Q: What annoys you most as an Administrator?

A: Inconsequential things might annoy me, but more important things sadden rather than annoy me. I fail to understand why adults in any sport cause rows or unpleasantness and involve youngsters in their petty differences, when part of the adult's function is to organise games and transport for the young people and thus promote the sport. It saddens me that too many of those involved in Gaelic games tend to promote the games only and forget about the Irish language and culture. I often feel like shaking delegates who attend meetings on behalf of their Club or Board and sit in silence, with only the odd nod of the head or snore to indicate life, and who then are vociferous in their condemnation of 'the old fossils who run the show' as soon as they get outside the door. Collective insularity and small-mindedness are things with which I find it very difficult to cope. Of course, I might find it easier if I had even some of the qualities desirable in a full-time Officer.

Q: What is the present state of Camogie, in your opinion?

A: Statistically speaking, there are almost 60,000 members in our Association. Ard Choiste organises eight All-Ireland Competitions catering for Senior, Junior and Minor players. The machinery is there to provide courses in Administration, Coaching, Refereeing and Communications at all levels. There are three Colleges' Councils which organise competitions at Primary, Post-Primary and third level and the Provincial Councils run their own competitions. There is an annual increase in the number of schools taking up Camogie and

Kilkenny-Dublin Tie Should Be Thriller

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The remaining senior camogie competitions, the Gael-Linn Cup, and the All-Ireland Club Championship are now at the final stage.

The Gael-Linn finals, senior and junior, will be played at St. John's Park Kilkenny on Sunday, November 2.

Munster oppose Leinster in both games.

The club championship semi-finals last Sunday put Killisbeg of Cork and holders Buffers Alley into the final on November 9.

The only remaining Provincial senior final is arranged for Sunday next at Mullinavat (3.0), where league champions Kilkenny are hosts to holders, Dublin.

Much of the interest has gone from the Provincial senior competitions since the introduction of the open draw. Nevertheless the Provincial Councils have continued to play off for the title.

Kilkenny and Dublin have, in the past decade, served up entertaining fare and, no doubt next Sunday's decider will be worth seeing.

Both counties have well-known players. For the home side Angela and Anne Downey, Liz Neary, Bridie Martin, Helena McCormack, Teresa O'Neill and Maire Canavan have starred for Kilkenny for many seasons while their younger players Jo

Dunne, Margaret Farrell, Mary Purcell and Anna Whelan have already made their mark.

Dublin, who held the National League title in 1979, have the majority of that team still available.

Defenders Sheila Wallace, Ann O'Brien and Bernie Conway are always sound.

Barbara Redmond and Mary Murphy are strong at midfield while Orla Uí Riain, Marion Conway, Edel Murphy and Mary Mernagh combine well in attack.

Thriller

Ten members of the combined teams were on the Leinster Gael Linn side which defeated Connacht two weeks ago and all gave a fine performance so Sunday's game should be a thriller with the result difficult to forecast.

The new season's junior National League gets underway on Sunday next with four matches down for decision.

Offaly play Carlow at Tullamore (3.0). Wicklow and Meath are engaged at Rathdrum (3.0). Roscommon are at home to Tyrone at Athleague (2.0) and Mayo entertain Cavan at Breaffy.

The C.C.I.A. fixtures meeting last weekend fixed the dates and venues for the Ashbourne Cup, the Interschool Competition, and the Purcell Cup, the Inter-Colleges Competition.

The Ashbourne Cup will be played at Cork, hosted by University College and is fixed for February 14-15.

The quarter finals will be played two weeks earlier on January 31.

The pairings are:— A, U.C.D. v N.U.U.; B, U.C.G. v T.C.D.; C, Maynooth v QUB; D, UCC a bye. Semi-finals:— D v C; B v A.

The Purcell Cup is fixed for January 24 and will be played at Thomond College, who have a combined team with N.I.H.E.

The quarter finals are fixed for December 6 and the draw resulted as follows—

A, St. Pats v R.T.C.; B, M.I. v N.I.P.; C, St. Marys Belfast v Carlow; D, T.C.-N.I.H.E. v Carysfort. Semi-finals:— B v A C v D. Final—January 25.

The freshers seven-a-side is fixed for Belfield for November 29 and the three zoned league North East and South-West gets under way on November 1.

Piarsaigh best in thriller

Na Piarsaigh 3-6
Inniscarra 4-1

Na Piarsaigh, as expected, won the Cork Intermediate County championship at Ballincollig yesterday, but what a tough game they got from unfancied Inniscarra, who were there with a chance right to the final whistle, and eventually only went down by two points.

Na Piarsaigh, junior champions last season, had to play without star goalie Clare McCarthy, who broke a finger in training during the week. They made the extraordinary decision of playing Cork senior Martha Kearney

in goal at the start and this might have well proved their downfall, because it was only when Martha came outfield that Na Piarsaigh really came into the game and particularly in the second half Martha proved to be Na Piarsaigh's matchwinner.

At half time Inniscarra were deservedly ahead by 2-0 to 1-2, but just after the interval Na Piarsaigh equalised. Mary Ellen O'Shea put Inniscarra ahead once again, but then came a marvellous quarter of an hour from Na Piarsaigh which put them five points clear. It looked all over at this stage but Inniscarra came back with a brilliant goal and with only two points between the sides the final minutes were played at fever pitch.

At the end the more stylish Na Piarsaigh, who, along with Martha Kearney, had excellent players in Helena Fox, Imelda Cronin, were deserving winners, but spare a thought for a gallant Inniscarra side who had their best players in Nora Moriarty, Carmel Murphy, Ger Downey, and Mary Ellen O'Shea.

Scorers: Na Piarsaigh: M. Kearney 1-3; M. Twomey 1-1; M. Byrnes 1-0; H. Fox 0-2. Inniscarra: G. Downey 2-0; G. Ring 1-0; M. Ellen O'Shea 1-1.

Na Piarsaigh: C. Harris, M. Kelleher, I. Cronin, B. Newman, M. Coughlan, H. Fox, M. Byrnes, M. Kearney, P. Goggin, M. Twomey, J. Davis, T. O'Sullivan.

Inniscarra: C. Murphy, E. Ring, H. Barrett, M. O'Connell, N. Morrissey, G. Mullane, M. E. O'Shea, C. O'Driscoll, S. Kieley, G. Downey, M. Sheehan, N. Moriarty. Referee: Miriam Higgins (Lire Og).

MUNSTER ON THE DOUBLE

Munster 2-5, Leinster 2-1

While Munster deserved a win in this Gael-Linn Cup final at St. John's Park, Kilkenny, yesterday they could well have been on the losing side. For it was a game of lost opportunities for Leinster who missed many fine chances of scoring and saw the ball going just inches wide of the posts on several occasions.

In the fifth minute of the first half, the sides exchanged points but a goal from Cork's Mary O'Leary gave Munster the lead which did not reflect some good efforts by Leinster.

Munster continued to build up their score after the interval and with only minutes to go they were ahead by 1-4 to 0-1. Then Angela Downey goalied for Leinster but almost immediately Mary O'Leary restored the status quo with a Munster goal.

Leinster returned for yet another goal but the best of their last minute efforts were frustrated by the Munster defence. Munster has class players in Geraldine O'Brien, Catherine Landers, Martha Kearney, and Mary O'Leary while Leinster were well served by Ann O'Brien, Bridie Martin and Elsie Walsh.

Scorers Munster: M. O'Leary 2-3, G. O'Brien and M. Sweeney 0-1 each. Leinster: A. Downey 1-1, M. Kavanagh 1-0.

Munster: M. McCarthy (Cork), C. Harrington (Clare), V. Mackey (Limerick), G. O'Brien (Limerick), M. Hackett (do), H. Mulcaire (do), C. Landers (Cork), M. Kearney (do), M. O'Leary (do), D. Lane (Tipperary), P. McCarthy (Limerick), A. O'Sullivan (do). Subs: M. Sweeney (Cork) for O'Sullivan, P. Moloney (Limerick) for McCarthy.

Leinster: A. Carey (Dublin), Ann Downey (Kilkenny), A. O'Brien (Dublin), B. Martin (Kilkenny), B. Toner (Dublin), M. Farrell (Kilkenny), E. Walsh (Wexford), B. Redmond (Dublin), A. Downey (Kilkenny), M. Conroy (Dublin), O. Ni Riain (do), M. Mernagh (do). Sub: E. Murphy (Dublin) for Ni Riain.

Referee: Sheila McNamee (Dublin).

Munster 1-9, Leinster 3-2

In this close and uncompromising Gael-Linn Cup junior final, Munster, after a good first half, hung on against stiff opposition in the second half for a deserved win. They led at the interval by 1-4 to 0-2.

Scorers Munster: N. O'Driscoll 0-8, B. Joyce 1-0, G. McCarthy 0-1. Leinster: T. McCann 1-1, G. Noonan and M. Malone 1-0 each, A. Molloy 0-1.

LEAGUE TITLE FOR KILKENNY

KILKENNY, 5-6; DUBLIN, 4-3

KILKENNY captured the Leinster Championship title when they emerged victorious after a close game with the holders, Dublin, at Mullinavat on Sunday. Overnight rain had ruined the ground and, even though it also rained incessantly during the game, it was of an exceptionally high standard.

Kilkenny got off to a flying start and had 2-1 on the scoreboard before Dublin got their first point. Dublin seemed disorganised and even apathetic in this first quarter and Kilkenny should have been even further ahead, at this stage. Then Dublin began to show some resistance and, as they became accustomed to the slippery conditions, the game, which had threatened to be a

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run-away victory for Kilkenny, became a great contest. A goal from Orla Ryan helped narrow the gap to five points — 2-4 to 1-2 — at half-time.

The second half began with a very determined Dublin side fighting and when a Kilkenny defender deflected the ball to her own net, the sides were level. Dublin began to dominate the game and another goal from stylish corner-forward Orla Ryan put them in the lead for the first time. The Kilkenny defence was under much pressure at this stage, but the Dublin forwards failed to capitalise on the possession.

But Kilkenny then rallied

back, mainly due to the work of Angela Downey, who broke through for a great goal. Play was very even for some time but it was Kilkenny who goalied again to take the lead. They added a point but another great goal from Orla Ryan from a 15-yard free kept Dublin in touch.

Dublin had enough chances to goal again, but had a few costly wides. Kilkenny went on to add a further goal and a point and take the title after a tremendous match.

SCORERS — Kilkenny — Angela Downey (2-2), Jo Dunne (2-1), Anna Whelan (1-2), Helena McCormack (0-1). Dublin — Orla Ryan (1-0), Edel Murphy (1-0), Marion Conroy (0-1), Bernie Conway (0-1), Barbara Redmond (0-1).

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For the first time in the history of camogie, four All-Ireland trophies have been won by one county. And when Mary Geaney, was presented with the Sportstar Award for September at Jury's Hotel yesterday, all four trophies were proudly displayed, as Cork celebrated their unique achievement.

The trophies won by Cork this year were the All-Ireland senior championship (O'Duffy Cup), All-Ireland junior championship (New Ireland), All-Ireland minor championship (Corn Tail-

teann), and the All-Ireland senior colleges trophy (Corn Scellg) which was won by Cork School, North Presentation.

● The photo shows the four Cork captains holding their respective trophies: (l. to r.) Betty Joyce (junior), Imelda Cronin (colleges), Mary Geaney (senior) and Sandy Fitzgibbon (minor). On extreme right is Miss Mary Moran of Cork, president of the All-Ireland Camogie Association, and on left is the 'Examiner'/'Echo' camogie correspondent, Joan Morley.

Camogie's proud day

By JOAN MORLEY

Cork senior camogie captain Mary Geaney is the first lady to win the Jury's six months Sportstar Award and at a lunch yesterday in Jury's Hotel, Mary was presented with her award for the month of September, by Mr. Richard Byrne, deputy manager of the hotel.

Mary needs no introduction to sports enthusiasts as not alone is she a skilled forward on the camogie field, but she is also goalkeeper on the Irish ladies hockey team, and a talented ladies football, squash and badminton player.

A native of Castleisland, Co. Kerry, Mary comes from a sporting family, as both her father, Con Geaney and her

brother, Dave, both of whom attended yesterday's lunch, have won All-Ireland medals with Kerry.

This season Mary was full forward for Cork and played no small part in helping them to achieve a record-unrivalled by any other county of winning the senior, junior and minor All-Ireland titles, as well as the All Ireland senior colleges crown. And joining Mary at Jury's yesterday were the three other winning captains, Imelda Cronin (North Presentation College), Sandy Fitzgibbon (minor) and Betty Joyce (junior). Their joint display of All-Ireland trophies made it a proud day for Cork in the camogie world.

Mr. Con Murphy, former

president of the G.A.A. was a guest speaker yesterday, and after congratulating Mary on behalf of the G.A.A. said that it was fitting that a camogie player should be the first lady to be honoured in this way, as camogie was the national game for women. Mr. Murphy went on to speak of the ties between the camogie and G.A.A. associations down the years and said that the two organisations should continue to work

together to further the national games, especially in these days of vandalism and violence.

"The place to begin was in the schools," said Mr. Murphy. Young people today more than ever needed healthy recreation, and what better for them than our national games of hurling, football and camogie. Every Irish girls school should be involved in camogie," he added.



Mr. Richard Byrne, Deputy Manager, Jury's Hotel, presenting the Sportstar Award for September to Miss Mary Geaney, captain Cork senior camogie team. Also included in picture are Mr. Con Murphy, past president G.A.A. and Miss Mary Moran, president of the Camogie Association.

Cork's Great Year Isn't Over Yet!

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THIS has been a season of phenomenal success for camogie in Cork. The county teams made history by taking the grand slam of All-Ireland titles, winning the treble of minor, junior and senior crowns. Cork College North Presentation added their bit of history too by making it four All-Ireland titles with the All-Ireland Colleges trophy, and on Sunday last a big number of Cork players helped Munster to take the Interprovincial double, with the senior title coming south for the first time since 1966.

And the list of victories may not yet be at an end, that is if Killeagh have any say in it. For on Sunday next they will attempt to become the first Cork club ever to win the All-Ireland Championship when they meet holders Buffers Alley of Wexford in the 1980 Club Final. It is quite extraordinary that in spite of Cork's enormous inter-county success over the last decade that no Cork club has managed to take the Club title. But Cork county champions Killeagh are determined that this state of affairs will be rectified over the weekend.

On the home front Eire Og and Na Piarasigh will meet at Ballincollig to decide the destination of the Junior 'A' League final, U.C.C. meet Glen Rovers in the Senior League, and Junior 'A' and 'B' as well as Under-18 and Under-16 League ties will be decided, all on Sunday. And on Saturday, four second-round Senior Colleges Championship ties will be decided with four Cork Colleges, including holders North Presentation, in action.

Killeagh travel to Kilkenny on Sunday full of confidence that they can become the first Cork club to take the All-Ireland Club Championship title, when they meet holders Buffers Alley in the decider at St. John's Park.

Killeagh have been having a marvellous season following their Cork County Championship win. They have played very well in the club campaign so far with good victories all along the line. They did have quite a tough game against Oranmore in the All-Ireland semi-final for a while but at the finish were well on top. Reports are that Buffers Alley are not playing as well as last season, but when one considers that among their players they have Elsie and Dorothy Walsh, Kathleen Tonks, and Deirdre Cousins, and on their way to the final they defeated the renowned St. Paul's, Kilkenny, then Killeagh must have the greatest respect for the Wexford champions. And the holders' victory over St. Paul's is all the more meritorious when one considers that the Kilkenny side can boast of such top inter-county players as Angela and Ann Downey, Bridie Martin and Helena O'Neill.

However, Killeagh have a star-studded side, who when they reach top gear are a most exciting combination to watch. Almost all of their side has represented Cork at some grade, Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney, and Catherine Landers of Cork seniors have been particularly effective of late. As well as their senior stars Killeagh have junior captain Betty Joyce, minor Patsy Keniry and excellent players in Ann Marie Landers, Patricia Fitzgibbon, and Breda Landers.

Killeagh should test champions

BUFFERS ALLEY (Wexford) defend their All-Ireland Camogie Club title against Killeagh (Cork) at St. John's Park (2.30), Kilkenny on Sunday next. Killeagh, Cork senior champions for the first time, is also the first Cork club to contest the club final.

For many years the Cork title was won by a divisional team, which was debarred by rule from entering the competition. Eire Og did win out the Munster Championship but failed to reach the final.

Both teams are packed with inter-county stars and have interprovincial players of experience.

Killeagh defeated Ballyagran (Limerick) the 1978 champions and Eire Og of Clare, in their own province and qualified for the final by decisively defeating Oranmore, the Galway and Connaught champions.

Holders, Buffers Alley, who are contesting the third final in a row, had to knock out the club specialists, St. Paul's, Kilkenny, who have won the title five times.

Their other victims were Austin Stacks (Dublin) and Kilkenny (Down), who won the Ulster title for the first time.

The majority of the champions line-out was on the winning team last year. Their most experienced players, Elsie Walsh, Deirdre Cousins and Dorothy Walsh have represented Leinster in the Gael-Linn Interprovincial. Kathleen Tinks, who was the chosen goalie and captain for last Sunday's Gael-Linn Final had to cry off with an injured knee. She hopes to be fit for Sunday.

Other inter-county players on the team are Fiona Cousins, the captain, Caroline and Geraldine O'Leary, sisters of Margaret Lacey, who was one of Wexford's greatest stars since their first All-Ireland victory in 1968. Mairead Carty and Teresa Hobbs in attack and

Geraldine Duggan and Anne Butler in defence.

But they face an equally experienced team which carries four All-Ireland senior medal-winners, one junior and one minor in 1980.

Lining out with Killeagh will be Cork's brilliant full-back of the Seventies, Marie (Costine) O'Donovan, who won five All-Ireland medals and was on the runners-up team in two other finals, Pat Moloney, who won her sixth medal last September, Marion Sweeney and Catherine Lawnders her second. Betty Joyce, the Cork Junior All-Ireland captain, and Patsy Keniry, of the minor winning side, add up to five 1980 All-Ireland medal holders. Goalie Patricia Fitzgibbon, Breda and Ann Marie Landers also represented Cork in the junior grade in recent years.

Killeagh would appear to have been more impressive in their semi-final game, have a very strong set of forwards and have a very sound full-back, so the champions will need to play at their best if they are to hold on to the title.

The Munster Post Primary Schools Council have their senior championship well advanced. The quarter finals are arranged for Saturday next. Holders of the All-Ireland title, North Presentation are out against Presentation De La Salle, Hospital.

St. Patrick's, Shannon entertain Drishane, Mercy Convent, Macroom are at home to Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Patrick's Cork play St. Paul's Kilkenny.

KILLEAGH MAKE IT A CORK NAP

THE NEW All-Ireland Club Champions Killeagh, who beat holders Buffers Alley (Wexford) at Kilkenny last Sunday, brought the fifth All-Ireland title to their native Cork. The Senior, Junior and Willwood-Tailteann Minor All-Ireland titles been won by the Leesiders in the last three months and North Presentation Convent, Cork, won the Post Primary Schools Senior title last April. Surely this is a record that it should take many a long day to equal!

Actually, Cork were since 1973 the only county to have won the Senior and Junior titles in the same year. It has been on the cards for the past four years that they could surpass that feat. While they won the Senior and Minor in 1978 and 1980, this has been the first time that any county completed the hat-trick.

You might wonder where the Corkonians find the players year after year. Cork have more schools playing than any other county and more schools competitions at local level as well.

Killeagh are by comparison with other clubs in Cork only a baby but, nevertheless, this East Cork club are the first team to bring the club title to Leeside.

MARIE IN COMMAND

Marie (Costine) O'Donovan, the county player of the seventies, proved last Sunday with her competent command of her area that she is still a brilliant full-back. Her clearances must have broken the heart of the Wexford attack.

The large following were very proud of the fact that every player on the team was from the local parish.

DIFFICULT DECISION

Only four points separated the teams at the final whistle. On reflection the Buffers Alley mentors must be wondering if they were wise to play their injured goalie, Kathleen Tonks. Obviously her knee injury had not healed. Kathleen retired and her place was taken by Terry Butler, a sister of full-back Ann.

Terry filled the gap very well and brought off some fine saves. Nevertheless, the champions deserved their victory.

They looked more dangerous in attack throughout the game.

Donegal are making their debut in the Junior National League when they travel to Carrickmore (2.30) on Sunday to oppose the All-Ireland Junior Championship runners-up, Tyrone.

Tyrone have already scored a victory over Roscommon, Cavan and Wicklow, have collected the points from Mayo and Meath, while Offaly and Carlow shared the points. Louth beat champions Armagh and Monaghan scored over Meath. Kildare and Waterford have two points each from Offaly and Kerry.

The C.C.I.A. Leagues are making progress. St. Marys, Belfast, have had mixed luck in their two games to date. They beat Queens 3-2 to 0-2 but lost their second game to Polytech 5-0 to 0-1. Polytech have also recorded a big win over N.U.U. whom they overwhelmed by 4-8 to nil, so the Purcell Cup winners of 1979 seem to be a strong force again this year.

All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Champions North Presentation, Cork, were held to a draw last Saturday by the 1979 Junior All-Ireland runners up, Presentation de La Salle, Hospital. The replay takes place next Saturday.

The Junior sections have made great progress. Two of the five sections are completed and the three remaining have the finals scheduled for Saturday. St. Josephs, Tulla are at home to St. Patrick's, Shannon. Presentation de La Salle, Hospital, entertain St. Paul's Kilkenny, and Loreto, Kilkenny, are hosts to Mercy, Macroom.

A FIRST FOR KILLEAGH

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Killeagh, 4-2; Buffers Alley, 1-7
CORK CHAMPIONS, Killeagh, took their first-ever All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship title with a four point victory over Wexford champions, Buffers Alley, at St. John's Park, Kilkenny yesterday.

Three first half goals laid the basis for this Killeagh victory. It was Buffers Alley's Elsie Walsh who opened the corig with a point in the fourth minute. Killeagh replied from the puck out when Ann Leahy doubled on an air ball in the right corner and from an acute angle drove the ball to the net.

Elsie Walsh pointed a 30 metre free in the 9th minute. The exchanges were keen, both sides playing with great determination. Killeagh full back

Marie O'Donovan cleared her lines on many occasions. Betty Joyce at centre field was most impressive for Killeagh at this stage. She pointed a free in the 17th minute while Elsie Walsh did likewise first in the 18th minute and then in the 20th for Buffers Alley. Mairead Carty cut the Killeagh lead to two points when she pointed in the 21st minute. A vital score for the winners as Pat Moloney's goal in the 23rd minute, she swept on a good pass from Marian Sweeney to restore the Killeagh lead to five points.

Buffers Alley attacked dog-

gedly early in the second half. Bridie Doran goaled in the second minute and added a point in the fifth bringing Buffers Alley to within a point of the leaders. At this stage Pat Moloney became a really dominant force for Killeagh. She goaled midway through the half when her long dropping shot eluded Buffers Alley goalkeeper Kathleen Tonks. The pace of the game became ever sharper as Buffers Alley made a last desperate effort to get back into the game. However, they failed to break the solid Killeagh defence each side added a further point before the game ended.

A great end to the year for the Cork girls — Cathy

Landers, Pat Moloney and Marian Sweeney already having won All-Ireland Senior medals and interprovincial medals for Munster. Patricia Fitzgibbon and Betty Joyce won All-Ireland Junior medals for Cork.

Scorers 2 Killeagh — B. Joyce (1-1), P. Moloney (1-1), A. Leahy (1-0), M. Sweeney (1-0). Buffers Alley — E. Walsh (0-3), B. Doran (1-1), M. Darcy (0-1).

Killeagh — P. Fitzgibbon; M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, B. Joyce, B. Landers, B. Kirby, C. Landers, A. M. Landers, P. Keniry, P. Moloney, M. Sweeney, F. O'Connor, Subs — A. Leahy, C. Griffin, M. Kelly, S. Spillane.

Buffers Alley — K. Tonks; A. Butler, G. Duggan, D. Walsh, D. Cousins, F. Cousins, C. O'Leary, G. O'Leary, A. Martin, E. Walsh, J. Hobbs, M. Carty, Subs — M. Murphy, N. Gahan, S. Sinnott, B. Doran.

Referee — P. Breslin (Dublin).

Superb Killeagh Win All-Ireland

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FRESH from their historic triumph in the All-Ireland Club Championship on Sunday last, Killeagh waste no time in getting back into the fray, as on Sunday next at Douglas they meet arch rivals Eire Og in the semi-final of the Senior Club Tournament.

In the same competition the postponed tie between Watergrasshill and Old Aloysians is also listed while a junior B. Championship semi-final, Under-16 League and Championship ties and an Under-18 League game complete that day's list. And on Saturday three section finals of the Munster Junior Colleges Championship will be decided.

It was a marvellous day for Killeagh on Sunday last as they became the first Cork club to win the All-Ireland Club Championship. They also added an unbelievable final chapter to Cork and Munster's list of successes for the 1980 season with this historic win.

Cork had already won four All-Ireland titles: minor, junior and senior inter-county and senior colleges, while Munster have taken all three provincial titles: colleges, junior and senior.

On Sunday last Killeagh, and particularly Marie Costine, Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney and Betty Joyce, were brilliant as they defeated the highly talented holders, Buffers Alley. And on Sunday next when they meet Eire Og in the Cork Senior Club Tournament semi-final they must start as favourites to reach yet another final.

Over the last four seasons Killeagh and Eire Og have dominated the club scene in Cork with games between the sides always producing thrillers. Eire Og took the County for the three seasons up to this year but 1980 has proved to be Killeagh's year. They defeated Eire Og in the Championship and then went on to beat Glen in the final and from there they have never looked back.

But in spite of all their successes they will not relish a game with Eire Og who have so often in the past beaten them against all the odds. Killeagh are by far the more stylish side, but Eire Og with their grim determination and marvellous team spirit have so often knocked them off their stride and if Nancy O'Driscoll, Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Mary Geaney, Miriam Higgins and company can strike top form then they could cause an upset on Sunday. However, Killeagh seem to have the upperhand this season, and must start

as undoubted favourites to advance.

Watergrasshill and Old Aloysians also meet in the Club Championship on Sunday in a tie which had to be postponed some weeks ago. Here Watergrasshill with two Cork seniors in the persons of Mary O'Leary and Angela Higgins, as well as fine players in Helen O'Callaghan, Claire Higgins and Mairead O'Callaghan, must be expected to have too much power for Old Aloysians.

However, Old Als have made an all out effort to do well in this tournament and if Eileen Hayes, Ann Ryan, Marion O'Leary and Cork senior Claire Cronin strike form then they could cause an upset.

Cobh, with Carol Roe, Ger Leahy and Claire Ronan, could stop Douglas making it to the final for the second successive season when these sides meet in the Junior B Championship semi-final at Douglas, following the Killeagh-Eire Og game. Douglas, however, will not give up easily and have their minds made up to

win the title this year. And with fine players in Christine Pinfield, Liz Lynch and Ann Dullea, they could make it.

Glen Rovers with Ann Currid, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Regina Scouts should be too strong for Ballincollig in the Under-16 Championship, in spite of such players as Cally Galvin, June Hennigan and Siobhan O'Connor.

In the Under-16 League Blackrock should have the edge on Na Piarsaigh and Fr. O'Neills should be too strong for Bride Rovers.

The Munster Junior Colleges Championship is now at an advanced stage. Two section finals have already been won by St. Patrick's and Immaculate Heart, both of Cork. The other three section finals will be decided on tomorrow (Saturday) when there should be exciting tussles between St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's (Shannon); Pres de la Salle and Scoil Pol and Loreto (Killarney) and Mercy (Macroom).

Finally at the Co. Board meeting last night Ballincollig G.A. Club members

were thanked for the use of their facilities to the various Cork teams during the season and there was a special word of thanks too for Billy Fitton who looked after the pitch for the girls.

FIXTURES: SATURDAY

Section finals, Munster Junior Championship: Section I: at Tulla, St. Joseph's Tulla v St. Patrick's Shannon; Section II: at Hospital, Presentation de La Salle, Hospital v. Scoil Pol, Killarney. Section III: at Killarney, Loreto, Killarney v Mercy, Macroom.

SUNDAY

Senior Club Tournament: at Watergrasshill, Watergrasshill v Old Aloysians, 3 p.m. (Ref. Sarsfields); at Douglas, semi-final, Eire Og v. Killeagh, 1.45 p.m. (Ref. M. Maher). Junior B Championship, semi-final, at Douglas, Douglas v Cobh, 3 p.m. (Ref. M. Maher). Under 16 Championship, at Ballincollig, Ballincollig v Glen Rovers, 3 p.m. (Ref. Inniscarra). Under 16 League, at Na Piarsaigh, Na Piarsaigh v Blackrock, 3 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarrs). Under 18 League, at Fr. O'Neills, Fr. O'Neills v. Bride Rovers, 3 p.m. (Ref. Fr. O'Neills).

KILLEAGH'S FIRST FOR CORK

**Killeagh 4-2,
Buffers Alley 1-7**

setback the holders never really recovered.

CORK won their first ever All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship yesterday when Killeagh dethroned the reigning champions, Buffers Alley of Wexford, in an exciting game at St. John's Park, Kilkenny.

Playing great first time, hurling Buffers Alley made all the early running and it took Killeagh some time to settle down. But then they capitalised on mistakes by the Buffers Alley defence for two easy goals and from this

Despite playing against the wind, Killeagh led by 3-1 to 0-5 at half time. But they encountered stiffer opposition in a tough and close second half.

EARLY GOAL

Buffers Alley started strongly but an early goal was immediately negated by the winners and the remainder of the game was an exciting tussle with both defences holding firm.

At centrefield for Killeagh Pat Moloney had one of her best games for some time while former county full-back Marie O'Donovan was seldom better. Patricia Fitzgibbon, in goal, made some vital saves and Marian Sweeney had a very good second half in attack.

Buffers Alley had good players in Elsie Walsh, Ann Butler, Dorothy Walsh and Terry Butler, the substitute goalkeeper.

Scorers: Killeagh — Pat Moloney 2-1, Ann Leahy 1-1, Betty Joyce 1-0. Buffers Alley

— Elsie Walsh 0-5, Bridie Doran 1-1, Mairead Carthy 0-1.

KILLEAGH: P. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, B. Landers (Capt.), C. Landers, A. M. Landers, P. Moloney, B. Kirby, B. Joyce, P. Keniry, A. Leahy, M. Sweeney. Sub: F. O'Connor for C. Landers.

BUFFERS ALLEY: K. Tonks, A. Butler, G. Duggan, D. Walsh, D. Cousins, F. Cousins, C. O'Leary, G. O'Leary, A. Martin, E. Walsh, T. Hobbs, M. Carthy. Sub: I. Butler for Tonks, S. Synnott for G. O'Leary.

AWARD TO CAMOGIE PLAYER



Mr. Richard Byrne, deputy manager, Jurys Hotel, Cork, presenting the Sports Star Award for the Month to Miss Mary Geaney, captain of the Cork senior camogie team. Also in picture is Miss Mary Moran, president of the Camogie Association.

by 0-3 to failed to champion signs of Cronin, former schoolgirl. But in the under-18 shill and Higgins. Scorers: M. Mack Aloysians.



The Killeagh team which defeated Buffers Alley (Wexford) by 4-2 to 1-7 to win the All-Ireland senior club camogie championship for the first time ever. The panel is (front row, left to right): Catherine Griffin, Vera Motherway, Shelly Spillane, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Mary Spillane, Breda Landers, Marian Sweeney, Betty Joyce, Barbara Kibby. (Back, left to right): Eamon Linehan (trainer), Catherine Landers, Maria Kelly, Patsy Keniry, Pat Moloney, Anne Leahy, Marie O'Donovan, Ann Marie Landers, Fidelma O'Connor and Sheila Spillane. —(Examiner)



Ann Downey, Kilkenny receiving the Smithwicks Sports Stars Award for camogie from Ron Girdham of Smithwicks at the Kilkenny Sports Star Awards presentation.



Breda Landers, captain of Killeagh camogie team, with their trophies, including the All-Ireland club championship cup, at the Killeagh club dinner at Hilltop Hotel. Breda was appointed secretary of Cork County Camogie Board at Convention on Sunday.

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have such a team in his parish and he hoped their success would continue. He pointed out, however, that there was more to playing than winning — sportsmanship, dedication and team spirit were all part of a club. He also said the Killeagh Camogie Club was an example to all clubs in the way it was being run. Eithne Neville reiterated the previous speakers.

A number of presentations were made during the night. An inscribed silver tray, complete with a bottle of champagne, and six Waterford glasses were presented to Sheila and John Spillane in appreciation of all they had done for the club since its inception. Munster Club and Super League trophies were presented to the senior players by Mary Moran. The five girls who won All-Ireland medals with Cork, namely Pat Moloney, Marian Sweeney, Catherine Landers, Betty Joyce and Patsy Keniry, also received a special presentation.

The Player of the Year award went to Marie O'Donovan, while Barbara Kirby got the Clubwoman of the Year award. A presentation was made by the senior players to the following: Eamonn Lenihan, in appreciation of time spent and dedication to training; Tony O'Neill, as assistant trainer, and Pa Foley for his special help to the club. The presentations concluded with a bouquet of flowers for Mary Moran.

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On Saturday night, at the Hilltop Hotel, Killeagh Camogie Club held their Celebration Dinner. Included in the 300 guests were V. Rev. Fr. Glavin, P.P., Miss Mary Moran, President of the Camogie Association, and Miss Eithne Neville, Secretary of the Munster Camogie Council.

Mary Moran congratulated the club on winning Cork, Munster and All-Ireland senior championship. She said it was a wonderful achievement for a club to win the All-Ireland at their first attempt and become the first Cork club to bring the trophy to the county. She praised the club's officers who looked after the under-age girls and said for a club to succeed they must have young players coming on.

In his speech Fr. Glavin said how proud he was to

CONVENT OF MERCY IN SEMI-FINAL

Convent of Mercy 2-0, Immaculate Heart 1-2

IN the Munster junior colleges camogie championship quarter-final at Macroom on Saturday, the home team had a narrow but deserving win over the Immaculate Heart School, Cork.

After some initial attacks Macroom settled down and kept almost continued pressure on their opponents goal.

Watergrasshill 2-5 Old Aloysians 1-4

As expected, Watergrasshill defeated Old Aloysians (a postponed first round game in the same tournament.) But what a marvellous performance from Old Aloysians who were leading at half time by 0-3 to 0-2. Earlier this year Old AIs. failed to field a side in the county championship, but yesterday they showed signs of a revival led by Cork senior Clare Cronin, who got able assistance from former Cork senior Ann Ryan and schoolgirl Karen Ahern.

But in the end they had no answer to the undoubted superiority of Watergrasshill and especially Cork seniors Angela Higgins and Mary O'Leary.

Scorers: Watergrasshill: M. O'Leary 1-4, M. Mackey 1-0, A. Higgins 0-1. Old Aloysians: C. Cronin 1-3, N. Jennings 0-1.

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30 YEARS AGO

BLACKROCK won the Oireachtas Na Mumhan Senior Camogie final when they defeated Old Aloysians by 4-1 to 2-2 at Church Road. The teams were: **Blackrock** — T. Warren, B. Heineberry, N. O'Leary, M. O'Connell, H. Dempsey, T. Healy, H. Cashman, S. Hunter, M. Delea, E. Flaherty, E. O'Shea, J. Maher. **Old Als.** — M. Fitzgerald, B. Walsh, E. Keating, T. O'Sullivan, L. Coughlan, A. Buckley, S. O'Sullivan, N. McCurtain, E. Hogan, A. Lane, M. Ahern, A. Walsh.

40 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS won the Cork County Junior Camogie championship title by defeating Technical School by 6-2 to 2-0 in the final at the UCC Grounds. **Old Aloysians:** N. Casey (Capt.), E. Kiely, S. Hobbs, M. Hobbs, M. Hegarty, P. Noonan, U. Goggin, D. O'Regan, E. Brennan, E. Deignan, E. O'Sullivan, M. Millard, C. Hardy, M. Russell. **Technical School:** A. O'Keeffe, A. Ni Urdail, N. Murphy, C. Murphy, C. Ni Thinnir, M. Barrett, M. Horgan, E. O'Connell, M. Barry, T. Langan, C. Collins, M. Foran, S. Ni Maroid, N. O'Donovan, E. O'Donovan, E. Ni Ciniplic, E. Kennedy.



Mr. Michael Mullen (left) secretary general, accepting on behalf of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union a portrait of James Connolly from Mr. Sean M. O'Duffy. The picture was painted by Tom Kain and has been in Mr. O'Duffy's possession since before 1916. Also in the picture are Mr. O'Duffy, and Senator Fintan Kennedy, president of the Union. — Picture by



At a briefing in the Imperial Hotel, Cork, re the Imperial Hotel Youth Sports Awards '80 were (left to right): Mr. Hugh Coveney, director, Imperial Hotel; Miss Mary Moran, president, Camogie Assoc. of Ireland; Ald. Toddy O'Sullivan, Lord Mayor; Mr. Michael Darmody, P.C., Inspector Dept. of Education; and Mr. Reggie Hayes, chairman B.L.E. Board, Cork.

Youth Isn't Being Forgotten

OUTSTANDING performances by Munster youths this year will not go unrecognized because a new awards scheme has been inaugurated to acknowledge their achievements. The scheme is being sponsored by the Imperial

Hotel in Cork and this week the Lord Mayor, Alderman Toddy O'Sullivan was present at a function when details were announced.

The Lord Mayor paid tribute to the directors of the hotel and said it was unique for hoteliers to take charge of such a scheme.

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Nominees must be over 15 and under 19 on January 1, 1980, and must have been either born in Munster or be linked with a club or association in the province.

The judges panel will be Messrs. Tim O'Brien, Group Sports Editor, Cork

Examiner (chairman), Fred Cogley, head of sport in RTE and Mick O'Dwyer, trainer of the Kerry senior football team.

The awards will be presented to ten people from different sports at the Imperial Hotel on February 2 next.

KILDARE SHOULD NAB THE SPOILS

TWO MORE Junior League games are fixed for Sunday next and these complete the first half of the competition. Each of the 15 competing counties will, after Sunday, have played two games. In this regard, Tyrone, Cavan and Louth have four points from the two games. Kildare, if they win on Sunday, could also be in this happy position.

On the other hand their opponents, Waterford are also unbeaten. But Kildare, who were runners-up, last year have an experienced side and should be good enough to take the points. This game is fixed for Poleberry, Waterford (2.30).

The second game listed is between Mayo and Donegal, and it will be played at Templemore, Derry. Donegal had an encouraging outing against All-Ireland runners-up Tyrone, in their first game.

The final score 1-1 to nil indicated a very close game so I fancy that Donegal will at least match the young Mayo girls.

Louth defeated Wicklow and Armagh took the points from Monaghan in last week's games and that puts Louth leaders in the zone, and the only unbeaten side.

The student Councils are busy this weekend.

The Third Level Colleges Council (C.C.I.A.) hold their Annual Competition for Freshers at Belfast on Saturday. Polytechnic, Belfast the holders of the 7-a-side Tournament title, seem to be the favourites in the competition again as they have been having a very successful run in the League in the Northern zone in

which they are unbeaten.

The newcomers, N.I.H.E., Limerick, Regional College, Cork and Colaiste Mhuire, Marino have intimated their intentions to participate.

The All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council is arranged for Belvedere Hotel (2.0) on Saturday. The secretary, Miss Mary Moran, reports a very successful year in which she welcomes the upsurge of so many new champions.

Seven of the eight provincial winners won out their respective competitions for the first-time and indeed the eventual winners of the Scelg and Bognait Cups enjoyed the honour for the first time. North Presentation Cork, the senior winners, and Maryfield College, the juniors, became the first Dublin School to win an All-Ireland Colleges title.

Ulster leads the way with 52 schools affiliated; Leinster come next with 41; Munster have 34 schools playing and 17 participate in Connacht. As well as the Senior and Junior Championships which are finalised in the All-Ireland finals all the Provincial Council run many other competitions varying from Senior B Grades to under-age and first year Leagues and Championships.

ALL TOO EASY FOR DONEGAL

Donegal 8-4; Mayo 1-0

DONEGAL had a very convincing win over Mayo in the National Junior Camogie League game played at Templemore, Derry, yesterday. Donegal were the far superior side and led at half-time by 5-2 to 1-0.

SCORES—Donegal—N. Byrne (4-0), B. Blake (2-0), A. McGrath (1-2), L. Cowbilly (1-0), J. McCusker (0-2). Mayo—L. McTighe (1-0).

WICKLOW UPROAR

THERE WAS wholesale resignation of officers at the Wicklow Camogie Convention yesterday following a year of stormy Board Meetings.

Retiring Chairman Arthur Whelan said that no way would he be involved ever again in County Board Meetings and no way would he ever again be accused of putting a spanner in the works.

He said that the County Board was caught between the Juvenile Committee and Leinster Council and he was critical of Leinster Council for going against the County Board with two decisions on appeal from clubs. He said that one of the clubs had since withdrawn from competitions while the other club played when it liked and thumbed its nose at County Boards.

Secretary Mrs. Mary Moran said that the past year had been a stormy one in the Board Room and it could be said that the Board survived in spite of rather than because of any help from the floor.

An impasse arose when all nominees for the position of Chairperson, including Mr. Whelan withdrew their names which led Mrs. Hugh O'Byrne, Kiltegan, who had earlier been returned President, to remark "we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit." Mr. Kay Walsh (Enniskerry) later agreed to be chairperson.

Down 4-0, Monaghan 0-0

Down that Monaghan by 4-0 to 0-0 in the final Ulster Junior B Championship at Carrickmacross.

Score: Down — C. Morgan (2-0), B. Ritchie, A. Coyle (1-0 each).

C.C.I.A. league — UCD 5-0, Maynooth 1-1.

Purcell Cup — Cork Regional 2-0, St. Patrick's T.C. 1-3.

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Cork and Antrim to meet again

ALL-IRELAND champions Cork have got the same first round draw for the 1981 championship, though this time they meet Antrim in Antrim, instead of Pairc Ui Chaoimh as they did last year.

The full draw, which was made over the weekend is:

A. Derry v Down; B. Antrim v Cork; C. Limerick v Tipperary; D. Winner of C. v Kilkenny; E. Clare v Galway; F. B. v Dublin; G. Wexford v A.

Semi-finals: G. v D.; E. v F. In the 1981 National League Cork are in a three team section, but will have to play home and away games with the winners going through to the final.

The other teams in the section are Kilkenny and Wexford.



The Aghabullogue junior camogie team, the Cork county champions who defeated St. Finbarr's in the final. Included are Mrs. Barrett, selector, and Murt Murphy, selector and trainer.

Armagh keen to win away

THE JUNIOR National Camogie League continues this weekend. All the teams have been out at least once, so there should be keen interest in the outcome of Sunday's games.

Armagh, the champions, were unexpectedly defeated by Louth in the opening game, so they will be keen to get back on the winning trail when they travel to Carrickmacross (2.30) to play Monaghan.

Louth, who lost narrowly to Armagh in their own Zone last season, are very determined to stay in the race this year, so Wicklow will need to be at their best to match the Wee County girls at Castlebellingham (2.30).

PROMINENTLY

Players from both counties figures on the Leinster Junior Gael-Linn team. Mary O'Loughlin and Pat Buckley (Wicklow) were prominent around midfield and attack while Noleen Brady was also to the fore.

Armagh's and Ulster's outstanding full back Margaret Moriarty was honoured recently when she was named the county Camogie Star of 1980. The former Queen's player had some brilliant performances on her county's path to becoming the first Junior National League winners.

With other members of her side, they will need to go all out to take the points from Monaghan, who are heartened by a deserved victory over Meath.

In the third game down for decision, Carlow are hosts to Kerry at Regional College (2.30). The home side shared the points with Offaly in their first outing, while Kerry were well beaten by Waterford. Unless Kerry can improve on that performance, Carlow should collect two more points.

DONEGAL IMPRESSED

Donegal, playing in their first Junior League game, made a good impression in their tie with Tyrone, the All-Ireland Junior finalists at Carrickmore last Sunday.

The Ulster champions took the points on the score 1-1 to nil. Their experience was the main difference between the sides. Ursula Jordan, who had a brilliant game at full back, Ann Jordan at midfield, Ann Daly and Pauline Vallely were the Tyrone stalwarts.

For Donegal, Ann Carroll, the former Kilkenny star, played in goal, and she was ably assisted by many of her L. ET-

Margaret Rooney (U.C.D.) and Liz Conneely (U.C.G.) former Ashbouyrne players, Maureen Wilkie, the captain, and Josie McCusker, of Polytechnic, Margaret Cmurran, club secretary, and fourteen-year-old Barbara Boyce, who played a great game at midfield, should all blend into a useful side.

POST-PRIMARY 'SEMI'

The Munster Senior Post-Primary Schools semi-finals are arranged for Saturday. Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, the all-Ireland champions, 1973, are at home to St. Patricks, Cork, in one semi.

The all-Ireland champions, North Presentation, Convent, De La Salle, Hospital, are due to meet Presentation.

Meanwhile, the C.C.I.A. League is making progress. In the Eastern Zone, University College, Dublin, defeated Carysfort Training ZCollege last Saturday.

St. Marys, who lost to Ulster Polytechnic, took the points from N.U.U. to remain in a good position behind the leaders, Polytech.

St. Patricks Training ZCollege, the holders, who have to find almost a completely new team, are down to play University College, in Belfield, next Saturday. St. Pat's organiser, Mary Devine, is pleased with the number of freshers who have joined the club and hopes to build a useful side.

REGROUPING FOR PURCELL CUP TIE

AFTER a busy weekend for their respective Freshers, who were engaged in the annual seven-a-side tournament, at Belfield, the third level colleges are active again this weekend when the preliminary round of the Purcell Cup is arranged for three venues today. Northern Ireland Polytechnic, the holders, travel the long road to Limerick where they play Mary Immaculate Teacher Training College.

St. Pats T.T. College, Drumcondra, are hosts to Regional Technical College Cork, who are newcomers to the competition. The third game listed is between St. Marys, Belfast, and Regional College, Carlow. The latter is a doubtful fixture as Carlow may not be able to travel. The host colleges, Thomond College/NIHE, for the semi-finals and final on January 24 and 25 have a bye to the semi-finals.

The Freshers seven-a-side in which ten colleges took part was very closely contested and from the closeness of the scorelines the competition in Saturday's quarter finals must be very keen. The final between Thomons/NIHE and Ulster Polytechnic was a very exciting game which Thomond/NIHE won by the narrowest of margins to bring the first CCIA title to Thomond campus.

GOOD PROGRESS

In the second level sector, all provinces reported good progress at the annual general meeting, with the current year's competitions well advanced. Munster is nearing the deciders in their senior and junior championships. St. Patricks, Cork, who are already in the senior final are engaged with St. Josephs, Tualla, in one of the junior semi-finals and Mercv Macroom play Presentation de La Salle, Hospital, in the second semi-final.

Ulster, Leinster and Connaught, who run out their competitions on a league system in zones, expect the sectional winners to be known before Christmas. The winners play off a championship after the Christmas recess. The All-Ireland semi-finals will be played in February.

Loreto College, Letterkenny, has won out three of the four places in the two Donegal zones and are in the final of the fourth, against Vocational Raphoe.

The Junior National League has now reached the half-way stage with each of the fifteen teams participating having played two games. Donegal defeated Mayo and Kildare took the points from Waterford last Sunday to complete the pre-Christmas fixture list.

The position now is that Louth are unbeaten in section A, Tyrone and Cavan have full points in Section C and Kildare, the runners-up last year, are the leaders in Section A.

LEAGUE TABLE

A—Kildare 4, Carlow 3, Waterford 2, Offaly 1, Kerry 0.
B—Louth 4, Armagh 2, Monaghan 2, Wicklow 2, Meath 0.

C—Cavan 4, Tyrone 3, Donegal 2, Mayo 0, Roscommon 0.

The second half will be played after Christmas.



• The Kilkenny Senior National League Champions 1980. They are left to right (back row) Jo Dunne, Ann Downey, Liz Neary, Helena O'Neill, Majella O'Neill, Mary Purcell, Peggy Muldowney. Left to right (front row) Breda Coonan, Ann Holden, Mary Fennelly, Angela Downey, Bridie Martin, Teresa O'Neill, Mary Canavan, Margaret Farrell.

Killeagh girls title

Killeagh 2-7, Eire Og 1-4.

Killeagh became the first winners of the new Munster Senior League when at Ballinlough yesterday after a most exciting tussle with old rivals Eire Og, they emerged as 2-7 to 1-4 winners. But Killeagh, on the crest of a wave this season, with first time wins in the Cork County, Munster and All-Ireland Club Championships to their credit, had to fight for this latest title.

Eire Og had the better of things in the first half, and were ahead at the interval by 1-2 to 0-2.

However, two dramatic goals in as many minutes just after the interval put Killeagh into this game with a bang, the first bringing them equality and the second the lead. From then on it was a marvellous game with plenty of excitement, doubts about the eventual destination of the trophy, plenty of top class camogie, and thankfully none of the aggravation which marred the last meeting between these two top sides.

In the end Killeagh, who had their best players in Marie O'Donovan, a tower of

strength in defence, Ann Marie Landers superb around the centrefield, and opportunists Marion Sweeney and Pat Moloney, proved the fitter side and were worthy winners of this new Senior club trophy.

Young Clare Kelleher had a marvellous first half for Eire Og.

Scorers: Killeagh: M Sweeney 1-2, P. Moloney 0-3, A. Leahy 1-0, A. M. Landers and B. Joyce 0-1 each.

Eire Og: C. Kelleher 1-2. Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, C. Landers, B. Landers, A. M. Landers, B. Kirby, P. Moloney, B. Joyce, M. Sweeney, P. Keniry, A. Leahy.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, M. Higgins, E. Dineen, M. O'Donovan, M. Geaney, Noelle O'Driscoll, Nancy O'Driscoll, E. Galvin, N. McCarthy.

A. Brennan, M. Twomey, C. Kelleher. Subs: J. Shannon for N. McCarthy; S. O'Brien for M. Twomey.



Killeagh centre-back Catherine Landers is well and truly tackled by three Eire Og forwards as she swings her stick in an attempt to clear from danger during the Munster senior camogie league final at Ballinlough, Cork, yesterday.

(Picture: Denis Minihane)

Douglas bridge gap

Douglas 2-2, Ballinora 2-1

After a lapse of 30 years, Douglas won their first camogie trophy at Ballinlough yesterday when they defeated Ballinora by a single point, to take the junior B championship title.

Played before a large attendance it was excitement all the way as Douglas, defeated finalists last season, and Ballinora playing in their first final, served up a feast of camogie, with Douglas just edging it.

Shirley Harris, Carmel

Carroll and Liz Lynch were Douglas' scorers while Ballinora had their leading player in Margaret Murphy.

St. Patrick's, Cork are through to both Munster Colleges finals. Already in the senior final, they qualified for the junior competition on Saturday when they defeated St. Joseph's, Tulla 2-2 to 1-0. They now go on to meet Presentation De La Salle, Hospital who had a two point win over Mercy, Macroom in the second semi-final on Saturday.



Regional girls have displayed promise

By MARK WOODS

TWO months ago Regional College Cork formed a camogie club, decided to try their luck at a competitive level and the team was entered for the Higher Education competition known as the Padraig Purséal Cup, in honour of the late GAA writer.

In the first round of this year's competition the Cork girls were drawn away to St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, holders for the past two seasons, and what was expected to be a very tough assignment for the newcomers resulted in one of the greatest upsets for many years in camogie circles. Cork RTC came away with a goal to spare on a scoreline of 2-2 to 1-2 after an exciting game.

That result at Santry leaves the outcome of this year's competition wide open and the Cork girls must have a great chance of

clinching victory. They are now through to the semi-finals which will be played, along with the final, in Limerick on the weekend of January 24, 25, 1981.

The officers of the club are: President, Denis Kiely; Chairperson, Regina O'Brien; Secretary, Liz Owens; Treasurer, Ger O'Donovan and committee members Patricia Bermingham, Mary Hannigan, Sheila O'Brien and Annette Walsh.

Coach to the team is Gemma Cadogan while the trainer is the well-known county and All-Star footballer Kevin Kehilly who trained the Cork senior hurlers to their three-in-a-row.

Picture shows Regional trainer, coach and squad: Liz Owens, Mary Hannigan, Patricia Bermingham, Annette Walsh, Regina O'Brien, Bernadette Collins, Patricia Corcoran, Ann O'Keefe, Margaret Casey, Marie McSweeney, Sheila Carey, Dolores Crowley, Ger O'Donovan and Sheila O'Brien.

Where have all the followers gone?

FALLING match attendances, three vacant seats on the Cork County Board and lack of support for functions is the price Cork camogie is paying for success on the playing fields.

According to County Board chairperson, Mary O'Callaghan, the past year was the most successful in the history of the county — on the playing fields.

But at the same time, attendance at Board meetings was very poor, interest in the CGD competitions was low, and this year Convention was faced with the unprecedented position of having three posts on the Co. Board without nominees. Is the price of success too high?, she asked.

Addressing delegates to the annual convention of the Cork Co. Board at Pairc Ui Chaoimh, Miss O'Callaghan said that in her very long association with Cork camogie there had always been keen interest in the Board, with three or four candidates for each post.

Now there was a lack of particular attention to underage players.

Miss Moran, President of the Association, thanked the Co. Board and all the clubs for their tremendous work during the year and paid a special tribute to the schools and clubs who paid particular attention to underage players.

Both Miss O'Callaghan and Miss Moran paid warm tributes to the outgoing officers Miss Rose O'Leary (vice-chairman), Miss Kay Dunne (treasurer) and Miss Christine Pinfield (secretary) before the election.

There was only one vote for a position on the Board with Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra), outgoing, defeating Miss Pat Moloney (Killeagh) by 29 votes to 15 for chairperson.

After the election delegates proposed Pat Moloney for the vice-chairperson post (for which there was no nominee) and she accepted.

Breda Landers (Killeagh) was the only nominee for

secretary and Mary Maher (Ballinlough) continues as registrar.

The position of treasurer proved the biggest stumbling block for Convention, but after a great deal of discussion Miriam Higgins of Eire Og agreed to fill the post.

Again, after some persuasion the position of PRO went to Mrs. Lil O'Sullivan and Anne Marie Aherne of Fr. O'Neill's accepted the office of fixtures secretary.

So, at the end of the day, Cork had a full Co. Board again, with the delegate to Munster Council for the coming year being Mary O'Callaghan, while Mary, together with Breda Landers and Rose O'Leary, will be delegates to Congress.

The County Selection Committees for the coming year were also elected and are:

Seniors: Sheila Spillane, Killeagh; Mary O'Callaghan, Inniscarra; Mary Nott and Anna Crotty, Glen Rovers plus a named selector from county champions, Killeagh.
Junior: Annette

O'Donovan, Glen Rovers; Betty Joyce, Killeagh; Mary O'Callaghan, Inniscarra, plus nominee from junior champions Aghabullogue and intermediate champions, Na Piar-saigh.

Under-18: Marie Ryan, Glen Rovers; Mary O'Callaghan, Inniscarra; Catherine Landers, Killeagh; Marion Sweeney, Killeagh; Mary McCarthy, Glen Rovers.

Under-16: Annette O'Donovan, Glen Rovers; Mary Nott, Glen Rovers; Mary O'Callaghan,

Inniscarra; Pat Moloney, Killeagh; Frances McCarthy, Blackrock.

There were a number of transfers discussed at Convention, with most of them being passed without incident. But Convention strongly opposed those of Cork junior county players Ger McCarthy (Nemo Rangers), and Clare McCarthy (Na Piar-saigh) both to Glen Rovers, as they felt it was not in the interest of camogie to see top class players leaving weaker clubs to go to strong clubs.

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Officers who presided at the Cork County camogie board convention at Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday (left to right)—Rose O'Leary, vice-chairperson, Christine Penfield, secretary; Mary O'Callaghan, chairperson; Kay Dunne, treasurer, and Mary Maher, registrar.

WOMEN RULE O.K.!!

THE old bugbear of male involvement in the Cork County Camogie Board came up again yesterday at the annual Convention held at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

Douglas submitted a motion that Bye Law No. 29 "that delegates and representatives and witnesses at objections be women, be abolished."

This motion was taken very seriously by the gathering with the President of the Association, Miss Mary Moran, the Cork Co. Board Chairperson, Miss Mary O'Callaghan, the outgoing Vice-Chairperson, Rose O'Leary, as well as many delegates, speaking out very strongly against the Douglas motion and when it came to a vote only the three Douglas representatives were in favour. And this must surely indicate the very strong feeling in Cork about keeping the running of the County Board in the hands of women.

There were a number of motions on referees. One which succeeded asked that each club shall nominate at least one referee in each grade in which they have a team, while another successful motion asked that the Registrar shall, in addition to her normal duties, keep a list of all matches arranged by the Co. Board and the clubs nominated to referee, and at the first Board

meeting of every month she shall present an up-to-date list of outstanding referees' reports.

Because of the backlog of fixtures, the Douglas call for the abolition of the 1980 Under-18 League was carried, while a call from St. Fanahans that neutral venues be selected for championship semi-finals and finals and for League finals in all grades, if possible, was also passed. A St. Fanahans motion for enclosed pitches for Junior A and B Championships was also carried, but again only with the "if possible" addition.

Killeagh had two motions passed. The first asked that the winners of the Cork Under-16 Championship should have a representative on the Cork Under-16 (minor) selection committee the following year, while the second called for the introduction of an under-18 championship in 1981.

Among the defeated motions was a call from Old Aloysians to have the senior grade divided into two sections, Senior A and B, while a St. Finbarr's motion "that referees appointed for finals supply their own lineswomen and umpires also went. A number of other motions on referees were also defeated mainly because they looked for a suspension in default.

In all the motions provoked plenty of discussion with delegates showing keen interest in each one.

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Record Year For Cork

CAMOGIE begins its winter break this coming weekend and there will be no fixtures for the next couple of weeks. So this must be a good time to reflect on the most successful year in county's history — 1980.

Cork made camogie history in 1980 by taking no less than five All-Ireland titles.

It began in the spring when North Presentation brought the All-Ireland Colleges senior title to Cork for the first time in their history. The North Pres. girls had a marvellous run in the competition with Martha Kearney, Imelda Cronin, their captain, Clare McCarthy, and Sandy Fitzgibbon being their leading lights.

Then it was the turn of the Cork minors to add the second All-Ireland crown when they had a marvellous

weekend at Crosskeys, Co. Cavan, winning their semi-final on the Saturday and the final on the Sunday in most impressive fashion. And it was a most memorable weekend for Ann Currid who won the "Player of the Tournament" title for her brilliant displays in both games.

The next big day came in Croke Park on the second Sunday in September, when Cork had teams in both junior and senior finals.

For the juniors it was to be the ultimate reward for three years of dedicated involvement — they were defeated finalists in 1978 and 1979 as they took the junior title at the expense of Tyrone after a marvellous game. On that day Clare Kelleher, Noelle O'Driscoll, Ann Delaney and Helena Fox were outstanding for the juniors.

But an anti-climax was to follow for the Leesiders, as Limerick, unfancied before the game, turned on a marvellous performance and even the most ardent Cork followers felt that Cork were a little lucky to draw this highly dramatic final — even though it was Limerick who snatched a last gasp equaliser.

So Cork had to go back to Croke Park for a replay and this time it looked as if they might be without star forward Pat Moloney on holidays in the U.S. However, Pat was flown home for the game and Cork went on to record their fourth All-Ireland win of the season, with the aid of top class performances from Catherine Landers, Martha Kearney, Pat Moloney, and Patricia Riordan.

To win two All-Irelands in one year was only ever achieved by one county — Cork, and now they have set up yet another all time record by taking four.

But the icing on the cake was yet to come as County Champions Killeagh set out for yet another All-Ireland crown — the All-Ireland Club Championship. In spite of Cork's marvellous successes in the seventies no Cork club had managed to take this elusive title. But Killeagh swept through Munster and on to the All-Ireland semi-final without too much difficulty. Then with a win over Oranmore it was on to the final against the holders. And on a great day for East Cork and particularly for the Killeagh Camogie Club, they defeated the illustrious Buffers Alley to bring an incredible fifth national title to Cork. Marie Costine, Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney, Catherine and Ann Marie Landers, Pat Fitzgibbon, Ann Leahy, and Breda Landers, all played major roles in Killeagh's historic win, which put Cork camogie on a pinnacle of success never achieved before and hardly likely to be emulated in the future — unless by Cork of course.

And finally on a personality note, Clare McCarthy of North Presentation won no less than four All-Ireland medals in 1980. She was goalie on the North Presentation, Cork minor and junior teams and reserve for the senior side — yet another record for Cork camogie.

Jo's plan for development

THE DRAW for the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship (Open Draw) was made last week-end at the Ard Choiste meeting and eleven counties again are taking part in the premier competition.

Preliminary Round — A, Derry v Down; B, Antrim v Cork; C, Limerick v Tipperary.

1st Round — D, C v Kilkenny; E, Clare v Galway; F, B v Dublin; G, Wexford v A.

Semi-final — G v D; E v F.

The same eleven counties will participate in the Senior National League which will commence in March and will be played out in three zones.

Since there are only three teams in Zone A, it was decided that the teams in that section should play out a double round.

The following is a breakdown of the Zones — A, Kilkenny, Wexford, Cork; B, Galway, Clare, Tipperary, Limerick; C, Dublin, Derry, Down, Antrim. Semi-finals, B v C.

The County Boards have by now received Miss Jo Golden's Plan for the Development of the Association.

In the first Phase of the Plan the Development Officer requests each County Board to make an assessment of the situation in their respective counties and invites the Boards to formulate their theories on the approach needed.

Miss Golden suggests that the work should be undertaken in four stages:

1. The Appointment of an Development Committee;

2. That the Committee look at their county under a suggested thirteen headings and an

invitation to add other ideas of their own;

3. That the Committee draw up a development programme dealing with every aspect of that organisation;

4. That the Programme be implemented in the manner suggested by the Committee.

The Development Officer has offered her help to the County Committees at each stage of the Development.

Ard Choiste announced a fund raising draw at last week's meeting. Cumann Camogaochta na nGael and Cumann Iuthcheas Gael has reached an agreement in relation to participation of Camogie Clubs in the Ceannaras and National Camogie Development Funds.

Those who participate will have an opportunity to be included in four separate draws for attractive prizes.

The first draw is on January 31 and they continue at intervals until September.

The following were elected at the annual convention of Co. Monaghan Camogie Board. Chairperson Bernadette Byrne (Castleblayney), vice chairperson, Alice McMahon (Castleblayney), secretary, Pauline Rooney (Cremartin), treasurer, Mary Conlon (Carrickmacross), registrar, Monica McMahon (Monaghan), Ulster Council delegates, Alice McMahon, congress delegate, Monica McMahon, PRO, Jim Gallagher (Knocktailon).

CAMOGIE All-Ireland Championships Finals

Senior: September 14: Cork 2-7; Limerick 3-4. Draw. September 28: Cork 1-8; Limerick 2-2. Replay.

Junior: September 14: Cork 4-4; Tyrone 1-4.

Minor: August 31: Crosskeys, Cavan: Cork 5-5; Cavan 0-2.

Semi-Finals

Senior: August 17: Blackrock, Cork: Cork 5-8; Dublin 3-4. Ballyagran, Limerick 4-3; Kilkenny 2-6.

Junior: August 10: Castlegar: Cork 5-8; Galway 1-2. Tyrone: Tyrone 2-7; Louth 2-1.

Senior Championship to Semi-Finals

June 8: Mobhi Road, Dublin. Dublin 2-9; Clare 2-4. Adare: Limerick 2-7; Down 0-7. June 15: Pairc Ui Chaoimh: Cork 5-10; Antrim 0-1; Monamolin: Wexford; Kilkenny 4-11; Wexford 1-1.

July 13: Russell Park, Dublin: Dublin 1-5; Tipperary 0-5. July 20: Kilkenny: Kilkenny 4-10; Galway 1-6. July 27: Swatragh: Limerick 5-8; Derry 1-1.

National League Final Division I

June 29: Roscrea: Kilkenny 3-8; Tipperary 1-3.

Final Division II

May 11: Cappagh: Armagh 2-5; Kildare 2-3.

Gael-Linn Interprovincials Finals

Senior: November 2: St. John's Park, Kilkenny: Munster 2-5; Leinster 2-1.

Junior: November 2: St. John's Park, Kilkenny: Munster 1-9; Leinster 3-2.

Semi-Finals

Senior: October 12: Roscrea: Munster 4-8; Ulster 0-2. Castlegar: Leinster 6-7; Connacht 1-4.

Junior: October 12: Roscrea: Munster 7-14; Ulster 1-5. Castlegar: Leinster 10-7; Connacht 0-1.

All-Ireland Club Championships Final

Senior: November 9: St. John's Park, Kilkenny: Killeagh, Cork, 4-2; Buffer's Alley, Wexford, 1-7.

Semi-Finals

October 20: Russell Park, Dublin: Buffer's Alley, Wexford, 2-8; Kilkee, Down, 0-3. Ballagoran: Killeagh, Cork, 4-8, Oranmore, Galway, 2-1.

Representative Game

April 20: Santry, Dublin: Combined Universities 2-10; Combined Colleges 2-0.

Ashbourne Cup (Universities' Championship)

FINAL: February 11: Belfield, Dublin: U.C. Dublin 3-4; U.C. Galway, 3-1.

SEMI-FINALS: February 10: Belfield: U.C. Dublin 2-4; Queen's Belfast, 2-1. U.C. Galway 3-3; Maynooth 0-3.

C.C.I.A. League

FINAL: March 16: Santry, Dublin: St. Patrick's, Dublin, 4-1; U.C. Galway 2-2.

SEMI-FINALS: March 9: Dublin: U.C. Galway 5-3; U.C. Dublin 4-2. St. Patrick's, Dublin, 6-5; Ulster Polytechnic 2-3.

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All-Ireland Junior Colleges' Champions

MARYFIELD
COLLEGE,
MARINO



Winners of the 1980n Junior Colleges' All-Ireland Championship. Back row (left to right); Helen Baxter, Ann Gilligan, Adrienne Hogan, Orla Courtney, Sinéad Power, Denise O'Leary, Anne Byrne, Susanne Hall. Front row (left to right); Gillian Sheehan, Gerry Mallan, Ann Beirne, Siobhán Bryson, Tricia Clinton, Carmel O'Brien and Ailish Williams.

Good years in store for Dublin camogie

By Una Bean Uí Phuirséil

TWO All-Ireland titles at the under-age levels sum up the National honours that came to Dublin from their participation in Camogie at all levels in 1980.

Woodville retained the Feile na nGael title at Galway, an honour unequalled by any club previously and Maryfield College won the Post Primary Junior All-Ireland title.

This was the first time that an All-Ireland Post Primary title was won by a Dublin school and to add to this, Assumption Convent, Walkinstown were runners-up in the All-Ireland Senior Post-Primary Championship. It was a very good year for the Dublin Schools with all the Leinster Colleges Competitions being monopolised by Dublin. The Minor grade title went to St. John of God, Kilmore and Presentation Terenure won the Senior B.

Surely all this augurs well for the

future of the game in the Metropolis.

Looking back to this time last year, the 1979 Senior National League was not completed. As reported then, Dublin were unbeaten and they went on to successfully conclude their matches and take the A.I.B. Cup and trophies by defeating Limerick in the Final.

The oldest club in Dublin, University College, regained the Ashbourne Cup after a lapse of ten years, much to the joy of the late Dr. J. J. Stuart, who passed away only one month later. Dr. Stuart, ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis, was a regular supporter of Dublin Camogie matches and was always prepared to attend to anyone who was injured.

The 1980 Senior National League got under way and Dublin were highly successful. They defeated all the teams in their own zone and drew with Tipperary in the semi-

final but lost the replay.

However, they were still involved in the Championship and gained revenge on Tipperary by scoring a deserved victory over the Premier county girls to reach the semi-final against Cork.

Fancied to qualify for the All-Ireland final in the semi-final against Cork, they were decisively beaten on the scoreboard by the new All-Ireland champions.

The Minor team won out the Leinster title again this year but they lost to Cavan in the semi-final after a marvellous game at Crosskeys.

Dublin hosted the Ceol Caint agus Damhsa Talent Competition again this year. The only winners in the competitions for Dublin were Naomh Aoife who proved best in the Question Time.

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Two more Clubs have amalgamated with G.A.A. clubs and this brings more than half the Camogie clubs in the Dublin Board area under the umbrella of the other Gaelic clubs in their Community. Cuchulainn has joined up with Crumlin and Naomh Aoife has gone in with St. Michael and John's. The Board has recently gained two new clubs Naomh Barróg and St. Josephs, East Wall, which were started by their Gaelic clubs.

The Primary Schools Board are continuing to make progress. More schools are starting the game at this level which is a most desirable development.

The Kilmacud-Crokes Sevens was as popular as ever this year. The holders, St. Pauls, Kilkenny were lucky to survive against Buffers Alley, Wexford.

The Board, hoping to increase the number of referees, organised four Courses in the North, South, East and West of the City, some were well attended but although some new referees have come forward many

more are needed to cope with the hundreds of games played during the season.

About twenty competitions are run off each year. Austin Stacks, who held a very enjoyable function to celebrate their 50th Anniversary, had good cause to be happy. They regained the Championship and League titles from Celtic.

The full list of winners are:
Championship and League —
AUSTIN STACKS.

Inter A Championship — ERIN'S ISLE.

Inter A League — MARINO.
Inter B League & Championship —
CELTIC.

Jun A League & Championship —
AN CAISLEAN.

Junior B Championship — KILMORE.

Junior B League — PRESENTATION.

Junior C I League & Championship —
SCOIL UI CONAILL.

Junior C II League & Championship —
NAOMH PADRAIG/
BAILE PALMER

JUVENILES:-

U-11 Championship — MARINO.

U-11 League — WOODVILLE.

U-12 Championship — MARINO.

U-12 League — ST. JOSEPHS.

U-13 Championship & League — AN
CAISLEAN.

U-14 Championship — MARINO.

U-14 League — WOODVILLE.

Feile na nGael U-14 — WOODVILLE.

The most exciting day at the Park during the season was the under 11 Blitz in which over 300 players participated.

It was a good year for Camogie in Dublin.

SPECULATING ABOUT 'STARS'

By TAOBH LINE

THE PRACTICE of naming Camogie "Stars of the Year" is quite an innovation. The most coveted of such awards is the B+I Award of the year. Usually this presentation is held in January, but it will not be made this year until February. So naturally there is a great deal of speculation as to who will win the honour.

Up to the present since this award was introduced in 1974 a member of the All-Ireland Senior Champions team has been named. For the record the lucky winners to date have been: 1974—Helena O'Neill (Kilkenny); 1975—Bridget Doyle (Wexford); 1976—Angela Donney (Kilkenny); 1977—Bridie Martin (Kilkenny); 1978 — Pat Moloney (Cork); 1979 — Mairaid McAtamney (Antrim).

Wexford departed from the usual selection this year and they named a former player, Mary Dinan (nee Sinnott) as their choice. Mary is also a star badminton player.

I am sure there are other 1980 Camogie stars, but I have not yet received the names of those lucky players and we must wait for another month also for the winner of the B. & I. Award.

Four Cork players have already been named as Camogie Stars. Mary Geaney, who was the captain of the Senior Champions, was among the Sports Stars which Jury's Hotel named. Marion McCarthy, the goalie who this year won her sixth All-Ireland medal in a decade, has been the choice of Irish and European Holdings Ltd. Claire McCarthy who won four All-Ireland medals in 1980 is the choice for the A.I.B. Gaelic Stars Camogie Award.

Ann Currid, last August, won the Player of the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland competition for her displays in the semi-finals and final in Crosskeys, Co. Cavan. Anne is heading for more glory with her school St. Patrick's, Cork, who are in the Munster Senior Final against Presentation, De La Salle Hospital, early next month.

MOST PROMINENT

Anne Downey, who was amongst the most prominent players in all Kilkenny's games in 1980 in which the county became the first to win the Senior National League Cup for the second time, has been elected the Sports Star in her native Kilkenny.

Anne is the twin sister of Angela who won the B. & I. Award in 1976 and if Angela is a great forward, Anne is an equally brilliant full-back.

Margaret Moriarty, who played brilliantly for Armagh in all their Junior National League games was the very popular Camogie Sports Star in the North.

Armagh became the first winners of the Junior National League last May in which they defeated a gallant Kildare team by a single goal after a most entertaining final in which the lead changed hands several times.

Maureen Maher, the right wing for Tipperary in the All-Ireland final of 1979 which they lost to Antrim, is the Premier County's 1980 Camogie Star.

Camogie: ANNE MARIE LANDERS, Killeagh, had a hectic year's competition, helping her club to be the first Cork team to win the All-Ireland senior inter-club championship. She played a significant part in Killeagh's senior league and championship double and she collected Munster senior medals in league and championship and she played on the Munster junior team which won the Gael Linn Cup.

CAMOGIE STAR



Cork Sports Stars

TWO of the sports personalities honoured in the inaugural Irish and European Cork Allstars last year have been chosen again this year. They are John Joe O'Neill who won the English National Hunt title again this year and Denis Lynch whose greyhound Knockrour Slane established a new record of 29 seconds at the Cork track.

Receiving the Hall of Fame award this year is Dave Guiney the Irish shot putt champion over a span of six years, 1946-52 and he will be presented with his award, by last year's Hall of Fame recipient, Mr. Jack Lynch T.D., along with the other award winners at a banquet in De Lacey House on January 23 next.

In Gaelic games, Nemo Rangers Denis Allen receives the award for football and Middleton's John Fenton is honoured for hurling.

Irish high jump record holder Dave Murray receives the award for athletics, Bill Daly is honoured for his many fine achievements in international bowl playing tournaments while sixteen year old John McHenry is honoured for his outstanding success on the golfing circuits.

International player Ian O'Keeffe takes the award for hockey and Cathy Dunne who won a Bronze medal at the Olympic Games for the Disabled is also honoured.

Denis Foley, for his feat in winning the Irish

Schoolboys Sculling championship, and Kieran O'Regan for his great prowess on the soccer field, are both honoured with youth awards while a special award goes to Noel Duggan who has contributed so much in the world of equestrian sports.

Athletics: Dave Murray
Bowling: Bill Daly
Camogie: Marian McCarthy.

Disabled Sport: Cathy Dunne

Gaelic Football: Denis Allen

Greyhound Racing: Denis Lynch

Golf: John McHenry

Hockey: Ian O'Keeffe

Horse Racing: John Joe O'Neill

Hurling: John Fenton

Youth Award: Denis Foley (Rowing); Kieran



Marian McCarthy.

O'Regan (Soccer)
Special Award: Noel C. Duggan (Equestrian)
Hall of Fame: Dave Guiney

MUNSTER YOUTH SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS: Denis Finnerty, Nenagh A.C.
BASKETBALL: Bernice Dowling, Moyderwell Secondary School, Tralee.
CAMOGIE: Ann Marie Lander, Killeagh.
GAELIC FOOTBALL: Dave Barry, St. Finbarrs.
GOLF: Bridget Gleeson, Killarney.
HURLING: Ger Cunningham, St. Finbarrs.
JUDO: Fainche Ryan, St. John's Secondary School, Tralee.
PITCH AND PUTT: Ann Ginnane, St. Anns, Cork.
ROWING: Barry Smith, St. Michael's R.C., Limerick.
SOCCER: Finbarr Hogan, Ballincollig.

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CORK GIRLS ACHIEVE GRAND SLAM

SENIOR, JUNIOR AND MINOR VICTORIES

By Mary Moran

DREAMS became reality for Cork camogie players in 1980. A "Grand Slam" of All-Ireland titles — senior, junior and minor — came to the Leeside. Records were broken, new ones created and exciting young players stepped into the inter-county arena.

The new year dawned with Cork's administration team showing many different faces. Inniscarra's Mary O'Callaghan sat in the driving seat with the experienced Rose O'Leary as co-pilot. Well-known Kay Dunne filled the Treasurer's post. Inter-county players, Christine Pinfield and Mary Maher slotted into the Secretary's and Registrar's roles respectively. Only long serving P.R.O., Joan Morley, retained her position.

North Presentation were the first to set the season alight. They accounted for Mount Mercy, Hospital and Scoil Pol before taking the Munster senior colleges crown in a thrilling encounter with St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, at Paire Uí Chaoimh. They made the long trek to Coothill where they outclassed the local St. Aidan's Comprehensive School 2-9 to nil. A superb performance by North Pres

in Croke Park brought Corn Scelig to Cork for the second time. Assumption School, Walkinstown were on the receiving end by 4-7 to 1-1. Displaying style and talent above their tender years, this polished outfit was excellently coached by Fr. Michael O'Brien and trained by John O'Riordan.

Martha Kearney won rounds of applause with splendid ball control and general play. Captain Imelda Cronin, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Claire McCarthy, Paula Goggins and Paula Healy attracted complimentary comments from the crowd. The team which brought North Pres their first All-Ireland success was Claire McCarthy, Mary Owens, Lisa Corcoran, Imelda Cronin, captain, Tina O'Sullivan, Catriona Geasley, Frances Hurley, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Paula Healy, Martha Kearney, Sandra Twomey and Paula Goggins.

U.C.C. went down to Maynooth University in the preliminary round of the Ashbourne Cup. At the finals in Belfield, they won the Duthracht.

Night to Remember

Na Piarsaigh had a night to remember at the C.C.D. finals in



• Mary Geaney who led Cork to a twelfth senior All-Ireland title.

Ballymun. A musically-talented quartet of Irene O'Leary, Paula Martin, Angela O'Donovan and Paula Morgan sang their way to the Ballad Group title. 14-year-old Vivian Browne made the Recitation competition her own with a moving performance.

The side on which all schoolgirls long to find a place — the Munster colleges inter-provincial team — brushed aside the challenge of Ulster and Connacht, scoring 11-14 against 1-9 to retain their title. Seven Cork girls, Claire McCarthy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Imelda Cronin, Martha Kearney, Ger McCarthy, Claire Kelleher and Ann Currid featured on the final side. The colleges season was rounded off with St. Patrick's Secondary School taking the Munster Intermediate A League and North Pres adding the Munster colleges First Year competition and the Cork Schools League and Championship.

1980 also belonged to Killeagh. Early in the year they took the Under 16 championship but their long cherished ambition was to be realised at last. They applied themselves diligently to the necessary preparation work. The end result

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• The Cork senior team, All-Ireland Champions 1980. They are back row (left to right): Miriam Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll, Angela Higgins, Patricia Riordan, Pat Moloney, Mary O'Leary. Front Row (left to right): Catherine Landers, Marion McCarthy, Mary Geaney (Capt), Martha Kearney, Marion Sweeney and Clare Cronin.

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produced a side which left Eire Og, U.C.C. and Glen Rovers yards, goals and points behind. The Cork County Championship trophy rests in the East Cork village where the names Patricia Fitzgibbon, Marie O'Donovan, Mary Spillane, Breda Landers, Betty Joyce, Barbara Kirby, Ann-Marie Landers, Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney, Catherine Landers, Ann Leahy and Fidelma O'Connor will be remembered for many a day.

It was now Killeagh's turn to seek fame where their Cork predecessors failed. The All-Ireland Club Championship cup has never had a Cork home. Their initial outing produced a 5-9 to 1-1 victory over Ardkeen (Waterford). Betty Joyce proved the heroine of a 4-6 to 2-2 win over reigning Munster champions, Ballyagran. A facile 8-15 to 2-0 over Eire Og (Clare) gave Killeagh the Munster title and high hopes of a

good run in the All-Ireland series.

Under the guidance of Mary Nott, the Cork Minors set out in search of a hat-trick and their fifth All-Ireland minor crown in all. With seven of the 1979 panel available they faced Limerick in confident mood. Newcomers Claire Ronan and Colette Murphy were most impressive in Cork's 4-9 to 0-3 win. Ann Currid notched 4-3 in her side's 7-7 to 1-0 victory over Tipperary in the Munster Final.

Crosskeys, Co. Cavan was the setting for the All-Ireland semi-finals and final. Cork found the going tough against Galway but came through by 2-4 to nil. Cavan raised hopes of a home victory by defeating a fancied Dublin team 3-1 to 1-3. Backed by hundreds of supporters, Cavan looked good in the opening minutes. However, once Cork found their scoring touch, it was one-way traffic. A 5-5 to 0-2 win entered Sandie Fitz-

gibbon's name into the record books as the only player to hold three All-Ireland minor medals.

Outstanding Player

A beautiful Cavan Crystal trophy was presented to Ann Currid as the Player of the Championship. Ann's jinking, yet controlled, runs upfield to pick off some delightful scores were a pleasure to watch. Ann was closely pursued by Sandie Fitzgibbon, Joan Hyde, Colette Murphy, Patsy Keniry, Claire McCarthy and Claire Ronan before a final selection was made. The Cork team in the final was Claire McCarthy, Joan O'Riordan, Una O'Connor, Patsy Keniry, Ann Duggan, Sandie Fitzgibbon (Capt), Ann Currid, Joan Hyde, Mary Ann Horgan, Claire Ronan, Claire Higgins and Colette Murphy.

Defeated finalists in the last two

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● The Cork Junior team, 1980 All-Ireland Champions. They are back row (left to right): Noelle O'Driscoll, Christine Pinfield, Helena Fox, Eileen Dineen, Regina O'Brien, Ger O'Donovan, Eileen Barrett. Front row (left to right) Ann Delaney, Claire McCarthy, Joan O'Sullivan, Betty Joyce (Capt), Claire Kelleher, Ger McCarthy, Lilian Zinkant, Ann Currid and Liz Lynch.

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All-Ireland Junior Championships. Cork introduced a number of new faces for their opening game with Limerick. Ger McCarthy, Noelle O'Driscoll, Claire Kelleher and Lilian Zinkant formed an effective forward line which totalled 5-5 against Limerick and 2-10 in the Clare game. In the Munster final, Cork struggled against a good Tipperary side in the first half but slowly took control after half-time to finish 5-6 to 0-1 in front. A poor pitch made Cork labour to a 5-8 to 1-2 victory over Galway in the semi-final.

Playing their first game outside Ulster, Tyrone were novel opponents in the final. Betty Joyce, Ann Delaney, Ger McCarthy, Noelle O'Driscoll and Claire McCarthy were in no mood for another slip-up and set about their task in a business-like way. Annette O'Donovan was happy to see her charges 4-4 to 1-4 ahead at the finish. Cork's second All-Ireland Junior title was won by Claire McCarthy, Regina O'Brien, Joan

O'Sullivan, Eileen Dineen, Liz Lynch, Ger McCarthy, Betty Joyce (Capt), Helena Fox, Lilian Zinkant, Ann Delaney, Claire Kelleher and Noelle O'Driscoll.

A four point win over Tipperary and 2-7 to 0-2 to spare over Limerick gave Cork their 30th Munster Senior



● Collette Murphy a goal-scoring member of the Cork Minor team.

Championship title. The new National League set-up leaves no room for error. A two-point deficit in the Kilkenny game ended Cork's interest in the competition.

OPEN DRAW

The Open Draw brought Antrim, the reigning All-Ireland champions to Paire Uí Chaoimh. Sadly they were forced to line out without Mairead Magill, Jo McClements, Mairead Quinn, Kathleen Kelly and Kathleen McCaughey. The loss proved too great and Cork eased through by 5-10 to 0-1. With a reorganised defence in which Patricia Riordan reverted to full-back to fill the void created by the retirement of Marie Costine, the returned Miriam Higgins slotted in at right back and school-leaver, Martha Kearney fell back to fill the left back position when Cork met Dublin. Cork were made to fight all the way before securing a place in the final. The cheering had hardly died down when news filtered through that Limerick had pipped

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Kilkenny to make it an all Munster affair at Croke Park.

Limerick won many admirers in Croke Park. They matched their more experienced opponents stroke for stroke. The scoreboard indicated 13 points each at the end of a thrilling encounter. The dry sod in the replay was more to Cork's liking. Enjoying a territorial advantage, Cork were seven points ahead entering the final stages. Goals from Helen Mulcaire and Geraldine O'Brien set the game alight but Cork held out in a breathtaking finish. The team which brought the twelfth senior All-Ireland to Cork was Marion McCarthy, Patricia Riordan, Miriam Higgins, Catherine Landers, Martha Kearney, Clare Cronin, Angela Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney and Mary Geaney (Capt).

Pat Moloney and Marion McCarthy joined former star, Lil Kirby on the six All-Ireland senior medals mark — the highest number outside Dublin. Young Claire McCarthy partook in all All-Ireland victories accumulating a record haul of four medals. A season which witnessed the appointment of Jo Golden as camogie's first full-time officer and the retirement of Lily Spence who will linger sweetly in the memories of Cork fans.

GOLDEN JACKPOT FOR CORK

BY MAIRE NI CHEALLAIGH

This is the time of the year when we all sit back to evaluate the work that has been done during the year which is now drawing to a close. It was a pretty hectic year, which ushered in the new decade on the Camogie fields. There is, however, no doubt about the county which stole the limelight this year — Cork. Congratulations are due to them for the tremendous success they enjoyed this year and every other county must be looking enviously at their great trophy collection now.

But, as well as envy towards them many will admire their achievement and try to learn something from their efforts. Over the years, there has been great competition at schools' level in Cork and their first title this year was the Colleges' title which was won by North Presentation Convent when they beat Walkinstown of Dublin in the final. This was an excellent school team and many of their players were seen playing for the Cork teams in various grades later in the year.

This brings us to another aspect of the Cork team — their ability to bring in new, young players like Martha Kearney, who was a member of the North Presentation team, to join more experienced players like Pat Moloney and Marion McCarthy, who this year equalled the record for a Cork star by winning their sixth All-Ireland medal. It is very difficult for a team manager to know when to drop players who have served the county well but who seem to have lost form.

Cork have managed to have a gradual turnover of players and to achieve a winning blend of youth and experience. They don't miss out a couple of years through team building. It is a continuous process, which is the way it should be.

They also have a number of good players on the fringe of the team threatening the established players and keeping them on their toes. This kind of competition is healthy. Cork showed clearly this year just how deep a pool of

talent they have when they made a clean sweep of the Senior Junior and Minor All-Ireland titles.

It was the 12th Senior title for the Cork girls, who maintained the high standard they set themselves in the seventies. This was a great overall team effort and it took the best that the Cork girls could produce to overcome the stubborn resistance of the Limerick team who came back with great determination in both the drawn match and the replay.

Some of the players who were rather subdued in the drawn match were outstanding in the replay. This is a great strength in any team — to have any of its players capable of shining at any particular time. Cork and Mary O'Leary in particular, showed great flair in picking off their points from all angles and distances. This in the end was the difference between them and their opponents.

Third year in a row

Cork won the Junior title by defeating Tyrone. Cork were beaten in the Junior final last year by Galway and the previous year by Derry. So, it was third lucky for these girls. The Cork minors also made their own bit of history by winning the All-Ireland title for the third year in a row, the first occasion that this was achieved by any team.

Seven of the Cork team were winning their second successive medal. One girl in particular will remember 1980 with fondness. She is Claire McCarthy who won an All-Ireland Colleges medal in April, a Minor medal in August and Junior medal in September and a Senior medal as a sub. after the Senior replay. She was also named Junior player of the year. Anybody who aims to equal that has her work cut out for her. She surely has a great career before her.

In the year dominated by Cork there was also other interesting developments. Limerick contested the Senior final for the first time having moved up from the Junior ranks in 1977. They proved themselves more than able to cope with Cork. They have players of



Skillstars camogie team pictured at the 1980 Feile na nGael National Finals in Galway. Sponsored from its inception by the Bottlers of Coca-Cola, Feile na nGael was 10 years old this year and attracted the greatest participation in its history.



Betty Joyce, Killeagh, who captained the Cork Junior Camogie team, with the Cup at Killeagh G.A.A. Dinner in the Hilltop Hotel, Youghal.



Mary Moran, President, Camogie Association of Ireland presents club award to Marie O'Donovan, a member of Killeagh All-Ireland winning team.

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Cork-v-Limerick: Martha Kearney (Cork) gets in a clearance despite the challenge of Ann O Sullivan.

great skill like Geraldine O'Brien and Helen Mulcaire. They showed great determination in coming from behind on both occasions. All they lacked was the ability to grab their chances. If they improve on their point taking they could win next year.

Tyrone also came to Croke Park for the first time and though they were rank outsiders they acquitted themselves very well. They were very skilful particularly at side line cuts and ground play. It was nice to see Cavan reach the Minor Final. It was a reward for all the work done at schools' level in recent years and augurs well for the future of the game in the county.

Dividing teams attention?

The National League was completed this year before the start of the Championship and it was won by Kilkenny who beat Tipperary in the final. The big shock of the Championship was the defeat of Kilkenny by Limerick in the All-Ireland semi-final. Tipperary, the beaten finalists were defeated by Dublin in the quarter final. This poses the question: Is the National League helping teams prepare for the Championship or is it dividing the attention of teams and have they not got that extra bit to give when it comes to the Championship? The concluding stages of the League take a lot out of the teams involved or so it would seem about it all. We get so few fine Sundays in Ireland that it is not easy to alter the match programme for the year that much.

This year's competitions were started with the Ashbourne Cup which was won by UCD for the first time since 1971. They defeated UCG in a close and tense final by three points in Belfield. The Gael Linn interprovincials took place after the All-Ireland. Both Senior and Junior competitions were contested by Munster and Leinster. The Munster Senior team was dominated by Cork and Limerick. Leinster was a Wexford, Kilkenny, Dublin combination. Both teams played the game to the highest standard and victory eventually went to Munster.

The year was brought to a close with the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship between the 1979 Champions Buffers Alley of Wexford and Killeagh, the Cork champions. Both teams were bristling with intercounty players and again the standard was very high. Victory went to the star-studded Cork team after a close struggle.

While what happens on the field is of great importance to all players progress was also made off the field and this will have a great effect on the development of the game. The appointment of a full time officer should enable the Association to meet the challenge of the eighties. The Association badly needed such an officer and the start of the new decade was a good time to get one.

It was good to see the Department of Education get involved and recognising the importance of the Association. More games than ever before were played. Intercounty players all have enough games to keep them going especially with the introduction of the National Junior League which was won by Armagh.

Club players in counties like Cork and Dublin also have a heavy programme of matches. But, in smaller counties with fewer clubs and long distances to travel players do not get a sufficient number of games. The situation needs to be improved if players are to improve their skill and if camogie is to be an important part of their life.

There are obvious difficulties like finance in trying to provide more matches but playing is the most important thing and must always be the priority.

As the game expands more officials and administrators are needed and of course, there are never enough of

those. That complaint is not unique to camogie, however. Every organisation dealing with young people has the same problem and none has overcome it. Camogie needs to examine its priorities to make sure its in a good position to meet the challenges it faces and that it meets the needs of its members.

My wish for 1981 is that the teams who train hardest and do most to improve their game will be the most successful teams and that counties which have been considered weak will continue to improve their organisation and the standard of their play. Athbhliain faoi mhaise dhibh go leir.

The record of winners in 1980 is as follows:

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Camogie

Star of the Year



CLAIRE McCARTHY

16 year old Claire carved a special niche for herself in the camogie record books this season. A pupil of North Presentation Secondary School, she helped her school to victory in the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools championship last spring.

With Cork, she won All-Ireland medals in minor, junior and senior grades in 1980. No other player in the country holds medals in all these grades – let alone to win them all in the same season.

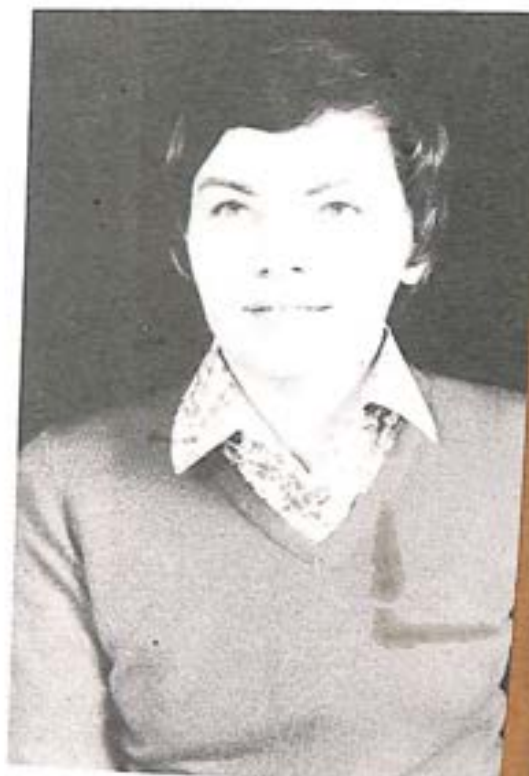
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Her position is in goal. Very few balls passed Claire in what was for her a hectic season.

She featured in goal also for the Munster Post Primary Schools team which won the Inter-provincial series.

She was selected to play for the Munster junior team but an injured finger forced her to step down. However, she re-joined the panel for the final and collected a Gael-Linn medal.

Claire plays for the Na Piar-saigh Club in Cork. Na Piar-saigh won the 1980 Cork intermediate championship and will line out in the senior ranks next season. She is still a student at North Presentation S.S.



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take to the stage, as the Munster finals of the C.C.D. competitions are to be held in Ruan, Co. Clare, on Sunday, beginning at 3 p.m.

These competitions began in Ulster as a means of keeping camogie players together during the bad winter months, and so successful were they that they have now become an important part of camogie activities throughout the country. The C.C.D.'s are run off first of all at county level, then provincial, and finally on to the national finals.

Recently Cork held their finals at Coachford and with keen interest shown by all the participants a very enjoyable evening's entertainment was provided. And the winners on the night won for themselves a place in the

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U.C.D. fancied to reach last four

THE INTERVARSITY and third level College Championships are as usual the first competitions to be completed. University College, Dublin, who won the Ashbourne Cup last year after a lapse of ten years, are called on two weeks early to defend their title.

The New University of Ulster are unable to field, due to examinations on the appointed date, January 31, so the first quarter-final will be played at Belfield tomorrow (2.0).

The only measure of College's teams, which can change so drastically from year to year, is the League, which starts in October and is played out in three zones embracing all affiliated Third level Colleges.

In this competition Coleraine have not been very successful in their Zone so the Belfield College, who have won the Eastern Zone unbeaten, appear to be the stronger side and should advance to the semi-final against University College, Galway. U.C.G. have got a walk-over from Trinity.

The postponed quarter-final of the Purcell Cup is also scheduled for tomorrow when Ulster Polytechnic play Mary Immaculate T.T. at the latter's venue.

Second level schools are also busy after the Christmas break. The Leinster Council meet at 51 Parnell Square on Saturday. The Zone finalists are now available and the draws will be made for the remaining games in the competition.

Walkinstown Assumption Convent, the Leinster senior champions and All-Ireland runners-up, have qualified in the Dublin Zone but they can expect strong opposition from such contenders as Presentation Kilkenny and Castlecomer.

HOLDERS FAIL

The Junior All-Ireland champions, Maryfield College, have lost their chance of holding on to their Leinster title as they have been beaten in their Dublin Zone by St. John of God Convent, Kilmore.

The surprising thing about that defeat for the champions is that they still had nine of their winning team available this year. So John of God School can have high hopes in the remainder of the competition.

Powered by the Feile na nGael Champions, Woodville, Kilmore and Cameron Park, they have outstanding players in Antoinette Kelly, the Skills runner-up at the Feile in Kilkenny in 1979, goalie Michelle Sleator, Lorraine Ormond, and Anne Cooper.

The council also plans to set up a committee to compile a

history of the council for inclusion in the Association's history.

St. Teresa's Camogie Club, Belfast, have won the Antrim County League. This is the only senior competition within the county in which all clubs participate as, because of long distances, the county is administered by two divisional Boards.

The championship is run off in divisions with the winners playing in the final. For many years now the Northern clubs, Portlennone and Creggan have been champions.

It is gratifying for such a long-standing member as Lily Spence that her club which has been so faithful to the game all through the troubles and trials of the past ten years has now reaped success from her dedication.

Shannon and Hospital must meet again

In a tough, uncompromising game, Shannon Comprehensive drew with The Convent, Hospital, Co. Limerick in the Munster Colleges camogie senior semi-final at Ruane on Saturday.

The Shannon girls opened the scoring when Jackie Garry had a goal after 10 minutes. Two minutes later Marie Cunningham goaled for Hospital and just before the half time whistle Martina Deegan sent Shannon into the lead with a point.

Hospital's second goal was scored by Jimmy English and in the last five minutes of play Clare Jones had a point for Shannon from a free and Lourda Fox another point from a 30. The replay will be played in Hospital at a date to be fixed and the winners will meet St. Patrick's, Cork, in the final.

the Cork camogie scene will be a quiet one again this coming weekend. But one game, to be played in Shannon, will have a particular interest for Cork school, St. Patrick's, as they are due to meet the winners of the Presentation De La

Salle and St. Patrick's (Shannon) clash in the Munster Senior Colleges final.

Big news on the Senior front is the Cork Co. Championship draw made recently which includes some interesting pairings.

St. Patrick's, Cork, have taken over the mantle of Cork's top Colleges side this season by reaching the Munster Senior Colleges final for the first time in their history. And they will anxiously await the result of the second semi-final clash between St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, and Presentation De La Salle, Hospital, which will be played at Shannon on tomorrow (Saturday). This should be a very keen contest between two excellent sides. The Hospital girls reached last year's Junior All Ireland final, and no doubt many of that side will be in action tomorrow, with Jenny English expected to be their big star.

For their part St. Patrick's, Shannon, will be remembered for their performance in reaching the Munster final again last year, where they were defeated by the star-studded North Presentation. Led by Clare Jones, they will be determined to reach the decider yet again so the game has all the ingredients of a thriller.

All Ireland Club Champions, Killeagh, would seem to have an easy first round tie in the Cork County Championship, as they begin the defence of their crown. They are paired against U.C.C., who must consider this a very tough draw indeed.

Last year's beaten finalists, and holders for three years before that, Eire Og, have a very different prospect, as they face the ever improving Glen Rovers side in what must be the pick of the early rounds.

Newcomers Na Piarsaigh, although they received a walk-over in the preliminary round, have a baptism of fire facing them in their first County appearance as they

meet the winners of Glen-Eire Og tie, who fields in only their senior season are some luckier as they meet side Muskerry.

Old Aloysians, who to field a side in the last season are back and they meet the Watergrasshill preliminary round the remaining draw meet the winners of Als tie in the first proper.

The full draw is:

Preliminary Round

A—Eire Og v. Glen Rovers
B—Watergrasshill v. Aloysians.

First Round

C—Sarsfields v. Muskerry
D—Imokilly v. winners
E—Killeagh v. U.C.C.
F—Winners A v. Na Piarsaigh.

Semi-finals—Winners E; Winners C v. F.

Congratulations go week to both McCarthy, who presented with the Star A.I.B. Award on last and to Ann Landers, who has won Camogie spot in the Youth Sports Star Award.

Ann Marie played a role in Killeagh's County Munster and All Ireland wins, and also won Interprovincial title with Munster Junior side. Clare made camogie history by becoming the first player to win four All Ireland medals in the same year.

Finally, the annual London on St. Patrick's weekend is in the again, and to facilitate the County Board that all clubs or individuals interested in travel should make contact with Board members immediately.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday) Shannon: M.S.C. v. Presentation De La Salle; Hospital, v. St. Patrick's Comprehensive School p.m.

SHORTAGE OF REFEREES HIGHLIGHTED

THE past year was a particularly good one for camogie in Munster with a welcoming levelling off in standards within the provinces as reflected in the senior grade, outgoing secretary Elthne Neville (Limerick) told delegates at the Munster Convention at Waterford yesterday. The attendance included the Association's national president Mary Moran (Cork).

Miss Neville paid special tribute to Cork who won the senior, junior, minor and club

championships. It was an outstanding achievement by any one county, she said. Cork also won the All-Ireland Senior final, narrowly beating Limerick who reached the decider for the first time. At interprovincial level Munster brought off the senior and junior double in the Gael-Linn competitions for the first time.

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chronic shortage of referees for club games. Players and ex-players could lighten the burden on the few if they made themselves available for refereeing she said.

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league competition this year. The outgoing officers were elected unopposed as follows; Chairperson, Carrie Clancy (Limerick); Vice-chairperson, Rose O'Leary (Cork); Treasurer, Mary Casey (Cork); Secretary, Elthne Ni Níadh (Limerick); Registrar, Carmel Moroney (Clare).

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KNOCKANEY, CO. LIMERICK PRIMARY SCHOOLS DIVISION I WINNERS FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEAR.
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BACK ROW: Left to Right — Very Rev. G. De Bhall, P.P., Elaine Ryan, Mrs. Mary Lillis, Mrs. B. Holland, Mrs. M. Reid and Mr. P. J. Kennedy, N.T.

Great Bid for All-Ireland Fails

"It can't be true" was the emotional reaction of the thrilled Limerick camp that sunny August afternoon in Ballyagran, as players and supporters savoured their thrilling win over league champions, Kilkenny, to qualify for the All-Ireland senior camogie final in Croke Park for the first time.

The cause of the joy and excitement wasn't hard to find. This win over a Kilkenny side which had won every honour in the game confirmed that our Limerick County team had reached a standard never before achieved. After all, it is only three or four years since basically the same panel was struggling to graduate from the Junior Inter-County Championship, and our three seasons of senior camogie has been marked more by consistency than brilliance.

We reached the National League Final in '78-'79, a good win over Dublin in the '79 championship left us into the All-Ireland semi-final but we disappointed against a far from brilliant

Tipperary. A poor run in the National League was far from encouraging, nor did a rather unconvincing win over Derry, in the quarter-final—the camogie championship is played on the "open draw" system. Incidentally, that game was played in Swatragh, Co. Derry, and the manner in which the home Co. Board presented the game was an eye-opener to us all—the "Failte," the preparation and flagging of the pitch, but the extras that create the atmosphere—the public address, to make announcements, the National Anthem, the National Flag.

But back to the game, in which Limerick "came of age." We went into the second half on level terms after playing with a stiff breeze, but how the girls showed their character, when the chips were down, the never-say-die spirit of our defence unruffled the Kilkenny attack led by the Great Angela Downey, while the skill of our midfield trio, and the

opportunism of our forwards did the rest.

There were many enthusiasts, who approached the confrontation with Cork with considerable anxiety. Were Limerick a "a flash in the pan"?

Would the pattern weaving Cork forwards be too fast to contain in the vast area of Croke Park? Would their experience, many of them bearing 6 All-Ireland medals, overawe our girls in their first All-Ireland?

Yes, our great Limerick girls provided an emphatic rejoinder to the sceptics, over two hard hours in Croke Park, as they pinned the Cork girls to their own "square" in the closing stages of both the final and re-play. Indeed, with a bit of luck, a snap shot which skimmed the upright would have provided the winner for us. Our girls were not helped by inconsistent refereeing which was very upsetting, but experience of the big occasion helped Cork to take an early lead in both games, but the



ALL-IRELAND ACTION

An elated Anne O'Sullivan (centre) after she had scored the equalising goal for Limerick in the closing minutes of the Camogie All-Ireland with colleagues Pauline McCarthy on her right, and Brid Stokes and Betty Conway on her left. Cork's outstanding backs Catherine Landers on left and Martha Kearney (right) look on in dismay.

fighting spirit of our girls right through both games in the face of adversity showed that we had a team of character and ability who promise to be "best in the land" in the not too distant future.

Let me parade the girls who did us proud. Helen Butler of Ballyagran, our goalkeeper of many seasons now, played her usual sound rather than spectacular game. Incidentally, she had become Mrs. Tommy Moynihan in the course of the All-Ireland series. Fronting her was Joan O'Shea, of the great Bruree camogie and hurling family. Despite a slight loss of pace, she had a fine season, her steadiness under pressure and her positional sense being a feature.

On her right was Vera Mackey, of great hurling tradition, whose performances did more than most to gain results. We have more spectacular players but none with the concentration and the tackling ability and the fitness to match which Vera possesses. How she blotted out Angela Downey and Cork's Pat Moloney, the two most feared forwards, speaks for itself. On the other wing we have Margie Neville-Dore, from the Alcan country of Ballysteen. Though married also in the middle of the campaign, she played with the dash and consistency that we have come to expect of her.

In the centre of our defence was Geraldine O'Brien, our captain, the backbone of the Ballyagran, Limerick and Munster defence for many seasons.

Perhaps she has played more spectacularly on other occasions, yet she was soundness personified in the All-Ireland.

Our midfield trio consisted of the youthful Helen Mulcair from Rathkeale. Her strong play and leng-

thy "wristy" striking were a feature of the final, and she was ably assisted by her team-mate in the Croagh-Kilfinny club, the solid, hard trying Knockaderry girl, Anne Sheehy, while No. 3 of the O'Brien sisters, Bernadette, long striding and crisp striking.

Our attack was led by Ballyagran's Pauline McCarthy. This strong, stylish player from Ballybricken is at last reaching the potential which we all felt she possessed, her freetaking also was immaculate.

At full-forward was the eager, hard-grafting Brid Stokes, native of Cappagh, a fine worker for the game in her club, Croagh-Kilfinny, and now in the autumn of a long career with the county.

On the right wing was Ballylanders girl, Anne O'Sullivan, just out of St. Patrick's School, Kilfinane, but with a temperament for the big occasion, no doubt helped by her badminton experience, at which game she has gained representative honours, and on the other wing was Castleconnell girl, Pauline Conway, effective with her first time striking and determination.

Then there was the long-serving Patrickswell girl, sweet striking Bridget Darcy-O'Brien, scorer of two goals against Kilkenny, and Elizabeth Hayes, the long striking Ballyagran defender cum forward; the Bruff girl now domiciled in Dublin was also a regular until the closing stages of the championship, and Martina O'Donoghue, the young Kilfinny girl who made a brief appearance in Croke Park, while other reserves were Helen Clifford and Elizabeth Moloney of Bruff and Helen Sheehy, Annie's sister, who was sub-goalkeeper, and is the present very efficient secretary to the County Board.

Well, it is one thing to have skilful and enthusiastic players enthusiastic

enough to travel at their own expense to training twice a week over many months—for some it was a round trip of 50 miles, but it would have been all in vain if they hadn't a motivator, a person who would blend the differing styles and personalities of the individual girls into a team, who would lead them to believe in themselves and convince them that they could beat any team, despite their reputation.

Limerick camogie is lucky to have that person in Carrie Gillane-Clancy, team manager and trainer and selector. It would take a separate article to do justice to this many sided personality. Only two years retired from the playing fields, which she adorned with the skill of her play over a period, which I venture to suggest, was little short of twenty-five years, with St. Joseph's and Patrickswell, and above all with Ahane, Limerick and Munster, she was the leading player of her time. Now chairman of the Munster Camogie Council, she still finds time to referee and to train her team. Her resilience in the face of disappointment and her ready wit and banter especially when tension is building up in the dressing room is an added bonus.

Mention too must be made of her fellow selectors, Paddy McCarthy, father of Pauline, and Margaret Naughton of Adare; some moves were less successful than others, but they acted with courage and impartiality all of the time.

After the All-Ireland re-play tears of disappointment were shed in plenty, and that in itself was an indication of the new found status of Limerick camogie. It's not enough to put up a good show. We knew that we could and should have been All-Ireland champions. Beidh la eile ag an bpa-orac!

Munster won the senior and junior Gael Linn titles.

Newtownshandrum: S. Curtin, T. O'Callaghan, E. Geary, B. Murphy, M. Curtin, M. McRory, M. Clifford, N. Morrissey, C. O'Mahony, N. O'Mahony, P. Biggane/Curtin, E. Murphy, A. O'Leary, N. Herlihy, I. Murphy.

Knockalney: B. Byrnes, M.
O'Reilly, S. Walsh, M.
O'Donovan, T. Carew, H.
McDonagh, C. Hennessy, B.
O'Brien, H. Keane, M.

Treasurer: Mr. Pat McCarthy.
Registrar and P.R.O.: Mrs. C. Greeveth.



PRESENTATION — DE LA SALLE, HOSPITAL, ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES JUNIOR FIN
BACK ROW: Left to Right — Pauline Guerin, Majella Quish, Josephine Murphy, Cora Moloney,
Cunningham, Annmarie Meaney, Ursula O'Neill, Teresa Byrne, Jennie English.
FRONT ROW: Left to Right — Elizabeth O'Grady, Helen O'Donoghue, Monica Hickey, Julie Cleary,
Joanne Muldoon, Mary Creaton.

SECOND AND third level Colleges provide the Camogie interest again this coming week-end. Queens University, Belfast, travel to Maynooth for the third quarter-final of the Ashbourne Cup. The home College may find the visitors a formidable side as they can still hold the majority of the side, which gave University College, Dublin, the holders, a close game last year.

Maynooth have no longer
this like, the Galway star,
available and she has been their
outstanding defender for the
past few years. However, they
are a real star in Angela
Donnelly of Kilkenny, who is
now doing an M.A. Degree.
Angela would

to add an Ashbourne Cup trophy to her fine collection of trophies. Marion Lynch

The Turley sisters, Sheila and Michelle and Paula, Margaret Connolly (Antrim) and Mary Henry (Derry) are among the Queen's stars.

MISSED CHANCE

The Munster Senior Schools semi-final last Saturday ended in a draw. St. Patrick's, Shannon, who had home venue may have missed their chance of reaching the final as they must travel to Presentation de la Salle, Hospital, for the replay. The score 1-3 to 2-0 is an indication of the closeness of the tie.

Leinster have still a big programme to get through. Last Saturday Kilmore Road, knocked out Blessington and Kilcock eliminated Castletown in the Preliminary round.

**CAMOGIE BY
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champions is expected in this game.

Three quarter final games will be decided on Saturday.

Kilmore Road travel to Kilkenny and Callan are at home to Clane. The fourth quarter-final will be played on the following Saturday when Thomastown entertain the winners of the Wexford-Dunlavin tie.

In Ulster St. Louis, Kilkeel play Bawnbay, Letterkenny "A" are at home to Caldys and St. Patrick's. Maghera entertain Raphoe in three of their senior quarter-finals.

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The final, which draw was a real throng struggle. In the period the combined Campus sire just de victory.

The Wexford men inaugurate a Provincial Championship was played at the Limerick Convention on Monday and the same day sent forward a motion for the Annual Congress, to enter the Junior League. At present the counties, who have entered the Senior League, are as follows:

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Thomond Venue For Purcell Cup

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE PURCELL CUP, the camogie championship for non-university third-level colleges, will be hosted by the combined colleges N.I.H.E.-Thomond on the Thomond Campus this week-end. The semi-finals are fixed for Saturday with the final on Sunday.

The holders, Northern Ireland Polytech, who were unable to fulfil the quarter-final fixture before Christmas, were accommodated by Mary Immaculate Teacher Training College, Limerick, to postpone the game until last Saturday. But the match was not played as an unfortunate and fatal accident on Thursday night, resulted in the death of one of the Belfast college's players, Isobel O'Neill, who took ill in the swimming pool and died later.

No firm decision has been made about that game yet. There is a possibility that it will be played tomorrow if Mary Immaculate agree, otherwise they go into the semi-final against Regional Tech., Cork. In the other semi-final St. Mary's, Belfast, meet N.I.H.E./Thomond.

Twelve schools qualified for the play-off games in the Leinster Post Primary Schools Championship and the draw is: **PRELIMINARY ROUND,** Jan. 24—Blessington v. John of God, Kilmore (A); Jan. 31—Dunlavin v. Walkinstown (B); Jan. 24—Castletown v. Kilcock (C).

Quarter Finals, Feb. 7—Thomastown v B (D); Jan. 31 or Feb. 1—A v C (E); Jan. 31—Wicklow v Kilkenny (F); Jan. 31 or Feb. 7—Callan v Clane (G).

The senior finals are arranged for Feb. 14 with the final on Feb. 28.

The Junior semi finals and final are fixed for Feb. 7 and 21, and the minor championship begins shortly with the final scheduled for May 16

Strong

St. Patrick's Shannon and Presentation de la Salle, Hospital contest the Munster senior semi-final at the Shannon schools ground. On Saturday Shannon, who won out in Munster a few years ago, have ground advantage but I understand that Hospital have a strong side and could make a bold bid for their first title.

The Munster convention will be held at Ardkeen Hospital, Recreation Hall, Waterford on Sunday (3.0). The chairman, Carrie Clancy (Limerick), the vice chairman Rose O'Leary (Cork), the treasurer Mary Casey (Cork) and the secretary Eithne Neville (Limerick) are not opposed. The position of registrar is to be contested between three Clare candidates: Carmel Moroney, Maureen O'Shea and Anne Marie Hynes

It will be a different story at the Leinster convention at Glenalbyn, Kilmacud tomorrow (11.0) when all offices except the treasurers will be contested.

The outgoing chairman Mrs. K. Walsh (Wicklow) and the outgoing secretary Mary Birmingham (Kildare) are not seeking re-election. Kathleen Timmins a former chairman and Marie Mangan a former secretary are both nominated.

Nominations

Other nominations are: Vice Chairman — Mrs. K. Timmins, Mrs. M. Mangan (both Dublin). Secretary — Miss E. Walsh (Wexford), Miss D. Walsh (Wexford),

Miss M. Fennelly (Kilkenny), Miss T. Fay (Dublin). Treasurer — Mrs. M. Woods (Kildare). Registrar — Miss S. Brack (Dublin), Miss P. Breslin (Dublin) Delegate to Ardlin (Dublin) — Miss S. Brack (Dublin), Miss P. Breslin (Dublin).

Wexford have put forward two motions which should be of interest — that the National League be open to all counties and that a provincial club championship be organised so that any senior club in the province could take part. At present the Junior National League does not include counties who have senior league status and only the provincial winners take part in the Provincial Cup Championship, the winners of which go forward to the All-Ireland Club event.

THOMOND'S CUP
THOMOND/N.I.H.S. 1-4
MARY IMMACULATES
TRAINING COLLEGE 1-3
THE FINAL of the Purcell Cup turned out to be a close game between local rivals from Limerick Thomond N.I.H.S. and M.I.T.C., with the winners only emerging after the game had gone into extra time. Thomond had beaten Cork Regional College in the semi-finals on Saturday, while their opponents had overcome St. Mary's, Belfast.

Scores—Thomond—F. Drumm (1-0), F. Clancy (0-2), M. O'Brien (0-1), N. Mangan (0-1), Mary Immaculate—P. Power (1-0), M. Byrne (0-3).

Leinster Colleges' Senior—Kilcock 3-0; Castletown 0-1, Kilmore Road 1-0; Blessington 0-0.

Leinster Junior — Wicklow Vocational 1-1; Callan 0-1, Kilmore Road 0-0; Clonsilla 0-1.

CAMOGIE
Leinster Coll. Senior Quarter Finals — Assumption Walkinstown, 6-3; (H. O'Dwyer 1-0, R. Meehan 2-0, A. Thorpe 1-2, S. Cronin 0-1), Voc. Sch. Thomastown 0-1 (S. Ashe 0-1), Mercy, Callan 1-7; Sci. Mhuire, Clare 1-2.

Leinster Colleges Junior Semi-Finals — St. John of God, Kilmore 7-4; Wicklow Voc. 2-0, Pres. Kilkenny 4-4; Pres. Kilcock 1-1.

Camogie

By UNA

The Dublin Senior Camogie selectors have already chosen their panel of players for the 1981 competitions and they get off to an early start when they play University College, Dublin, in a challenge game tomorrow at Belfield (2.30). The students welcome such an encounter as the year training hard for the Ashbourne Cup games at Cork on February 14-15.

The full panel is selected from eight clubs as follows: Yvonne Redmond, Ann O'Brien, Barbara Redmond (Cushinstown/Crumlin), Mary Murphy, Edel Murphy, Annette McGrath (U.C.D.), Sheila Wallace, Bernie Toner, Mary Mervagh (Cuala), Naomh Mhuire, Catherine Docherty, Una Crowley, Mervagh Fleming (Celtic), Teresa McCann, Marion Conroy, Orla U. Riain (Austin Stacks), Mary Dwane (Erins Isle), Catherine Ledwedge (Phoenix), Germaine Noonan (Marino).

The Junior selectors are holding a trial game at Blanchardstown on Saturday (2.00) to select their panel.

The Third Level Council C.C.I.A. are convening at Belfield tomorrow for their annual general meeting. As this is a year of changes in the Council officer's, it brings to an end the term of office for Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin.

Bridin was a very popular President of the Council. Her light-hearted humour endeared her to the students of every College and she worked very hard for progress during her four years.

The Ulster Counties gather at Roslea for their annual convention tomorrow also. Despite all their difficulties the game continues to spread and the Council has plenty to be happy about.

Armagh became the first winners of the Junior National League; Tyrone, who won the Ulster Junior title for the first time, reached the final and performed most creditably against a very strong Cork side.

On the Colleges front the Ulster Province has more schools affiliated than any other Province. In Donegal, where there is only one club, no less than thirteen schools participate in the Ulster Senior and Junior Championships and one school, Loreto, Letterkenny, enters more than one team in each competition.

Leinster will have two new competitions this year. At last Saturday's convention a Wexford motion to inaugurate a Senior Club Championship was passed.

The main purpose of the proposal according to the Wexford delegate, Dorothy Walsh, is to give more games to the senior players at this level. As it obtains at present, very many counties, especially the three senior counties, have few senior clubs.

The second competition set up is a league for under 18 counties, which should be a great help. The Junior National League which starts in October finishes in June, so no opportunity to continue training would be given to the counties in the National League. This should prove a worthwhile competition.

Cork again take on Limerick

By JOAN MORLEY

The 1981 Munster Camogie Championship draws were made recently and Cork seniors face a repeat of their All-Ireland Championship final tie against Limerick in the semi-final.

Of course in the senior grade the Munster championship is a separate competition, with the All-Ireland campaign having an open draw, so the actual result of the game won't put either side out of the running for national honours. The remaining teams in the competition Clare and Tipperary meet in the second semi-final.

In the Junior campaign, which is run on the old style All-Ireland championship, Cork meet Clare in the first round while in the under 18 Cork take on Waterford. In the Minor they meet the winners of the Tipperary and Limerick first round clash and in the Munster Club Championship the Cork County champions will again meet Limerick in the first round. The full draws are:

Senior: Clare v Tipperary; Limerick v Cork.

Junior: A, Clare v Cork; B, Limerick v Tipperary; Winners A v Waterford. Winners B v Kerry.

Under 18: A, Cork v Waterford; B, Kerry v Clare; Winners A v Limerick; Winners B v Tipperary.

Minor (Under 16): A, Tipperary v Limerick; B, Waterford v Clare; Winners A v Cork; Winners B v Kerry.

Munster Club Championship: A, Limerick v Cork; B, Waterford v Tipperary; Winners A v Kerry; Winners B v Clare.

CAMOGIE

Maynooth, 2-6; Queen's, Belfast, 3-1

MAYNOOTH qualified for the Ashbourne semi-final with a narrow victory over Queens in the quarter-final on Saturday. The semi-final pairings now are: U.C.D. (holders) v. U.C.G.; Maynooth v. U.C.C. (who are hosting this year's Ashbourne on February 14 and 15).

Scores: Maynooth — A. Downey (1-1), A. O'Connor (1-0), C. McEntee and D. Byrne (0-1 each). Queens — M. Connolly (1-1), T. Gilchrist and E. Swaile (1-0 each).

C.C.I.A. A.G.M. THE C.C.I.A. A.G.M. took place yesterday. The following officers were elected: Freda Carroll (Queen's), chairperson; Toni O'Byrne (St. Paul's), secretary; Mrs. Purcell (U.C.D.), treasurer; Bridin Dobbins (U.C.D.), registrar.

LEINSTER COLLEGES Walkinstown, 5-1; Dunlavin, 0-0; Kilmore, 4-2; Kilcock, 1-0; Pres. Kilkenny, 6-3; Wicklow, 0-1.

DUBLIN CLUB Senior A—Cushinstown, Crumlin, 2-0; Stacks, 1-0; Celtic, 2-4; Presentation, 0-0; Inter B—An Caislean, 3-0; St. Annes, 0-0; Marino, 4-0; Sci. Mhuire, 0-0; Junior B—An Caislean, 2-3; Round Towers, 3-0; Junior C—Marino, 1-0; Kilmore, 0-0.

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IMPERIAL HOTEL

YOUTH SPORTS STAR AWARDS 1980



At the Imperial Hotel Munster Youth Sports Awards presentation dinner last night were (from left), Ger Cunningham (hurling), Ann Marie Landers (camogie), Bernice Dowling (basketball), Bridget Gleeson (golf), Barry Smyth (rowing), Tony McCarthy (organiser), the Lord Mayor of Cork, Ald. Toddy O'Sullivan, Dermot Kelly, manager, Imperial Hotel, Cork; Finbarr Hogan (soccer), Dave Barry (Gaelic football), Fainche Ryan (judo), Anne Ginnane (pitch and putt), and Denis Finnerty (athletics).

(Examiner)

YOUTH AWARDS

By TOM O'SULLIVAN

AT a gala function in the Imperial Hotel, Cork last evening, attended by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Ald. Toddy O'Sullivan, the recipients of the inaugural Munster Youth Sports Awards were presented with their Galway Crystal trophies by Ald. Hugh Coveney.

The award winners were Denis Finnerty (athletics), Bernice Dowling (basketball), Ann Marie Landers (camogie), Dave Barry (Gaelic football), Bridget Gleeson (golf), Ger Cunningham (hurling), Fainche Ryan (judo), Anne Ginnane (pitch and putt), Barry Smith (rowing) and Finbarr Hogan (soccer).

Ald. Coveney, director of the Imperial Hotel Ltd., who sponsored the scheme, expressed the wish that the awards would point the way towards earlier recognition of the potential and sporting achievement of young people.

"To my mind, one of the primary decisions we must take is to upgrade the whole ambit of sport and recreation in our national list of priorities," he said.

"Such a broad development policy would have enormous social benefits in the context of high unemployment, shorter working hours and consequently greater

recreational demands, continued Ald. Coveney.

Yet despite all this, he said we still do not have a civic sports complex here in Cork, the second city in the State. Unless and until sport and recreation are given greater national priority it was certain that the undoubted potential of present and future generations of young people would never be realised, he concluded.

The Lord Mayor, Ald. O'Sullivan complimented the winners and said that quite often youth in sport did not get the full recognition they deserved. He said it was a personal source of satisfaction for him that Ger Cunningham and Dave Barry, received awards. They were both, he said, members of St. Finbarrs which was his own club and one of the oldest in the country.

Mr. Fred Cogley of RTE, one of the adjudicators, thanked the Imperial Hotel, the Cork Examiner and the organisers for inviting him to take part in a most successful scheme.

On behalf of Tim O'Brien and Mick Dwyer, his fellow adjudicators, Mr. Cogley said they were amazed by the response with so many individual nominations and the spread of sports concerned was quite fantastic, he said.



Camogie winner Ann-Marie Landers with her mother, Mrs. Rita Landers.

STAGE NOW SET FOR ASHBOURNE SEMIS

THE FOUR semi-finalists for the Camogie Inter-Varsity Championship, the Ashbourne Cup, are now known so the stage is set for the 65th Ashbourne series at Cork. University College, Dublin, the holders play University College Galway, and the home university play Maynooth College on Saturday, February 14. The final is scheduled for the following day.

Second level colleges and schools have a heavy programme this coming weekend. The highlight of last week's games was the second draw in the St. Patrick's, Shannon-Presentation De La Salle semi-final.

Two weeks ago they played a

draw at Shannon and last Saturday they finished on level terms again. The third meeting takes place on Saturday next so the final with St. Patrick's, Cork has had to be put back for at least one week.

In Leinster two quarter-finals in the senior grade are already decided. John of God, Kilmore eliminated Seol Iosa, Kilcock and Wicklow Voc. lost to Presentation Kilkenny.

The remaining two are down for decision this Saturday. Thomastown, Vocational are at home to the champions. Assumption, Walkinstown and Clane, Presentation travel to Callan Mercy Convent.

BOTH GRADES

Loreto College, Letterkenny has reached the semi-finals of the Ulster Schools' Championships in both grades. They defeated Castleblayney in the Senior and Bailieboro in the Junior. They now play Kilkeel in the premier grade and the winners of Clady and Bawnboy in the Junior.

The second semi-final of the Senior grade will be between the victors in the Coochill v Maghera and Newry Tech v Portaferry quarter-finals. Coochill, last year's senior champions, should prove too strong for Maghera who were junior champions last season.

Miss Freda Carroll, the Secretary for the past two years of C.C.I.A. was elected President of the Council at last Sunday's Annual General Meeting. Miss Carroll, a former player for Queens University, completed her academic career at Ulster Polytech with whom she won a Purcell Cup medal three years ago.

The Council's new secretary, Miss Toni O'Byrne is a graduate of St. Patrick's Teacher Training College, Drumcondra, with whom she started as goalie.

Bridin Bean Uí Maolagáin, who completed her four year term as President is the incoming Registrar and Una Ní Phuirséil remains as the Treasurer.

The dates for the remaining activities were decided.

Feb. 14 and 15 — Ashbourne Cup.
March 7 — League semi-finals — Eastern zone winners v runners-up.
March 14 — Northern zone winners v Southern zone winners. April 25 — Final.

May 2 — Combined Universities v Combined Colleges.

Mrs. Bel O'Loughlin of Down is the new Ulster Secretary. She succeeds Mrs. Rita Traynor who remains on as Assistant Secretary.

The other Officers are: Chairman — Miss Maureen Smyth (Antrim); Vice-Chairman — Mrs. Mary Lynch (Monaghan); Treasurer — Joe Hegarty (Cavan); Assistant Treasurer — Mrs. B. O'Loughlin (Down); Registrar — Joe Fullam (Armagh).

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Marion McCarthy, of Ballinahassig Co. Cork, whose distinguished career includes winning all-Ireland senior medals both as an outfield player and as goalkeeper, is the sixth winner of the B + I "Camogie Player of the Year" award.

She is the second Cork player to be chosen — Pat Moloney took the camogie award in 1978. Other previous winners of the award were Bridget Doyle (Wexford) in 1975, Bridie Martin (Kilkenny) in 1976, Angela Downey (Kilkenny) in 1977 and Mairead McAtamney-Magill

MARION McCARTHY, Ballinahassig, Co. Cork, the Camogie Player of the Year, being presented with her trophy by Maurice Brennan, Sales Manager, Ireland, B + I Line, in Dublin yesterday (Picture by Tony Reddy).

Marion camogie's Player of Year

(Antrim) in 1979.

Her unanimous selection as the camogie personality of 1980 stems mainly from her succession of first-class performances for Cork in

the all-Ireland championship.

In goal against the reigning champions Antrim in the first round, she kept a clean sheet, but it is gener-

ally accepted that her finest performance came in the defeat of Dublin in the all-Ireland semi-final. She was also outstanding in the final victory over Limerick. A fortnight ago, she was named as Cork's all-star in Camogie for 1980.

Marion, who plays for the Eire Og Club also captained Munster to their victory in the Gael-Linn Cup in 1980 — the first time Munster had taken this trophy since 1966. Apart from her remarkable versatility in camogie, Marion is also a top badminton player in Cork.

MARIAN'S DEDICATION WELL REWARDED



By JOAN MORLEY

AT a very pleasant luncheon in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, yesterday, Marian McCarthy of Eire Og became the second Cork player to receive the B+I Line "Camogie Player of the Year Award," Pat Moloney having been honoured in 1978.

Marian, surely the most versatile player that Cork has ever produced, has six All-Ireland medals to her credit, four as an outfield star and two as a goalie.

Her unanimous selection stems mainly from her succession of first class performances in goal for Cork in the All-Ireland Championship as well as her captaincy of the Munster team which won the Gael Linn Cup for the first time since 1966.

On receiving the award from Mr. Maurice Brennan, Sales Manager, Ireland, B+I, Marian who hails from Ballinahassig, Co. Cork, said she was delighted to be honoured but felt that other players on the Cork team were more deserving of the award. She thanked the Cork trainers she had played under, Jack Dempsey, Mary Moran and Presentation Past Pupils, and Eire Og and all her playing colleagues.

Mary Moran, President of the Camogie

Association was lavish in her praise of the Cork star. "Marian is an example to every up and coming player for her dedication, sportsmanship and loyalty, as well as her willingness and remarkable ability to play in any position on the field.

With Marian yesterday were her parents Mr. and Mrs. Denis McCarthy, her sister Pat and sister-in-law Marion.

Also there to celebrate with the Eire Og goalie were Mr. Paddy MacFlynn, President of the G.A.A., Sean O Siochain, Mary Moran, President, Mrs. Agnes Purcell, Treasurer and Jo Golden, General Secretary of the Camogie Association, Mrs. Bridin Mulligan, President, C.C.I.A., Mrs. Carmel Desmond, President, All-Ireland Colleges Council, Miss Mary O'Callaghan, Chairperson of the Cork County Board, and Mrs. Cary Clancy, Chairperson, Munster Council.

And there was a unique twist to Marion's day as she was introduced as the B+I star to England and Southampton soccer personality Kevin Keegan, in Dublin on a promotional trip.

Picture shows (L to R) Miss Mary Moran, President Camogie Association, Mr. and Mrs. Denis McCarthy, Marian McCarthy (award winner), Mr. Maurice Brennan, B+I, Mr. Paddy MacFlynn, President G.A.A. AND Mrs. Paddy MacFlynn.

CORK STAGES 65th ASHBOURNE SERIES

THE sixty-fifth Ashbourne series is arranged for University College Cork, tomorrow and Sunday.

The quarter finals played in January eliminated New University, Coleraine, who lost to University College, Dublin, and Queens University, Belfast, who were just beaten by Maynooth. University College Galway got a walk-over from Trinity as they did not field this season, and Cork the hosts, have as is usual a bye to the semi-finals.

The pairings are U.C.C. v Maynooth (1.30) (Mardyke) and U.C.D., the holders v U.C.G., Curraheen Road (3.0). The final will be played on Sunday at the Mardyke (3.0) and will be preceded by the Duracht (Losers) Final.

Although this is the sixty-fifth Ashbourne series, only three of the seven Universities have already written their names on this historic cup, which is for the oldest competition in Camogie.

The massive base shows the names of all the winning teams since 1915, something that is unique in camogie. The Roll of Honour goes like this: Dublin 28, Cork 24 and Galway 11.

CAMOGIE

by TAOBH LINE

The cup was won six times in a row by Cork from 1922-27 and from 1971 to 1976; Dublin achieved that feat in the 1937-42 period.

Because of the time of the year that the competition is played, inclement weather has often caused great upsets.

PUT BACK

On more than one occasion the final had to be put back as the field was covered with snow.

Dublin, who won back the Cup after ten years last season, have a strong side on duty again this year. Two of the Dublin senior panel, Edel Murphy and Mairead Bergin will get plenty of support from Dublin Junior players, Gaye Moran, Germaine Noonan, Grainne Burke and Joan Gormley. Margo Mulhall (Down), Helena Broderick (Laois) and Sheila Morrissey (Tipp.), were very prominent in last year's games.

However UCG are always hard to beat. Their prominent players include Eleanor O'Leary

(Wexford), Mary Naughton and Roisin Higgins (Galway).

UCC have six Cork County players in their line-out. Noelle O'Driscoll, who won a junior medal with Cork last September and was a recipient of a senior medal on the same day as a sub., is a strong forward as well as being a very accurate free-taker.

Anne Delaney, another junior medal holder is a great ball player while Mary Walsh and Carmel Mulcahy are also useful players as are their two minor medal holders, Imelda Cronin and Margaret Murphy.

EXPERIENCED

The most experienced player of the whole series is Angela Downey of Kilkenny who is on the Maynooth line-out.

Angela has won almost every honour in camogie but has yet to capture an Ashbourne medal. Chris Silke (Galway) who had been another stalwart for Maynooth has graduated and is a great loss in defence.

If the Leesiders can hold Angela they should reach the

final and the Liffesiders are strong contenders from the other semi-final.

The second level schools are making great progress. The Munster Senior winners are St. Patrick's, Cork, who took the title for the first time, last Saturday when they defeated St. Patrick's, Shannon, by a single point. St. Patrick's got off to a quick start and went two goals up inside ten minutes but they did not maintain the upper hand.

In Leinster holders Walkinstown defeated Thomastown last Saturday in the quarter final to qualify for the semi-final against Callan on Saturday next.

Letterkenny, who had been doing very well in Ulster lost their senior semi-final to Killeel last Saturday but went through to the junior final on February 2. In the second senior semi-final Newry Tech await the winners of Bessbrook and Glenavy.

Marion McCarthy, the Cork Senior goalie became the 1980 B. + I. Camogie Star of the Year when she was presented with the Cuchulain Trophy at a luncheon in Dublin on Monday last.

Cork Get Vote

THE Ashbourne series, which is the premier event of the University camogie season, will be hosted this year by U.C.C. and will be played in Cork over the weekend. On the local club scene the only senior game listed is a Senior Tournament tie between Watergrasshill and Sarsfields to be played on Sunday.

U.C.C. had a marvellous winning run in the Ashbourne from 1972 to '77. But their victory march was halted by U.C.G. in the semi-final stage in 1978. The following year they again reached the semi-final, only to be knocked out by Maynooth and last year they suffered the humiliation of another defeat by Maynooth, this time in the preliminary round.

On Saturday the Cork girls meet Maynooth for the third successive season, this time in the semi-final, and they must be determined to make it third time lucky, while Maynooth will be striving for their hat-trick of victories over U.C.C.

The brilliant opportunist Angela Downey will once again lead the Maynooth attack this weekend and the Kilkenny intercounty star must be U.C.C.'s biggest worry, as she can win matches on her own and will have to be marked very closely if the Cork girls are to reach Sunday's final. Cathriona Johnson, the Kildare county player, Mary Shore and Geraldine Carey of Monaghan are other Maynooth players who could give the U.C.C. girls a deal of trouble. However, Maynooth will be without that stylish player Chris Silke from

Galway, who has graduated, which could help Cork's chances.

A home venue, will, of course, be a big advantage to Cork and if their top players can strike their best form then they must be there with a chance.

In their side U.C.C. will have two of Cork's All-Ireland winning junior side, Ann Delaney and Noelle O'Driscoll, while they can also call on former junior Carmel Mulcahy as well as Cork minors Margaret Murphy and Siobhan Barry. And this year they have Imelda Cronin, who led North Presentation to All-Ireland Colleges success, played on the winning Cork Minor side and also the Na Piarasigh team which won the Intermediate Championship for the first time.

They also have the experienced Mary Walsh and Mary Murphy - both of whom played in the last winning U.C.C. side, as well as Carmel Henchion, Bernice and Jackie Mitchell and Marcella Fitzpatrick, who are all competent performers.

So Cork must be able to field a good side and with home support behind them they could register a victory over Maynooth this time. But it must be close.

In the second semi-final,

U.C.D., the holders as well as the favourites to take the title will meet U.C.G., this game to be played at Curraheen Road.

U.C.D. have their trump card in Edel Murphy, who plays senior intercounty for Dublin, while they also have Mairead Bergin from Laois, as well as Dublin juniors Germaine Noonan, Grainne Burke and Gay Moran and they have G. Murphy, who plays junior intercounty for Donegal and Margo Mulhall from Down.

They must be expected to win on Saturday against a U.C.G. side who will be without star forward Rosaleen Lynch, but can still call on Marie Gibbons of Kilkenny and Eleanor O'Leary.

Sunday then will be the big day with the winners of Saturday's contests meeting in the Ashbourne Final. This game will be preceded by the Duthracht Shield final between Queens University, Belfast and the New University of Ulster (Coleraine) to make up an exciting double bill at the Mardyke.

On the local club front the postponed Senior Club tournament game between Watergrasshill and Sarsfields will be played at Riverstown on Sunday morning while two under 16 and an under 14 league play-off will also be decided.

A word from the Co. Board to say that the 1980 under 18 selectors and the 1981 Senior Selectors are to attend next Monday night's Board meeting, as the under 18 Munster tie is due to be played on Sunday week and Cork seniors will begin their 1981 National League campaign on March 8.

Finally a team from Bishopstown Camogie Club will be appearing on the "Anything Goes" quiz tomorrow (Saturday) on RTE television and followers wish them well in their efforts.

FIXTURES

Saturday

Ashbourne Cup
At Mardyke: U.C.C. v Maynooth 1.45 p.m.
At Curraheen Road: U.C.D. v U.C.G. 3.15 p.m.

20 YEARS AGO

THE Cork camogie team scored a 6-2 to 1-0 win over a Combined Universities Selection in a challenge game at the U.C.C. Grounds where the Cork team lined out as follows: D. Sutton (Glen Rovers), B. Walsh (Old Als.), K. Barry-Murphy (S.P.P.P.), J. Clancy (Old Als.), M. Lebane (Carrignavar), G. Vaughan (Old Als.), T. Murphy (Glen Rovers), K. O'Mahony (Canovee), D. Young (Old Als.), M. Browne (Glen Rovers), A. Honohan (Donoughmore), R. Manley (Old Als.).

30 YEARS AGO

GLEN ROVERS won the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title by defeating Blackrock by 3-2 to 1-2 in an exciting final at the U.C.C. Grounds. The teams were: Glen Rovers - S. Cahill, N. O'Brien, N. Lucey, N. O'Brien, S. O'Brien, M. Ryan, P. Dunne, B. Lucey, P. Lucey, M. O'Leary, N. Deane, E. Dunne. Blackrock - T. Warren, N. Leary, J. Hennebry, E. O'Connell, J. Maher, R. Cashman, S. Hunter, T. Healy, E. Flaherty, M. Delea, S. O'Brien, S. Flaherty.

CAMOGIE CONGRATS

Cork County Council at its meeting yesterday, on the proposal of Cllr. Donal Coleman, tendered congratulations to Miss Marian McCarthy, Ballinhassig, who was presented with the B + I Line "Camogie Player of the Year" award in Dublin last week. Cllr. Barry Cogan T.D. seconded.

St. Patrick's take title

ST. PATRICK'S, CORK 2-1, ST. PATRICK'S, SHANNON 2-0

ST. PATRICK'S, Cork, captured the Munster Colleges senior camogie title when they had a one-point win over St. Patrick's, Shannon, at windswept Ruane on Saturday. In winning this game the Cork side gained revenge for their one-point defeat by their Shannon opponents in last year's semi-final.

The Shannon girls had first use of the very strong wind and led at the break by two goals to one point. However, such

was their dominance in the first half that they should have led by more at this stage.

The winners took control on the changeover and dominated for twenty minutes during which they scored two goals to take the lead. In the last five minutes Shannon, who held the title in 1978, came back into the game but they were unable to get the all-important score.

For the winners Caroline Barry, Anne O'Mahony, Anne Currid and Jacqueline Regan were best. Shannon's most prominent performers were Peg Coughlan, Rose O'Shaughnessy, Caroline O'Meara, Marie O'Connell and Clare Jones.



U.C.D. (top) who had a two-point win over U.C.C. in the Ashbourne Cup final at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday.



This U.C.D. player tries to hook her U.C.C. opponent as she tries to clear during their Ashbourne Cup final.

ASHBOURNE CUP

UNIVERSITY College Dublin, the holders, and University College Cork, qualified for the Ashbourne Cup Intervarsity Camogie Championship final which will be played at the Mardyke today.

UCD 5-8
UCG 1-1

University College Dublin, the pre-match favourites, were well held by UCG in the first half of their semi-final at Curraheen Road, Cork, yesterday.

Only two points ahead at the interval, the Dublin girls took the upperhand early in the second half and added 4-5 without reply.

Scorers — UCD: J. Gormley (3-0), E. Murphy (0-5), M. Kearney, M. Mulhall (1-0 each), M. Bergin (0-2), G. Burke (0-1).

Scorers — UCG: J. Andrews (1-1).

UCG 4-5
MAYNOOTH 2-0

University College Cork reached the final at the Mardyke, when they defeated Maynooth College yesterday.

The Cork students who led 2-2 to 1-0 at the interval having missed several chances early on. But they found the target after half-time and finished worthy winners.

Scorers — UCC: M. Walsh (2-0), T. Ryan (2-0), N. O'Driscoll (0-4), C. Mulcahy (0-1).

Scorers — Maynooth: A.

FANCIED U.C.D. RETAIN TITLE

U.C.D. 1-4, U.C.C. 0-5.

Q.U.B. 5-1, N.U.U. 3-4.

Hotly fancied U.C.D. retained the Ashbourne Cup, Intervarsity Crown, at the Mardyke yesterday, but how they had to fight against a gallant U.C.C. side.

The Cork girls were first to score, were ahead at the interval and in fact led for most of the game. But the champions never gave up and a marvellous goal from Joan Gormley in the closing stages put U.C.D. ahead for the first time, and a further point from Edel Murphy made victory certain.

Played in the most appalling underfoot conditions stylish camogie was out of the question, but nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of these two sides who served up a thriller.

For the winners Mairead Bergin, Edel Murphy and Helena Broderick were most impressive while for U.C.C. Noelle O'Driscoll, who scored all her side's scores, Carmel Mulcahy, Ann Delaney and Imelda Cronin were best.

Scorers: — U.C.D. E. Murphy 0-4, J. Gormley 1-0, U.C.C. N. O'Driscoll 0-5. U.C.D. G. Moran, H. Broderick, A. Hough, G. Noonan, M. O'Sullivan, M. Mulhall, M. Bergin, S. Morrissey, E. Murphy, G. Burke, J. Gormley, L. Gantley. Sub: M. Kearney for M. Mulhall.

U.C.C. B. Mitchell, I. Murphy, C. Henchion, M. Murphy, I. Cronin, T. Ryan, C. Mulcahy, M. Murphy, A. Delaney, E. Courtney, N. O'Driscoll, M. Walsh. Referee: M. Higgins (Eire Og, Cork).

In the Duthracht Shield, losers competition, Queens University defeated New University of Ulster, Coleraine by 5-1 to 3-4.

U.C.D. 5-8 U.C.G. 1-1
U.C.C. 4-5 St. Patrick's College, Maynooth 2-0

U.C.G. began as if they were going to give the holders U.C.D. a real run for it in Saturday's Ashbourne semi-final but a devastating blitz by the Dubliners in the second half guaranteed their place in the final.

Joan Gormley, Edel Murphy and Mairead Bergin were impressive for U.C.D., while Maria Gibbons and Jean Andrews were best for U.C.G.

Scorers: U.C.D. J. Gormley 3-0, M. Kearney and M. Mulhall 1-0 each, E. Murphy 0-5, M. Bergin 0-2, and G. Burke 0-1. U.C.G. J. Andrews 1-1.

In their semi-final clash against Maynooth U.C.C. got sweet revenge for their defeat by St. Patrick's in the last two years of the competition.

The Cork girls, who led at the interval by 2-2 to 1-0, owe much of the credit to young Imelda Cronin who made such an excellent job of containing Kilkenny inter county star Angela Downey while other U.C.C. girls to do well were Mary Walsh, Mary Murphy, and Irene Murphy.

East Kerry Super F.L.: Spa 2-11, Killarney Legion 2-9, Gneeveguilla 3-11, Dr. Crokes 1-3, Glenflesk 2-8, Rathmore 1-0.

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GORMLEY GOAL IS WINNER FOR U.C.D.

U.C.D. 1-4; U.C.C. 0-5

UNIVERSITY College, Dublin reclaimed the Ashbourne Camogie Trophy with a narrow victory over U.C.C. in inclement conditions at the Mardyke yesterday.

The home side led by three points to two at the interval when U.C.D., with the greater share of the play, failed to score.

Imelda Cronin was the outstanding defender for U.C.C. in this period; Carmen Mulcahy and Ann Delaney impressed in the centre, while Noelle O'Driscoll was always a threat in attack. She pointed three frees for her side.

The second half saw an even more keenly contested affair, and Noelle O'Driscoll increased the Cork lead with a point. Evonne Murphy replied for Dublin.

Nevertheless U.C.C. seemed to be gaining the upper hand but just when it seemed that victory was within their grasp came a concerted effort from the Dublin girls, which resulted in a goal by Joan Gormley, with seven minutes remaining. Noelle O'Driscoll cut the lead to a single point again, but Edel Murphy replied for U.C.D.

The home side must consider themselves somewhat unlucky, but perseverance was rewarded for the visitors.

Scorers — U.C.D.: J. Gormley 1-0, E. Murphy 0-4, U.C.C. — N. O'Driscoll 0-5.

CAMOGIE

Referee — M. Higgins (Eire Og, Cork).

Final of the Duichreach: Queen's University Belfast 5-1, N.U.U. 2-3.

LEAVE IT TO CORK!

EILEEN COTTER,
18, Meadowvale,
Ballyvolane, Cork:

I refer to the letter regarding famous Gaelic playing families in the last issue. In a county as successful as Cork there are numerous combinations of brothers and sisters, and husbands and wives making the headlines on the sporting fields.

In the 'Thirties, Eudie Coughlan captained Cork hurlers to All-Ireland victory. His sister, Kathleen, was a sterling member of the Cork camogie team which won a number of All-Irelands at that time.

Later Mick and Maura Cashman won fame in the Cork colours. Mick's son, Tom, is the present day Cork star midfielder. Maura, now Mrs. Henebry, had a son, also named Tom, on Cork's 1980 All-Ireland under-21 team.

Brother and sister, Sean and Mary O'Leary, from Clonmult, hold five All-Ireland medals between them. Both are deadly with the sliothar in hand and room to swing in front of goal.

Jimmy Barry-Murphy shares with his sister, Frances, the honour of wearing the Blue of Munster. Francis is now married to another star, footballer Denis Allen.

In 1970, husband and wife duo, Tomas and Ann Ryan (nee McAuliffe) created a record by winning All-Ireland senior medals for the same county in the same month. Many other couples and combinations exists when minor and under-21 grades are taken into consideration.

• Leave it to Cork! Eileen Cotter, prompted by a letter in the last issue on the achievements of Paddy Moriarty and his sister, Margaret, of Armagh, on the

Gaelic Games scene, has certainly come up with a very comprehensive and interesting list from Cork. She has certainly set an impressive headline, and one that will be hard to beat in the other counties. Are there any challengers?



SPLASH — A St. Patrick's, Cork, forward gets an unwelcome splash as she is hit with a ball from a pool of water during the Munster Colleges Junior Camogie final against Presentation De La Salle, Hospital, Co. Limerick, at the Tank Field, Cork, on Saturday. (Picture: Denis MacDonagh)

ST. PATS MAKE IT A DOUBLE

By JOAN MORLEY

**ST. PATRICK'S (CORK) 3-0
PRESENTATION DE LA SALLE (Hospital) 0-0**

TEARS and mud mingled on the faces of the young St. Patrick's girls as they left the Tank Field on Saturday having completed a fantastic double by defeating Presentation de la Salle Hospital in the Munster Junior Colleges Championship final.

St. Patrick's, who up to this season had never won a major provincial trophy, now have both Junior and Senior Munster Colleges titles to their credit — a marvellous achievement — and with both now also qualified for the All-Ireland semi-finals even more glory could lie ahead.

The Limerick girls battled against wind and rain in the first half and only conceded one goal it looked as if they must retain the trophy.

However, the gallant St. Patrick's had other ideas. In an absolute 'mud-bath' they fought for every ball and with little more than ten minutes to go they got their second goal, and soon after a third to leave them impressive winners.

BIG REPUTATION

Presentation came to Cork with a big reputation — as holders of the Junior crown. Only three of last year's winning side remained but as

For the winners Mary Currid, Audrey Linehan, Caroline Reidy and Regina Scoutts, who scored two goals, were best, while Cora

O'Brien, Phylla Gurney, Noreen Looke and Presentation.
Scorers: St. Patrick's: Reidy, E. Scoutts, Linehan, Currid, P. Looke, N. Larkin, M. Murphy, C. Beale, C. Looke, E. Murphy, M. Murphy, M. Frawley. Referee: M.



Liz Murphy (right), of Presentation De La Salle, Hospital, Co. Limerick, and **Mary Currid** of St. Patrick's, Cork, well splattered with mud as they clash during the Munster Colleges junior camogie final at Tank Field, Cork. ("Echo")

THE GIRLS OF ST. PATRICK'S

By Michael Ellard

THE VICTORY sideboard at the St. Patrick's girls secondary school, Gardiner's Hill in Cork City now proudly displays the silver symbols of success in Munster Colleges senior and junior camogie.

A spectacular feat when one considers that when this school was founded in 1964 the student population was a mere 27. Little, then, at that time were dreams of sporting success envisaged.

But with student numbers growing rapidly camogie was introduced in a school situated in an area steeped in a proud Gaelic tradition.

Five years ago a young teacher from Canovee in mid-Cork, John Ring, joined the staff and under his guidance the camogie talents of the Cork school have blossomed.

A bountiful harvest has been reaped this season with the juniors defeating Shanahan Comprehensive in the provincial final and the seniors proving superior to Presentation De La Salle (Hospital) on Sunday last to complete the prestigious Munster double.

The dedication of the girls, according to coach John Ring, has been the vital ingredient in the achievements by the team.

"They were prepared to sacrifice their leisure time during the Christmas holidays to train and are willing to train every day."

Such commitment has brought sweet reward in this camogie-mad school which today has 450 pupils under its roof.

And it is not just the 60 girls which make up the senior, junior and first year team panels, who can be seen any day practicing in the Tank Field, courtesy of the Brian Dillons G.A.A. club.

The entire school is involved. The staff give freely of their time so their joy assumed the same dimensions as their pupils who so gloriously won the double.

It is a tremendous achievement really when one considers that many of the girls are introduced to camogie only when they enroll in St. Patrick's and but for the co-operation of the Brian Dillons club they would have no convenient field to practice on.

But the students of St. Patrick's go marching on and their quest now is All-Ireland glory on the double. In the semi-finals the juniors will be away to the Connacht champions, still to be decided, while the seniors will have home advantage also against Connacht representatives.

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Munster Colleges Senior and Junior camogie champions St. Patrick's Girls Secondary School, Cork, pictured with members of the teaching staff and school principal Mrs. E. O'Connor. (Exam)



St. Patrick's, Cork, who defeated Presentation De La Salle, Hospital, Co. Limerick, in the Munster Colleges junior camogie final at Tank Field, Cork. ("Examiner")

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CLAIRE HAS SET A HIGH TARGET

By Maire Ni Cheallaigh

This month the spotlight focusses on the girl who made such an impression in 1980. Not only did she collect a unique haul of medals but she also gave tremendous displays in goal which earned her the Junior player of the year award. She is Claire McCarthy of Cork and her record in 1980 is unlikely to be equalled for many years, though with the form that Cork were in this year no one would like to bet on it.

Claire comes from the Cork city suburb of Farranree, where she lives with her two sisters and one brother. She has been involved in camogie for the past six years. I'm sure she couldn't have foreseen at that stage the success that was to come her way many years later.

Her family was not very interested in sport in general. The only person to have got involved in sport in her family was her late father who had a varied sporting career, playing both hurling and football and also soccer. He must have been fairly accomplished at all three because he won numerous medals on the playing fields. So, obviously that is where she got her talent.

Her introduction to camogie came through the local Community games. This is further testimony to the value of these games in developing an interest in sport of all kinds among children — an interest which can be maintained over the years. The Farranree games team was organised by Mrs. Kelly and they were very successful. In 1975 they went to the National Finals in Mosney and they came away with a bronze medal. It was also Mrs. Kelly who introduced her to the goalkeeping position.

It all happened quite by accident really and was due to the fact that Claire was a novice at the game. She was put into goal to follow the sliothars for Martha Kearney, who was also on the team, when she was practicing frees.

That happy coincidence had two results. Martha Kearney went on to become a great player, having won an All-Ireland Colleges Senior medal, an All-Ireland Senior medal and a Gael-Linn interprovincial medal in 1980, and

Claire went on to become a great goalie with the help of Mrs. Kelly's tuition. Claire sees the goalkeeper as a kind of rearguard general who has to help the backs with their game because she is the only one who can see all the forwards together and the overall development of the game.

She needs great concentration to follow the ball at all times, no matter how long it stays at the far end of the pitch, and when it's coming towards her she can't afford to take her eye off it for a second. She's got to go out to meet every oncoming ball.

The backs need to feel that the goalkeeper has this ability and confidence so that they can play as a unit and not get ruffled. Claire herself has all these qualities and she also has a great puck out which is also a great asset to her team. Claire has not become so accomplished a player without consistent and hard training.

She trains almost everyday after school with the other girls at North Presentation School and during the season when Cork are playing she trains two nights a week — on Tuesday and Thursday nights. She has the kind of dedication that is necessary to win top honours and she certainly has a great array of medals.

Among them are two Minor All-Ireland medals, a Junior and Senior All-Ireland medal, a schools' Championship and League medal. This impressive list of honours has been won while she is still only 16. When asked to pick which of these honours has given her the greatest pleasure she unhesitatingly picks the All-Ireland Senior Colleges' medal which she won with North Presentation school in April last year.

The whole team trained extremely hard for this game and winning it brought the satisfaction that all the hard work had paid off in the end. As well as that camogie is greatly encouraged in North Presentation by the school authorities. The school principal, Sr. Stanislaus is a great enthusiast and Mr. O'Riordan of the school staff devotes much of his time

to the promotion of the game. Winning the title was a just reward for all concerned.

But, despite all her medals the thing which Claire enjoys most about camogie is the number of people you meet and the friends you make. This has been impressed on her as well by people like Fr. Michael O'Brien, who besides teaching her the skills of the game has also taught her that people are more important than any game and games should help you to meet people.

Medals as far as she is concerned are only to remind you of what you had to do to get them — all the hard training and work you have put into the games. There are also things which she dislikes in camogie. People who try to referee the match from the sideline annoy her intensely. She is also afraid that camogie is becoming too rough.

She likes a good, hard, tough game but hates to see anybody getting involved in arguments off the ball. She thinks it is awful and that it does nothing to enhance the game. Instead, she feels such people bring the game into disrepute. She feels that Cork's success in 1980 is due to two factors — their determination to win and the great trainers which the Minor, Junior and Senior teams that played in 1980 had.

A trainer, she feels is the backbone of the team. A good trainer can make twelve players who are not brilliant into a good team and they're lucky in Cork that they have plenty of these. She doesn't know if she would like to be a coach herself.

She wouldn't mind trying it though to see how she would get on. She thinks she would need a great deal of patience to be a good coach and she's not sure that she's that patient. Apart from camogie she is also very interested in badminton and she loves to watch basketball. If that wasn't enough to keep her busy she also has her study to do. She hopes to be a Med-Lab technician but is not really set on one thing yet. But no matter what she eventually does we hope she will continue to play camogie to a high standard.

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ENTHUSIASM WELCOMED BY CONVENTION

THREE provincial schools' camogie finals are down for decision on Saturday next. Ulster complete a very heavy programme at Dungannon where they play the Senior (3.30) and Junior (2.30) Championship deciders. Leinster are engaged in the Junior final at Russell Park, Blanchardstown (2.30).

St. Louis Convent, Killeel, await the winners of the Cooteshill-Newry Tech. senior semi-final which will be played midweek and Loreto, Letterkenny, are due to play the winners of Bessbrook-Ballycastle.

In the Leinster decider St. John of God, powered by the Felle na nGael champions, Woodville are a very young side facing Presentation, Kilkenny. However, with plenty of experience and a victory over the 1980 All-Ireland winners, Maryfield College, who have practically the same team as last year, to their credit, their prospects look good, unless the Kilkenny side is very strong.

There was renewed enthusiasm at the recent Connacht Convention. All Counties were asked to make a big effort.

Only three of the five counties are active but the Development Officer, Miss Jo Golden is making plans with interested bodies to reorganise the game in Sligo and Leitrim. Publicity for the games is to be sought on a larger scale and a 'Referees' Course' will be held shortly.

Congratulations to the Provincial Secretary, Miss Marion Collins (Roscommon), who has been named the Camogie Sports Personality of 1980 by the Roscommon Sports Advisory Committee.

The full list of Officers for 1981 is: Chairman, Frank O'Grady (Galway); Vice-chair-

man Mairead Ni Mhaolain (Mayo); Secretary Miss M. Collins (Roscommon); Treasurer Miss M. Quigley (Roscommon); Delegate to Ard Choiste Miss M. Collins (Roscommon).

University College, Dublin retained the Ashbourne Cup, the Inter-Varsity Camogie Championship Trophy at Cork. In Saturday's semi-finals they and University College, Cork, advanced at the expense of University College, Galway and Maynooth.

Dublin, who started favourites, were well held by Cork for forty minutes but the holders lasted the better on the muddy surface and finished deserving winners.

In the Duthracht Competition for the quarter final losers, Queens University regained the Shield when they scored a narrow victory over New University Coleraine in a keenly and closely contested game between the two Northern Universities.

The Combined Universities team is comprised of representatives from each of the six colleges which participated in the Competition this year.

The list is: J. Murphy (U.C.C.); M. Gibbons (U.C.G.); M. Murphy (U.C.C.); I. Cronin (U.C.C.); H. Broderick (U.C.D.); S. Casey (N.U.U.); M. Bergin (U.C.D.); M. Connelly (Q.U.B.); N. O'Driscoll (U.C.C.); A. Downey (Maynooth); E. Murphy (U.C.D.); J. Gormley (U.C.D.); Subs.: M. Golligly (N.U.U.); R. Spence (N.U.U.); C. Mulcahy (U.C.C.).

LOUTH SHOULD KEEP UP THAT UNBEATEN RUN

THE Junior Counties get off to an early start when the Junior National Camogie League resumes on Sunday next. Five games are down for decision. Carlow entertain Kildare who were runners-up to the champions, Armagh, last season, and are still unbeaten in the first half of this League which was completed before Christmas. This game is timed for 1.30 at Dr. Cullen Park and Kildare should take the points.

Cavan, who with Tyrone, are unbeaten in the North Western Zone are at home to Donegal at Virginia (2.30) and should get a lively run from Donegal.

Louth, also with full points to-date entertain Monaghan at Clan na Gael Grounds, Dundalk (3.0) and, if they can recover their pre-Christmas form, they should keep their unbeaten record. Roscommon, who travel to Westport (3.0), should collect the points from Mayo.

Offaly travel to Fitzgerald Stadium, Kilkenny, to play Kerry (1.30) and should be too experienced for the Kingdom girls.

The Senior League starts on Sunday week. Only one game is listed. All-Ireland Champions Cork, travel to Monomolin (2.30) to play Wexford.

Mercy Convent, Roscommon, is the only school to retain their Provincial crown in the All-Ireland Junior Post Primary Schools' competition. Loreto, Letterkenny took the Ulster title for the second time last Saturday when they defeated Ballycastle. St. John of God, Kilmore, Dublin, defeated Presentation, Kilkenny, and St. Patrick's, Cork, equalled their Senior team's success by taking the Junior Munster title. Both Kilmore and St. Patrick's are champions for the first time.

The semi-finals are scheduled for March 7. Letterkenny are hosts to Kilmore and St. Patrick's, Cork, travel to Mercy, Roscommon, who are Connacht champions for the fourth year in succession and captured the All-Ireland title in 1979.

The Munster, Ulster and Connacht Senior champions are now known and the Leinster winners will be decided on Saturday.

Last week-end was a busy one for the Schools. Killeel regained the Ulster Senior Cup when they defeated Cooteshill at Dungannon.

FINE DOUBLE FOR KILMORE

St. John of God, Kilmore, 2-2; Presentation, Kilkenny, 0-1

KILMORE captured their first ever Leinster Junior Colleges camogie title at Russell Park when they overcame a determined Kilkenny side who fought to the final whistle hoping also to win their first title.

Kilmore the pre-match favourites were backed by Dublin players, but this did not daunt the Kilkenny side who had some fine players in defence with Caren Dermody and Frances Walsh outstanding.

But the speed and skill of Veronica O'Connor, Lorraine O'Connell, Suzanne Doyle and Elizabeth Delaney saw them emerge to contest the All Ireland semi-final against the Ulster champions.

Scorers—Kilmore — L. Quinn (1-0), E. Campbell (1-0), A. Cooper (0-2), Kilkenny — T. Walsh (0-1).

St. John of God, Kilmore 3-1; Presentation Kilkenny 1-2

Kilmore will now be seeking to add the senior title to their junior title when they advance to the senior final by defeating Presentation, Kilkenny.

Although a very young side, Kilmore scored an impressive 3-1 to Kilkenny's 1-2 in the first half. However, powered by left back, Anne Marie Brennan, Frances Walsh and Catherine Neary, Kilkenny played with much more enthusiasm in the second half but failed to score a strong Kilmore side.

Scorers — Kilmore — E. Campbell (1-0), O'Connor (1-0), C. Doyle, A. Cooper (0-2), Kilkenny — A. Sta-

Assumption, Walkinstown, 6-7; Seol Beida Callan 1-0

The holders, Assumption, Walkinstown survived the challenge of Mercy, Callan to defend their senior title at Walkinstown on Saturday. However, it was not until the closing stages that Walkinstown pulled away from the strong Callan side. Walkinstown now meet Kilmore in the final.



This year Eire Og had the unique distinction of having two of their players winning top camogie awards. Recently the club held their Annual Dinner, where B. + I. Camogie Player of the Year, Marion McCarthy, and Jurys Hotel Award winner Mary Geaney celebrated with their club. Pictured at the dinner (left to right): Nancy O'Driscoll, President, Eire Og, Mary Moran, President Camogie Association, Mary Geaney, Very Rev. Declan Crowley, P.P. Ovens, Teresa Kelleher, junior club captain, Marion McCarthy, and Mary O'Callaghan, Chairman Cork Co. Board.

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Cork Cannot Be Too Complacent

THE Munster Under 18 Championship final, between Cork and Clare, postponed before Christmas, will be played on Sunday next at Buttevant, while on tomorrow the Munster Colleges junior final between St. Patrick's, Cork, and Presentation De la Salle, Hospital, will be played at the Tank Field, Cork.

Cork must be fancied to take the Munster under 18 title as they have a very strong and experienced side. They have Cork senior Martha Kearney; junior inter-county stars Joan O'Sullivan, Imelda Cronin, Helena Fox, Ger McCarthy, Clare Kelleher, Ann Currid and Lilian Zinkant and with an overall strength it is difficult to see them losing this game. However, a number of Clare colleges have been doing well in

recent years, in particular St. Patrick's, Shannon, and although the Clare panel was not available at the time of writing, no doubt a number of the St. Pat's girls will be in action on Sunday. So Cork would not want to be too complacent on Sunday.

Cork team — T. Kelleher (Eire Og), M. Spillane (Killeagh), J. O'Sullivan (Glen Rovers), I. Cronin (Na Piarsaigh), M. O'Donovan (Eire Og), H. Fox (Na Piarsaigh), M. Kearney (do.), G. McCarthy (Nemo Rangers), A. Currid (Glen Rovers), C. Kelleher (Eire Og), L. Zinkant (Sarsfields), C. Higgins (Watergrasshill). Subs.: C. Murphy (Inniscarra), J. Riordan (Aghabullogue), P. Keniry (Killeagh), S. Barrett (Aghabullogue).

St. Patrick's College, Cork, are having a marvellous season this year. They have already won the Munster Senior Colleges Championship and on tomorrow their

juniors will be hoping to emulate their first team when they meet Presentation, Hospital, in the Munster junior decider.

On their way to the final the Cork college defeated Loreto, Fermoy, St. Aloysius and St. Joseph's, Tulla, while Presentation De la Salle, Hospital, accounted for St. Mary's, Nenagh, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, St. Paul's, Kilfinnane and Mercy, Macroom.

The Cork girls have a home venue for the final, the Tank Field, and this will be a decided advantage. But they would be wise to remember that Presentation are the holders of the title and will take a great deal of beating.

Mr. Sean O'Brien, chairman of the Brian Dillon's Under-age Club, has asked me to mention that a public meeting will take place at Brian Dillon's Pavilion on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m., with the intention of forming a camogie team in the club.

Back in the late 1950's and early 1960's there was a very strong Brian Dillon's team under the guidance of the late Mr. Albert Keating and now the hurling people want to re-establish a camogie team in the area.

At the Cork County Board meeting on Monday last a vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives and families of the young people killed in the Stardust disaster.

St. Patrick's In All-Ireland Final

St. Patrick's, Cork 2-3

Mercy, Roscommon 1-1
ST. PATRICK'S, Cork are through to their first ever All-Ireland final. At Athleague on Saturday, in diabolical weather conditions, they had a fine win over Mercy Roscommon in the semi-final of the junior championship. And now they go on to meet St. John of Gods, Kilmore in the final.

The Cork girls had a dream start as "girl of the match" Caroline Reidy cut a marvellous side-line free almost on the half-way line straight to the net — and this in the first five minutes. The goal completely shattered the Mercy girls and in fact they did not recover until the last ten minutes when they scored an excellent goal and a point.

But at that stage St. Patrick's who were ahead by 2-nil at half-time were 2-2 ahead a further point put them safely through.

This was a great performance from the Cork girls who had their best players in Caroline Reidy, Ann Lonergan, Mary Currid, and Regina Scoutts.

Scorers:
St. Patrick's: C. Reidy and B. O'Sullivan, 1-0 each, R. Scoutts 0-3.
Mercy — P. Mulry 1-0; S. Murray 0-1.

St. Patrick's team: M. Murphy, A. Lenihan, D. Deane, E. Kingston, F. McCarthy, A. Lonergan, C. Reidy, M. Currid, N. Larkin, R. Scoutts, B. O'Sullivan, P. Lane.

In the second semi-final St. John of Gods, Kilmore, Dublin defeated Loreto Letterkenny by 2-5 to 1-1.

CORK 4-11

WEXFORD 0-3

Cork made an impressive start to this years National Senior League campaign at Cloughbawn yesterday when they had a comprehensive 4-11 to 0-3 points win over Wexford.

All-Ireland champions Cork were well on the way to victory at the interval as they led by 2-7 to 0-1 and in fact Wexford never really got

going and will have to do a lot better if they are to be a force in the championship this year.

On the other hand the Cork selectors must have been pleased. Without Mary Geaney who was playing international hockey on Saturday and Nancy O'Driscoll who has retired from inter-county camogie they produced an excellent performance which must augur well for Cork's All-Ireland chances this season.

Cork Scorers — M. Sweeney 2-6; G. McCarthy 1-1; C. Kelleher 1-0; P. Moloney 0-3; M. O'Leary 0-1.

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Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa: Solo, Instrumental, Roisin Mollins (Ballerin, Derry). Ceili Dancing, Oranmore, Galway. Solo Singing, Mary White (Mercy, Galway). Noventily, Ballinacurra Gaels, Limerick. Ballad Group, Attical, Down. Recitation, Pauline Hogan (Ballinacurra Gaels). Set Dance, Bruff, Limerick. Question Time, Prannore, Galway.

Cork To Triumph

By AGNES HOUIGAN

The senior national camogie league gets under way on Sunday when All-Ireland champions Cork travel to play Wexford in the opening game.

If the champions can reproduce last season's form, the Sianeyiders are bound to be in trouble.

Quite a number of Wexford's experienced players did not play last season, so many of their juniors found themselves promoted. However, they lost the first round of the championship to Kilkenny and, with only three counties in their league alone, they did not get much opportunity to gain experience.

In contrast, the Leesiders have a wide selection to choose from, as their junior All-Ireland winners are now seeking places on the senior panel.

The Leinster junior and minor championship also starts on Sunday with Louth, the

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junior champions playing Offaly in both grades.

Meanwhile, the officers of the Primary Schools Council are more than pleased with the progress made in nine counties and are also happy to report that seven more counties have made a promising start.

Cavan again tops the list, with 44 schools playing in nine-a-side competitions. Dublin has 16 schools competing in leagues and two very successful blitzes were organised in the second and third school terms.

The All-Ireland finals of the ceol, caint agus damhsa competitions are arranged for tonight at the Ballymun Comprehensive School, Dublin, starting at 7 p.m.

Roisin's

goals are
enough for
final place

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 3-0
ST. LOUIS 1-0

ASSUMPTION, Walkinstown, last year's defeated finalists advanced to the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Colleges Final after a hard earned victory over St. Louis, Killeel, at Walkinstown yesterday.

Killeel took the initiative from the start and pressurised the Walkinstown defence where Laura Beasley did much work to prevent a score. However, Walkinstown settled down and were rewarded when Roisin Meehan found space in a sound Killeel defence to score Walkinstown's first goal—the only score of the first half.

The first ten minutes of the second half were tremendously exciting and good Killeel attacks were rewarded with a goal from Anne Curran, but Walkinstown quickly replied with another Roisin Meehan goal.

Killeel continued to fight hard but a goal, dropped into the net from Helen O'Dwyer, to clinch the game for Walkinstown.

Scorers—Walkinstown: Roisin Meehan (2-0), Helen O'Dwyer (1-0). Killeel: Anne Curran (1-0). C.C.I.A. Semi-final — UCC 3-5; Polytech Belfast 0-1.

Kildare should keep their record intact



Killarney camogie team, which won the Gael Linn Cup by defeating Inniskeen in the final at Carrickmacross.

THE National Junior Camogie League continues on Sunday when five games are listed. Kildare, who were runners-up to Armagh in the final last season, are at home to Kerry at Carrickmacross (2.30), and should keep their unbeaten record intact.

Tyrone entertain Mayo at Eglis (3.0) and it would be a surprise were they to lose as the Mayo team is still a very inexperienced one.

The Monaghan-Wicklow game at Carrickmacross (2.30) should be a close game, as also should be the Waterford-Carlow tie at Poleberry. Waterford (3.0), Armagh, the champions, down two points to Louth, should defeat Meath at Lurgan (3.0).

SCHOOLS' SEMI-FINAL

The senior post-primary schools' All-Ireland semi-final has been arranged for Assumption School, Walkinstown, today (2.30) where the home-based school will play the Ulster champions, St. Louis Convent, Killeel.

St. Louis were runners-up in the 1972 and 1974 finals, which they lost to Oranmore and Athenry, respectively. Walkinstown were last year's beaten finalists.

Walkinstown have some very experienced players in their side, among them some who have represented Dublin at minor or junior inter-county level. Their goalkeeper, Yvonne Redmond, has joined her sisters, Ann and Barbara, on the senior panel this year.

PLAYED FOR LEINSTER

Anne Thorpe at midfield, the Cronin sisters, and Eunice Keogh were very prominent in their Leinster games.

For Killeel, Teresa Allen, the captain, is a very strong player.

Carolone Rooney is at full back, and the well-known Turley family provide two able players in Susan and Janis.

The finalists in the junior

competition became known on Saturday last. St. John of God, Kilmore, Dublin, reached the decider when they defeated Loreto Convent, Letterkenny,

while St. Patrick's, Cork, scored an unexpectedly easy victory over Mercy Convent, Roscommon.

Cork, the All-Ireland cham-

pions, won the first game in the new season's National League last Sunday, when they defeated Wexford at Clonroche. Cork won by 4-1 to 0-3, but the game was much closer than the score suggests.

Cork began well with two early goals, and scored their two other goals late in the second half.

Louth, the Leinster Junior champions, overcame the first hurdle in defence of their title last Sunday, when they defeated Offaly at Knockbridge. However, Offaly turned the tables by eliminating the Louth Minors.

University College, Dublin, who retained the Ashbourne Cup at Cork, qualified for the final of the CCIA League last Saturday, defeating St. Pats.

The second semi-final of the latter competition will be played today when University College, Cork, travel to play Polytechnic, Belfast. The final will be played after the Easter holidays.

SONG AND DANCE

Congratulations are extended to the winners in the All-Ireland finals of the Ceol, Caint and Damhsa competitions which provided a very pleasant night's entertainment at Ballymun Comprehensive School last Saturday.

Following is a list of the winners:

Solo Instrumental — Roisin Mullen, Ballerin, Derry. Celli Dancing — Oranmore, Galway. Solo Singing — Mary White, Mervue, Galway. Novelty Act — Ballinacurra Gaels, Limerick. Ballad Group — Attical, Down. Recitation — Pauline Hogan, Ballinacurra Gaels, Limerick. Set Dance — Bruff, Limerick. Question Time — Oranmore, Galway.

FIRST HURDLE LOOKS EASY FOR KILKENNY

KILKENNY, the Senior National League winners, with seven more senior counties, are listed to play on Sunday next. Wexford, who lost their first game two weeks ago to All-Ireland champions Cork, are the Noresiders opponents at Nowlan Park (12.0).

The Slaneiders have lost a number of their more experienced players and as was apparent against the Leesiders they will need to improve over the next few months if they are to be a force in 1981.

Kilkenny on the other hand have more or less the same personnel available and should mount this first hurdle in defence of their crown.

Dublin, who were quite a force in last year's competition are hosts to Down at Russell Park, Blanchardstown (3.0).

Down, now in their fifth season in senior grade, have improved considerably but it is doubtful that they can match the more experienced Dublins.

Limerick, runners-up to Cork for the All-Ireland senior crown, established themselves in the senior grade after their showing in the All-Ireland drawn final and replay. They should take the points at Church Pitch (3.0). Shannon where they play Clare. The Banner County gave some good displays last year and will be a force very soon if they continue to improve.

VERY CLOSE

In the North, Derry entertain Antrim at Kilrea (2.30). This should be a very close game. Antrim lost their Maguire Cup tie to Armagh in recent weeks so they will be very keen to get back on the winning trail, but Derry will be equally anxious to take the points from their nearest rivals Antrim.

There is one Junior National League tie down for decision on Sunday. Roscommon travel to

Westport (3.0) to play Mayo, a game postponed three weeks ago on account of the petrol shortage.

Roscommon look the stronger here and should collect the points.

The Junior competition has only one more list of games to complete the League Zones and they are arranged for April 5.

Kildare have come through Zone 'A' unbeaten and await the winners of Zone 'B'. Louth are the only unbeaten side in that section. They have yet to play Meath, but are unlikely to be halted.

TWO FIXTURES

Leinster have two fixtures on Sunday. Dublin send Junior and Minor Teams to play Wicklow. The Dublin selectors have announced two very strong teams for their opening games. They have skill, experience and are very fit.

Burndale Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down, is the venue for the Association's Annual Congress starting Saturday March 28 10.0 a.m. and continuing on the following day 11.0 a.m.

There are 17 items on the bulky agenda. They include an address from the President, Maire Ni Mhorain, reports from the General Secretary, Seosaimhin Nic Uaidrich, and the Treasurer, Una Ni Phuirseil, reports from the Provincial Councils and The Three Schools Councils.

All the outgoing Officers are returned unopposed and are: President: Miss Mary Moran (Cork); General Secretary: Miss Jo Golden (Kilkenny); Treasurer: Mrs. Agnes Purcell (Dublin); Organiser: Mr. Sean O'Duffy (Dublin).

Dublin swamp it in second half

Dublin 7-8 Down 2-2

DESPITE a good start by Down at Russell Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin ran out easy winners in their opening National League game. After a well contested opening period in which Down fought hard to gain control, Dublin's Marion Conroy set a great shot to the net. This goal was quickly followed by two further goals from Marion and Orla Ryan and Dublin's superior speed and skill helped them to gain complete control over the Down side.

They led at half-time, with a score of 6-3 to Down's single goal scored by Mary McGrath. The second half was equally one-sided although Dublin added just 1-5 to their first half tally.

The MacCartan sisters, Margaret O'Prey and Veronica McGreevy tried hard to prevent the Dublin girls domination of the game but failed to make any real impact on the scoreboard. Mary Duane, Edel Murphy, Marion Conroy, Jean Gormley and Orla Ryan combined well to make Dublin's score so impressive but they must be wary of stronger opposition in future league games.

Scorers Dublin—Marion Conroy (4-1), Mary Mernagh (1-1), Orla Ryan (1-1), Joan Gormley (1-0), Mary Duane (0-2), Edel

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Murphy (0-3), Down — Mary McGrath (1-2), Sheila McCartan (1-0).

Kilkenny ... 4-6 Wexford ... 1-5 At Nowlan Park, Kilkenny easily accounted for Wexford leading at half-time by 1-4 to 0-3.

Kilkenny — Angela Downey (2-5), Brigid Kennedy (1-0), Anna Whealan (1-0), Geraldine Sutton (0-1). Wexford — Brigid D'Arcy (1-0), Elsie Walshe (0-5).

Antrim 1-5 Derry 1-1

In an exciting game played at Kilrea, Antrim emerged with full points having been one point behind Derry at the interval. The sides were level with ten minutes remaining.

Scorers—Antrim—Bernie Heffernan (1-0), Lorraine O'Connor (0-2), Josephine McClements (0-3). Derry—Brigid McLaughlin (1-0), Brid Quinn (0-1).

Limerick 2-5 Clare 1-1

Scorers — Limerick—Helen Mulcaire (0-1), Pauline McCarthy (0-4), Brid Stokes (1-0), Angela O'Sullivan (1-0). Clare—Carmel Moroney (1-0), Claire Jones (0-1)

LEINSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dublin ... 3-3 Wicklow ... 0-2

After a slow start Dublin settled down to play more confidently and Fiona Ni Shiochain opened the scoring with a goal for Dublin at Rathdrum yesterday. Dublin's lead at half-time was due mainly to the good work of Felicity Sutton, Siobhan Agliard and Ger Brady.

Scorers—Dublin — Fiona Ni Shiochain (2-0), Alva Baxter (1-0), Felicity Sutton (0-3). Wicklow — Mary O'Loughlin, Barnadette Kelly (0-1) each.

LEINSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Dublin ... 8-4 Wicklow ... 0-0

Scorers — Dublin — Veronica O'Connor (3-0), Patricia Clinton (2-0), Lesley Quinn (2-0), Anne Cooper (1-1), Antoinette Kelly (0-2), Carmel O'Byrne (0-1).

ADDED INTEREST IN CAMOGIE CONGRESS

By JOAN MORLEY

THIS weekend camogie administrators from all over the country will gather at Newcastle, Co. Down, for the annual congress of the Camogie Association.

For the first time since the foundation of camogie a full time officer was appointed at last year's Congress and there will be great interest in the work which Jo Golden, the Ard Runai, has done during her first year as a full time worker for the game.

WORKING HARD

Well, if Jo's comprehensive, constructive and sometimes critical report to Congress is anything to go by, Jo has been working hard for the past year and her appointment to this very difficult post must be of enormous benefit to the Association.

Jo touches on many topics and sets the tone of the report with her opening comments: "In recognising and welcoming the continuing growth of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael, this Congress must also give serious consideration to the future of the game and of the Association. If this Congress is to fulfil its function of (a) being a medium through which views are exchanged, through which a better understanding of each other's problems is reached, through which solutions and suggestions are forthcoming, and (b) planning seriously, with foresight and idealism; then it must be neither insular nor isolationist, but broadminded and truly national in character."

THREE REMINDERS

Speaking on the insurance scheme for players, which was implemented last year, the Ard Runai expresses disappointment when she states: "Despite the clamouring of Comhdháil '80 for action in relation to the implementation of an insurance

scheme for players, it has taken almost twelve months and three reminders to obtain a response from 19 counties."

During her first year in office, Jo travelled extensively and through attendance at meetings of County Boards, through discussions with players and officials and through general observations, she now feels that the following are the problem areas in the organisation.

(1) Steady progress has increased the workload but not the number of willing; (2) Inflation and the so-called economic recession are creating financial difficulties for everyone and our organisation is no exception; (3) It is alleged that the young people are apathetic towards administration, activities undertaken by Co. Boards, attendance at meetings and even at County training sessions; (4) There are many opportunities for them to become involved in other sports and organisations with the resultant division of their allegiance and their time; (5) Many clubs suffer because of the departure of some of their players to work in the cities; (6) The consensus of opinion among players and referees is that the standard of play has become extremely high but that an undue amount of roughness has crept in. They feel that the lack of uniformity in interpretation of rules by referees and in their application of them is leading to confusion and dissatisfaction;

(7) Would it be true that there is a lack of cohesion at all levels in policy making in relation to coaching — training programmes, referees, presentation of our games and in the all-embracing area of administration? Would it be true that our greatest need is enthusiasm, idealistic leadership at every level of the Association?

Congress must look to future

THE ANNUAL Congress appropriately convened at the Burreendale Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down, at the Burreendale Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down, starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday morning and continuing on Sunday.

Appropriate because Camogie has been played in the Mourne County from almost the foundation of the game in 1904. Four All-Ireland titles, two minor, one junior and one Senior Colleges won by St. Clares Newry is no mean achievement.

The seventeen items on the agenda spell a busy weekend for the delegates and officers.

In her comprehensive report the Ard Runai Seosaimhín Nic Uaidrich, who combines this function with her position of Development Officer, states at the outset that the continuing growth of the Association demands that this Congress gives serious consideration to the future of the game and of the Association.

Twenty-nine Counties are affiliated and steps are being taken to organise Sligo, Leitrim and Longford. Clubs, Higher Institutes, Post Primary Schools and Primary Schools comprise 680 clubs, most of whom have at least two teams.

Miss Golden devotes a large section of her report to what she sees as the problem area in the organisation.

(a) Increased workload and not enough willing workers.

(b) Inflation which has increased administration costs and travelling expenses and is becoming a major constraint in the promotion of Camogie.

(c) Poor return from matches and from fund-raising ventures.

(d) The opportunities to become involved in many sports and organisations makes it more difficult for young people to become involved in the administration of their Camogie clubs, Boards and Councils.

(e) It is generally accepted that the standard of play has become extremely high. Players and referees are conscious that this demands uniformity in the interpretation of the rules to avoid confusion and dissatisfaction.

The Ard Runai does not con-

sider any of the problems surmountable and makes useful suggestions to them.

Among the nineteen items presented to the Annual Congress, Ulster Council proposed that the Gael-Linn Camogie be discontinued. This began in 1956 and was out of an interpretation of a petition to celebrate the anniversary of the Association.

It was, at the outset, until 1974, a senior competition but for a period of time (1975-77) it was changed to junior competition and as a result of the interest among junior counties the Congress 1978 voted in favour of a senior and a junior competition.

From a financial point of view has been a burden on the Council's funds. It will be interesting to hear Ulster Council's reasons for disbanding it.

The Junior National League now in its second year has requests from Wexford, Kilkenny and Leinster Council to encourage participation to all counties. At present counties who have not a team can enter the Junior League.

Dublin have proposed the Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland Minor Championships be changed from a weekend to which the semi-finals were played on Saturday and the final and the losers final on Sunday.

Antrim County Board proposes that Rules M and N which determine representation at Ard Choiste and the Congress be changed. The proposal, if passed, would reduce the three Colleges from voting or speaking at Ard Choiste or the Congress.

Busy Time For Players And Administrators

CONGRESS time is with us again and this weekend delegates from all over the country will meet at Newcastle, Co. Down, for the annual gathering.

On Saturday on the field of play, St. Patrick's School, Cork, hope to make a little bit of history for themselves when they meet St. Joseph's, Glenamaddy, in the All-Ireland Colleges semi-final, and on Sunday two under 16 finals and an under 14 semi-final will be decided.

Cork President, Mary Moran, begins her third year in office unopposed, and the other officers are returned without competition, which is surely a vote of confidence in their ability to run the Association, no mean feat indeed as the camogie organisation goes from strength to strength.

There will be special interest this year in the report of the association's first full-time official, the Ard Runai, Joe Golden. And delegates will not be disappointed as Jo has produced a comprehensive report which covers very many aspects of

the game, gives plenty of constructive ideas, lists what she considers to be the weaknesses in camogie, criticises certain aspects of the running of the game and generally produces a report which must prove helpful.

The remaining officers in addition to Mary and Jo are Mrs. Agnes Purcell, who had done trojan work in the unenviable role of National Treasurer, and Sean O'Duffy, that marvellous man of camogie, who is once again the organiser.

There is a long list of motions for Congress and with every county keen to have their motions passed it promises to be a very busy weekend for all concerned.

St. Patrick's have made Munster history this season by becoming the first school in the province to win both provincial titles in the one season. Two weeks ago their junior string qualified for the All-Ireland final, and on tomorrow their senior side have a great opportunity of joining them when they meet St. Joseph's, Glenamaddy, in the All-Ireland semi-final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

St. Patrick's, under coach

John Ring, are a truly dedicated side, who are prepared to train every day if necessary for their chance to reach the All-Ireland final.

They have a trump card in Ann Currid, who won the Player of the Tournament award at the All-Ireland minor finals last season and have other excellent players in Ann O'Mahony, Valerie Brett and Maeve Cullen.

A home venue will, of course, be a big asset to St. Pats, as they are bound to have a huge following and they must be fancied to join their juniors in the decider.

However, they cannot afford to be complacent as St. Joseph's, the Connacht champions, are reported to have some excellent players, including full-back Kay Divilly, and forwards Sinead Mannion and Clare Divilly.

Also St. Pat's would do well to remember that Cork sides always have difficulty in handling Galway teams and no doubt St. Joseph's will travel to Cork full of determination to reach their first final, as they also took their provincial title for the first time.

In any event Pairc Ui

Chaoimh will be well worth a visit tomorrow afternoon.

Pick of Sunday's games will probably be the under 16 championship final, in which Glen Rovers meet Aghabullogue at Coachford. Glen can call on Ann Lonergan, Denise Cotter and Ann Currid for this game, while Aghabullogue will be depending on Sheila Barrett, Geraldine Barry-Murphy and Ann Buckley in what should be a thriller.

Also on Sunday Eire Og meet Na Piarsaigh in the under 16 league final and here again an exciting final would seem to be on the cards.

Ballincollig spearheaded by Gobnait Crowley, Helen Murphy and Jackie Murphy meet Killeagh, led by Bernie and Sandy Landers and Ann O'Connor in the under 14 semi-final at Ballincollig, and to complete the list Blackrock meet Nemo Rangers in the junior league.

FIXTURES

Saturday and Sunday — At Newcastle, Co. Down, Annual Congress.

Saturday — At Pairc Ui Chaoimh, All-Ireland Colleges Semi-final, St. Patrick's (Cork)



Mary Moran

v. St. Joseph's (Glenamaddy).
p.m.
Sunday — At Ballincollig
U14L Semi-final: Ballincollig v. Killeagh, 2.30 p.m. (referee Eire Og). U16L Final: Eire Og v. Na Piarsaigh, 3.30 p.m. (referee Mary Maher, Ballincollig).
At Blackrock — J.A.L. Blackrock v. Nemo Rangers, 11 a.m. (referee St. Finbarr's).
At Coachford — U16L Glen Rovers v. Aghabullogue, 3.30 p.m. (referee C. P. Douglas).

St. Patrick's too nippy for Connacht rivals

St. Patrick's (Cork) 4-2, St. Joseph's (Glenamaddy) 1-1

A PURPLE patch in the opening quarter of the second half put St. Patrick's on the road to their first-ever All-Ireland senior Colleges' final, when at Burgess, Killeagh, on Saturday, they defeated Connacht champions, St. Joseph's, in the semi-final.

The score at half-time was 0-1 to nil in favour of St. Patrick's and at that stage even the most ardent Cork followers must have felt that maybe they had lost their chance. Golden opportunities were abegging in this period even though they had the wind slightly in their favour.

Throughout the season the Cork girls have played their best camogie in the second period of all their games and

Saturday was no exception as they were a different side after the interval.

St. Joseph's, also hoping to reach their first final, had held the Cork girls very well in the opening half when Brenda and Ann Divilly, Bernadette Fahy, Louise Keane and Teresa Garvey played excellent camogie.

But the Connacht champions could not cope with the marvellous team performance by St. Pat's in the second half when Valerie Brett and Maeve Cullen suddenly burst into shooting form and put the Cork champions ahead by 3-2 to 0-1 after fifteen minutes. Ann Currid, who was perhaps the best St. Pat's player on view, added another major and although Sinead Mannion

scored a goal for the Glenamaddy girls, the Cork champions had their place in the final secured with an impressive victory.

In addition to Ann, Maeve and Valerie, St. Pat's had very good players in Elizabeth Dunphy and Ann O'Mahony and now go on to meet Assumption, Walkinstown in the All-Ireland final on Saturday next.

Scorers: St. Patrick's: V. Brett 2-1, M. Cullen and A. Currid 1-0 each, A. O'Mahony 0-1; St. Joseph's: S. Mannion 1-0, B. Fahy 0-1.

St. Patrick's: E. Noonan, A. Gibbs, G. Barry, P. O'Mahony, E. Dunphy, A. Loneragan, A. O'Mahony, A. Currid, J. O'Regan, R. Scutts, V. Brett, M. Cullen.

St. Joseph's: K. Comer, R. Divilly, P. Hession, B. Divilly, C. Keaveney, D. Grady, B. Fahy, L. Keane, T. Garvey, S. Mannion, A. Divilly, M. Gannon.

Referee: B. Stokes (Limerick).

President unopposed

Mary Moran, the Cork president of the Camogie Association, was returned unopposed at the Annual Congress held at Newcastle, Co. Down, over the weekend, and now begins her third year in office. The Ard Runai, Jo Golden, and Mrs. Agnes Purcell, the Treasurer, were also re-elected without opposition, so Central Council returns unopposed for another year.

In welcoming delegates to the Northern venue, the president said it was appropriate to salute the courageous and steadfast people whose love of our native game has kept it alive and flourishing in such difficult times. "This undying spirit has carried Antrim, Down, Derry and Armagh past adversity to claim All-Ireland honours on our playing fields when the less resolute would have recoiled at the prospect," she added.

INTEREST

There was particular interest at Congress in the

working of the Association's first full-time official — Ard Runai, Joe Golden. Miss Golden had an excellent report before Congress and her proposed Development Plan seems a very good blueprint for the future of the Association.

Mary Moran in her address called for support for Miss Golden's comprehensive plan when she said: "The need to develop towards full potential is vital. I trust that all responsible units of our Association will use this opportunity to examine and assess their own regions under the various headings outlined and identify strong points and areas of growth with a view to consolidate same.

Continuing, she said, "Determine your shortcomings and untapped resources and draw up a plan for improvement and expansion calling on the full range of services being offered by the Association."

During her address Miss Moran also called for a National Camogie Day, which, she felt, should be

focused totally on the club.

"A variety programme, attracting present and future members of the club, together with their families, could be geared to local needs. Games, sports, ceilithe and socials could be items on the agenda which would include something for everybody," she said.

The president also stressed the importance of young people to the Association, when she stated: "The children of the nation are its greatest asset. Certainly they are our future. The people who put sticks into the hands of the young have the love of our game at heart. They are the unsung heroes/heroines of our Association. I have never failed to come away from Feile na nGael weekend full of admiration for the excellent work which the officials in charge of these young teams do." And she continued: "Those who promote camogie in the primary schools deserve equal praise and I would ask each county to focus attention on these great nurseries of the game."

NEW ROUGH PLAY RULE

THE annual Camogie Congress resumed yesterday morning at the Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down. Notices of motion and recommendations from joint committees comprising members of referees and coaching committees were discussed.

This committee was mandated at Congress '80 to examine the playing rules with a view to keeping the game safe for players. As a result of recommendations the following decision was taken and is to be implemented from the first of May '81 for Senior and Junior intercounty competitions for 1981 only.

A player who has been warned once by the referee in connection with rough and/or dangerous play and who commits a second offence will be dismissed from the field for the remainder of the game. Substitution for this player will not be permitted. Should the player be dismissed from a subsequent game she will appear before the committee in charge which will decide on action to be taken.

A referee is to be empowered according to existing rules to dismiss a player on the first offence if she deems such action is warranted.

A motion from Kilkenny, Wexford and Leinster councils that the Junior League be revised to include all Junior counties was passed, and all Junior counties will be eligible to compete in the new season.

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR COLLEGE
Semi-final — St. Patrick's Cork 4-0
Glenamaddy Galway 1-1
Minor — Prosperous 7-0; Mercy 0-0; Prosperous 4-0; Athy 1-0.



MATCH WINNING GOALS: Two vital second half goals for St. Patrick's Secondary School, Cork in their win over St. Joseph's, Glenamaddy, in the All-Ireland Colleges senior camogie semi-final at Killeagh, on Saturday — left, Regina Scutts gets inside the defence and cuts the ball to the corner of the net past goalkeeper Kathleen Comer; right, the dynamic Anne Currid handpasses high to the net.

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The St. Patrick's team who meet Assumption School, Walkinstown, in the All-Ireland Colleges Final at Cashel tomorrow.

St. Patrick's chase the double

By JOAN MORLEY

IT has been a fantastic year for Cork school, St. Patrick's, as they reached both junior and senior All-Ireland finals for the first time. Now the supreme moment is only a day away for their seniors as tomorrow they meet Assumption School, Walkinstown, in the Senior Colleges final at Cashel.

On Sunday, Cork will be chasing their second brace of points in the Senior National League and two Cork club games will also be decided.

No Munster college has managed to reach both finals in the same season, that is

before St. Patrick's, although Presentation, Athenry did do it and went on to win the double.

Now the Cork school are determined to emulate the Connacht girls and a win on Saturday would be a marvellous achievement indeed.

Under the guidance of coach John Ring, St. Patrick's have improved with each outing and if they can reproduce the form they showed in the second half of the semi-final against St. Joseph's, Glenamaddy, then they must have a very good chance of bringing their first senior All-Ireland title to the

school. They have excellent players in Cork minor player of the year Ann Currid, Ann O'Mahony, Valerie Brett, Maeve Cullen and Elizabeth Dunphy but their greatest asset is their ability to play a team game.

GOOD SIDE

However, they can expect the strongest of opposition as reports are that Assumption are a very good side. In their line-up they have Yvonne Redmond, a member of the Dublin senior panel, a marvellous centre in Ann Thorpe and other competent players in Siobhan Cronin

and Eunice Keogh.

In Cork's last, and successful, outing against Wexford in the National League, Betty Joyce and Mary Geaney were unavailable. For Sunday Betty Joyce comes into the side at wing-centre with Ann Delaney, who got her first senior outing in the Wexford game, moving to corner-forward. But Mary Geaney has to be content with a position on the substitutes bench for this one.

FULL POINTS

Kilkenny, who have also taken full points from Wexford, are never an easy

side to beat and with such top class players as Bridie Martin, Liz Neary and the Downey sisters Angela and Ann, Cork can expect the best of opposition.

In other games Inniscarra meet Youghal in the Cork Intermediate League and Douglas play Glen Rovers in the Junior 'B' competition.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow at Cashel, All-Ireland Colleges Senior Final - St. Patrick's, Cork v Assumption School, Walkinstown, 3 p.m.

Sunday: At Ballincollig, Wexford v Kilkenny 3 p.m. At Youghal, IL - Youghal v Inniscarra 3 p.m. At Douglas, JBL - Douglas v Glen Rovers 3 p.m.

Quick Return To Camogie Fields

which broadened the National Junior League to include all counties, irrespective of whether they fielded a senior team or not.

At the 1980 Congress, a joint committee, comprising the referees and Coaching Committee, was set up to examine the rules and report back to this Congress.

The deliberations of the Committee resulted in the suggestion that a new playing rule should be added.

The new rule comes into operation on May 1 and will be continued for a trial period in the senior and junior inter-county matches for the '81 season's competitions.

In all senior and junior

inter-county matches, a player who, having been warned once by the referee for rough and/or dangerous play, commits a second offence of this nature, will be dismissed from the field of play by the referee for the remainder of the game.

Substitution of this player will not be permitted.

Continuous dissent or the use of abusive / bad language after one warning by the referee also carries the penalty of dismissal. Substitution will not be permitted in this instance, either.

This experiment, if it works, should ensure that the game is free of any play which could harm the players or the image

of the Association.

Cork, the All-Ireland senior champions, and Kilkenny, the Senior National League winners, have plenty at stake to make their League clash at Ballincollig (3.0) a lively affair. Both counties have defeated Wexford in this season's League and both can call on the top stars of the game.

For the home side, Marie Donovan is at full back with the 1980 "Camogie Player of the Year", Marian McCarthy in goal. Pat Moloney, Mary O'Leary and Marion Sweeney are sharpshooters in attack.

Kilkenny's Angela Downey, her sister Anne, Bridie Martin, Margaret Farrell, Mary Purcell,

FIRST FOR THE GLEN

GLEN ROVERS 4-4
AGHABULLOGUE 0-0

For the first time in their camogie history Glen Rovers have won an under-age title. On Sunday last they took the Cork Under 16 Championship when they defeated Aghabullogue in an excellent decider.

One of Glen's stars was Denise Cotter, a mere 12½ years of age, who scored 1-2. Ann Lonergan, Ann and Mary Currid and Breda O'Sullivan were others to shine for Glen. Aghabullogue, who never gave up trying had their best players in Sheila Barrett, Geraldine Barry-Murphy, and Anna Buckley.

Scorers: B. O'Sullivan 1-0, D. Cotter 1-2, A. Lonergan 1-0, A. Currid and M. Currid 0-1 each.

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Big Day For St. Patrick's School

FOR weeks now excitement has been building up to fever pitch at Cork school, St. Patrick's, as first their junior team and then their seniors qualified for their respective All-Ireland Colleges final, and in so doing became the first Munster school to reach both finals in the same year.

Now the biggest day in their camogie history is only twenty-four hours away as on tomorrow (Saturday) they meet Assumption School, Walkinstown, Dublin, in the All-Ireland senior final at Cashel.

On Sunday the Cork senior team will be in action for the second time in the National League when they travel to Kilkenny to meet that county.

St. Patrick's face the biggest test of their camogie life tomorrow as they will be up against a very good side in Assumption School, who are playing in their second successive final. It will be remembered by Cork followers that they lost to North Presentation in last year's decider. They have a number of very talented players including Yvonne Redmond, a member of the Dublin senior panel. Ann Thorpe is a tower of strength in centrefield while Siobhan Cronin and Eunice Keogh

are two others who could give the Cork girls a great deal of trouble.

However, St. Patrick's have gone from strength to strength this season and if their second half display on Saturday last is anything to go by they must be there with a very good chance. However, they must get into this game right from the start — they have tended to play their best camogie only in the second half of most of their games to date — and they certainly cannot afford to miss the kind of golden chances which they lost on Saturday last.

Ann Currid, so good last Saturday, sharp-shooter Valerie Brett and Maeve Cullen, Elizabeth Dunphy and Ann O'Mahony, will carry a major chunk of St. Patrick's hopes tomorrow, but overall St. Patrick's must attribute their success this season to their marvellous teamwork, where each and every member of the team is a vital cog. And with the support of their school behind them in Cashel, this same teamwork could see them take their first ever All-Ireland title. But it will not be easy.

The St. Patrick's team is: E. Noonan, A. Gibbs, G. Barry, P. O'Mahony, E. Dunphy, A. Loneragan, A. O'Mahony, A. Currid, J.

O'Regan, R. Scutts, V. Brett, M. Cullen.

Cork began their National Senior League on a winning note when they defeated Wexford a few weeks ago. On Sunday they will be hoping for another brace of points as they face Kilkenny in Ballincollig.

For this game Betty Joyce, who was not available last time out comes into the side at centre-field, but Mary Geaney, who was also unavailable has to be content with a place in the reserves.

Ann Delaney, who made her debut at wing-centre against Wexford is still on the side, but has been switched to a forward position. The remainder of the team is as before, with Catherine Landers as captain.

As All-Ireland champions Cork will be expected to take both points here, especially with a home venue, but Kilkenny have a very good side, who will make a bold bid for All-Ireland honours this season. They have the Downey sisters, Ann and Angela, Liz Neary and Bridie Martin to lead them so Cork can expect a tough game. In any case the tie should be well worth a visit to Ballincollig on Sunday.

Cork: M. McCarthy (Eire O'g.), M. O'Donovan (Killeagh), M. Kearney (Na

Piarsaigh), K. Landers (Killeagh, capt.), P. O'Riordan (Ballinlough), C. Cronin (Old Aloysians), A. Higgins (Watergrasshill), B. Joyce (Killeagh), M. O'Leary (Watergrasshill), P. Moloney (Killeagh), A. Delaney (Glen Rovers), M. Sweeney (Killeagh).

Subs.: E. Dineen, J. O'Sullivan, M. Higgins, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kelleher, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney.

There are two club games also listed on Sunday, with Inniscarra and Youghal meeting in the Intermediate League and Douglas playing Glen Rovers in the Junior B League.

Finally, registrations are now overdue and have to be in the Board at the latest on Monday next.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday) at Cashel: All-Ireland Colleges senior final: St. Patrick's, Cork v Assumption School, Walkinstown, Dublin, 3 p.m. (Referee, Mary O'Halloran).

Sunday, At Ballincollig. National S. League: Cork v Kilkenny, 3 p.m. (Ref., Limerick).

At Youghal, I.L.: Inniscarra v Youghal, 3 p.m. (Ref., Churchtown).

At Douglas, J. B. L. Douglas v Glen Rovers, 2 p.m. (Ref., Blackrock).

ST. PATRICKS ARE THE CHAMPIONS

St. Patrick's School
(Cork) 1-3;
Assumption School
(Dublin) 0-5

ST. PATRICK'S School, Cork, won their first All-Ireland Senior Colleges Crown on Saturday, in the most dramatic final since the inception of the competition in 1969, when they defeated Assumption School, Walkinstown, by a single point at Cashel.

The standard may not have been as high as in previous years, but how it made up for that in excitement, particularly in the second half as both sides played their hearts out leaving the result in doubt right to the last puck.

When it ended there were tears all round — from St. Patrick's who cried with joy and relief as they had snatched victory from the jaws of defeat and from Walkinstown, who had suffered the bitter blow of having victory taken when it looked as if it was to be second time lucky for them. (They lost to North Presentation in last week's final).

Both sides took some time to settle down — the first final played outside Croke

Park — the Dublin girls who were first to score and had three points on the scoreboard before the Cork girls got their first minor.

At half time Walkinstown were ahead by 0-4 to 0-1 and with marvellous players in Ann Thorpe, Siobhan Cronin, who scored two fantastic points from sideline pucks, goalie Yvonne Redmond, a member of the Dublin senior panel, and Laura Beasley, they looked as if they could take the title.

But all credit to St. Patrick's, who never gave up trying and whose whole-hearted endeavour was eventually awarded when, with only eight minutes to go, gained the lead for the first time. The St. Patrick's supporters went wild but it was not over yet, as Ann Thorpe, the Walkinstown free taker, got a chance with the last puck of the ball to equalise. But it proved too much for Ann, and the ball was deflected wide, and so St. Patrick's had won.

Eileen Noonan, Antoinette Gibbs, Elizabeth Dunphy, captain, Ann O'Mahony and Ann Currid were St. Patrick's top players, but each and every one of the players, and their coach John Ring deserve credit for this

marvellous performance by the Cork School.

But spare a word of sympathy for Walkinstown, within eight minutes of their first title, and who suffered defeat in the All-Ireland final for the second year running, in spite of an excellent performance.

Scorers — St. Patrick's: Regina Scutts 1-0, Ann Currid 0-2, E. Dunphy 0-1. Assumption School: Ann Thorpe 0-3, Siobhan Cronin 0-2.

Teams: St. Patrick's: E. Noonan, A. Gibbs, G. Barry, P. O'Mahony, E. Dunphy, A. Loneragan, A. O'Mahony, A. Currid, J. O'Regan, R. Scutts, V. Brett, M. Cullen.

Assumption School: Y. Redmond, F. Lennon, E. Comerford, L. Beasley, M. Cronin, E. Keogh, C. Fitzgerald, A. Thorpe, H. O'Dwyer, S. Cronin, A. Gaynor, B. Meenan. Sub.: P. Byrne for A. Gaynor. Referee: A. O'Halloran (Clare).



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Cumann Camogaíochta na gColaisti

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR COLLEGES FINAL

*****4-4-1981*****

At Leahy Park,

Cashel OF THE KINGS,

AT

3.00 pm.

St. Patricks Secondary School

(Corcaigh)

V

Assumption School

Walkinstown

(Ath Cliath)

Referee: Mary O'Halloran

(Co. an Chlair)

Luach :- 10p.

CORK WIN SECOND BRACE OF POINTS

By JOAN MORLEY

CORK 3-6 KILKENNY 2-4

Cork won their second brace of National Senior League points at Ballincollig yesterday when they defeated Kilkenny 3-6 to 2-4.

Yesterday's points were valuable ones indeed as Kilkenny are one of the top teams in the country. However, yesterday they were short a few, including Helena O'Neill and Liz Neary, and how close they came to slipping Cork at the finish.

And had Kilkenny won, Cork would have had only themselves to blame as they appeared quite complacent at times and were a long way from the side which won the All-Ireland Senior title last season.

However, it is early in the year yet, and Cork still did enough to win with Mary O'Leary scoring two picture goals — one in each half — and substitute Mary Geaney coming on late in the game to score the most valuable of goals when Cork were leading by a mere two points with only minutes to go.

Cork were first to score and were ahead by 1-3 to 1-0 at the interval. But how they

had to fight for the game after the interval as Angela Downey came into her own and scored a marvellous goal which Kilkenny right back in contention.

It was an exciting tussle in the second half with victory likely to go either way. In the end Cork deserved the points for their ability to snatch these scores.

Mary O'Leary, Marion McCarthy, Patricia O'Riordan were best for Cork while Teresa O'Neill, Ann and Angela Downey and Peggy Muldowney were excellent for Kilkenny.

Scorers: Cork — M. O'Leary 2-0, Geaney 1-1, P. Moloney and M. Sweeney 2 each.

Kilkenny — A. Whelan and A. Downey 1-1 each, M. Farrell and B. Martin 2 each.

Cork: M. McCarthy, M. O'Donnell, Kearney, C. Landers, P. O'Riordan, Joyce, A. Higgins, C. Cronin, M. O'Leary, P. Moloney, A. Delaney, M. Sweeney, M. Geaney for A. Delaney.

Kilkenny: T. O'Neill, Ann Downey, Golden, B. Martin, M. Canavan, P. Muldowney, B. O'Sullivan, Angela Downey, A. Whelan, J. Donohue, M. Sweeney. Referee: C. Clancy (Limerick).



The Cork defence is well outnumbered as Kilkenny close in during the National Senior Camogie League game at Ballincollig on Sunday. (Examiner)

Camogie's new full-time officer, Seosaimhin Nic Uaildrich, writes for the Kildare year-book.

Having been requested to commit a paper for your yearbook my likes and dislikes in connection with Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael the following thoughts came to mind. They are really leaning more towards the good and not so good aspects of the Association rather than to personal preferences, and include my observations in relation to outside influences on the general development of the organisation.

Like the GAA, the Camogie Association offers to the Irish people at home and abroad much more than the opportunity to participate in games. While the games themselves attract members, and while their promotion is the basic aim of both Associations, it is their ideals and the background to their foundation which bind people to them.

Our members fully appreciate the historical happenings which prompted the inauguration of organisations which were to keep alive and nurture Irish games, language, culture and traditions. They appreciate the struggles of men and women to establish their own game for Irish girls at a time when a woman's place was considered quite definitely to be in the home. That our organisation can now look back on seventy-six years of growth and expansion is in itself an indication of the place it holds in the community and of the part it has to play in the life of the nation.

Volunteers

Progress has been made over the years through the endeavours of many people working on a voluntary basis. Through the efforts of those dedicated, unselfish, farseeing people Camogie has come from small beginnings to being an organisation which now has 60,000 members. Colleges' competitions at Primary, Post-

primary and Third level, eight All-Ireland competitions run by Ard Choiste and numerous competitions for all ages and grades run at Provincial and County Levels.

With the ever-increasing number of competitions the standard of Camogie skills has improved out of all recognition. There have been many brilliant individuals over the years but now, through the emphasis on coaching and training and the introduction of Primary school children to the game, the overall standard has been raised.

This is borne out by the fact that there are now eleven senior County teams of which eight have won national titles in the last decade. The Junior Counties are also very close standardwise, with Leinster and Ulster having new champions this year in Louth and Tyrone. The highlights of the past year for me was the contest between Kildare and Armagh in the National League Final. The display of both teams on that occasion could rank with the best of any sport.

Empty Terraces

With such high standards one might wonder why our games do not attract greater numbers of spectators. I feel that our own members must share the responsibility for this. Many Camogie players seem to be interested only in playing and do not bother to attend matches in the role of spectators. Perhaps this is true of young people generally nowadays.

All our games should be publicised in advance, whether through the sports columns of the local papers or through notices in community halls or in the schools.

As our games are played on the GAA pitches, surely the Camogie officers could ask that they be fixed for before or after the GAA games, thus ensuring a good crowd of spectators. It is true that some people come to their first Camogie match prepared to be bored or amused but, having

enjoyed it, will come again. We need the support of our own members and we need the opportunity to reach the hitherto unconverted.

Publicity

While publicity must be gained at local level it is also important that the game be accorded a certain standard at national level. The newspapers are generally very good in this respect but television, which is perhaps the greatest single influence on young people, is sadly lacking. Again, we could examine our own consciences, because if even one third of our members attended the All-Ireland Finals RTE would be convinced that Camogie deserves coverage as a major national sport.

Young people are also influenced to a great degree by their parents and teachers. Very many adults devote their time, money and energies to coaching youngsters and to transporting them to matches. Without them there could be no organised leisure-time activities of any kind for the boys and girls.

Like many another organisation, Camogie suffers from not having sufficient numbers of such willing helpers. We have the added problem that the girls are temporarily lost to Camogie when they marry and have families. Nevertheless, far more of the young married people could consider returning to the organisational side when their children are at a school-going age.

Extra-Curricular

I fully appreciate that the working day of a teacher is demanding and exhausting, but teachers would find it of immense benefit to engage in extra-curricular activities with their pupils. Without the help of teachers we cannot look forward with hope to the future of the game.

The situation would be eased if all schools could take a half-day each week for games and if

the school transport system were to include travel to and from games. Participation in sport or in outdoor activities of some sort is absolutely necessary to the balanced development of a child, and the facilities to make this possible must be provided by the relevant authorities.

I would like to see parents and teachers demand a less pressurised school life for their children, and I would particularly like to see them support the promotion of Gaelic games. It saddens me that young people are not really encouraged to appreciate their own heritage, are not being convinced of the wealth of their own culture, games and language, and are being exposed in almost every aspect of their daily lives to anything other than things Irish.

Broadening

I certainly would not like

to see them taught to be insular, nor would I expect or want them to confine themselves to Irish games or culture only, but I would like to think that their birthright is being handed on in all its richness. People in associations such as ours, regardless of their way of life, have a duty to work towards this end.

Such an objective can best be reached through expansion of our Association within our own communities, not merely in the sense of increasing membership but in participating in community life and in joining with other groups in organising social activities.

Our organisation has great scope for broadening its horizons and I would like to see every effort being made to establish a Camogie Club alongside every GAA club in the country. The co-operation of the men would

be essential and they have proved in many ways that it is readily available. The women, who indeed have supported the GAA since its inception, should avail of the assistance of the men and join forces with them. This could only result in the betterment of the quality of the life which we are handing on to the youth of Ireland.

Thar éinní eile, ba bhreá liom é go mbeadh an deis ag cailíní óga na tíre seo an taitneamh céanna a bhaint as cluiche Gaelach na mban is atá bainte agamsa as leis na blianta anuas. Chomh maith leis sin, is tabhachtaí ná rud ar bith eile é go mbeadh fíor-chairde ag gach duine. Snaidhmtear buan-charadas cad-rainn i gCumann Camógaíochta na nGael, agus ba mhaith liom é go mbeadh a leithéid mar bhun-chloch ag aos óg an lae inniu.

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CAMOGIE – THE ATTRACTIONS

By: MARY MORAN
– President of Camogie Association

As a player, the sight of a white sliothar floating against a blue sky filled me with an instant desire to race to the spot where the ball would drop. A clean catch in a crowded goalmouth, a neat side-step to evade incoming forwards, connecting on a sliothar in full flight or a well-timed inception always thrilled me.

Now, with my playing days behind me, I draw enjoyment and satisfaction from other facets

of our Association.

A sense of belonging cements me to camogie. In the past, when I sampled other sports, I regarded myself as a camogie player on a basketball or tennis court. When the particular game ended, there was nothing to delay me further. In the camogie scene, I feel at home. The knowledge that I am part of far more than a sporting organisation accounted for this reaction.

A cordial welcome is extended by camogie folk, in all parts of the country, to visiting members. Lasting friendships are the great-

est reward of a camogie career. How former players greet one another with an expression of genuine regard. By-gone days are recalled in pleasant chat.

Coaching Link

I retain my direct link with the game itself through coaching. Working closely with players, it is possible to share their ups and downs. The response from youngsters is encouraging. Seeing them progress makes any effort worthwhile.

Collecting items of camogie interest is a hobby within a hobby

to me. Every article, photograph, record and programme, which comes to hand, is carefully retained. I draw much pleasure from reading scrapbooks over and over again. Unlike in the major sports, where fulltime correspondents maintain records and statistics, it falls to the ordinary member in camogie to see that history in the making is not lost.

Should time permit at some future date, I would derive great satisfaction from collecting the camogie history of my own county. Following up leads to fill in missing gaps, unearthing the real facts to dispel existing myths, listening to former players and officials tell of their times would fascinate me. I hope that each county will have their camogie history in print before our Association reaches its centenary. If Armagh can do it, what is holding back the rest? I wonder which county will give the lead by publishing a Camogie Yearbook?

Memorabilia

Browsing around the Feile na nGael museum at Loughrea recently left me longing for the day when sufficient material would be available throughout the country to assemble a camogie museum. With every year that slips by valuable material and information is lost.

I like to see clubs expand their activities to cater for everybody who wishes to be a member. All too often, clubs accommodate good players, allowing the remainder to drift away. There

are many ways to involve members apart from playing. Delegating responsibility for such areas as coaching, under-age section, C.C.D., social events, club history, catering and general administration duties would involve a considerable number.

Staging a Club Social & Sports Day would be a welcome addition to a club calendar. Activities could range from 7 aside games for all interested in playing camogie. A game of rounders for former players, sports activities for all, including husbands, children of players, etc., a non-tackling game for young children of the locality, novelty events of every description followed by a social evening could comprise the programme.

The Celtic Club in Dublin have formed a past players society as a means of keeping in touch with retired players. This worthwhile venture maintains a link which so many girls lose on getting married.

More Skill

The skill level of players around the country has risen considerably in the past ten years. Previously, a dozen or so top bracket performers could be pin-pointed. Now skilful players are numbered in hundreds rather than in dozens. Over the last decade, I have admired the style of Mairead McAtamney, Liz Garvan, Bridie Martin and many others. Watching the Colleges Interprovincial series, inter-county minor matches and Pan Celtic Games convinces me that there are a host of future stars about to

enter the limelight.

Community Games, Feile na nGael, Primary and Post-Primary Schools competitions have altered the whole scene. Girls are taking up the game at a much younger age. Good competition is being provided. The result is that the players are progressing at a faster rate than heretofore. It is very pleasing to see this trend so widespread. The upsurge of Armagh, Kildare, Tyrone and Louth this season is most gratifying.

Post-School

I would question, however, if our clubs are geared to continue the advancement of these players careers when the school days are over. Unfortunately, it is the practice of most clubs to deal with the matters on hand or with the events of coming weeks. A development plan, covering a number of years, is rare indeed. A more organised approach, calling on all the talents and energy at its disposal, is necessary for the successful club in the future.

Camogie is a young girls game. But the Camogie Association is for all who wish to join. I hope that, in the not-too-distant future, our game will be available to every young girl in the country who wishes to participate. I thank those who, through dedicated effort, have made our Association what it is today and trust that, true to the ideals of our Association, they will continue to promote and advance its well-being in the future.

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CISS CORCORAN/QUEEN OF CAMOGIE IN KILDARE

The Scotswoman who fostered Ireland's National game for Ladies tells her story.

Ciss Corcoran's Camogie Story

I started my camogie in 1930 when I played with Sallins. There were two teams there at that time, St Anne's and St Bernadette's.

Bernadette's were commonly known as "The Wasps" as we had

black and amber striped blouses. St. Anne's wore pink blouses and were our closest rivals.

I was captain of St Bernadette's and got the nickname of 'Lowry Maher' for my long puck out. There was great team spirit with camogie teams at that time and there was not all the cars then that are about now, we went to matches on our bicycles or

depended on our local GAA Members with cars for transport, which we always got. We always had great support from them.

I won three county championships medals with Bernadette's. My late mother took a big interest in our activities and worked on our club committee. My two sisters played camogie as well, Betty at centre-field and Gretta

as forward.

Retirement

In 1936 I retired from the game. A few years later I got married and my family claimed all my attention; three sons and two daughters kept me busy.

In 1954 when I returned to my old hobby again I registered with Naas Club and won four more championship medals between 1955 and 1961. I was county chairman for thirteen years and also Vice-Chairman of the Leinster Council as well as Vice-Chairman of Leinster Colleges.

In 1974 I withdrew from Leinster Council after 13 years as an Officer. Last September I withdrew from Leinster Colleges after 17 years as an Officer and was made an honorary chairperson in recognition of my work for the schools and colleges. I was made life President of Kildare County Board in recognition of my work for them.

Five of Six

There were six Leinster titles won in the county in that period and I trained five of the teams that were successful — the other one was trained by Sister Ita of Kilcock school.

I got all the schools in Kildare into Leinster Colleges Competition, and do hope all schools in Kildare will take part in the county games as well as Leinster Colleges competitions.

One of the proudest moments in my camogie career was in 1969 when we were in Croke Park to see three Kildare teams in the Leinster Finals; our footballers were beaten; our hurlers were beaten; but that evening our County Camogie team won the Leinster championship by beating Louth, and lifted the gloom for Kildare supporters.

At the time I was Leinster Chairman, Kildare Chairman and trainer of the team, and presented the trophy to our winners.

Dr Birch

Another proud moment was in 1970 when camogie history was made as I escorted Most Rev Dr Birch, Bishop of Ossory, on to Croke Park for the throw-in of the ball for the Leinster Colleges Final between Dublin and Kilkenny.

Then in 1974 when Mrs Timmins, chairman of the Leinster Council presented me with a lovely plaque (on behalf of Leinster in recognition of my work for them) in Croke Park after the Leinster Final between Wexford and Dublin.

My success as trainer of teams stemmed, and still does, from match practice, a "play the best always" policy and also co-operation from players.

I must thank my husband Matt for his help, as I had so many matches and meetings to cover, but

he understood as he was a great cyclist in the 1930's. He has many Leinster and county medals to his name, and knew what it was all about.

The Other Side

Disappointments — well when Kildare lost to Cork in Naas in the All-Ireland semi-final and Cork won out; we were beaten in the last minute of the game.

Another — when the top crossbar was removed as in my opinion that was the testing of the skill of scoring.

Then when RTE's Trom agus Eadtrom did a special programme on camogie for the 75th celebrations last year and the great man of camogie Sean O'Duffy, one of the founders of the Association and great organiser, got very little recognition.

The briefness of his appearance was deplored by all County Kildare members. He is such a fine man and did so much for camogie, surely he should have been given time to speak.

I had the honour of being nominated by Kilkenny for President of the Association in 1970 but did not let my name go forward.

I have a very good camogie record behind me. Very good luck to our County and Clubs in the future, is the sincere wish — from Ciss Corcoran (nee Creaney) born in Scotland!

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POWERFUL DUBS CAN WIN AGAIN

DUBLIN, who defeated Down, and Antrim, who took the points from Derry, make their second appearance in the National Senior Camogie League when they meet at Cusendall on Sunday next (3.0), and Down entertain Derry at Ballycran (3.0) in their second outing.

The Metropolitans proved too strong for Down on that occasion and enjoyed an easy victory.

There were three newcomers on their line-out from last season and a number of positional changes. Yvonne Redmond, the Minor goalie of the past three seasons and star for her school, Assumption Convent, Walkinstown, has been selected for that important position.

Her sister, Ann O'Brien, has taken over the full back berth while Germaine Noonan, Marino, and one of the stars of the University College team which won the Ashbourne Cup was at right back. Sheila Wallace, the captain and Catherine Docherty retain their position at centre back and left back respectively.

SUCCESSFUL

Newcomer Mary Duane, Edel Murphy and Una Crowley were very successful at midfield while the attack of Marian Conroy, Mary Mernagh, Orla Ui Riain and Joan Gormley who was playing in her first senior game, combined excellently.

For Antrim, Anne McAllister, Josephine McClements, the McAtamney sisters, Siobhan and Jackie, and Mairead Donnelly will not give in easily but I expect the Dubliners to be too strong for the Northerners, who have a very young side.

Down have done very well against Derry in their recent clashes so with home venue an added advantage, a victory for Stephanie Kelly, Cathy O'Hare, the Tarley Sisters, and Ann

Rooney is likely. However, Derry were somewhat unlucky not to take the points from Antrim and are very keen to establish themselves as a senior county. They have an enthusiastic leader in Brigid McLaughlin from Glack.

St. Patrick's, Cork will be very keen to complete the schools' double when they play St. John of God, Kilmore in the Junior All-Ireland Final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny tomorrow (3.0).

Last Saturday at Cashel the Cork Senior team won their first All-Ireland title when they defeated fancied Assumption School, Walkinstown by a single point.

Two of the winning team are still eligible to play tomorrow so Ann Loneragan and Regina Scouts have a chance of a second All-Ireland medal. Other prominent members of the team are goalie, Mary Murphy, mid-field Mary Currid, a sister of Ann's who played such a great game last week, Caroline Reidy and Noreen Larkin.

Louth, who have been doing well in the Junior National League travel to the Walsh Memorial Park, Kilkenny, to play the home county. Kilkenny will be fielding in their first game and may not be fit enough for the champions.

Meath's Junior and Minor sides play Wexford at Clonroche (2.0) and (3.0). Victories for the Slaneysiders look likely here.

Dublin juniors will play Laois and, after that, big win over Wicklow in the first round, they should advance to the next round.

St. Patrick's beaten

By Joan Morley

St. John of God's (Kilmore) 4-0
St. Patrick's (Cork) 0-2

ST. PATRICK'S, Cork, had to settle for runners-up spot in the All-Ireland Junior Colleges championship, when in the final, on Saturday, at Nowlan Park, they lost to a superior St. John of God School, Dublin, by 4-0 to 0-2.

St. John of God's played with the wind in the first

half and surprisingly St. Patrick's, playing in their first junior All-Ireland final, played their best camogie in this period. They held the Dubliners very well for the first quarter but then had no answer to a sudden burst of brilliance from the winners, which produced three goals and left the Cork girls devastated — and trailing at the interval by 3-0 to 0-1.

Then early in the second half the stylish Dubliners scored another fine goal and this secured the All-Ireland for them. In fairness,

the Cork girls never gave up trying.

Scorers for St. John of God's: Edel Campbell (2-0), Leslie Quinn and Caroline (1-0 each). For St. Patrick's: Regina Scouts (0-2).

St. John of God's: C. Doyle, E. Delaney, E. Campbell, F. Kane, M. Sleator, L. Quinn, A. Cooper, L. Ormonde, A. Kelly, S. Dooile, M. Waters, A. Gregg. Sub. V. O'Connor for A. Gregg.

St. Patrick's: M. Murphy, A. Linahan, D. Deane, J. Kingston, F. McCarthy, M. Currid, C. Reidy, A. Loneragan, R. Scouts, N. Larkin, B. O'Sullivan, P. Lane. Referee: B. O'Loughlin (Warrenpoint).

Dublin much too good for Antrim

Dublin 6-4; Antrim 0-2

CAMOGIE

DUBLIN collected their second brace of points in the National Senior Camogie League at Cusendall yesterday when they proved much too good for Antrim leading 4-3 to 0-0 at half-time. The Liffesiders continued to dominate the second half.

Scorers for Dublin—O. Ui Riain (1-4), M. Duane, J. Gormley 2-0 each; M. Conroy 1-0.

Senior League—Down 7-2; Derry 2-6.

St. John of God Convent, Kilmore, Dublin 4-0; St. Patrick's, Cork 0-2.

St. John of God Convent, Kilmore, won their first All-Ireland Junior Camogie title at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, on Saturday when they defeated St. Patrick's, Cork. The Cork school which had won the senior title last week, did very well to hold the Dubliners through the first half. However, once the Liffesiders got their first goal they

gained confidence and led 3-0 to 0-1 at half time.

Scorers — Kilmore — E. Campbell (2-0), C. Doyle (1-0), E. Quinn (1-0). St. Patrick's, Cork — R. Scouts (0-2).

Dublin 4-5; Laois 1-1

The Dublin Juniors advanced to the semi-final of the Leinster Camogie Championship when they defeated newcomers Laois in Abbeyfeix yesterday. Although Catherine Reilly and Dinah Carroll were impressive for Laois the home side couldn't contain a skilful Dublin team in which Ann Maloney, Felicity Sutton and Marie McCarroll were best. The winners led by 3-2 to 1-0 at the interval, and the final score 4-5 to 1-1.

Scorers — Dublin — M. McConnell (2-1), S. Sutton (1-1), A. Baxter (1-0), G. Moran, C. Ledwich, J. Holden 0-1 each. Laois — D. Carroll (1-0), B. Reilly (0-1).

CLEAN SWEEP FOR KILLEAGH

Killeagh 4-9
Watergrasshill 0-1

Two superb goals from Pat Moloney in the 40th minute sent Killeagh on the road to a comfortable victory over fellow East Corkonians Watergrasshill in the final of the county senior tournament at Castlemartyr last night. By virtue of their win Killeagh have now won all the major competitions for 1980 at senior level.

Scorers for Killeagh: P. Moloney 2-4, B. Joyce 0-4, C. Landers, M. Keniry 1-0 each.

40 YEARS AGO

JAMES BRUEN (Jun.) won the Cork Scratch Cup for the fourth successive year when he defeated H. F. Cronin by the very decisive margin of 13 and 11 in the final at the Cork Golf Club, Little Island.

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By easily defeating G.S.R. of Dublin, Cork county champions, Old Aloysians won the Cork Easter Camogie tournament final on a score of 9-2 to 0-2 at the U.C.C. Grounds.

The Old Als. team was: P. Hogg, M. Hegarty, M. Twomey, M. Conlon, M. Fitzgerald, L. Kirby, K. Buckley, M. Hobbs, N. O'Dowd (capt), K. Barry-Murphy, E. Casey, N. Fitzgerald.



Killeagh camogie team who recently defeated Watergrasshill in the Cork senior tournament final.

EXCITING SEASON AHEAD

By Agnes Hourigan

THE 1981 Fixtures List now available contains a fund of information for Camogie players and fans. The Junior National League already half way through recommences on March 1 and the Senior National League starts on March 8. The Final of the Junior National League is fixed for April 17 and the Senior League Final is scheduled for June 21.

The timing of the National Leagues is ideal for getting the counties into top form for the Senior Championship (Open Draw) which gets underway on May 31. In the Junior and Willwood Tailteann Minor Championship, which are run off at Provincial level at first, the pairings for the All-Ireland Junior Semi-finals are Connacht winners v. Ulster winners and Leinster winners v. Munster winners and they are arranged for August 9 with the Final as a curtain raiser to the Senior Final on September 13.

The Minor Championship which is fixed for Munster this year, has the semi-finals on August 29 and the Final on August 30.

The Gael-Linn Inter Provincial semi-finals in which Leinster play Munster and Ulster play Connacht, in both Senior and Junior are down for decision on September 27 with the Final arranged for October 18. The Club Championship semi-finals in which the Leinster winners are at home to Connacht and Ulster travel to Munster are fixed for October 11 and the Final will be played on November 1.

The season opens with a gathering of the C.C.D. winners from the four Provinces at Ballymun Comprehensive School on March 7.

However it is a long way to August

and September and there may be many changes on the intercounty scene in the meantime. Cork the Senior, Junior and Minor Champions, a feat never before achieved by any county, will have thirty-two senior players to pick from as the Junior medal holders are forbidden by rule to play in Junior Competition again. Kilkenny the National League Champions, hotly fancied for the Championship last season after their brilliant performances in the League will be very keen to get back in the championship limelight.

Dublin too have shown great potential in recent years but promised more than they achieved last season. They lost the league semi-final to Tipperary in extra time and went down to Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final. Limerick, too, surprised all Camogie fans when they held Cork to a draw in the All-Ireland Senior Final and only lost the replay by one goal. So the Shannonsiders are sure to be trying hard to make the Premier Award this time. They lost two League Finals by narrow scores in 1978 and 1979.

Congratulations to Marion McCarthy, the Cork Senior goalie, who hails from Ballinhassig, on winning the seventh B+I Line 'Camogie Player of the Year' Award. The other previous winners are Helena O'Neill (1974) Kilkenny, Bridget Doyle (1975) Wexford, Bridie Martin (1976) Kilkenny, Angela Downey (1977) Kilkenny, Pat Moloney (1978) Cork and Máiréad McAtamney (1979) Antrim.

Marion has had a most distinguished career on the Camogie Field. Last September she won her

sixth All-Ireland Senior medal in a decade. The first four she won (1970-73) as a midfielder but despite the fact that she never played in goal she was moved to that position in 1978.

A lucky move for Marion and for Cork as Marion, who was succeeding two star Cork goalies, Mel Cummins and Deirdre Sutton, distinguished herself in her new position in 1978 and 1980.

Thomond/N.I.H.E. won their first C.C.I.A. Trophy when their Freshers won the Annual Inter-College seven-a-side and they followed up that victory by winning the Purcell Cup, the Championship for non University Colleges.

The Ashbourne Cup is, at the time of going to Press, being played at University College, Cork.

Holders U.C.D., U.C.G., U.C.C. and Maynooth have qualified for the semi-finals.

In the second level Schools Competition the All-Ireland Senior Champions, North Presentation, Cork, and Maryfield College, Dublin have both lost their crowns.

St. Patricks, Cork are Munster Senior Champions for the first time. Roscommon Mercy Convent are in the Junior final in Connacht and should retain their title but their senior side is out of the race.

In Leinster, Walkinstown, Assumption Convent are still in the running to retain the Stuart Cup but may get strong opposition from Presentation, Kilkenny, Cootehill, Ulster Senior Champions last season have been knocked out and the honours rest between Kilkeel, Newry Tech., Bessbrook and Glenavy.

The All-Ireland Schools Senior and Junior Finals are fixed for April 11.

It's All Action On The Camogie Front

IT'S all go again this coming week on the camogie scene, with a national senior league tie at Ballinalough on Sunday, a senior championship game and the C.C.I.A. League final tomorrow (Saturday), another championship tie on Wednesday evening next and club games all over the weekend.

In their away game against Wexford Cork had a comprehensive 4-11 to 0-3 win and on Sunday at Ballinalough they will be expected to gain yet another brace of points to put them in a very strong position indeed in their section of the National League.

The Cork team has not been picked as yet but no doubt it will be on the lines of the side which defeated Kilkenny two weeks ago. On that day Cork won, but they were a long way from the side which won the All-Ireland crown last season. However they did do enough to win and the few weeks extra training could go a long way towards an improvement in fitness.

Marie O'Donovan, that fine Killeagh full back will not be available for selection on Sunday but no doubt the defence will include Marian McCarthy, Martha Kearney, Patricia Riordan and Catherine Landers, who captains the side.

The centre field trio were well below par last time out and the selectors could make changes here, and in attack it is also difficult to know who will be playing. However, Mary O'Leary, who scored two marvellous goals against Kilkenny must be in.

The Wexford team was not available at the time of writing either, but no doubt it will include star goalie Kathleen Toaks, Dorothy and Elsie Walsh and Kathleen Cussins, who starred for Wexford against Cork last time.

Like Cork Wexford may have improved with the weeks of training since their last meeting, but it will have to be a spectacular improvement indeed if they are to dispose of Cork on home ground.

Cork panel — N. McCarthy, M. Kearney, C. Landers, P. Riordan, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, B. Joyce, M. O'Leary, A. Delaney, P. Moloney, M. Sweeney, E. Dineen, J. O'Sullivan, M. Higgins, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kelleher, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney, G. McCarthy, C. McCarthy.

The Cork senior county championship continues on tomorrow evening when selected side Muskerry play Sarsfields at Ballincollig. Sarsfields have been doing quite well since going senior last season and with Lillian Zinkant and Eithne Barry in good form they could advance at the expense of the selected side Muskerry.

In the second championship tie on Wednesday Cork county, Munster and All-Ireland champions Killeagh will be expected to have things all their own way against U.C.C. when these sides meet at the Mardyke.

However the College girls will be expecting to have some measure of revenge for their Ashbourne Cup final defeat at the hands of U.C.D. when they meet that side again on tomorrow

(Saturday) this time in the C.C.I.A. League final at the Mardyke.

College will have a full strength side including Cork senior Ann Delaney, Cork junior Noelle O'Driscoll, Carmel Mulcahy and Carmel Henchion, and if they can find their best form then they could turn the tables this time.

However, U.C.D. with top players in Edel Murphy a member of the Dublin senior panel, Germaine Noonan, Mairead Bergin, and Grainne Burke, will be fancied to add the league title to their coveted Ashbourne crown.

In the remaining league games there are many interesting ties on tomorrow and Sunday.

FIXTURES

Saturday

At Mardyke — C.C.I.A. League final, U.C.D. v. U.C.C. 2.30 p.m.

At Ballincollig — S.C. Muskerry v. Sarsfields, 7 p.m. (Ref. N. Jennings).

B.J.L. Killeagh v. Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Fr. O'Neill).

A.J.L. at St. Finbarrs, St. Finbarrs v. Blackrock, 7 p.m. (Ref. Mary Maher).

Sunday

At Ballinalough — N.S.L. Cork v. Wexford 3 p.m. (Ref. Kilkenny).

At Youghal, under 16 L. Youghal v. St. Panahans, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh).

B.J.L. at Blackwater — Blackwater v. Castlemagner, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Castlemagner).

Wednesday

At Mardyke — S.C. U.C.C. v. Killeagh, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Annette O'Donovan).

Louth face
cruncher in
tie with
Monaghan

By TAOBH LINE

LOUTH face a crunch League tie against Monaghan at Drumcar on Sunday. This Junior National League game originally arranged for March but had to be cancelled.

Louth, who have defeated Wicklow, Meath and hold Armagh must win against Monaghan, otherwise Armagh will be back in.

Louth suffered a set-back in the Leinster Junior Championship when losing to Kilkenny they lost the title which they regained last season, they will be very keen to win out their zone and to make another attempt to win the Bus Cup.

In the Inaugural competition last year, Lough and Armagh met in the zone final. After a keen and well contested counter Armagh won by a goal and went on to defeat Kildare in the final.

Monaghan, on the other hand, have four points from Meath and Wicklow, but lost Armagh. It could be a close game with Louth slightly in favour to go through to meet Kildare in the semi final. Current winners of the ghird zone are the victors of the semi final.

Cork, and Limerick, maintained their unbeaten records in the Senior national league last week-end when they defeated Wexford and Galway respectively.

The Leesiders have to play their final game against Kilkenny at a home venue for the Norersiders. In the first round Cork won 3-6 to 2-4 at home so this encounter should be a keen game on May 17.

Limerick, with four points from Clare and Galway, next challenge Tipperary, who lost to Galway and drew with Clare. They continue to improve and should take the points from Tipperary in the final game of the zone.

Tipperary need to put in a period of training to get the side into trim if they are to be ready for the championship. They will be in action again this weekend in the Munster Senior Championship in which they meet Clare again at Clare venue.

Cork and Limerick are already engaged at Ballyvaughan in the second semi-final. All four counties must be glad of a game before their next League games.

The Higher Institutes Council programmes with the Combined Universities versus the Combined College Annual match for Corn Uí Mhaolagáin which will be played at Maynooth 2.0 on Saturday.

Congratulations to University College, Dublin, on completing the double when they added the League Cup to the Ashbourne Cup Trophy last Saturday.

It was a very keen skilful and well contested game in which University College Cork rallied tremendously midway through the second half to come within a goal of the winners, after trailing 4-4 to 2-1 early in the second half.

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U.C.D. THE CHAMPS

U.C.D. 4-6; U.C.C. 4-2.

A splendid display of camogie in the first half by U.C.D. followed by a spirited come back by Cork in the second half made this Higher Education League final played at the Mardyke a memorable one.

U.C.D. had a great start when Edel Murphy goalied in the first minute. However, Cork didn't allow this to unsettle them and a goal from Noelle O'Driscoll left the score 1-1 each after just ten minutes.

U.C.D. pulled ahead with two fine goals by Joan Gormley and one by Imelda Shanahan but U.C.C. threatened again with a goal by Mary Walsh two minutes before half-time leaving the score 4-2 to 2-1 for U.C.D. at the interval.

U.C.C. playing against a strong breeze in the second half rested tested the U.C.D. defence and, despite some points from U.C.D., — Grainne Burke pointed from a side-line puck — it was U.C.C. who really dominated. Mary Walsh goalied again, followed by a superb shot from Noelle O'Driscoll to the net which left Cork just three points behind.

The final ten minutes saw both sides being forced to struggle for possession but it was U.C.D. who succeeded in getting an insurance point from a 30m free, leaving them a clear four points ahead at the final whistle.

Scorers: U.C.D.: Edel Murphy (1-4), Joan Gormley (2-0), Imelda Shanahan (1-0), Mairead Bergin (0-1), Grainne Burke (0-1). U.C.C.: — Noelle O'Driscoll (2-2), Mary Walsh (2-0).

Dublin Championship — Senior A — A. Stacks 4-0; Phoenix 3-2; W.C.D. 8-5; Carlin N. Mhuir 0-0.

Senior B — Naomh Egid 3-2; An Caisteán 1-3; Marino 4-3; Na Fianna 2-1.

Inter A — Kilmacud 6-1; Presentation 1-2.

Inter B — Camann Ul Chonnail 4-1; St. Anne's 1-4; An Caisteán 1-4; W.C.D. 0-0.

Junior A — Na Fianna 4-0; Naomh Egid 2-0.

Junior B — Ballymun 4-0; Phoenix 0-0; St. Bloom 1-0; R. Towers 1-0; Camann Ul Chonnail 7-1; Naomh Egid 0-0.

Cavan — McGuire Cup — Cavan 1-0; Monaghan 1-2; Ulster M.L. — Cavan 5-1; Monaghan 1-0.



This U.C.C. full forward is outnumbered as she tries to get through the U.C.D. defence in University League camogie final at the Mardyke. (Echo).

CAMOGIE

Selectors Continue To Experiment

ALL-IRELAND champions Cork, and their 1980 final opponents Limerick, renew rivalry at Thomond College on Sunday evening when they meet in the first round of the Munster Senior Championship.

On Saturday a Combined Universities side meets a Combined Colleges side at Maynooth; on Sunday a special Primary Schools seven-a-side will be held to mark Sports For All Day, while this evening, tomorrow and Sunday a number of club games will be played.

The Cork selectors continue to experiment with the county team in an effort to find a winning combination for their forthcoming first round All-Ireland tie with Antrim.

There are changes again for Sunday's Munster championship tie against Limerick, with Miriam Higgins, overlooked for the last few National League outings returning to the defence; Val Fitzpatrick, who came on as a sub in last Sunday's tie retaining her forward berth, and Mary Geaney back at full-forward.

Marie Costine, such a stalwart in the defence for a number of years will not be available for Cork this season and she will be a big loss. For Sunday the Cork selectors have that fine back

Patricia Riordan again at full-back with Miriam Higgins, Catherine Landers and Martha Kearney making up the half-back line.

In the centre-field sector there are changes also with Marion Sweeney switching from the attack to join Angela Higgins and Clare Cronin, who also play in the attack against Wexford on Sunday, back in her familiar centre-field position.

Val Fitzpatrick stays in the front line with Mary O'Leary and Pat Moloney, while Mary Geaney returns once again at the expense of Ger McCarthy.

Cork were not marvellous on Sunday last and made heavy weather of taking the points, but again in the end they did enough to win. On

Sunday they could be up against a very different side when they meet Limerick.

It will be remembered that the Shannonsiders gave Cork a big fright in the All-Ireland final last year, when it had to go to a replay. And even in the second tie Cork had to fight every inch of the way for their title.

Pauline McCarthy and Ann O'Sullivan were two players who gave the Cork defence a lot of difficulty in the All-Ireland matches and they could spell trouble again on Sunday as could the O'Brien sisters, Geraldine and Bernadette, Margie Neville and Brid Stokes.

Limerick also have the advantage of a home venue so Cork can expect their toughest game of the season

so far. However, they have the talent to win — that is if they find their form and a winning combination.

Cork team: M. McCarthy (Eire Og), P. Riordan (Ballinlough), M. Higgins (Eire Og), C. Landers (Killeagh), M. Kearney (Na Piaras), M. Sweeney (Killeagh), A. Higgins (Watergrasshill), C. Cronin (Old Aloysians), M. O'Leary (Watergrasshill), C. Cronin (Old Aloysians), M. O'Leary (Watergrasshill), V. Fitzpatrick (Glen Rovers), P. Moloney (Killeagh), M. Geaney (Eire Og).

Subs: C. McCarthy (Na Piaras), G. McCarthy (Nemo Rangers), J. O'Sullivan (Glen Rovers), E. Dineen (Eire Og), C. Kelleher (do.), N. O'Driscoll (do.), B. Joyce (Killeagh), A. Delaney (Glen Rovers).

An interesting game will be held at Maynooth on Saturday next at 2.30 p.m. when the Combined Universities play the Combined Colleges, in which all the top talent in the Higher Education sector will be in action. They include Edel Murphy, U.C.D., Angela Downey, Maynooth, Noelle O'Driscoll, U.C.C., Delores Crowley, Cork Regional Tech., Maevie McCarthy (N.I.H.E.), and Ann Gallery of Mary Immaculate College.

UNIVERSITY YET AGAIN

Combined University 4-6
Combined Colleges 1-1

THE ANNUAL competition between representatives of the Universities and the Advanced Colleges took place at Maynooth and the Combined Universities won the Corn Ul Mhuir again yet again with a facile victory over the Advanced Colleges in a one-sided and lifeless game.

The winners were a far better team and succeeded in keeping well ahead of their opponents throughout without any great effort. Angela Downey (Maynooth) worked hard and Mairead Bergin (U.C.D.) showed some nice skills at centre field but in general there was little spirit or enthusiasm shown.

For the losers Rosemarie O'Connor (St. Pat's) and the representatives from Mary Immaculate College in Limerick put up a good fight, but the end result was never in doubt.

Scorers, Combined Universities, A. Downey 2-2, J. Gormley 2-1, J. Murphy 0-3, Combined Colleges, M. Byrne (1-1).

UNIVERSITIES — J. Murphy (U.C.C.), M. Gibbons (U.C.G.), M. Murphy (U.C.C.), I. Cronin (U.C.C.), M. Beoderick (U.C.D.), M. Connolly (Q.U.B.), M. Bergin (U.C.D.), S. Casey (N.U.U.), N. O'Driscoll (U.C.C.), A. Murphy (Maynooth), E. Murphy (U.C.D.), J. Gormley (U.C.D.), Subs. — M. Redmond (Maynooth), A. Gallogly (N.U.U.), C. Mulcahy (U.C.C.), R. Spence (N.U.U.).

COLLEGES — M. O'Brien (Thom / N.I.H.E.), G. Clarke (St. Pat's), J. Murphy (M.I.), M. Hourican (M.I.), J. Phillips (St. Mary's), M. McCarthy (St. Pat's), M. Devine (St. Pat's), (Thom / N.I.H.E.), M. Wilkie (Polytech), F. Drumm (Thom / N.I.H.E.), Subs. — S. McCone (Polytech), M. Tully (St. Pat's), A. Gallery (M.I.), E. O'Connor (St. Mary's).



University College Cork who were defeated by University College Dublin in University League Camogie final at the Mardyke on Saturday.

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Camogie
ANOTHER FINE SHOW BY CORK
CORK 3-8
WEXFORD 1-5

THE Cork senior camogie team stretched their unbeaten run in the National League to three matches when they overwhelmed Wexford at Ballinlough yesterday with some exciting passages of play.

It seemed for a while that the Cork girls would run up a cricket score because they completely dominated midfield but some of their best moves were broken down by a strong Wexford defence where goalkeeper Kathleen Tonks was particularly impressive.

Mary O'Leary and Pat Moloney were Cork's most dangerous forwards and although they scored 2-6 between them, they both had some very narrow wides and had good efforts blocked down by the goalkeeper.

Claire Cronin had Cork off to a great start with a goal inside three minutes and by the end of the first half Cork led 1-5 to 0-2. The game was as good as over shortly into the second half when Pat Moloney slammed home another goal and then added a point and Ger McCarthy also scored a nice point from outfield.

Wexford though were game to the end and spurred on by Elsie Walsh they put the Cork backs under pressure in the closing stages and a free taken by Elsie Walsh was deflected into the Cork goal ten minutes from the end.

However, once again Cork forwards went into attack and just before the finish Mary O'Leary scored their third goal.

Scorers for Cork: P. Moloney and M. O'Leary 1-3 each, C. Cronin 1-0, M. Kearney and G. McCarthy 0-1 each. Wexford: E. Walsh 1-5.

CORK: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, P. Riordan, B. Joyce, C. Landers, G. McCarthy, A. Higgins, M. Kearney, P. Moloney, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, C. Cronin. Sub: V. Fitzpatrick for Joyce.

WEXFORD: K. Tonks, D. Cusins, F. Cusins, A. Martin, S. Sinnott, A. Butler, E. Walsh, D. Walsh, C. O'Leary, G. O'Leary, O'Mahony, M. Farrell.

Referee: M. Conway (Kilkenny).



The Cork team who played Wexford in the National League camogie tie at Ballinlough yesterday. ('Examiner')

Sars Had Too Much Power

Sarsfields 4-1
Muskerry

Sarsfields had a comprehensive win over selected side Muskerry in the first round of the Senior County Camogie Championship played at Ballinacorney on Saturday evening.

The winners were in marvellous shooting form with Cork Junior Lillian Zinkant being top scorer with an impressive 4-5.

Muskerry were never in this game and only managed one score, a point from M. Noonan, in the first half.

Scorers: Sarsfields - L. Zinkant 4-5, C. Kennedy 1-0, V. Brett and J. O'Regan 0-1 each, A. O'Mahony 0-1. Muskerry - M. Noonan 0-1.

LEESIDERS IN DRIVING SEAT FOR CLASH WITH WEXFORD

CAMOGIE By TAOBH LINE

THREE SENIOR National League games are down for decision on Sunday next.

Three of the six counties participating have full points to date and All-Ireland champions, Cork, led the field.

The Leesiders with Kilkenny and Wexford are starting on their second round. Cork have defeated the other two in the first round so Sunday's clash with Wexford is interesting.

The Leesiders travelled to Wexford for the first round game so the Slaneysiders travel to Ballinacorney (3.30) for the return game. Cork won that first encounter easily, 4-11 to 0-3.

EARLY GOALS

Two early goals and two late goals with good competitive play in between sums up that last game yet it is unlikely that the visitors to Cork will improve that much in just four weeks.

Limerick, who entertain Galway at Adare (3.0), took the points from Clare first time out.

The players, who took the Shannonsiders to their first senior All-Ireland Final last September, are still available.

Such experienced performers as Geraldine and Bernadette O'Brien, Helen Mulcair, Vera

Mackey, Margie Neville, Pauline McCarthy and Brid Stokes may be too good for Galway, who were well held by Tipperary in their first round game, yet they won 2-6 to 1-5.

HARD EARNED

Encouraged by that hard-earned victory the Westerners will travel hopefully to Adare. Teresa and Ann Duane, Chris Silke, Bridie Cunneiffe, Anne Morris, Una Jordan, Catherine Ward and Mary Kelly are skillful and clever and should make it difficult enough for Limerick.

The Tipperary-Clare tie should be a close game. Since both sides lost their first round games, victory is important on Sunday.

Tipperary have a good record in this competition — they were the winners in the inaugural year (1977) and were runners-up to Kilkenny last year.

They have very strong players in Deirdre Lane, Sheila Delaney, Maolmhuire Tynan, Maura Hackett and Rosie Ryan.

Clare, who won a Senior All-Ireland title are improving all

the time but they have not always had luck on their side.

Margaret O'Toole, Kitty McNicholls, Maureen Davoren, Maureen Saunders and Liz Condon can take their places with the best yet Tipperary may have the edge.

The C.C.I.A. League Final bring the Ashbourne finalists University Colleges of Dublin and Cork into opposition again.

The Dublin college retained the cup last February. After a keen game which was slowed down somewhat by the heavy ground.

If the present dry spell holds till Saturday the Mardyke should be in good condition and a first-class engagement should be witnessed.

Both sides have outstanding players in Edel Murphy, Joan Gormley, Germaine Noonan and Mairead Bergin for the Dublin College and Noelle O'Driscoll, Ann Delaney, Imelda Cronin and Carmel Mulcahy for the Cork side.

The firmer sod is likely to suit the Dubliners and that factor could win them their first Higher Colleges League title.

TIPPERARY — ONLY JUST

Tipperary ... 1-1; Limerick ... 0-3
TIPPERARY had the narrowest of victories over Limerick in the National Senior League game yesterday. Played in atrocious conditions neither side could play to their full potential and this resulted in a very low scoring game.

SCORERS—Tipperary: M. O'Brien (1-0); D. Lane (0-1). Limerick: P. McCarthy (0-2); B. Stokes (0-1).

Galway 1-6; Clare 2-4
CLARE had a narrow victory over Galway in another League game yesterday. Clare looked slightly the better team throughout and led 1-2 to 0-4 at half-time. They were a more balanced side than Galway for whom Una Jordan scored a total of 1-5.

SCORERS—Clare: T. Keating (0-1), M. O'Toole, L. Condon and C. Jones (0-3 each). Galway: U. Jordan (1-5); A. Morris (0-1).

Mary O'Leary stars for Watergrasshill

Watergrasshill 4-12
Old Aloysians 4-3

As expected, WATERGRASSHILL ADVANCED TO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE Cork Senior County Championship at the expense of Old Aloysians, when the sides met at Ballinacorney last evening.

The game was much closer than expected and in the first quarter it looked as if a surprise might be on the

cards. In that period Old Aloysians played marvellous camogie and were ahead by 2-1 before Watergrasshill got their first score.

Then, however, that brilliant opportunist Mary O'Leary found her scoring form and with a wonderful personal tally of 1-12, which included some brilliant points, she led Watergrasshill to victory. She was ably assisted in her task by Angela Higgins, Dinah Fenton and Helen O'Callaghan.

For Old Aloysians, who after their great start had to bow to the superior experience and fitness of the Watergrasshill girls, Clare CRONIN, Marian O'Leary,

Deirdre Aherne and Mary Kelleher were best.

Scorers Watergrasshill: M. O'Leary 1-12, D. Fenton 2-0, A. Higgins 1-0.

Old Aloysians: C. Cronin 2-0, N. Jennings and D. Aherne 1-0 each, A. Ryan 0-2, and M. Fitzpatrick 0-1.

Referee: Betty Joyce, Killeagh.

KILKENNY TAKEN IN VITAL CLASH

KILKENNY and Limerick have vital League games scheduled for Sunday next. The Noreiders play Wexford for the second time having won the first round decisively.

It is very important for holders, Kilkenny, to take these two points from Wexford as otherwise Cork will have won out the zone. In the first round Cork beat Kilkenny by five points at a Cork venue so the Kilkenny girls will be hoping for a victory when the counties meet at Kilkenny.

It has been noticeable that the Noreiders are generally slow to get started but last year they played brilliantly right from the start of the season, won out the League title and were strong contenders in the championship.

SINGLE SCORE

However, they lost the semi-final to All-Ireland runners up, Limerick, by a single score. Many of their team are determined to make up for that slip-up this year.

What of Wexford's chances for the rest of the season? So far they have lost home and away to Cork and away to Kilkenny. All these games were lost by big scores so the Slaneyiders will need to improve considerably if they are to be a force in the championship.

Limerick travel to Tipperary for their last game in their zone. To date they have defeated Galway and Clare who in turn have taken the three points from Tipperary.

Yet Limerick were not that much on top in their earlier games. If they win on Sunday they will be in the semi-final against the winners of Zone 1.

Dublin look the most likely winners in that section. If they beat Derry on Sunday week, they are fixed to play in the semi-final on May 31. The final is scheduled for June 21.

Two more senior League

games are also down for decision. Antrim travel to Down, Clare are at home to Galway.

All four counties have lost points in their zones. Antrim and Down both lost to Dublin, Clare and Galway were beaten by Limerick and Clare lost one point to Tipperary in their drawn game.

Louth won out the third zone of the Junior National League when they defeated Monaghan decisively last Sunday. The way is now clear for the All-Ireland semi-final of that competition between Louth and Kildare on May 17 and the final will be between Cavan and the winners on May 31.

The Corn Uí Mhaolagáin was won by the Combined Universities for the fourth time in a row when they defeated the Combined Colleges at Maynooth last Saturday.

Although the final score was 4-6 to 1-1, the Colleges put up more of a challenge and there were some very good patches of play in the game.

The Feile Pan Cheitheach, organised for Killarney on Saturday and Sunday, include an under age Camogie competition. Sixteen teams are taking part and they are divided into two sections.

The draw in the A Section is as follows — Ballycran v Blackrock (the holders); Emily v Black and Whites (Kilkenny); Knockside v Crough-Kilkenny; Woodville v Letterkenny.

Section B — Bishopstown v Ardevoin Kerry; Killarney Voc. v Killeedy; St. Finbarrs v Mervue; Killarney Loreto v Cloghane.

The finals are fixed for Fitzgerald Stadium for Sunday — Section A, 3.0; Section B, 2.0.

Dublin Too Strong

Woodville, Dublin 5-1,
Emly, Co. Tipperary 2-2

THE senior final of the Pan-Celtic camogie tournament saw the stronger, more even Dublin side win a highly entertaining match at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, yesterday.

However, the winners had to battle all the way to hold off the determined Emly who had an outstanding player in 16-year-old Genevieve English. She gave a skilful display and had all of her sides scores.

Woodville dictated the pace from the start and led by 3-1 to 1-1 at the interval. A goal by Genevieve English shortly after the resumption gave hope to Emly, but the Dublin girls held on well. A number of weak links proved costly for the losers.

Best for Woodville were Ann Coper, Adele Campbell, Ann Archibald, Lorraine Ormonde and Susan Doyle, while Genevieve English, Kara Moloney and Cora O'Brien were prominent for Emly.

Scorers—Woodville, A. Campbell 2-0, L. Quinn 2-0, S. Doyle 1-0, A. Cooper 0-1, Emly: G. English 2-2.

St. Finbarrs (Cork) 5-1,
Granagh (Limerick) 3-1

The junior tournament final went to extra time after the sides finished level, 3-1 each, at full time in another thrilling game at Fitzgerald Stadium, on Saturday evening.

Best for St. Finbarrs were Colleen O'Leary, Colette O'Mahony, Sharon O'Sullivan (goalkeeper), and Dolores Duffy, while Ann Power, Mary O'Riordan and Ann Moran (goalkeeper) tried hardest for Granagh.

In all 16 teams, some of them from as far away as Donegal and Cavan, took part in the tournament.

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Eire Og and Glen draw

Eire Og 1-6; Glen Rovers 2-3

After a most dramatic first round Cork senior county championship tie, Eire Og and Glen Rovers will have to meet again for a place in the second round.

Eire Og scored first in this exciting game and were ahead at the interval by 1-4 to 1-2 but midway through the second half, Glen Rovers got a vital equalising goal and from there on it was excitement all the way.

There were missed chances at both ends in this final period and with victory at all times in the balance, excitement was at fever pitch and perhaps a draw was a good result at the end of such a good game.

Scorers: Eire Og: C. Kelleher 1-0, Nancy and Noelle O'Driscoll 0-2 each, M. Geaney and M. Twomey 0-1 each, Glen Rovers: A. Currid 1-3, V. Fitzpatrick 1-0.

Referee: Mary Maher (Ballinlough).

Eire Og go through

EIRE OG 1-10, GLEN ROVERS 2-4

THIS first round replay in the Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Ballinlough last evening was in doubt up to the last minute. Eire Og denied of goals several times in the first half by the outstanding play of goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton, finally got one, from Mary Geaney, in the 16th minute of the second half.

They stretched their lead to six points soon afterwards but a goal from a free by Annette O'Donovan brought Glen Rovers back into contention with a minute and a half remaining. However, under pressure, Eire Og held out to deservedly win.

Val Fitzpatrick gave the Glen the boost of a goal after only five minutes play but Eire Og, playing with the breeze, had four points in succession from the outstanding forward on view, Claire Kelleher, and they were never headed again. The Glen were encouraged by the form of Deirdre Sutton but overall, they weren't as balanced.

Behind by a point at the interval (0-6 to 1-2), the Glen were unlucky not to go in

front immediately after the resumption when Annette O'Donovan hit an upright with a powerful shot. Eire Og added two further points before Maria Mackey pointed for the Glen, but, when Deirdre Sutton brought off a great save from Claire Kelleher, Mary Geaney's opportunism enabled her to finish the ball to the net. After that, Eire Og looked certain to win, but they were never able to relax.

Scorers for Eire Og: C. Kelleher (0-4), Noelle O'Driscoll (0-3), M. Geaney (1-0), M. Twomey, C. Kelleher and Nancy O'Driscoll (0-1 each). For Glen Rovers: V. Fitzpatrick and A. O'Donovan (1-0 each); A. Delaney (0-2), A. Gibbs and M. Mackey (0-1) each.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, M. Reck, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, M. O'Donovan, J. Shannon, Nancy O'Driscoll, M. Twomey, G. Mackey, C. Kelleher, Noelle O'Driscoll, M. Geaney.

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, G. O'Donovan, M. Mackey, C. Mulcahy, J. O'Sullivan, A. Currie, A. Gibbs, C. Hackett, V. Fitzpatrick, A. Delaney, A. O'Donovan, P. Mackey.

Referee: Mary Maher (Ballinlough).

LIMERICK MAKE 'SEMIS'

LIMERICK qualified for the semi-final of the Senior National League last Sunday although they lost the last game of their zone to Tipperary.

Lucky for the Shannonsiders and unlucky for Galway that they lost to Clare last Sunday as otherwise they, too, would be two points down and a play-off between Galway and Limerick would have been necessary to decide the winners.

Kilkenny kept their interest alive by taking the points from Wexford (1-11 to 0-2) so the last game of that zone, between All-Ireland champions, Cork, and League winners, Kilkenny, should prove an exciting encounter.

The second place in the semi-final could also be decided on Sunday. Derry travel to Russell Park (3.30) to meet zone leaders, Dublin, who took the points from Antrim and Down. As both Antrim and Down defeated Derry decisively Dublin appear to be the favourites to advance.

Last Sunday's results are very encouraging for both Tipperary and Clare as their Senior Championship first round opponents

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are Limerick and Galway respectively, whom they defeated.

This was both counties first victory in this season's League and should motivate the players for the forthcoming championship on June 7.

Congratulations to the Woodville camogie team which won the Pan Celtic Camogie Tournament at Killarney last Sunday.

It is practically the same team which has been Feile na nGael champions for the past two years and includes the majority of those which represented the St. John of God Convent who won the All-Ireland Junior Championship recently.

The semi-final of the Junior National League is also down for decision on Sunday when Louth meet Kildare at Drumcar (3.0).

Kildare runners up to Armagh, the inaugural winners, last year, will be very keen to

reverse that result this year. The Lily Whites have always found it difficult to defeat Louth in the past.

On their way Kildare defeated Waterford, Offaly, Kerry and Carlow while Louth were successful against champions Armagh, Monaghan, Meath and Wicklow.

The game in Westmeath got a great boost last Saturday when the county teams defeated fancied Kildare at both minor and under 14 grades in the Leinster Championship.

Camogie has only been revived in the Midland County in the last few years so their achievement last week should give them a great encouragement.

Three more games in this grade are listed for Saturday. Louth play Kilkenny, Wexford entertain Meath and Wicklow are hosts to Dublin.

The Dublin Senior Camogie Champions, Austin Stacks, lost their crown last Tuesday when they were defeated by University College in the semi-final.

It is over ten years since the Belfield girls reached a senior final

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Cork Face Tough League Assignment

CORK travel to Mullinavat to take on Kilkenny in the National League on Sunday next and this might well be Cork's toughest game to date in the competition in which they have yet to drop a point.

The Cork County Championship continues this week also with games listed on this evening Friday, and Wednesday next, while also included in the fixture list is a Junior "B" League semi-final and the Junior "A" League Final between St. Finbarr's and Aghabullogue.

The Cork selectors have once again made changes for Sunday as they continue in their efforts to find the best possible combination for the forthcoming All-Ireland campaign.

Once again Mary Geaney is back in the reserves with Glen Rovers' Val Fitzpatrick continuing to hold her place in attack. Miriam Higgins is again chosen in the defence, while Betty Joyce and Ger McCarthy return to the side. The team is Marian McCarthy, Martha Kearney, Patricia Riordan, Miriam Higgins, Catherine Landers, Clare Cronin, Angela Higgins, Pat Moloney, Betty Joyce, Marian Sweeney, Ger McCarthy, Val Fitzpatrick. Subs: C. McCarthy, J. O'Sullivan, E. Dineen, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney, A. Delaney, C. Kelleher.

Cork defeated Kilkenny when the sides met in Ballincollig. On that occasion they did not play up to scratch but they still managed two very good points. But Kilkenny, with such marvellous players

as Ann and Angela Downey, and Bridie Martin, will be a different prospect "at home" and Cork cannot afford to be in anything but top form for this tie if they are to continue their great unbeaten run in the League campaign.

On Wednesday evening last Eire Og defeated Glen Rovers at the second attempt in the Cork Co. Championship and they play their next game in the competition against Na Piarsaigh on Wednesday night next. Na Piarsaigh in their first senior season are an exciting young side with such top grade players as Martha Kearney to help them, but they will be up against a very experienced outfit in Eire Og, who have Mary Geaney, and Marian McCarthy, to lead them, and they must find it tough against the Owens girls.

In the other Senior Championship game listed Watergrasshill with Mary O'Leary and the Higgins sisters, will probably have too much power for selected side Imokilly when these sides meet on this evening (Friday).

There should be plenty of excitement in Ballincollig on tomorrow evening when St. Finbarrs meet Aghabullogue in the Junior "A" League Final. These sides are old rivals and would appear to be very evenly matched so a thriller must be on the cards.

In the Junior "B" League Douglas meet Ballinora in the semi-final in the only

local game on Sunday and again it should be close.

The junior selectors continue in their efforts to find the best possible side for the season ahead when they hold further trials at Ballincollig on Tuesday evening next. Cork won the Junior All-Ireland last season and now have to field a completely new side. So the selectors have to start from scratch in their efforts to find yet another winning side for Cork.

Finally on Monday evening next there will be an extraordinary general meeting of the Co. Board and all clubs are to be represented at this most important gathering.

FIXTURES

TONIGHT (FRIDAY)

S.C. Watergrasshill v. Imokilly at Killeagh 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh).
At St. Fanahans, U-16: Killeagh v. St. Fanahans, 7.30. (Ref. Killeagh).

SATURDAY

J.A.L. Final at Ballincollig: St. Finbarr's v. Aghabullogue, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. M. O'Sullivan).
At Youghal: Eire Og v. Youghal, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh).

SUNDAY

N.L. at Mullinavat: Cork v. Kilkenny, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Wexford).
At Douglas, J.B.L. Final: Douglas v. Ballinora. (Ref. Blackrock).

WEDNESDAY

At St. Fanahans, J.B.L.: Castle-magner v. St. Fanahan, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Bride Rovers).
At venue to be arranged, S.C.: Eire Og v. Na Piarsaigh, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Annette O'Donovan).



RECIPIENTS of prizes in the 1981 Bank of Ireland U.S. News Students Sports Awards in Dublin last night were (from left) Sandra Drum (U.C.D.), hockey; Peter Moran (T.C.D.), tennis; Ken O'Doherty (U.C.D.), soccer; and Murphy (U.C.D.), Camogie.

Cork 2-4; Kilkenny 2-4

CORK qualified for the final of the Senior National League by a margin of two points over Kilkenny at Mullinavat yesterday. Playing against a stiff breeze, Kilkenny led by 1-1 to 0-2 at half-time, but failed to take advantage of the breeze in the second half.

Scorers for Cork — P. Molone, 6-3; E. Dineen and V. Fitzpatrick, 1-0 each; N. Sweeney, 0-1. Kilkenny — A. Downey, 2-3; G. Loochman, 0-1.

Louth 1-4; Kildare 0-4

Louth yesterday defeated Kildare in a poor semi-final of the junior league played at Drumcar, Co. Louth. The teams were level with 0-3 each at half-time. Although a low scoring game, it was the good goalkeeping that contributed to this, Louth now play Cavan in the final.

Scorers for Louth: T. Lennon, 1-0; K. Sharkey, 0-1; N. Brady, 0-3. Scorers for Kildare: M. Johnston, N. Malone and M. Malone, 0-1 each.

Dublin Senior B Semi-final — Eire 1-5, 2-8; Naomh Bruid 1-1.



The Woodville Camogie team from Dublin who won the All Ireland Under 16 Club Championship at the Pan Celtic Festival in Jllarney last weekend. Sixteen teams took part and Woodville beat Emly, Co. Tipperary, in the final.

CAVAN JUNIORS IN OPENER

CAVAN and Louth contest the second Junior National League final at Cooteshill (6.0) on Sunday. The event is part of the official opening of the Hugh O'Reilly Memorial Park which will be blessed by Monsignor O'Reilly, P.P., at 3.15.

The blessing will be followed by a Senior Football game between Cavan and Monaghan after which the camogie final will be staged. The Artane Boys Band and the Army Pipe Band will attend.

Cavan's strength in camogie has been built by their Primary Schools competition. As many as twenty-eight schools take part in this tournament each year. They have won top honours in the Community Games at this level, taking the title on two occasions. In 1979 they won the Junior and Minor Ulster titles and Cooteshill St. Aidan's won out the Ulster Senior Schools competition.

EXCELLENT JUNIORS

The junior teams performance this season has been excellent. They took the points from Mayo, Roscommon, Donegal and All-Ireland Junior finalists Tyrone. They have defeated Tyrone and Monaghan to qualify for the Maguire Cup final and defeated fancied Down in the Ulster Championship recently.

Hopes are high in Breffni that their outstanding players Margaret Hastings, Bernie O'Callaghan, Eileen Clarke, Martina McDermott, Mary McMullan and Ita Cusack will inspire their teammates to victory. Condolences to the injured Noeleen Kiernan, one of their outstanding players.

Louth are old stagers in the Camogie scene. They contested the All-Ireland Senior finals in 1934 and 1936 but lost to Cork on each occasion. However, they started back into the limelight last season when they won the Leinster Junior title and defeated the inaugural Junior League winners Armagh at the start of this competition.

They have outstanding players in Noleen Brady, Vivienne Kelly, Annette King, Teresa Bates and Kitty Sharkey, who could swing the verdict in their favour.

FIRST CUP

On Monday next Limerick travel to Russell Park, Blanchardstown (3.0) to play Dublin in the semi-final of the Senior National League.

When the counties met in this competition two years ago, Dublin took the Cup for the first time. The Dubliners have been very impressive in their campaign to date.

They decisively defeated Antrim and Down. Due to the disturbed situation in the North Derry, who were due to travel to Dublin, conceded their points to give the Liffesiders a clean sweep in their zone.

Limerick, on the other hand made heavy weather of defeating both Galway and Clare and lost the points to Tipperary in the last game in their section.

However, this is the Shan-nonsiders third time reaching the closing stages of this competition. They also lost to Kilkenny in 1978 so they will be hoping for a third time lucky break. If they win on Sunday they will face their All-Ireland

final opponents, Cork, in the final.

Form, however, favours Dublin and the home venue is an added bonus.

REAL BOOST

Kildare got a real boost last Sunday, after their disappointing display in the League semi-final, which they lost to Louth on the previous Sunday, when they qualified for the Leinster Junior final by defeating fancied Kilkenny.

The second semi-final is down for decision on Sunday next at Russell Park (3.0) when Dublin entertain Wexford. This should be a close and entertaining game between two skilful teams.

Dublin will look to Anne Moloney, Felicity Sutton, goalie Geraldine Sutton, Catherine Ledwidge and Gay Moran to win back the Smyco Cup which they last won in 1979.

Wexford's outstanding players include Gertrude O'Leary, Angela Martin, Stella Sinnott and Orna O'Mahoney.

A keen close game is anticipated with the issue wide open.

CAVAN — C. Smyth; M. Hastings; C. Cusack, E. Clarke, L. O'Neill; G. Clarke, M. McDermott (Capt.), M. McMullan; B. Lynch, B. O'Callaghan, A. O'Sullivan; I. Cusack.

LOUTH — V. Kelly; A. King, M. Connor, G. Graham, C. Graham, E. Graham, N. Brady, F. Kelly; T. Bates, K. Sharkey; J. Matthews, C. Tunney.

U.C.D. REGAIN TITLE

U.C.D. 4-3; Celtic 2-8

U.C.D. captured the Dublin senior championship title after a lapse of 11 years with a one-point victory over Celtic after a very exciting game at Russell Park.

It was a game of contrasting halves with U.C.D. well in control in the first half but Celtic rallied with a great spirit and turned in a tremendous display in the second half which almost gained them victory.

U.C.D.'s superiority in the first half gave them a 4-2 to 1-4 lead at half-time. Deirdre Lane managed to keep Celtic in touch with 1-4 but at the interval U.C.D. looked set for an easy victory.

Then Celtic began to fight back and, dominating at centre field, the U.C.D. defence was under great pressure throughout the second half.

Celtic scored 1-4 to a single point from U.C.D. in this period and in a tense and exciting final quarter the Celtic forwards were foiled repeatedly by some great saves from U.C.D.'s goalie Mary Murphy.

Scorers — U.C.D. — E. Murphy (3-2), A. Murphy (1-0), M. Farrell (0-1), Celtic — D. Lane (1-3), N. Fleming (1-0).

Leinster Colleges Senior B Final — Maryfield College 8-3; Oldcastle Comm School 0-1.

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JUNIOR LEAGUE HELPS IMPROVE STANDARDS

THE inauguration last year of the Junior League has raised the standards of play in the weaker junior counties and with the necessity to have better organisation at club and county level the administration of many of the counties has improved.

In addition, the fifteen counties participating, are well prepared for their respective provincial championships. As a result of a motion passed at Congress, there will be changes in the Competition for the next season.

Up to the present only counties, who did not compete in the Senior National League, were eligible to participate. The competition will be open to any county wishing to take part in the next season.

The Senior National League also produced exciting fare and is doing much to advance the game.

The Senior Open Draw championship is under way. Judging from the Senior League form to date it looks as if Cork the champions, Limerick, the runners-up, Dublin, Kilkenny and Galway are the most likely contenders for the title.

The Feile na nGael is organised for Galway again this year. The Camogie Committee have got twenty under 14 teams at home so twenty visiting counties will be invited to participate.

The participation of this age group in an All-Ireland Festival of Camogie has aroused great interest inside the counties and the finals of the feile for the past five or six years have shown how the skills of the

game can be acquired by this young age group.

The counties, which have hosted the Feile, are the areas which have shown the most improvement and have been successful at inter-county level.

Limerick, Cork, Kilkenny and now Galway, are amongst the most successful counties both at inter-county and Schools level.

Dublin are expected to be hosting the Feile in the next two years and with so many underage teams it

should be possible to have a record number of clubs participating. St. John of God Convent won out the All-Ireland Schools Junior Championship when they defeated St. Patrick's Cork who had won the senior title shortly before.

The Higher Institutes Council completed their programme for 1980-81. University College added the League title to their Ashbourne Cup victory and the Combined Universities won Corn Uí Mhaol again for the fourth year in a row.



• The Bank of Ireland-USA News Sport Award for Camogie shown here being presented to Edel Murphy by the Minister for State, Jim Tunney, T.D.