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● Members of the Glen Rovers Camogie Club, pictured in Blackpool, Cork, prior to their departure to America, where the team will play a number of fixtures during their three-week tour. (Picture: Dan Linehan).

Glen champs again

Glen Rovers 6-9;
Cashel 4-7

GLEN ROVERS, who travel to America on Thursday, retained their Munster Club Championship at Cashel yesterday after a tremendous game with the local side.

The teams were evenly matched early on, but a glorious spell midway through the first-half gave the Glen a 3-2 to 0-5 lead at the interval. They scored three goals in quick succession from Linda Mellerick, Mary Ring and Patricia Murphy. Jovita Delaney kept her side in touch with some glorious points.

On the resumption Cashel fought back to cut the deficit to only a point after 11 minutes, but a shrewd switch by the Glen mentors, which brought Mary Ring from full-forward to full-back and June Hamill to full forward made the real difference.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: L. Mellerick 2-1, M. Ring 2-0, P. Murphy 1-1, T. O'Callaghan 1-1, G. McCarthy 0-5 (0-3 frees), S. Fitzgibbon 0-1, J. Hamill 0-1.

Cashel: J. Delaney 1-5, T. Bonnar 2-0, H. O'Leary 1-1, K. Maloney 0-1.

Celtic do the double

CELTIC, DUBLIN.....5-8
RATHNURE, W'FORD 1-4
DUBLIN Senior Camogie Club champions Celtic took their second Leinster title beating Rathnure at St. Vincents Park, yesterday.

Rathnure tried hard to come to terms with the game but Karen Barr and Joanne Murphy stood staunch in Celtic's defence, and they led 4-6 to 1-2 at the interval.

The second-half was more evenly contested. Aileen Keogh Jackie Codd, Lilian Doyle and Bernie Higgins tried hard for Rathnure but were unable to get the breaks they needed.

SCORERS — Celtic: A. Cooper (1-4), G. Bourke (1-3), E. Campbell (2-0), G. O'Mahony (1-0), M. Cronin (0-1), Rathnure: A. Reddy (1-1), C. Murphy (0-3).

Referee: J. Pender (Kildare).

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ULSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
EGLISH 3-7 LOUGHGIEL 2-4
TYRONE champions Eglis staged a fighting second half comeback to win the Ulster club title yesterday. Trailing by five points at half time, they produced a remarkable eight minutes spell immediately after the re-start during which they scored 2-3 without reply.

Scorers — Eglis: U. Jordan (1-1), B. Burke and A. Jordan (1-0 each), L. Fay 0-6, Loughgiel: G. McMillan (1-1), A. Higgins (0-3), R. Butler (0-1).

Dublin League — Sen A. Crumlin 4-9, St Monica's 1-3, Inter. Naomh Padraig 3-2, Naomh Aoife 0-3.

Midleton advance

St. Mary's High School, Midleton 4-4
St. Mary's, Macroom 1-5

ST. MARY'S High School, Midleton, the holders, advanced to the second round of the Munster Schools Senior Camogie Championship at Macroom.

Scorers for Midleton: G. Walsh 2-0, M. O'Connor 1-2, C. Kirby 1-0, E. Leahy 0-2.

Macroom: S. Dunlea 1-2, K. O'Donoghue 0-3.

It's Junior Showtime

THE players of Kilkenny and Down continued to be feted on their recent All-Ireland success. But for many of the junior counties it is back to business over the coming weeks with the start of the 1991/92 National Junior League.

Three attractive ties get the competition off to a lively start on Sunday. Armagh, who held strong championship ambitions this season, get an opportunity to make the early running. Before their own supporters they face Antrim who are not enjoying much success these times.

In the second Ulster clash, Derry entertain Cavan. On recent form Cavan have some catching up to do and will require to lift their game somewhat to prevent Derry from taking both points.

CONSIDERABLY

Offaly have improved their status considerably over the past few years. They forced Dublin to a play-off in their section of the 1990/91 League. Offaly could get off to a good start against Kilkenny who have seen a number of their best players promoted to the senior team during the summer.

All-Ireland Club champions, Glen Rovers, fly to the United States on Thursday. Former club captain, Val Fitzpatrick, who has settled in Boston, has planned an attractive tour for her old club.

Glen retained their Munster Club title on Sunday in a high scoring clash with Cashel. They return four days before their scheduled meeting with either the Connacht or London champions in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Club Championship.

This tour has caused some revision in the dates for the Gael-Linn and Club Championship. The Gael-Linn semi-final between Munster and Connacht will go ahead on October 27 and the final will take place on November 3. The All-Ireland Club Championship semi-finals will be decided on November 10, while the final will be played on November 24.

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GLISH (Co. Tyrone) TAKE ULSTER CAMOGIE TITLE

Pics by OLIVER McVEIGH



A lucky man. Referee Idwell Cooper and rival captains Aileen McGarry, Loughgiel and English's Nora McGready (right).

Ulster Camogie Champions - Eglish. They beat Loughgiel from Antrim in the decider. Previously the Tyrone girls had overcome Newtowncunningham of Donegal and Down champs Leitrim, a club who had supplied a goodly few players to the victorious Down All-Ireland Camogie side. The Eglish line out on final day was: Mairead Mason, Ann Mackle, Grainne Daly, Mary Rose McGready, Nora McGready, Ursula Jordan, Catherine Finnegan, Leona Fay, Una Donnelly, Brenda Burke, Ann McKenna, Ann Jordan. Subs.: Paula Daly, Fiona O'Donnell, Catherine Jones, Maria Barclay.

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**1. LOUGHGIEL -
ULSTER CAMOGIE
RUNNERS-UP.**

**2. ANN JORDAN,
EGLISH, AND
JENNIFER COYLE,
LOUGHGIEL, BATTLE
FOR POSSESSION**



**3. BRENDA
BURKE, EGLISH,
AND LOUGHGIEL'S
MARY CONNELLY.**

**4. A TUSSELE FOR
POSSESSION IN
THE CAMOGIE
FINAL**



CAMOGIE SEASON OFF TO EARLY START

CAMOGIE officials are losing no time in getting their 1991-92 season under way. Just two weeks after the conclusion of the All-Ireland championships, the National Junior League starts today, with an interesting three-game programme.

Nineteen counties representing all provinces will compete in three groups. Limerick are the holders, and under the rules of the league, they can field the same team as last season.

The champions are obviously going to be a force again but they are still grouped in what has the appearance of a very competitive section, with Kilkenny, Cork, Tipperary and Offaly among the starters. Limerick will open their defence of the title next week with a home game against Cork.

Offaly and Kilkenny bring up the curtain in Group 3 when they clash at Rath. The other games are in Group 1 and feature Armagh and Antrim at Derrynoose, and Derry and Cavan at Swatragh.

At this early stage, these matches must have very open appearances but they could provide worthwhile guides for the games ahead. However, Offaly had a good run in last seasons league, only losing a group play-off tie to Dublin after replay and they may provide evidence that they will again be a force this season by making a winning start.

Armagh and Derry should come out on top in the All Ulster matches. Meantime the senior players have still much to look forward to in the coming weeks. The inter-provincial championship gets under way next

week when Leinster entertain Ulster at Dunboyne in senior and junior.

Munster, the inter-provincial senior champions, will have Connaught as visitors at still to be decided.

Meantime, history will be made in the All-Ireland club senior championship when Tara or St. David's, Mullagh, Galway, the quarter final Roscommon in an a western venue. on Sunday week at a first appearance of a London side in the competition, and the exiles hope to make a strong impact.

Celtic Dublin, and Rathnure Wexford, should provide an entertaining game when they meet at Paire Naomh Uinsionn Dublin to day in the Leinster Senior Cup final.

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Cork Juniors open campaign

ON Sunday next the Cork Junior team open their National League campaign with a first round game against Limerick in Limerick. At club level the Under-16 Championship continues with five games down for decision.

The team for Sunday's clash will see regular keeper Maria O'Brien between the posts. Vera Motherway will be at full-back with Evelyn Healy and Brid Kelleher filling the corner back positions. Eileen Buckley takes on a new role at centre-back with the midfield positions going to Gillian Ryan, Liz O'Sullivan and Karen Mellerick. Stephanie Dunlea is named at centre-forward with newcomer to the side Mary O'Reilly from Watergrasshill filling the position of full-forward. Sinead Cahalane is in the right corner with Fiona O'Driscoll filling the left corner forward position.

At club level there are five interesting clashes listed in the Under-16 Championship. In the first game Inniscarra who will be powered by a number of this year's Féile na nGael winning team should have the edge on Middleton. Newcestown should prove too strong for Ballincollig while the clash of Aghabullogue and Bishopstown at the latter's venue promises to be a real close affair. At the Tank Field the home team Brian Dillons will be expected to advance at the expense of Barryroe while in the final game Kilbrittain should prove too strong for Delany's.

Sunday, October 13 — National Junior League: Cork v Limerick at Mary Immaculate Grounds, Limerick at 2.30.

Under-16 Championship: Inniscarra v Middleton at Inniscarra at 12 noon. Ref. Eire Og; Ballincollig v Newcestown at Ballincollig at 12 noon. Ref. Ballinora; Bishopstown v Aghabullogue at Bishopstown at 12 noon. Ref. St. Finbarrs; Brian Dillons v Barryroe at Brian Dillons at 12 noon. Ref. Na Piarasigh; Kilbrittain v Delany's at Kilbrittain at 12 noon. Ref. Bandon.

Cork panel: Maria O'Brien, Evelyn Healy, Vera Motherway, Brid Kelleher, Eileen Buckley, Gillian Ryan, Liz O'Sullivan, Karen Mellerick, Stephanie Dunlea, Sinead Cahalane, Mary O'Reilly, Fiona O'Driscoll, Rose Desmond, Ann Christie, Patsy Walsh, Leslie Walsh, Janette Power, Hilda Kenneally, Helen Moynihan, Catherine O'Regan, Aileen Barry.

Members of the panel are asked to please note that they will leave from the Cork Opera House at 11.30.

Limerick take honours

LIMERICK 1-12
CORK 2-6

LIMERICK got off to a fine start in their Junior National League campaign when they held out to beat Cork in a highly entertaining game at Mary Immaculate College of Education in Limerick yesterday.

Limerick scored seven points in the opening half and Cork scored a rather fortunate goal from Marion O'Reilly after slackness in the Limerick defence.

Limerick were foiled on two occasions by brilliant saves by the Cork goalkeeper Maria O'Brien who denied the home side a much bigger lead at the interval.

Pauline McCarthy was Limerick's top scorer with five points followed by Mary Lenihan who scored four.

LIMERICK — P. Twomey, M. Guiry, E. Leonard, A. Sheehy, B. Chalke, L. O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, M. Treacy, A. Lenihan, B. O'Brien, M. Morrissey, M. Lenihan.

CORK — M. O'Brien, V. Motherway, E. Healy, B. Kelleher, E. Buckley, G. Ryan, K. Mellerick, B. Kennedy, C. O'Regan, L. O'Sullivan, F. O'Driscoll, M. O'Reilly.

Ref. B. Phillips (Tipperary).

Intermediate final tops bill

BIG game on the camogie front this coming weekend is the Intermediate Championship final between Brian Dillons and Cloughduv on Sunday. Also on Sunday, Courcy Rovers and Kilbrittain clash in the Junior 'B' Championship at Ballinspittle, while, on the same day, the Under-16 Championship continues with four first round games.

Brian Dillons and Cloughduv will battle it out at Donoughmore to decide who goes forward to senior ranks next season. The outcome of this game is difficult to predict, as both teams appear to be very evenly matched although Dillons will probably be slight favourites.

They were lucky enough to come away

with a draw in the first semi-final game with Killeagh, but had a decisive victory in the replay. They have a nice combination of youth and experience, with fine performers in Karen Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan, Aileen Barry, Claire Barry and Louise Flemming, and if these girls play to form they could make things very difficult for Cloughduv.

However, the mid Cork club have a lot of success at under-age level in recent years. They had to fight very hard to overcome Castlemagner in their semi-final but looked to be a very determined outfit and certainly will not give in easily. They have marvellous performers in the Dunlea sisters, Ann Marie Healy.

Patie Lynch and Mary Walsh. It could be neck and neck to the final whistle.

In the Junior 'B' Championship, Courcy Rovers will be expected to overcome Kilbrittain's second squad, while, in the under-16 championship, Grenagh, Na Piarasigh, Eire Og and Watergrasshill will all be expected to advance.

FIXTURES

Sunday: Under-16 Championship: St. Fannaghams v Grenagh at St. Fannaghams, 3.30; Na Piarasigh v Bandon, at Piarasigh, 12 noon; Eire Og v Mayfield, at Ovens, 12 noon; Watergrasshill v Douglas, at Watergrasshill, 12 noon.

Intermediate Championship Final: Brian Dillons v Cloughduv, at Donoughmore, 3 p.m.; Junior 'B' Championship: Courcy Rovers v Kilbrittain, at Courcy Rovers, 12 noon; Cobb v Valley Rovers, at Cobb, 12 noon.

Barrs get second chance

ST. FINBARRS 1-6
BARRYROE 2-3

A DRAW was a fair result to this highly entertaining "B" county junior camogie championship semi-final at Farranlea Road yesterday, writes Brendan Larkin.

A Norma O'Sullivan goal in the 15th minute helped the West Cork girls to an interval lead of 1-3 to 0-5, and after each side enjoyed periods of dominance in an exciting second half, Coleen O'Leary pointed two minutes from time to earn St. Finbarrs another day out.

Scorers — Barryroe: M. O'Sullivan, N. O'Sullivan 1-0 each; E. McCarthy 0-3. St. Finbarrs: M. O'Sullivan 1-3; C. O'Leary 0-2; F. O'Sullivan 0-1.

Ref. M. McSweeney (Bandon).

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Red Hand can't hold Leinster

LEINSTER'S domination of the Gael-Linn Cup, the inter-provincial senior camogie championship, was disrupted by Munster last season. In the absence of Kilkenny star, Angela Downey, Munster snatched a rare win over the great rivals.

Leinster have selected a powerful side to contest this year's competition. Backed by six members of the Kilkenny All-Ireland team, they look too strong for Ulster who they met at Navan on Sunday.

Eight of the nine Ulster counties, Antrim being the exception, are graded junior. Therefore, Ulster may field the first choice players from these eight counties in the junior grade.

In comparison, Leinster are blessed for choice. Dublin, Kilkenny, Wexford and Kildare field senior championship teams making places on the senior team hard to come by.

The Downey sisters, Ann and Angela, Elise Cody, Carmel O'Byrne, Marie Fitzpatrick and two goal heroines of the All-Ireland final, Jillian Dillon should pose insurmountable problems for their Ulster counterparts.

The story will be very different in the junior game. Ulster are titleholders for the past two years and are further boosted by Down's victory in the All-Ireland junior championship.

With Kildare moving up to the senior ranks this season, Leinster had to find replacements for half of their team. Dublin, the provincial junior champions, supply five players.

FIXTURES

Gael-Linn Semi-Finals — At Navan. Junior, Leinster v Ulster, 1.15. Senior, Leinster v Ulster, 2.30.

CAMOGIE

Senior Gael Linn Cup Semi-Final Ulster 4-9; Leinster 0-6. Junior Leinster 10-10 Ulster 0-6. National Junior League Limerick 1-12; Cork 2-6.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE INTER-PROS

FOCUS this coming weekend on the camogie front will be on the Gael Linn Interprovincial semi-finals which will be played at Tramore on Sunday.

Both teams play Connaught with the junior game timed for 1.30 and the senior for 2.45. At club level pick of the games should be the clash of St. Finbarrs and Barryroe in the Junior 'B' Championship semi-final, which is scheduled for Farranlea Road on Sunday at 2.30 p.m., while in the remaining games the Under-16 Championship continues with four further second round games down for decision.

The Munster senior team for Sunday's semi-final clash with Connaught is mainly dominated by Cork players and will see Marian McCarthy between the posts with Liz Dunphy at full-back. Paula Goggins is named in the right corner with Clare's Marie Collins in the left corner. Sandy Fitzgibbon takes over at centre-back with the mid-field positions going to Colette O'Mahony, Therese O'Callaghan and Jean Paula Kent. Irene O'Leary will be at centre-forward with Lynda Mellerick, Liz O'Neill and Clare's Pauline O'Brien completing the full-forward line.

In contrast to the senior team the Munster Junior team is mainly dominated by Munster Champions Tipperary and will line out as follows: Patricia Twomey, Limerick; Evelyn Healy, Cork; Jovita Delaney, Tipperary; Agnes Sheehy, Limerick; Marguerite Guiry, Limerick; Triona Bonner, Tipperary; Niamh McMahon, Waterford; Orla Hughes, Tipperary; Ann Linehan, Limerick; Deirdre Hughes, Tipperary; Ann Gleeson, Tipperary; and Fiona O'Driscoll, Cork.

Club Level

At club level we should have a very close and exciting game in store when St. Finbarrs and Barryroe clash in the Junior 'B' Championship semi-final on Sunday.

Fixtures

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Junior 'B' Championship semi-final: St. Finbarr's v Barryroe, at Farranlea Road, at 2.30 p.m., ref. Mary McSweeney.

U-16 Championship: Kilbrittain v Cloughduv, at Carrigadrohid, at 3 p.m., ref. Aghabullogue; Killeagh v Watergrasshill, at Killeagh, at 3 p.m., ref. Middleton; Grenagh v Ballinhassig, at Grenagh, at 3 p.m., ref. Castlemauger.

Munster to 'reward' Cork team

SENIOR interprovincial camogie champions, Munster, open the defence of their title at Tramore on Sunday. Connacht provide the opposition in a semi-final which was delayed due to the visit of Glen Rovers to America.

As expected, the Munster team is dominated by Cork players. These girls have an opportunity to put the disappointment of the All-Ireland final behind them, and end the season on an optimistic note.

Marie Collins and Pauline O'Brien of Clare join the Cork regulars, Marion McCarthy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Colette O'Mahony, Therese O'Callaghan and Irene O'Leary on a side which should have the beating of Connacht.

Connacht will be represented exclusively by Galway players. Three times already this year Cork and Galway have met in competition. The Connacht county won the first game but were soundly defeated in the other two matches. However, interprovincial games can be won and lost by the players' attitude.

Munster field a more representative side in the junior semi-final. Players from Tipperary, Limerick, Cork and Waterford combine to field a strong side. Triona Bonnar, Patricia Toomey, Evelyn Healy, Niamh McMahon and Deirdre Hughes are capable of steering Munster to another final.

Roscommon and Galway pool their talent to produce a very useful Connacht team. Imelda Kennedy, Emer Hardiman, Karina McDonnell, Mary Gannon and Brigid Fahy may not let Munster have it all their own way.

The Gael-Linn finals are scheduled for Sunday week. Leinster, who practically monopolise the senior competition, dispatched Ulster with ease in the first semi-final and will prove a huge obstacle for the winners of Sunday's game. Ulster turned the tables on Leinster in the junior game and are intent on making it a three-in-a-row.

SUNDAY — Interprovincial semi-finals (at Tramore) — 1.30 — Junior, Munster v Connacht, 2.45 — Senior, Munster v Connacht.

Angela's return to motivate Leinster

THE return of Angela Downey should tip the scales in favour of Leinster in the Gael-Linn Cup Camogie final against Munster, at O'Toole Park on Sunday.

The Kilkenny star was unavailable last season when Munster broke Leinster's winning sequence in the Inter-provincial championship.

Angela's worth as a maker and taker of scoring chances is well known, but her added ability to motivate her side should not be underestimated.

With four senior graded counties to choose from, Leinster fielded a very strong team against Ulster in the semi-final. In fact, Ulster were overwhelmed by their scoring power and were unable to prevent Leinster from running up a huge tally.

Munster find themselves handicapped by the lack of match practice. Connacht withdrew from the Gael-Linn senior and junior competitions at short notice, thus



giving Munster a bye to the final.

A selection of Cork players backed up by the Clare pair Marie Collins and Pauline O'Brien will find the going very difficult.

JUNIOR CLASH

Munster meet Ulster in the Gael-Linn junior final. These sides have shared the last four titles and should produce another intriguing contest on Sunday.

Without the benefit of a game, Munster are unaware of any weakness in the team selection. Patricia Toomey, Niamh McMahon, Triona Bonnar, Evelyn Healy and Jovita Delaney will make a great effort to bring the trophy back to Munster.

Ulster are seeking a hat-trick of titles. The season has been a good one so far for Ulster with the All-Ireland Junior Championship and the Ashbourne Cup finding homes in northern counties.

Gael-Linn Inter-provincial Finals At O'Toole Park: Junior Final, Munster v Ulster, 1.0; Senior Final, Leinster v Munster, 2.45.

Nov. 1991 Holders Glen should reach decider

THERE are a number of vital games down for decision on the camogie front this weekend, pick of which should be the All-Ireland club semi-final between Glen Rovers and Mullagh of Galway at the Glen Field on Sunday at 2.30.

At club level the Intermediate Championship Final replay will be decided at Ballincollig at 1.45 on Sunday between Brian Dillon and Cloughdara while on the same day

Kilbrittain and Valley Rovers replay their Junior "B" Championship semi-final at Newcestown at 12 noon.

Also on Sunday Ballinhassig and Newcestown clash in the quarter-final of the u-16 Championship.

All-Ireland Club Champions Glen Rovers defend their title when they take on Mullagh of Galway in the semi-final at the Glen Field and it is difficult to see the home club being

defeated. They are a strong all round side powered by such fine performers as Sandy Fitzgibbon, Theresa O'Callaghan, Diane Deane, Lynda Mellerick and Ger McCarthy and if these girls play to form they should advance.

However, Mullagh will not be an easy side to overcome. They ran St. Pauls, Kilkenny very close in last years semi-final and will no doubt be hungry for success on Sunday. They have fine performers in

Bridget Fahy, Cora Curley and Emer Hardiman and if these girls produce the goods we could have an interesting clash.

On Sunday last the intermediate championship final was postponed due to the pitch being unplayable but on Sunday Brian Dillon and Cloughdara battle it out at Ballincollig at 1.45 and here, even though very little appears to separate the sides Dillon will probably be slightly favoured.

They appear to be the more experienced outfit with marvellous players in Liz O'Sullivan, Karen Mellerick, Claire Barry and Gillian Ryan and if these girls strike form they could make things very difficult for a Cloughdara side that will be hoping for top class performances from the Dunlea sisters Lyn, Jackie and Stephanie, Ann Marie Healy and Mary Walsh.

Last Sunday Kilbrittain and V Bailey Rovers ended all square in their Junior

"B" Championship semi-final clash and on Sunday at Newcestown they meet again. Last Sunday's game was closely contested with the Innishannon side looking the most likely winners in the first half but a good second half performance by the Kilbrittain girls earned them another bite of the cherry.

In the only other game listed Newcestown will be expected to have the edge over Ballinhassig when they

clash in the u-16 Championship.

FIXTURES

Sunday: All-Ireland Club Championship semi-final, Glen Rovers (Cork) v Mullagh (Galway) at Glen Rovers at 2.30.

Intermediate Championship Final, Cloughdara v Brian Dillon at Ballincollig at 1.45, ref. Miriam Higgins. Junior "B" Championship semi-final replay, Kilbrittain v Valley Rovers at Newcestown at 12 noon, ref. Mary McSwiney. Under 16 Championship, Newcestown v Ballinhassig at Ballinhassig at 12 noon, ref. Valley Rovers.

MULLAGH DETHRONE THE GLEN

Mullagh (Galway) 2-6
Glen Rovers (Cork) 1-8

MULLAGH camogie team made the long journey to Cork yesterday and dethroned the All-Ireland club champions Glen Rovers in a cracking All-Ireland semi-final at the Glen Field, writes Brendan Larkin.

The signs looked ominous for the champions at the end of the opening half when, despite having played with the very strong wind, they found themselves two points down, 2-2 to 0-6.

However they weren't going to surrender their title without a fight and when Mary Ring blasted home a 20-metre free to give her side the lead with 15 minutes to go, they looked capable of holding out, despite the strong Mullagh pressure.

However the Galway girls came storming back to draw level, and with time running out Bridget Foley pointed twice to give her side their place in the final later in the month.

The home side were very annoyed at the final whistle when it was pointed out that the referee had failed to allow time for a number of stoppages during the second-half.

Glen's scorers were: M. Ring 1-0; G. McCarthy 0-5 (0-3 frees); P. Murphy, L. Mellerick and T. O'Callaghan 0-1 each.

Ref: M. Pollard (Waterford).

Camogie: Gael Linn Inter-Provincial Cup Final At O'Toole Park, Crumlin

Leinster 5-1
Munster 0-0

LEINSTER SCORERS: Angela Downey (3-2), Carmel O'Byrne (2-1), Ann Downey (0-5), Marina Downey (0-3), Stella Sinn (0-2).

MUNSTER SCORERS: Irene O'Keefe (0-5), Eileen O'Neill (0-2), Theresa O'Callaghan (0-1).

Junior Result:

Ulster 4-0
Munster 0-0

Hospital dash saves Irish bid

A last minute dash from hospital by Lee Strand's Sandie Fitzgibbon enabled Ireland's Womens basketballers to a dramatic 80-72 semi-final victory over holders Austria in the European Promotions Cup in Gibraltar yesterday.

Cork's Camogie star Fitzgibbon went off after the opening 25 seconds with a finger injury.

But after preliminary examination in a nearby hospital she got the all clear and rushed back for the last quarter to rally Ireland to their second consecutive final in this tournament, where they meet Turkey today.

CAMOGIE CHAMPS DEFEND TITLE Midleton's other final

ST MARY'S, Midleton, who captured the Dripsey Cup for the first time last season, have overcome Macroom, Shannon and Cashel to reach this year's final of the Munster senior colleges camogie championship. Considering that the college lost nine of last season's winning team, this is quite an achievement.

St Patrick's will provide the opposition in an all-Cork final. This will be a repeat of the 1990/91 final, but the shoe may be on the other foot on this occasion. St Patrick's retain almost the full panel of players which narrowly failed last February.

All-Ireland junior champions, St Mary's, Nenagh have qualified for the Munster junior final. They showed in the semi-final against Scariff that they will certainly be a force. Midleton's junior team will need to step up on previous performances if they are upset the champions.

The section winners are known in Leinster, where St Brigid's, Callan are strongly tipped to take the senior title, and the Leinster junior championship has been whittled down to 11 contenders.

Ulster plan to play their semi-finals before the Christmas break. St Mary's Magherafelt, St Patrick's, Maghera and Loreto, Cavan look good in the senior championship. Keady, Magherafelt, Portaferry and Kilkeel have come through in the junior championship.

All-Ireland senior champions for the past seven years, St Raphael's Loughrea, are still on course in the Connacht senior championship. Holy Rosary, Mountbellew, St Cuan's and Mercy Roscommon are still in contention. This trio retain an interest also in the Connacht junior championship, where they are joined by Portumna.

Celtic face huge task against Eglish



Camogie girls Mairead Cronin and Adele Campbell who will be in action for Celtic in tomorrow's All-Ireland Club semi-final.

□ Dublin champions bid to reach All-Ireland Camogie decider.

DUBLIN champions Celtic face their biggest task in years when they entertain Ulster champions Eglish from Tyrone in tomorrow's All-Ireland club championship semi-final. This game will take place in St. Vincent's GAA Grounds, Marino, at 2.30 p.m. While their opponents from the North are an unknown quantity to the Celtic players and mentors, the Dublin club's magnificent victory over Wexford champions Rathnure in the Leinster final will have given them the confidence needed to put on a good show tomorrow.

With Toni O'Byrne, Una Crowley and Nicole Swift missing from the team that took the Dublin title last May by defeating a gallant Ballyboden St. Enda's in the final, Celtic have welcomed the acquisition of county player Joanne Murphy into their ranks.

Their confidence has been further boosted by gathering full points from their two outings so far in this season's Dublin league programme which included a victory over league champions Na Fianna and a comprehensive performance against Naomh Oilibheir Pluinceid on Sunday last.

There is a lot at stake tomorrow not alone for Celtic but it would give the whole county a boost at this level if the home side could manage to secure a victory. There is no doubt that the task facing Celtic is enormous but they have trained very hard to get this far and they will fight tooth and nail for their survival tomorrow.

Although they have had a few injury scares during the week, Celtic hope to field at full strength. Ann Colgan has been a source of inspiration to her colleagues since she has taken over as goalkeeper and in front of her she has possibly the most stylish centre back in Dublin today in the very talented Mairead Cronin.

Also included in the

defence is Karen Bauer, Eileen Lambert and Marian Manning, all of whom turned in superlative performances when Rathnure really turned on the pressure in the Leinster final.

All-Ireland Club Championship
Semi-Final: St. Vincent's Ground,
Marino, at 2.30 p.m. — Celtic (Dublin) v
Eglish (Tyrone) (2.30).

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Tyrone may leave out Eglish aces

BOOSTED by Down's victory in the All-Ireland Junior championship final, several Ulster counties have made a great start to the 1991/92 National Junior Camogie League. Armagh, Tyrone, Donegal and Derry and Championship winners Down have collected full points in the opening round.

In one of the more interesting Tyrone clashes on Sunday, Derry make the short trip to neighbours Tyrone.

Tyrone are on a high at the moment with their representatives, Eglish through to the All-Ireland Club Championship final against Mullagh on November 24.

However, with such a vital fixture only a week away, Tyrone may not risk the Eglish players.

Tipperary and Cork meet in a repeat of the Munster Junior Championship final at Cork. These sides turned in a great exhibition of camogie on that occasion.

While the rivalry will be as keen as ever, the promotion of Jean Paula Kent and Irene O'Keeffe to the Cork senior team may swing the game in Tipperary's favour.

Dublin faltered at the hands of Down in the first



round and unless they can regain their best form, they could lose further ground at the hands of Armagh.

League Champions, Limerick should have the measure of Wexford who could only manage a draw against Waterford.

Great headway has been made in the provincial colleges championships. Munster, who organise their senior and junior competitions on a knockout basis, are already at the semi-final stages.

FIXTURES

Saturday: Munster Colleges Senior Semi-Finals — St. Mary's, Middleton v Scoll Mhuire, Cashel, Middleton, I.O. St. Patrick's, Cork v St. Mary's, Nenagh, at Cork, I.O.

Sunday: National Junior League — Dublin v Armagh, Tyrone v Derry, Cork v Tipperary, Kildare v Down, Kilkenny v Waterford, Wexford v Limerick.

Tipp test for Cork

On Sunday at Ballincollig the Cork Junior camogie team play Tipperary in the National League. At club level pick of the games is the Junior 'B' Championship final between Kilbrittain and St. Finbarrs at Ballygarvan. In the only other game listed, Inniscarra play Bishopstown in the quarter-final of the under-16 Championship.

The Cork Juniors, already defeated by Limerick, will be hoping to take the points when they meet Munster champions, Tipperary. The Cork team has not been named yet, but is certain to include players like Evelyn Healy, Karen Mellerick, Hilda Kenneally, Brid Kelleher and Marie O'Brien.

In a repeat of last year's Junior final, St. Finbarrs and Kilbrittain battle it out, but Kilbrittain will be fielding their second team with last year's side promoted to the 'A' grade.

Kilbrittain's team, despite being very

young, have shown great form in the championship and will pose problems for the city side. They have fine performers in Grainne O'Mahony, goalkeeper Colette Madden, Marian Reilly, Ellis O'Regan and Margaret Ryan.

Barr's will be hoping to avenge last year's result when they were only narrowly defeated after a replay and if players like captain Sandra O'Donovan, Colleen O'Leary, Claire Barry, Alice O'Donovan and Marie O'Sullivan produce the goods they should just edge it.

Inniscarra play Bishopstown in the under-16 championship and Inniscarra are expected to advance.

Sunday: National Junior League: Cork v Tipperary at Ballincollig, 2.30.

Junior 'B' Championship Final: St. Finbarrs v Kilbrittain at Ballygarvan at 2.30.

Under-16 Championship: Bishopstown v Inniscarra at Bishopstown, noon.

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Final of Junior 'A'

THE stage is now set for the final of this year's Junior 'A' Championship and on Sunday next at Carrigadrohid at 2.30, Kilbrittain and Éire Óg will battle it out for honours. On the same day at the Tank Field, St. Finbarrs and Brian Dillons will be in opposition in the quarter-final of the Under-16 Championship while in other games listed Inniscarra, Bishopstown, St. Catherines, Ballincollig, St. Vincents and Grenagh will all be involved in league games.

On Sunday next at Carrigadrohid, Kilbrittain will be hoping to take their first ever Junior 'A' title when they take on Éire Óg. Kilbrittain were defeated last Sunday in the junior 'B' final so no doubt they will be hoping for a change of luck this time out but there is no doubting they face very difficult opposition in the Ovens side.

Éire Óg are a very experienced side and on form will go into this game as favourites. They will be spearheaded by senior intercounty goalkeeper Marian McCarthy and have other fine performers in Nancy O'Driscoll, Carol O'Callaghan, Claire O'Regan and Julie Bradley and if these girls produce the goods it is difficult to see them being halted, but the West Cork club will not be overawed by the strength of their opposition and will go into this game with every confidence. They have shown great determination in the

lead up to this final and if they can maintain that form on Sunday next they will be in there with every chance. On the day they will be hoping that players like Mary Brennan, Helen and Sinead O'Donovan, Miriam Deasy, Karen Foley and Mary Sexton will come up trumps for them.

Slight edge

In the quarter-final of the Under-16 Championship, St. Finbarrs and Brian Dillons will be in opposition at the Tank Field and here the home side will be expected to have a slight edge. They have very experienced performers in Cork minors Val O'Mahony, Louise Fleming and Alison Dilworth and if these girls play to form they could make things very difficult for a Barrs side who will be looking to players like Janice Duffy, Niamh Ní Suibhne, Claire O'Donovan, Mary Kelleher and Lynda McKeown to carry them through.

FIXTURES

Sunday, November 24—: Junior 'A' Championship Final: Éire Óg v Kilbrittain at Carrigadrohid, at 2.30; Ref Colette O'Mahony
Under-16 Championship: St. Finbarrs v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons at 11.30; Ref E. Hackett, Delany.
Junior 'A' League: Inniscarra v Bishopstown at Inniscarra at 12 noon; Ref Cloughdau.
St. Catherines v Ballincollig at 2.30; Ref Ballinora.
Under-16 League: St. Vincents v Grenagh at Grenagh at 12 noon; Ref St. Vincents.

St. Finbarrs dethrone Kilbrittain

St. Finbarrs 3-4
Kilbrittain 0-1

ST. FINBARRS won the Cork county 'B' junior camogie championship title when they defeated reigning champions Kilbrittain in a lively final at Ballynanly yesterday.

The very heavy underfoot conditions didn't help either side but the vastly experienced Barrs side were quickly into their stride with a Marie O'Sullivan goal after just two minutes and a second major right on the call of half-time by Niamh O'Sullivan gave the Togher side an interval lead of 2-1 to 0-1, the Kilbrittain point coming from Cathy O'Regan.

The Barrs were well on top in the second half and a third goal, credited to Marie O'Sullivan after a goalmouth scramble, killed off the West Cork girls challenge.

not defined
Scorers for St. Finbarrs: M. O'Sullivan 2-4; N. O'Sullivan 1-0.

Kilbrittain: C. O'Regan 0-1.

ST. FINBARRS: A. Collins, C. Barry, E. Kelleher, A. O'Donovan, R. O'Donovan, S. O'Donovan, M. O'Sullivan, M. O'Regan, C. O'Leary, N. O'Sullivan.

KILBRITTAIN: C. Madden, N. Twohig, C. Sexton, M. Ryan, C. Fitzgerald, G. O'Mahony, L. O'Callaghan, N. O'Mahony, D. Dineen, E. O'Connell, E. O'Regan.

Referee: M. McSweeney (Bandon).

● In a junior national league game at Ballincollig yesterday, Tipperary maintained their dominance over Cork winning 3-12 to 5-3 in very difficult conditions.

Midleton girls in the final

St. Mary's, Midleton 3-2
St. Mary's, Cashel 2-2

A great second-half performance, when they scored 2-2, gave St. Mary's, Midleton a one goal victory over St. Mary's, Cashel in the Munster Schools senior camogie championship semi-final at the CBS sportsground Midleton on Saturday.

Scorers for Midleton: M. O'Connor, I. Kirby, G. Walsh 1-0 each, E. Leahy 0-2 (frees).
Cashel: J. Delaney 1-1 (1-0 frees), A. Barry 1-0 (sideline), C. Dunne 0-1.

Tipperary overcome spirited Cork side

Tipperary 6-9
Cork 5-5

TIPPERARY retained their Munster U-18 Camogie title when in a well contested game at Templemore yesterday they held off the challenge of a game Cork side to win by seven points.

Cork got an ideal start with two early goals from Edel Kearney but Tipperary soon got into stride and with Deirdre Hughes in top form scoring two goals and helped by a further goal from Helen O'Leary they lead at half time by 3-4 to 3-2. Cork's third goal was scored by Louise Flemming.

Tipperary were the stronger side in the second half however and goals by Orla Hogan and Ciara Burns gave them the initiative.

However Cork then made a determined surge and goal by Lyn Dunlea brought them with three points of their rivals. Tipperary then introduced flu victim Jovita Delaney and she made an immediate impact scoring 1-2 in the closing stages to give Tipperary victory.

Tip had good displays from Sinead Nealon, Rosin Nash, Neassa O'Dwyer and Deirdre

Hughes while Jovita Delaney stood head and shoulders over the others when she came on. Cork never gave up hope and battled to the finish with Frances Hennessy, Louise Fleming, Lynn Dunlea and Edel Kearney prominent.

Scorers Tipperary: D. Hughes 2-4, J. Delaney 1-2, C. Byrnes, O. Hogan, H. O'Leary 1-0 each, N. O'Dwyer 0-3.

Cork: L. Dunlea 2-4, E. Kearney 2-0, L. Fleming 1-0, S. Cahalane 0-1.

Teams: Tipperary: C. Kennedy, M. Hogan, R. Nash, S. Nealon, C. Madden, O. Hogan, N. O'Dwyer, A. Ryan, C. Byrnes, A. Hogan, D. Hughes, H. O'Leary, Subs. M. Tobin for A. Hogan, J. Delaney for A. Ryan, O. Shanahan for C. Byrnes.

Cork: T. Aherne, F. Hennessy, A. Dilworth, S. Dunlea, A. O'Connor, S. Cahalane, L. Fleming, E. McCarthy, E. Kearney, L. Dunlea, B. Hennessy, V. O'Mahony, Subs. H. Walsh for A. Dilworth.

ON THE CAMOGIE FRONT

Tough date for Cork girls

ON Sunday next at Tullamore the Cork under-18 team face a tough challenge when they take on Tipperary in the final of this season's championship. No doubt Tipperary will go into this game as favourites as their team will include no fewer than nine of their junior side which were only narrowly defeated in this year's All-Ireland final so the Cork girls will have it all to play for. But in the present weather conditions anything can happen and Cork will go into this game with every confidence.

At the time of writing the Cork team was not available but is certain to include such experienced performers as the Dunlea sisters, Lyn and Stephanie; Louise Flemming; Edel Kearney, who captains the side; Sinead Cahalane, Ann O'Connor and Elaine McCarthy and if these girls play to form they could make things very difficult for their opponents.

At club level we should have a very close and entertaining game in store when Kilbrittain and Killeagh clash in the Under-16 Championship. On form Killeagh will probably be fancied to advance. They appear to be the more experienced side with marvellous performers in Evelyn Leahy, Siobhan Aherne and Mary O'Connor and if these girls produce the goods it is difficult to see them being halted but Kilbrittain are going through a very successful period at the moment and no doubt will be very determined to continue this trend.

Fixtures Sunday, December 1

Munster Under-18 Championship final — Cork v Tipperary at Tullamore at 2.30 (referee from Clare).
Under-16 Championship — Killeagh v Kilbrittain at Kilbrittain at 2.30 (Bandon).
Junior 'B' League — Bandon v Éire Óg at Ovens at 12 noon (Aghabullogue).

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New name for list of champions

THE 28th All-Ireland Camogie club championship final will take place at Mullagh, Co. Galway on Sunday.

Irrespective of the outcome, a new name will be added to the list of champions. Either Galway and Connacht title holders, Mullagh or Tyrone and Ulster representatives Eglis will become the 14th club to claim the eagerly sought after title.

Connacht champions for the past three years, Mullagh contested the 1989 All-Ireland final. St Pauls, Kilkenny, specialists in this competition, came between them and victory. However, they acquit-

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ted themselves very well.

Mullagh looked a fine side in the semifinal when they ended the reign of champions Glen Rovers from Cork. They field 12 players each of whom is well able to cope with the duties of her position.

Past pupils of that excellent camogie nursery St Raphaels, Loughrea, Triona Dolphin, Imelda Hobbins, Bridget Fahey, Emer Hardiman and Cora Curley have the skill and confidence to clinch the title.

Eglis won their fourth

Ulster club title this season. However, this is the first time that they have reached the final. They plan to go one better than their Ulster predecessors Deirdre (Belfast) Portglenone and Bellaghy and bring the title to the Northern province for the first time.

In their Ulster campaign, Eglis accounted for Newtowncunningham, Leitrim and Loughgiel. They travelled to Dublin where they recorded a two goal victory over Leinster title holders Celtic, and have every reason to look forward to Sunday's final.

The majority of the Eglis team has been together for several seasons. They will not lack for teamwork or experience. Many of their players have worn county colours including Ann Mackle, Nora McGready, Ann Jordan and Catherine Finnegan.

If Eglis come out on top, it would climax a wonderful season for Ulster. Already the Ashbourne Cup, the All Ireland junior championship, and the Gael Linn trophy rest in the province.

With typical Ulster grit and determination, Eglis will have a real go.

PICTURES — Sunday: All-Ireland club championship final at Mullagh, Co. Galway: 2.0. Mullagh v Eglis.

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Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann
Craobhchomórtas Idir-Chlub



MULLACH v. NAOMH TREASA

AN GHAILLIMH

TÍR EOGHAIN

24 Samhain, 1991 ag 2.30 i.n.

Páirc Ó Duagáin, Béal Átha na Sluighe, An Ghaillimh

Clár Oifigiúil

Luach **50p**

Síle de Blaitís

Ardrúnai

An Mullach - An Ghaillimh

MULLAGH - GALWAY

Dathanna: Bui is Glas

1

CEARÚILÍN NÍ LACHTNÁIN

Caroline Loughnane - Captaen

2

SÍLE UÍ CHADHAIN

Sheila Coen

3

DEIRDRE NÍ ARGADÁIN

Deirdre Hardiman

4

BRÍD NÍ FHATHAIGH

Brigid Fahy

5

PAMELA NIC CHÁIMHIN

Pamela Nevin

6

MAIRÉAD UÍ CHINNÉIDE

Madge Kennedy

7

CÓRA NIC THOIREALAIGH

Cora Curley

8

TRÍONA DHOILFIN

Triona Dolphin

9

AIDEEN NÍ MHURCHÚ

Aideen Murphy

10

IMELDA NÍ OIBÍN

Imelda Hobbins

11

AILÍS NÍ MHURCHÚ

Alice Murphy

12

EIMHEAR NÍ ARGADÁIN

Emer Hardiman

Ionadaithe: (Subs) - 13. Ellis Nic Giolla Chainnigh, Ellish Kilkenny; 14. Áine Bugler, Ann Bugler; 15. Máirín Ní Fhlóinn Maureen Flynn; 16. Majella Chinsealach Majella Kinsella.

Naomh Treasa - Tír Eoghain

ST. TERESA - TYRONE

Dathanna: Glas is Bán

1

MAIRÉAD NÍ MHASÚN

Mairéad Mason

2

ÁINE NÍ MHACHAIL

Anne Mackle

3

GRÁINNE NÍ DHÁILAIGH

Grainne Daly

4

MÁIRE RÓIS NIC RIADA

Mary Rose McGready

5

NÓRA NIC RIADA

Nora McGready-Captaen

6

URSULA NIC SHIÚRTÁIN

Ursula Jordan

7

CAITRÍONA UÍ FHIONNAGÁIN

Catherine Finnegan

8

LEONA NÍ FHÉICH

Leona Fay

9

UNA NÍ DHONNAILE

Una Donnelly

10

ÁINE NIC CIONAOITH

Ann McKenna

11

BREANDA DE BURCA

Brenda Burke

12

ÁINE NIC SHIÚRTÁIN

Anne Jordan

Ionadaithe: (Subs) - 13. Paula Ní Dhálaigh, Paul Daly; 14. Fiona Ní Dhónaill, Fiona O'Donnell; 15. Caitríona Nic Sheoin, Catherine Jones; 16. Máire Barclay, Maria Barclay

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I S Club óg é an Mullach. Bun-aíodh i 1983 é agus tá an-éacht déanta ag muintir an Chlub ó shoin i leith.

In its eight years in existence, Mullagh has achieved remarkable success. In its first year, the new club won the under-12 County Championship with the assistance of some of today's Senior panel.

Bhuaidh an fhoireann faoi-14 Féile na nGael i 1985 agus 1986. Tá boinn Choláistí ag a lán díobh chomh maith. Among those who won All-Ireland Colleges medals with Naomh Rafael, Baile Locha Riach, are Caroline Loughnane, Emer and Deirdre Hardiman, the youngest player on the team at sixteen, Brigid Fahy, Pamela Nevin, Cora Curley, Triona Dolphin, Aileen and Alice Murphy, Imelda Hobbins, Eilish Kilkenny and Ann Bugler.

Majella Kinsella was an outstanding player with Gairmscoil Bhríde, Baile Locha Riach. Imríon anchuid den bhfoireann le foirne idir-chontae na Gaillimhe. Sheila Coen, Triona Dolphin, a Junior medal-winner, and Aileen Murphy represent the Senior team of An Ghaillimh. The Junior County team has the following among its

An Mullach, Contae Na Gaillimhe

numbers: Brigid Fahy, Pamela Nevin, Alice Murphy, Emer Hardiman, Madge Kennedy, Cora Curley, who holds an All-Ireland Minor medal, Imelda Hobbins, another All-Ireland Junior medal-winner and sister of Madge Kennedy. Deirdre Hardiman is a Minor medal-holder. With such an abundance of talent, it is not surprising that success has come to the club at Senior level. 1989 saw the Senior County Championship title come to the Club for the first time. The experienced Naomh Pól, Cill Chainnigh, defeated Mullagh in that year's Final. These Clubs were to meet again in the semi-final of 1990 and, in an exciting game, Mullagh almost caused the shock of the season. Tá an Club go mór faoi chomaoín ag tuismitheoirí na nímreoirí, na máithreach, go háirithe, a bhunaigh an Club in 1983. Many of the founders of Mullagh Club will proudly watch their daughters play today. Among them are Mrs. Hobbins, Mrs. Fahy, Mrs. Dolphin, Mrs. Fahy, Mrs. Kilkenny and Mrs. Hardiman, the present Rúnaí of the club. The first officers of the club were Dymna Hardiman, Mary Kilkenny and Mary Ferguson.

Gur fada buan iad uilig agus an club

TRÉASLAITEAR le Club Naomh Treasa, An Eaglais, as ucht cúig bhliain is fiche a bheith curtha de i mbliana.

Naomh Treasa, An Eaglais, Contae Thir Eoghain

Naomh Treasa, An Eaglais, founded in 1966, celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. It has already marked the occasion by reaching An Cluiche Ceannais Idir-Chlub for the first time.

Tá an Club chun tosaigh ina Contae féin agus i gCúige Uladh le roinnt de bhlianta anuas. The Club has a remarkable record of twenty four Senior County Championship titles in its twenty-five years in existence. Undoubtedly, the historians would like to ascertain

whether any other club in the Association, with the possible exception of Naomh Pól, Cill Chainnigh, can defeat a ninety-six percent success rate at Senior level. Eglish achieved a three-in-a-row Senior County Championship and Ulster Club Championship success in 1985, 1986 and 1987. They were foiled at the All-Ireland semi-final stage in those years by Béal Atha an Rí, An Ghaillimh, Naomh Pól, Cill Chainnigh, and Fánaithe an Ghleanna, Corcaigh, respectively. Ba mhór ag an Eaglais an Corn a bhreith abhaile lei i mbliana.

Sár-imreoirí atá in a lán de bhail na hEaglaise. Eleven of the present panel hold 4 Ulster Senior Championship medals apiece, and Ursula Jordan, Ann Jordan and Catherine Daly-Finnegan hold Gael Linn medals. Two of the youngest members of the team Paula Daly and Brenda Burke gained their first Ulster Championship medals this year. Brenda's sisters, Ann and Sheila, neither of whom has played in this year's campaign, also have 3 Ulster Championship medals to their credit.

The Eglish team are coached by Harold Heron from Dungannon. Harold is no stranger to All-Ireland success. Tyrone's minor and under-16 hurling teams were All-Ireland Champions under his guidance. He played alongside Eglish's previous coach, Gerry Godwin, in both Hurling and Gaelic Football.

The founders of this fine Club may celebrate its quarter-century with pride. They would, no doubt, be delighted to display Corn Idir-Club na hÉireann among its trophies in this auspicious year. Go dté siad féin agus An Eaglais ó neart go chéile sna blianta atá rompu.

MULLACH – AN GHAILLIMH



Ar chúl (ó chlé): Pamela Nic Cháimhín, Tríona Dhoillín, Ailís Ní Mhurchú, Córa Nic Thoirealsigh, Eimhear Ní Argadáin, Brid Ní Fhathaigh, Eilís Nic Glolla Chainnigh, Máiread Uí Chinnéide. Chun Thosaigh (ó chlé): Deirdre Ní Argadáin, Majella Chinsealach, Cearúilín Ní Lachtnáin (Captaen) Aine Bugler, Imelda Ní Oibín, Síle U Chadhain, Máirín Ní Fhloinn agus Aileen Ní Mhurchú.

NAOMH TREASA – AN EAGLAIS



Breanda de Burca, Áine Ní Mhachail, Grainne Ní Dhálaigh, Fiona Ní Dhónaill, Ursula Nic Shiúrtáin, Caitríona Uí Fhionnagáin, Leona Ní Fhéich, Una Ní Dhonnaile, Áine Nic Clonaoith, Áine Nic Shiúrtáin, Paula Ní Dhálaigh, Caitríona Nic Sheoláin, Máiread Ní Mhasún, Nóra Nic Riada (Captaen), Máire Barclay, Máire Róis Riads, Madonna Ní Dhálaigh, Brid Ní Dhálaigh.

Ocáid Stairiúil sa Chraobhchomórtas Idir-Chlub

TÁ Mullach agus Naomh Treasa in iomaíocht lena chéile sa Chluiche Ceannais don chéad uair ariamh. Cé gur bhain Mullach an Cluiche Ceannais amach ar ócáid amháin cheana féin, ní raibh an t-ádh leo ar an lá sin. Beidh an-fhonn go deo ortha féin agus ar Naomh Treasa an corn a sciobadh leo don chéad uair.

Success in the All-Ireland Club Championship is the realisation of a dream for any side. Undoubtedly, the most difficult competition to win, only thirteen of the Association's 460 clubs in Ireland have experienced the great sense of achievement and pride which goes with it.

A new name will be added to the Roll of Honour this afternoon. Mullagh, finalists in 1989, plan to match the exploits of Oranmore and Athenry and become the third club to carry the trophy to Galway and Connacht.

It is a new experience for Naomh Treasa's, An Eaglais. Ulster champions from 1985 to 1987, they qualified for their first final with a fine victory over Celtic, Áth Cliath. They proved their worth in Ulster where they overcame Newtowncunningham, Leitrim, and Loughiel in turn.

Connacht champions for the third consecutive season, Mullagh field twelve fine camogie players. Each girl has mastered the skills of the game and blends into an accomplished unit.

Mullagh lowered the colours of All-Ireland champions, Glen Rovers, Corcaigh, in the semi-final. This victory will boost their confidence. As many are past pupils of the famed St. Raphael's, Loughrea, these girls are used to winning and will make a supreme effort in front of their supporters.

1991 has been a great season for Ulster. Three important trophies, the Ashbourne Cup, the All-Ireland Junior Championship and the Junior Gael-Linn Cup rest in the northern province. Naomh Treasa, An Eaglais will try all they know to put the icing on the cake and bring the Club championship to Ulster for the first time.

Pé scéal é, beidh ainm nua inscríobhtha ar an gcorn inniu.



CHAMPIONS ... The Mullagh senior camogie team which won the All-Ireland title at Ballinasloe on Sunday. Back row, left to right: Emer Hardiman, Triona Dolphin, Sheila Coen, Majella Kinsella, Dairde Hardiman, Ann Bugler, Cora Curley, Imelda Hobbins. Front row: Aileen Murphy, Eilish Kilkenny, Pamela Nevin, Caroline Loughnane (captain), Brigid Fahy, Madge Kennedy, Maureen Flynn, Alice Murphy.

All-Ireland glory for Mullagh's mudlarks

MULLAGH (Galway).....4-13
GLISH (Tyrone).....0-2.
IN DREADFUL conditions at Ballinasloe yesterday, Galway camogie champions Mullagh captured the All-Ireland club championship when they trounced the Ulster champions Eglis from Tyrone.

To say this game was one-sided is an understatement because right from the start the Galway girls completely dominated all sectors and in the closing minutes could afford the luxury of giving three of their subs a run on the historic day.

Even allowing for their ten wides in

the opening half the winners took their scoring chances well and at half time led by 2-11 to no score.

SCORERS — Mullagh: E Hardiman (3-3), T Dolphin (0-6), Alice Murphy (1-2), Aileen Murphy (0-1), Eglis: L Fay and U Jordan (0-1 each).

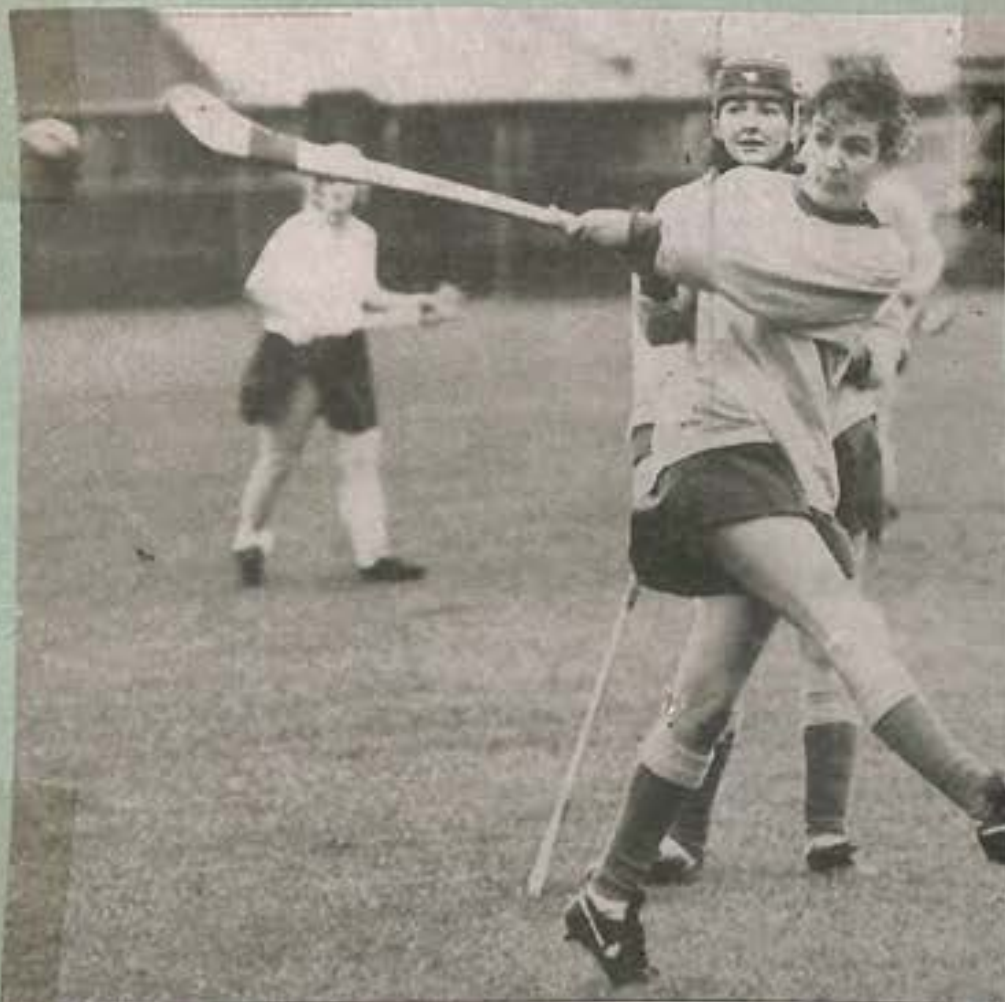
MULLAGH: C Loughnane, S Coen, D Hardiman, B Fahy, P Nevin, M Kennedy, E Kilkenny, T Dolphin, A Murphy, I Hobbins, Alice Murphy, E Hardiman. Subs: C Curley for Kilkenny, A Bugler for Eimer Hardiman, M Kinsella for Kennedy.

GLISH: M Mason, A Mackle, G Daly, M R McGready, N McGready, U Jordan, C Finnegan, L Fay, T Donnelly, A McKenna, B Bourke, A Jordan.

REFEREE: Betty Joyce (Cork).
 Dublin Sen Lge: Na Fianna 3-6; Good Counsel 0-3.
 Crumlin 4-7; An Caislean 0-1.

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WHAT A STRIKE ... Mullagh full forward Emer Hardiman launches another assault on the Eglis goal during the All-Ireland club camogie final at Ballinasloe on Sunday.

Mullagh girls rule

Dolphin, Hardiman and Nevin lead demolition of Ulster title holders

Mullagh (Galway)..... 4-13
Eglish (Tyrone)0-2

by Declan Tierney

THE OLD cliché of saving the best wine until last applied to devastating effect as far as the camogie players from Mullagh were concerned when they captured their first ever All-Ireland title at Ballinasloe on Sunday in memorable fashion, walloping Tyrone title pretenders Eglish in the process.

To the uninformed it almost seemed as if Mullagh were experts at winning All-Ireland titles such was the manner in which they took control of proceedings from the outset and went on to play some of the most positive and skilful camogie witnessed in the championship so far.

In fact it was difficult to comprehend that Mullagh have not won a title prior to this. They have basically the same team, which lost the final two years ago, but possibly the hunger for victory was never as acute as it was on Sunday when they tore strips off the opposition.

And few could argue that Eglish were poor opposition as they have won their own county championship on no less than 24 occasions and contested the All-Ireland semi-finals three years in succession during the 'eighties — but never progressing beyond that stage.

But by the tenth minute of the game — after Emer Hardiman and Alice Murphy

had struck the early killer goals for Mullagh without reply — Eglish knew that their first bite at an All-Ireland crown had come a cropper before they ever settled into the game.

It was a case of Mullagh never allowing the Ulster champions the time or opportunity to mount a serious challenge as they bombarded the Eglish goal time and again during the first half. A tally of



ON THE BREAK . . . Mullagh's Triona Dolphin goes on a solo run with Ursula Catherine Finnegan in hot pursuit of Eglish during the All-Ireland camogie final. On Sunday

ten wides during that period was more an indication of how much actual possession they secured rather than any great degree of inaccuracy.

So dominant were the Mullagh midfielders that Eglish could only manage two attacks

in the first half but these failed to yield any dividends while, in the meantime, the Galway county champions of the last three years were totting up the scores with Triona Dolphin slotting over frees from every direction and distance.

Once Dolphin, who had missed two chances earlier, pointed the first free after five minutes any inhibitions Mullagh had about their ability seem to be cast aside as Hardiman hit the first body-blow two minutes later with a goal following a fine passing movement involving Aldeen Murphy and Madge Kennedy.

Minutes later Alice Murphy collected a Dolphin centre to turn and shoot her side's second goal and even at this stage it was evident that Mullagh's tails were up and, for the rest of the half, making scores and shooting points seemed like second nature to them.

A cry from the stand: "Come on Eglish, give us something to shout about" was instead responded to by four pointed frees from Dolphin — one from over 50 yards — and two further points from Hardiman, whose attempt at snatching a third goal for the half was

denied when her shot was deflected over the bar.

Leading by an incredible 2-11 to 0-0 at half time, it was plain sailing for Mullagh after that although Eglish did assert themselves a bit at the beginning of the second half, but were prevented from posing a serious challenge by some excellent defending by Brigid Fahy and Pamela Nevin in the half back line and splendid goalkeeping by Caroline Loughnane.

Ann Jordan, the Eglish full forward, did have her side's best chance in the first minute of the second half when she was positioned in front of the Mullagh goal but she shot wide. Leona Fay compensated with a point from a free a minute later.

Ursula Jordan was Eglish's only other scorer in what turned out to be a dismal day for them and not one to engender hope for the future although centre back Mary Rose McGready put in the only commendable performance in the visitor's defence.

The second half could easily have been described as Hardiman's half hour for during this period she completed her hat trick of goals — her second

coming in the 15th minute after a long range clearance from Pamela Nevin while the third

was created from a probing run by Madge Kennedy.

This historic club victory by

Mullagh was predominantly a team effort, with Sheila Coen and Deirdre Hardiman also having starring roles in defence, but the influence Triona Dolphin had at midfield — and even when she played a defensive role in the second half — left no doubts about her ability to easily command a place on the county team.

And teenage wing back, Pamela Nevin, should have no difficulties in making the senior ranks if her performance throughout the championship is anything to go by while opportunist goal-getter, Emer Hardiman, would slot in comfortably in any side at full forward.

Mullagh: C. Loughnane; S. Coen; D. Hardiman, B. Fahy, P. Nevin; M. Kennedy, E. Kilkenny, T. Dolphin (0-6 frees); Aldeen Murphy (0-1), I. Hobbins, Alice Murphy (1-2); E. Hardiman (3-4). Subs.: C. Curley for Kilkenny; A. Bugler for E. Hardiman; M. Kinsella for Kennedy.

Eglish: M. Mason; A. Mackle; G. Daly, M. McGready, N. McGready; U. Jordan (0-1), C. Finnegan, L. Fay (0-1 free); U. Donnelly, A. McKenna, B. Burke; A. Jordan. Referee: B. Joyce (Cork).

MAYFIELD'S CAMOGIE STARS

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Niamh O'Regan and Allison Dilworth, nominees for the Camogie awards at the Mayfield Youth Sports Awards Dinner at the Country Club Hotel.
(Picture: Dan Linehan)

Second class Dublin

COUNTIES have been graded for the first time for the forthcoming All-Ireland Senior Championship draw.

This is to facilitate the new All-Ireland Intermediate championship.

The four top counties were placed in Group One and the remaining four senior outfits in Group Two.

In the first round of the Senior championship the teams from Group One will meet those from Group Two, thus giving the weaker senior sides a realistic opportunity of winning a title.

The losers in this first round will join the 1991 All-Ireland Junior champions, Down, in the Intermediate competition.

Kilkenny, Wexford, Cork and Galway were nominated for the premier group, with Dublin, Antrim, Clare and Kildare forming the second.

For those who remember the great Dublin teams of the 1948 to 66 era, it is practically inconceivable that the Dubs should find themselves with a second rate tag. But times have changes.

Last Saturday's Central Council meeting felt that Galway had greater potential at present and therefore got the fourth spot in Group One.

1992 All-Ireland Senior championship draw — (A) Wexford v Dublin, at Dublin venue; (B) Kilkenny v Clare, at Clare venue; (C) Galway v Kildare, at Kildare venue; (D) Cork v Antrim, at Antrim venue. Semi-finals: A v C; B v D.

DUBLIN GIRLS LISTED ONLY FIFTH

DUBLIN, who for many years were leaders in every aspect of camogie, find themselves in fifth place in the grading of senior counties for the 1992 All Ireland senior championship.

This rating took place to facilitate the new All Ireland intermediate championship which will be introduced next season.

Dublin still lead the roll of honour with 26 All Ireland senior titles. The majority of these were claimed in a glorious period from 1948 to 1966 when it was often claimed that Dublin would be capable of fielding a second team

good enough to take the All Ireland crown.

But times have changed. The sum of one All Ireland title in 25 years speaks for itself. Dublin now find themselves placed behind Kilkenny, Wexford,

Cork and Galway. The delegates at Central Council last Saturday had no hesitation in naming the first three counties in the top flight, but Galway's greater potential won the fourth spot.

The seeded draw will allow the first round losers to revert to the intermediate championship where they will join the 1991 All Ireland

junior champions, Down in a fresh draw. The meeting decided however, that should current form be turned upside down, the highly rated counties Kilkenny, Wexford and Cork would not be permitted entry to the intermediate championship.

Dublin will get an opportunity to prove their judges wrong when they meet Wexford in the first round of the championship. This tie will be the most interesting of the opening round. Kilkenny and Cork should prove too strong for Clare and Antrim respectively while Galway should

have something to spare over Kildare.

If the first round ties go according to form, Kilkenny will travel to Cork for what should be a fascinating final. At this stage, Wexford would be regarded as favourites to emerge from the other half of the draw.

The 1992 All Ireland senior championship draw; A; Wexford v Dublin in Dublin; B Kilkenny v Clare in Clare; C Galway v Kildare in Kildare; D Cork v Antrim in Antrim. Semi-finals; A v C; B v D.

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Brian Dillons who defeated Kilbrittain in the Cork County u-16 Camogie Championship final at Ballincollig yesterday.

Another camogie decider

Big game on the camogie front this weekend is the Cork Under-16 Championship final between Kilbrittain and Brian Dillons at Ballincollig on Sunday at 2 p.m.

What a marvellous season it has been for Kilbrittain. Despite their short time in existence they have made great strides and it's their third final this year. They were defeated in the Junior 'B' final and on January 12 will meet the winners of Eire Og and Watergrasshill in the Junior 'A' final.

They face strong opposition in Brian Dillons, but they have shown great form all through their campaign, particularly last Sunday, when they defeated a fancied Inniscarra side in the semi-final. On this form they will probably start as slight favourites.

They have fine performers in Miriam Deasy, Niamh O'Mahony, Karen Foley, Mary O'Mahony and goalkeeper Eilis O'Regan, and if they can produce the goods it is difficult to see them being halted.



Brian Dillon's Alison Dilworth races away from Kilbrittain's Sheila Ryan during the Cork County u-16 Camogie Championship final at Ballincollig yesterday.



Brian Dillons' Louise Fleming turns towards goal during the Cork Under-16 Camogie Championship final at Ballincollig yesterday. It was the club's first final win in the grade.

Dillons deliver

By Tom Higgins

Brian Dillons 1-7; Kilbrittain 1-3

HAVING been beaten in two finals this year, it proved third time lucky for City club Brian Dillons at Ballincollig, yesterday when they won the Cork County Under-16 camogie championship for the first time ever when they defeated a gallant Kilbrittain side by four points.

There was no doubt the winners were the better side, but they made hard work of taking the title and it was anyone's game until five minutes before the end.

The winner's, who played against a strong wind in the opening half, got off to a dream start with a goal and a point in the opening four minutes. However, they were inclined to over-carry the ball and began to tire midway through the half. However, Kilbrittain, who took a while to get into the game, fought back to be level at the break, 1-2 apiece, with Brian Dillons getting the last score of the half in the 22nd minute.

Kilbrittain started the second-half in determined fashion and had a point in the opening minute from their best player, Miriam Deasy. Despite the assistance of the strong wind Brian Dillons were struggling for their scores and persisted in picking

the ball when ground strokes would have served them better. But with freetaker Louise Fleming in fine form they gradually began to pull away and a glorious point from her two minutes into injury time put the seal on matters.

Deirdre Murphy and Alison Dilworth were the pick in the winners defence, while Louise Fleming and Niamh O'Regan were the pick at midfield. Valerie O'Mahony did excellent work in the half-forward line and got good support from Christina O'Mahony.

For Kilbrittain Eilish O'Regan had an excellent game in goal and got good support from a hard tackling defence in which Eileen O'Mahony and Annette O'Leary played well. Karen Foley had an excellent game at midfield, while Miriam Deasy and Deirdre Dineen were the pick of the forwards.

Scorers for Brian Dillons: L. Fleming 0-5, A. Curtin 1-0, N. O'Regan 0-2. Kilbrittain: M. Deasy 1-1, K. Foley 0-2 (30's).
BRIAN DILLONS: C. Barrett; D. Murphy; C. Drummond, R. O'Sullivan, A. Dilworth; L. Fleming, L. Wilkins, N. O'Regan; V. O'Mahony, J. Hannon, C. O'Mahony; A. Curtin. Subs. L. Holland for L. Wilkins (37th min).
KILBRITTAIN: E. O'Regan; N. O'Mahony; L. O'Callaghan, E. O'Mahony, A. O'Leary; M. O'Mahony, K. Foley, S. Ryan; D. Dineen, C. Hurley, T. O'Sullivan; M. Deasy. Subs. M. Murphy for C. Hurley (38th min), S. McCarthy for S. Ryan (47th min).

Referee: S. Golden (Inniscarra).

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President's camogie plea

THE President, Mrs. Robinson made a plea for greater national recognition for camogie players when she spoke at the presentation of the 1991 Bank of Ireland GAA Allstars awards in Dublin on Saturday night, writes Jim O'Sullivan.

She said he was disappointed that the contribution of women to Gaelic sports 'was not also being acknowledged' at the banquet, when awards were presented to the outstanding hurlers and footballers of the year.

"I hope it will not be too long before this whole area is given the attention that it merits, that the role of women in Gaelic games is properly recognised, and that their activities are more vigorously publicised and promoted," said the President.

Mrs. Robinson said that, at the end of her first year in office, the occasion gave her the opportunity of recalling the honour 'and moving experience' it had been to attend the All-Ireland finals as President.

Pointing out that she had been to Croke Park three times, for the hurling, football and camogie finals, she said she wanted to dispel the myth that she hadn't been there before.

She said the camogie



Great rivals of old, Ray Cummins from Cork and Pat Hartigan of Limerick with their wives Bernadette and Kate at the Bank of Ireland All-Star GAA awards in Dublin.

(Picture: Denis Minihane)

final, between Kilkenny and Tipperary was 'as fine a match' as either of the two finals in terms of skill and performance. The only difference was the size of the crowd and the extent of the media attention!

Mrs. Robinson, saying that she had been overwhelmed 'time and time

again' by the passion with which Irish people abroad nurtured their culture, commented: "The interest and enthusiasm that they display for our Gaelic games is a tangible manifestation of the great pride that they take in their Irish heritage.

"The GAA is to be

congratulated on their outstanding commitment to the preservation and promotion of our Gaelic games and culture. The great strength of the organisation lies in its structure, a structure which identifies closely with the people at parish and community level," she added.

The Association was

also better equipped than most "to embrace, openly and positively, new ideas and cultures; to be progressive and far-sighted, with confidence in its ability to meet the challenges and, more importantly, to have the courage to grasp the opportunities presented by a modern multicultural society."

Leahy tops in Tipp

ALLSTAR John Leahy has been named 'Hurler of the Year' in Tipperary by the United Sports Panel and will receive his award at a function in Clonmel in the New Year.

Award winners were — Athletics — Terry McHugh (Dublin City Harriers); Camogie — Kaiffe Moloney (Cashel); Cycling — Robert Power (Carrick); Equestrian — Olivia Houlihan (Kilkenny); Gaelic Football — Michael Fitzgerald (Fethard); Golf — Nenagh Golf Club; Handball — Eddie Corbett and John O'Donoghue (Tipperary); Hurling — John Leahy (Mullinahone); Racquetball — Bobby Brennan (Fethard); Soccer — Michael Grace (St. Michael's, Tipperary) and Sport Executive — Sean Naughton (Nenagh Olympic).

Another good year

THE past year was another good one for camogie in all grades, with Collette O'Mahony, Veronica McGreevy, Sinead Millea and Angela Downey among the players who provided some of the highlights on the scoring scene.

O'Mahony's accuracy from frees was a key factor in enabling Cork to foil Kilkenny's bid for a fifth successive National League title. She rifled over seven golden points in the final at Ballinlough to play a big part in Cork's first win in five years.

McGreevy stamped her personality on the 'all Ireland junior final win of Down over Tipperary with 2-2. Her second goal came late in the game and clinched the Northerners first title in 15 years.

Millea became only the fourth player to win three all Ireland minor medals. She did it in style as well recording 24 in Kilkenny's win over Galway in the final, and went on to collect an all Ireland senior medal on her final debut against Cork in September.

Camogie convention takes centre stage

THE Annual Convention of Cumann Camogaíochta Chontae Chorcaí will take centre stage on the camogie front this coming weekend. Convention is timed for 2.30 and will be held at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday. On the playing front there is only one game listed and that is the quarter-final of the Under-16 championship which will see St. Finbarrs and Brian Dillons in opposition at the Tank Field on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The present Cathaoir-leach of the Board, Sheila Golden, from the Inniscarra Club, will once again spearhead the activities of the Board for the coming year when she will be returned unopposed at next Sunday's convention. Other officers returned are: Mary McSweeney, treasurer; Mary Newman McCarthy, PRO; and Lily O'Sullivan, registrar.

Former chairperson and inter-county player, Miriam Higgins from Eire Óg, is seeking a place on the Senior inter-county selection committee while other new faces seeking selectorial positions are Mary McSweeney from Bandon and Josephine Murphy, Newcestown. Mary is nominated for a Junior selector while Josephine is seeking a place on the Minor selection committee.

There are a number of interesting motions listed for discussion among them being a motion from Killeagh proposing that the length of time a camogie game be changed from 25 minutes a side to 30 minutes a side. Once again the question of allowing banded hurleys comes up for discussion

while the pick of the Intermediate and Junior clubs of West Cork are requesting to participate in the Cork Senior championship under the name of Carbery Rangers.

In the only game listed, Brian Dillons and St. Finbarrs clash in the quarter final of the Under-16 championship at the Tank Field and here the home side will probably be slightly favoured to advance. They appear to be the stronger all-round side with marvellous players in Louise Flemming, Val O'Mahony

and Alison Dillworth, but these girls will certainly not get things all their own way from a Barrs side that can call on players like Janice Duffy, Claire O'Donovan, Niamh Ni Shuibhne and the Kirby twins Colette and Claire. This game promises to be a very close and entertaining and victory could be in doubt to the final whistle.

FIXTURE

Tomorrow — Under-16 Championship: Brian Dillons v St. Finbarrs at 11 a.m. Ref. Eleanor Hackett.

Tipperary Schools Camogie

Yet another major development took place in Tipperary camogie during 1991, namely the inauguration of a secondary schools county competition. On 21st March, with the blessing of the Tipperary Camogie Co. Board, a schools meeting was held in Thurles. From this meeting a 10-a-side blitz competition was organised to be held in Cashel on 15th May.

Nine teams participated in this competition and after a very enjoyable day's play Borrisokane Community College emerged winners of the A section and Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore, were crowned B section champions. The standard of camogie was of a high order and when one considers that many of the participating schools were taking part for the first time in competition then the future looks good.

On the 2nd October, 1991 the first A.G.M. of the Tipperary Schools Camogie was held. Following on the success of the inaugural competition it was decided to continue with the 10-a-side U-14 blitz in the coming year. It was also decided to begin an U-16 competition. Fifteen schools have entered these competitions for the coming year.

This display of interest is beyond belief and surely indicates that the interest is there, it only needs organising. At this point I would like to compliment and thank all the teachers involved and those getting involved. Great credit is due to these people for giving of their own time to promote and organise camogie for the girls in their schools.

So we can see that the future looks good for camogie in Co. Tipperary. The interest in the game is growing each year. The standard of skill is rising. Encourage your school to start a camogie team and if you wish to get involved in competition contact any officer of the Camogie County Board. I hope that when we come around to next year's Year Book that I will have more All-Ireland successes to report and a continuing rise in interest in the game in our schools.

Martin Quirke

Camogie Board in danger of extinction

BY BRENDAN LARKIN

CORK County Camogie Board is in danger of not functioning in the coming year following its failure to elect a secretary at the annual convention held at Páirc Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

When the election of officers came up on the agenda, Board President Mrs. Nora Newman told the delegates that three outgoing officers, secretary Rose Desmond, vice-chairperson Marie Kearney and fixtures secretary, Mary Newman-McCarthy were not seeking re-election.

"It's a very serious situation to find ourselves in", she said, as she made a passionate plea to the delegates to come forward and become involved. Following enormous pressure, Marion McCarthy (St. Finbarrs) agreed to take on the vice-chairperson's job for six months, but as no-one came forward to fill the other vacancies, the president decided to call an extraordinary general meeting for Monday, January 20, 1992, to elect a secretary and a fixtures secretary.

During the course of a lengthy debate on the secretary's report, and in particular with the part relating to Farranlea Road, many delegates expressed their utter disgust and contempt at the treatment meted out to the board by the Cork Vocational Educational Committee in removing them from Farranlea Road grounds.

Miriam Murphy (Eire Og) said it was a tragedy for camogie in Cork city and county to lose the facility after we had proved such good tenants. "We invested an enormous sum of money in that ground, and now all our good work over the past two years is now gone for nothing. We should demand our money back, or at least some compensation should be paid to us", she said.

Board chairperson Sheila Golden, told the meeting that over £30,000 had been spent on the ground and we are now left with nothing. We were told recently by the V.E.C. that our lease was not going to be renewed and that we could make application again next May. That is not suitable to us as we play camogie practically all the year round now.

Long serving camogie official Maire Ni Ceallachain was furious with the treatment handed out to the board and said we turned what was a wilderness into a suitable playing field only to have it turned over to a soccer club, while Board President Nora Newman said the board had been evicted by the V.E.C. and we should not take it lying down. It was unanimously agreed to place the entire matter in the hands of the board's selectors.

The loss of the senior All-Ireland title to Kilkenny provoked a lively discussion. Nora Newman said she felt that the team was extremely tired going into the final after putting too much effort into winning the national league, while Miriam Murphy felt that Cork has now developed a serious psychological hang-up when it comes to playing Kilkenny in the championship.

Maire Ni Ceallachain said the board should endeavour to strike the right balance when it comes to preparing teams. "Our seniors were a very tired lot in Croke Park on All-Ireland day, and there should be less emphasis on training and more on the skills of the game", she said.

The enormous cost of hurleys and sliotars caused a lively debate during the treasurer's report. A number of delegates felt the sum spent was much too high while others felt that the practice of giving 3-4 hurleys out free to players should be curtailed. Mairead O'Donovan (Ballincollig) said that the purchasing of hurleys should be done by the board and not by an outsider as had been the case during the past year, something that caused a certain amount of embarrassment to the officers.



Linda Mellerick... solos clear of Ann Downey.

CAMOGIE UP DATE

ALL-IRELAND FINALS

SENIOR: September 21. Kilkenny 3-8, Cork 0-10.

JUNIOR: September 21. Down 3-13; Tipperary 2-14.

MINOR: August 4. Nowlan Park, Kilkenny: Kilkenny 4-12; Galway 3-7.

SEMI-FINALS

SENIOR: August 11. Enniscorthy: Kilkenny 2-13;

Wexford 2-7. August 18. Ballinlough Cork, Cork 2-13; Galway 1-4.

JUNIOR: August 25. Loughrea: Down 2-7; Galway 1-5.

Blanchardstown, Dublin: Tipperary 5-12; Dublin 5-9.

MINOR: Galway 6-11; Antrim 0-4.

QUARTER FINAL

JUNIOR: August 11. London: Galway 2-8; London 2-3.

NATIONAL LEAGUES

FINALS

SENIOR: June 30. Ballinlough: Cork 2-13; Kilkenny 2-6.

JUNIOR: July 21. Athleague: Limerick 3-13; Armagh 3-4.

INTERPROVINCIAL FINALS

SENIOR: NOVEMBER 3. Dublin: Leinster 5-13; Munster 0-7.

JUNIOR: November 3. Dublin: Ulster 4-5; Munster 0-6.

ALL-IRELAND CLUB SENIOR FINAL

Nov 24th, Ballinasloe: Mullagh, Galway 4-13, Eglis, Tyrone 0-02

Schools' Camogie All-Ireland Title for Nenagh

St. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh, added another chapter to the history of Tipperary camogie in the Spring of 1991 when they won the school's U-15 All-Ireland title. This was a first for Nenagh and St. Mary's are only the second Tipperary school to win this coveted title.

Camogie began in St. Mary's, Nenagh, in 1978 and since then it has progressed under the guidance of Ger Dullea and the late Joe Doran. The Intermediate Munster title was won in 1980, 1981 and again in 1989. Then the school won their first Munster (U-15) title when they defeated Scariff in the final. To reach the final St. Mary's beat Shannon Comprehensive School, Coláiste Muire, Ennis, St. Aly's, Cork, and St. Mary's, Middleton in the semi-final. The match against Middleton was a real thriller with both teams playing excellent camogie.

In the Munster final the Nenagh girls showed that this team has great character as well as talent. Nenagh led by 6 points at half-time. In the second half Scariff fought back to take the lead with ten minutes left. However, St. Mary's finished much stronger and won by 4 points in the end. St. Mary's defeated F.C.J., Bunclody in the All-Ireland semi-final. This match was played on a very wet day under atrocious conditions. Nenagh won the match comfortably enough on a score of 1-7 to 0-2.

In the All-Ireland Final which was played in Tullamore on Saturday, 20th April, the Nenagh girls defeated St. Cuan's from Castleblakney, Co. Galway on the score of 3-9 to 1-10. All present agreed that this was a memorable match and in fact far overshadowed the senior final. It was a very exciting game with both teams playing fantastic camogie and showing great skill as the scoreline suggested.

St. Cuan's established an early lead but once the Nenagh girls got going and began to move the ball around the scores came quickly. Ciara Burns, Aine Hogan, Noelle Kennedy and Elaine Quinlan were all in brilliant scoring form, particularly, Ciara Burns who ended up with a personal tally of 2-5. Elizabeth Kennedy at full back was a tower of strength in the Nenagh defence. However, this was essentially a great team performance with each member of the team doing exactly what was expected of them.



Pictured at the annual Cork County Board Camogie Convention at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, were seated, from left: Lillie O'Sullivan, registrar; Mary McSweeney, treasurer; Sheila Golden, chairperson; Nora Newman, president; Marie Kearney, vice-chairperson and Rose Desmond, hon. secretary. (Pic. Eddie O'Hare)

THE CAMOGIE SCENE

THERE'S EVIDENCE OF A TURNABOUT

THE view is widely held that the standard of Cork camogie in the past five to six years has not been on par with the seventies or the first half of the eighties. Some signs of a turnabout were evident this season.

For the first time since 1985, two Cork schools contested the final of the Munster Colleges Senior Championship. Amid great excitement and rivalry, St. Mary's, Midleton and St. Patrick's served up excellent fare at Ballinlough. Fiona O'Driscoll, who scored 2-6 and merited the Player of the Match Award, Denise Hayes, Sinead Cahalane and Anne O'Connor swung the game in Midleton's favour.

Midleton travelled to Thomastown for the All-Ireland Colleges semi-final. As was to happen on a number of occasions this season, Kilkenny players proved a stumbling block. Teresa Ahern was superb in the Midleton goal but their forwards found scores hard to come by and were two points behind at the finish.



Cork captain, Therese O'Callaghan helping out her defence in the National Senior League Final against Kilkenny at Ballinlough.

The Cork seniors made an earlier than usual start to the season. By the time their first fixture came around, the panel was well advanced in their preparations. With Therese O'Callaghan as captain and Brid Walsh in goal, they opened their National Senior League programme against Kilkenny in Piltown.

A fit and eager Cork side gave a sorely depleted Kilkenny team a complete runaround to win by 3-12 to 1-4. A few weeks later, Cork were brought down to earth with a bang when they underestimated Galway and paid the price. On the day, the Cork selectors were embarrassed by a lack of adequate cover for the forward positions.

Cork came to grips with their position and overcame Kildare, Galway and Dublin to reach the National Senior League final against Kilkenny. This was undoubtedly the high point of the season. Paula Goggins, Liz Dunphy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Jean Paula Kent and Therese O'Callaghan played great camogie to take Cork's third League title.

On reflection, Cork peaked for the League final and were unable to produce the same form in the championship. A very poor Dublin side presented no problems in the first round of the championship. Cork had a twelve point win over Galway in the semi-final but the inability of the front players to convert good chances gave rise for concern.

Hopes were high as Cork prepared to meet Kilkenny in the final. Early points from Irene O'Leary got Cork off to a good start. Two Kilkenny goals put Cork under pressure. The response was inadequate as Cork were found to have little in reserve. They lost belief in themselves and played without the sense of purpose necessary to win an All-Ireland.

Considering the huge commitment which the players

BY MARY MORAN

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VICTORY SMILES. . . Cork - 1991 National Senior League champions. Back (l. to r.): Linda Mellerick, Paula Goggins, Mags Finn, Marion McCarthy, Val Twomey, Breda Kenny, Ger McCarthy, Liz O'Neill, Karen Mellerick, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Liz Towler and Claire McCarthy. Front (l. to r.): Denise Cronin, Irene O'Leary, Colette O'Mahony, Therese O'Callaghan (capt.), Liz Dunphy, Jean Paula Kent, Irene O'Keeffe and Brid Walsh.

gave and the long hours put in on the training field, it was most disappointing for them. On the other hand, Kilkenny, who only put in a fraction of the training which Cork undertook, were fresher and sharper on the day and played with greater self-assurance.

The Brian Dillon's pair, Aileen Barry and Liz O'Sullivan each scored a hat-trick for the Cork Juniors to oust Clare in the Munster championship. Cork matched Tipperary's score for score in the Munster Junior final. In a storming finish, Joan Tobin's goal was the deciding factor in Tipperary's favour.

With many new faces including Janice Duffy, Miriam Deasy, Mary O'Connor, Yvonne O'Callaghan and Alison Dilworth in the line-up, Cork Minors defeated Waterford 6-7 to 2-1. Cork played great camogie in the Munster final to defeat the All-Ireland champions, Tipperary. Cora Keohane, Louise Fleming, Val O'Mahony, Mary O'Connor and Alison Dilworth were among the heroines of the hour.

Seven days was insufficient time for Cork to recover from the rigours of the Munster final. With more time, they would have been closer to Kilkenny. However, it must be said that Cork had no player of the calibre of Sinead Millea who scored 4-3.

Bishopstown needed Rose Desmond's last minute point to survive against Fr. O'Neill's in the senior championship but they were not so lucky in the replay. All-Ireland club champions, Glen Rovers had to work hard to achieve victory over St. Finbarr's in what was the best game of a disappointing championship.

Na Piarsaigh scored at will over Eire Og who fielded a "past" side while Killeagh edged out neighbours, Sarsfields. Killeagh scored a narrow win over Fr. O'Neill's in the semi-final. Controversy over the date of the fixture unsettled Na Piarsaigh against Glen Rovers in the second semi-final and they did not do justice to themselves.

The Glen captured their seventeenth Cork title with a five point win over Killeagh. The champions ousted Shannon and Cashel to retain their Munster title before flying to the States to play matches arranged by their former star, Val Fitzpatrick.

Vivienne Harris (Bishopstown) followed in the steps of Deirdre O'Shea, Jean Paula Kent and Nora O'Connell to become the fourth Cork girl to win the National Feile na nGael Skills competition. Innscarra won the Cork Feile but found the Limerick representatives too much to cope with in the national semi-final.

Mary Moran's

CAMOGIE COLUMN

ANOTHER season draws to a close leaving All-Ireland Senior Champions, Kilkenny with an undisputed right to the Team of the Year title. Slow to get into their stride in the National League campaign, Kilkenny invited questions as to their ability to stretch their winning run to seven All-Ireland titles.

Rivals Cork looked great in the League. Therese O'Callaghan, Liz Dunphy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Paula Goggins and newcomers Jean Paula Kent and Irene O'Keeffe displayed excellent form. But when championship time came around, Kilkenny and Cork passed on opposing escalators with Angela Downey leading her players to great heights.

It was a season which brought new players into the public eye and saw others improve their ratings substantially. Watch out in the coming years for two budding goalkeepers, Michelle Fennelly and Cora Keohane. These fourteen-year-old youngsters showed considerable promise in the colours of Kilkenny and Cork at minor level.

Of the defenders on view, Una Murphy of Tullogher made a big impact. She bridged the huge gap from a colleges player to a tight marking back in the All-Ireland senior final with considerable ease. Centre-back, Teresa Allen played a major role in Down's victory in the All-Ireland Junior final by putting shackles on Tipperary danger girl, Joan Tobin.

While Tipperary's luck was missing in the Junior final, wing-back, Sinead Nealon proved that she has matured since her minor days and will help her county to further honours in the not too distant future. Paula Dowling and

Margaret Hickey rank as two fine prospects in the years to come.

One of the most exciting matches of the year was the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Final between St. Cuan's, Castleblayney and St. Mary's, Nenagh. While both teams were sprinkled with outstanding players, two girls, Ciara Burns (Nenagh) and Sharon Glynn (Castleblayney) stood head and shoulders over the rest. What a future lies in store for this pair.

Last year, Jillian Dillon made her championship debut in the All-Ireland final. Twelve months later, she is a key member of the Kilkenny team. Her goals against Wexford and Cork reflected her confidence and fine stickwork. Marina Downey also came into her own this season and showed a clean pair of heels, time and again, to her would-be markers.

Sinead Millea will carry many sweet memories of 1991. Her magnificent wristwork and scoring ability was a key element in Kilkenny's success in

the All-Ireland Minor Championship. She took Cork and Galway apart and earned promotion to the senior team. Indeed, had it not been for illness last season, she might well be the holder of four All-Ireland medals.

Slightly built, Claire Lynch treated the attendance at the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Final to an exhibition of the art of scoring. She cut the Thomastown defence to shreds time and again to record a personal tally of 3-6 in the familiar colours of St. Raphael's, Loughrea.

There is no need to ask what is the highlight of Bonnie McGreevy's career. The Down full-forward had more than earned her keep with 1-2 to her name as the All-Ireland junior final drew to a close. A goal from Joan Tobin seemed to pull the carpet from under the Down side. But a brilliant individual effort from Bonnie saved the day for Down.

The Junior Final was note-worthy for the high standard of free-taking. Down's Maureen McAleenan was in impeccable form. For Tipperary, Triona Bonnar was not far behind. She guided the sliothar through the posts with accuracy from both play and frees.

On the coaching front, Tom Ryan proved that he is superb at bringing a team to its peak on the big day. In seven years, he has brought finely tuned sides to Croke Park fit and confident to tackle the job in hand. Bernie McNally scored a great double in coaching Queen's University and the Down Juniors to success.



Angela Downey (Kilkenny) stretches from behind Liz Dunphy (Cork) to flick the ball goalwards, at Ballinlough, in the 1991 National League Final.



The Kilbrittain team which defeated Eire Óg to win the Cork County Junior 'A' Camogie Championship for the first time.

Cork flatter to deceive

IT looked as if it was going to be a good year for the Cork Seniors when they had a comprehensive victory over the All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, in the National League final at Ballinlough, Cork at the end of June. In fact it was only a goal by Angela Downey in the last minute of the game which put a better complexion on the scoreboard, with the home side winning by 2-13 to 2-6.

With that success under their belts, the Cork girls were quietly confident that this was going to be their year and that they could capture the All-Ireland they last held in 1984. Having disposed of Dublin in the first round by 2-15 to 1-3,

and Galway in the semi-final by 2-13 to 1-4 they faced Kilkenny once more in Croke Park on September 22 in confident mood.

But as they say in racing parlance, "they were never at the races" in this one, apart from the opening fifteen minutes. The majority of the Cork players played very much below form and went down very tamely in the end to a much more committed Kilkenny side, who took their seventh title in a row on a score of 3-8 to 0-10.

It was an unique occasion

for Kilkenny half-forward Sinead Millea, who made her own bit of history by winning her second All-Ireland title in the same year. She had earlier helped the Cats take the All-Ireland minor title.

Tipperary reached the All-Ireland Junior decider, in which they faced Down, and when they took the lead for the first time with a fine goal from Geraldine Ryan two minutes from time they looked set for their first Junior success ever. But from the puck out Veronica McGreevy, who was the star

of their Down side, gained possession to bang home a goal which gave her side victory by 3-13 to 2-14, to the consternation of the big Premier county following.

Cork won the Munster minor title when beating Tipperary by 3-8 to 2-6 but in the All-Ireland semi-final at Ballinacorney they had no answer to a superb Kilkenny side who ran out 5-4 to 1-2 winners.

On the domestic front, Glen Rovers, the All-Ireland Club champions, had to fight very hard to retain their county title when

beating Killeagh in an exciting final at Midleton by 1-5 to 0-3 - the all-important goal coming from Patricia Murphy eleven minutes into the second-half.

Having beaten Shannon and Cashel to retain their Munster Club title, they set off for America for a three week vacation and were full of confidence on their return when they faced Mullagh of Galway in the All-Ireland.

But, like the Cork seniors on All-Ireland final day, they failed to hit form at their home venue and never

recovered from a bad start against the Galway champions, going down in the end by the minimum, 1-8 to 2-6, to lose their title.

On the same afternoon at Ballinacorney, Aghabullogue were crowned Cork Intermediate champions when they defeated Brian Dillons by 2-1 to 2-0 in a thrilling encounter while Bishops-town came out on top in the under 18 championships. The Cork County Board suffered a big blow at the end of the year when they lost Farranlea Road, their only camogie pitch. The VEC, who owned the pitch, had suggested to them that they share the venue with a soccer club but the County Board felt that

this was not practical. During a lengthy debate on the Secretary's report at Convention many delegates expressed their utter disgust and contempt at the treatment meted out to the Board by the VEC in removing them from Farranlea Road. "We invested an enormous sum of money in that ground, and now all our good work over the past two years is now gone for nothing. We should demand our money back, or at least some compensation should be paid to us", said Eire Og delegate Miriam Murphy. The Chairperson, Sheila Golden, told the Convention that £30,000 had been spent on the ground since they took out their lease.

Camogie Review by Tom Higgins

Third time lucky for Kilbrittain

By Brendan Larkin
Kilbrittain 2-3,
Eire Og 1-5

KILBRITTAIN put the disappointment of a bad run of defeats behind them at Cloughduv yesterday when they won the county junior "A" camogie championship title with a one point victory over Eire Og in a thrilling contest.

Having already lost two county finals, at junior "B" and under-16, it was a case of third time lucky for the West Cork girls as they held on to fashion a marvellous win.

Early Kilbrittain pressure saw them open up a 1-1 to 0-0 lead after 15 minutes, but Eire Og settled well and a Theresa Lordon goal brought

them back into the game. With play swinging from end to end, the biggest crowd to attend a junior final in years, were treated to a splendid contest.

A second Kilbrittain goal, scored by Cathy O'Regan whose shot from 20 metres caught Eire Og 'keeper Marie McCarthy, off guard helped to restore their

advantage but two points from Nancy O'Driscoll left two points between the sides at the break, 2-1 to 1-2.

Early second-half Eire Og pressure failed to breach the Kilbrittain defence and Cathy O'Regan stretched the West Cork girls lead with two splendid points after 40 minutes. However for the remainder of the

game they had to withstand strong Eire Og pressure and it took two superb saves by goal-keeper Rose Hayes to deny the Mid Cork side goals at vital stages. With time running out Eire Og did manage three points, from Joan Shannon (2) and Nancy O'Driscoll, but time ran out on them and Kilbrittain were a point to the

good at the final whistle.

The winners were best served by Mary Brennan, Cathy Ryan, Rose Hayes, Ann-Marie Desmond and Sinead O'Donovan, while Nancy O'Driscoll, Helen Walsh and Kay Conway caught theyeye for Eire Og.

Scorers for Kilbrittain: C. O'Regan 2-1; M. Brennan 0-2.

Eire Og: T. Lordan 1-0; B. O'Driscoll 0-3; J. Shannon 0-2.
Kilbrittain: R. Hayes, A. O'Leary, H. O'Donovan, S. O'Donovan, M. Brennan, C. Dineen, A. M. Desmond, M. Sexton, C. O'Regan, M. Deasy, E. O'Neill, K. Foley. Sub. M. Ryan for C. Dineen.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, H. Walsh, E. Dineen, J. Shannon, C. O'Callaghan, P. Nagle, K. Conway, C. Murphy, N. O'Callaghan, J. Bradley, C. O'Regan, T. Lordan. Subs. N. Spillane for P. Nagle; E. Webster for C. O'Callaghan.

This Week ... 50 YEARS AGO:

OLD VOCATIONALS had a surprise 5-1 to 2-0 win over Old Aloysians when they met in the Cork Junior Camogie League at Victoria Cross, where Eileen Kennelick (2-0), Maura Barry (1-0), Constance Morris (1-0), Greta Barrett (1-0) and Mary Forde (0-1) scored for the winners, while M. Millard and D. O'Regan had a goal each for Old Als.

Ashbourne time again

FOR sheer commitment and excitement, the Ashbourne Camogie Cup has a tradition all of its own.

Amid emotional scenes at Turloughmore last February, Queen's University took the Cup for the first time.

Four preliminary round matches set the 1992 series under way on Saturday. Holders, Queens entertain Maynooth, who have not made a realistic bid for honours since the colleges days of Angela Downey.

GRADUATES

Queens should qualify with something to spare, although some of last year's winning team are now graduates.

U.C.C. face a particularly tough assignment in U.C.G., who will travel with a very young side which is short on established inter-county players.

Captained by Elaine O'Connor, the Cork College will look to Val Twomey, Cariona Cunningham, Patricia Murphy and Eddi Kearney for inspired performances.

U.C.G. have qualified for the semi-finals of the C.C.I.A. League and, despite the loss of international forward Ann Linahan, they are situated in an excellent catchment area for young talent.

Jordanstown could well be the dark horses of the competition. They caught neighbours, Queens, napping in the League and should not be unduly troubled by Trinity.

FIXTURES

Saturday - Ashbourne Cup - preliminary round - UCD v UCG; QUB v Maynooth; TCD v UL; UCG v U.C.C.

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Ashbourne Cup - Preliminary Rd - Ouzgah, UCD 1-10 (M. McLellan 1-5, E. O'Leary 0-2, A. Keane 0-1, S. Keane 0-1, C. O'Leary 0-1) UCG 2-5 (T. Murphy 0-4, E. Kearney 1-0, S. Barry 1-0, V. Twomey 0-1); Queens (holders) Bristol 9-4; Maynooth College 1-2.

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Peg gets chair in Kilworth!

BY BRENDAN LARKIN

A major blow has been struck for women's liberation with the election of a woman as chairperson of a GAA club. At the annual general meeting of the Kilworth club held last Sunday, Mrs. Margaret (Peg) Sheedy was unanimously election chairperson of the club for the coming year.

Over the years there have been a number of instances where women have been elected as club secretaries and PROs, but Mrs. Sheedy's election as chairperson is the first in Cork, and may well be the first for the GAA in Ireland.

Peg, as she is affectionally known in Kilworth, has a background steeped in the GAA. She is the holder of five Munster medals for camogie at secondary and junior level and she also holds a junior county medal won with Fermoy in 1961. She is married to Fred Sheedy, himself a well known figure in Avondhu GAA circles, and is a sister of Tommy O'Brien, who is actively involved in the Fermoy club.

Mrs. Sheedy takes over from Maurice McNamara, who held the position for the past five years and is eagerly looking forward to her new post. Outgoing secretary John Twomey was re-elected for a second term while treasurer John Hogan was returned for the seven successive year.

Among Peg's ambitions for the club this year is the retention of the North Cork junior hurling championship title so comprehensively won at Castletownroche's expense last year, but she readily admits it's going to be a very difficult task, given the return to junior ranks of Newtownshandrum and Clyda Rovers.

Hand in hand with the appointment of Mrs. Sheedy, comes the news that the Kilworth club have finalised the purchase of a second playing field along side the present pitch. Under the chairmanship of Maurice McNamara the club had been negotiating the purchase, but it has now been completed and this very progressive club, situated three miles from Fermoy, will have two splendid playing pitches for the ever-increasing number of players they have on their books.

The full list of officers for the coming year is: Chairperson, Margaret Sheedy; Vice-chairman, Paddy Kenny; Hon. Sec. John Twomey; Asst. Hon. Sec. Mí Gowan; Hon. Treas. John Hogan; Asst. Hon. Treas. Sean Hegarty; PRO, John Condon; Registrar, Pat McNamara; Membership officers, Tom Twomey, Pat Greehy, Minor Hon. Sec. Liam Magner.



Peg Sheedy, Chairperson Kilworth GAA Club.

(Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

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Leinster Sen Colleges quarter-finals:
Loreto Kilkenny 1-4 Thomastown VS 0-1.
St. Bridget's College Callan 3-3 Presentation Kilkenny 0-4.

Girls head to Galway

THE Ashbourne Cup series will commence this weekend and will see the four quarter-finals decided in Galway.

The draw for these games is as follows: UCC v. UCG, Queens Belfast v. Maynooth, UCD v. UUC (Coleraine), Trinity College v. UUJ (Jordanstown).

The Cork girls face a tough challenge in their first outing when they take on last year's runners-up, UCG. The Galway side will also have the advantage of a home venue so no doubt they will go into this game as favourites to advance to the semi-finals which will be held in Belfast on the weekend of February 8/9.

The team for Saturday's clash will be captained by Bishopstown player Elaine O'Connor and will include other very experienced performers in Edel Kearney and Orla Higgins all of whom were members of the Bishopstown team which won the Cork County Under-18 Championship last season; Patricia Murphy, Glen Rovers; Val Twomey, Sarsfields and Sharon Keohane, Barryroe.

The full panel is: Elaine O'Connor, Siobhan Barry, Patricia Horgan, Orla Higgins, Edel Kearney, all Bishopstown; Sharon Keohane, Deirdre Hayes, Barryroe; Catherine Aherne, Cobh; Patricia Murphy, Glen Rovers; Val Twomey, Sarsfields; Pauline Nagle, Eire Og; Elizabeth Crowley, Newcestown; Sinead Eustace, Tipperary; Catriona Cunningham, Meath; Esther Murphy, Waterford; Imelda Morris, Monaghan; Irene Regan, Roscommon; Mary O'Connor, Tipperary; Oonagh Kennedy, Noreen McCarthy, Limerick.

The panel is coached and trained by Pat Murray, Sean O'Neill and Tom Quealy.

It was with deep regret we learned this week of the death of Nancy Hourihan (nee O'Brien). Nancy's association with the game goes back to her playing days when she won three county senior medals as well as numerous other honours with her club, Glen Rovers.

In later years she served as an officer of the Cork County Board and up to the time of her recent illness was a loyal supporter of our games.

To her husband Billy, daughter, sons, sisters and brother we extend our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

Queens aim for semifinal spot

QUEENS UNIVERSITY brought 57 years of effort to a successful climax at Galway last February when, amid emotional scenes, they captured the Ashbourne Cup.

Tomorrow they will entertain Maynooth with a place in the semifinals of the championship at stake and a slip-up would be unthinkable for the champions.

Neighbours UUJ are being tipped to go places this season. With a hard core of proven inter-county players Jordanstown travel to Trinity with confidence.

Cork have a very difficult game against UCG and despite the loss of Munster inter-provincial, Ann Lenihan, UCG should advance to the semifinals.

Coleraine visit Belfield for the final match in the preliminary round and it will take their best effort to prevent UCD from booking their place in the semifinals.

FIXTURES — Tomorrow: Ashbourne Cup; Preliminary Round: UCD v UUJ at Belfield 2.0, QUB v Maynooth at Queens 2.30, Trinity v UUJ at Santry at 2.0. UCG v UCC at Galway 2.0.

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Urgently required: A secretary for Cork camogie

CAMOGIE in Cork is in danger of extinction.

Following their failure to find a secretary at their December county convention, the board held an extraordinary general meeting on Monday night last in the hope that someone would come forward to fill the vacancy. Monday night's reconvened convention, which

By Brendan Larkin

was attended by a bigger than usual number of clubs, was told by the chairperson Sheila Golder, that the board had failed to recruit a secretary and was now in grave danger of not functioning for the coming year.

Commitments

At the annual convention, the outgoing secretary, Rose Desmond, said she was stepping down because of other commitments, while the fixtures secretary, Mary Newman-McCarthy, also resigned her position for similar reasons.

This latest predicament comes only weeks after the board lost the use of the Farranlea Road ground to Wilton Utd. soccer Club, when a decision of the Cork V.E.C. recommended that both codes share the venue. The camogie board opted out of that arrangement. It would be a tragedy if

FÁS scheme

There is very little more the board officers can do now to overcome their problems, but under the Social employment Scheme operated by FÁS, maybe the Government agency can offer assistance.

At a time when the ladies are demanding equal rights, one of the bye-laws of the board which prevents males attending meetings or being officers may well be out of date and because of their present dilemma, perhaps the time is now ripe for a change.

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PURCELL CUP PROMISES TO BE THRILLER

HOSTED by St Mary's Belfast, the 1992 Purcell Cup series promises to be one of the most exciting in years. In the first semi-final, the fancied St Mary's side tackle Waterford RTC who held the trophy in 1990.

St Mary's are enjoying a very good season. They acquitted themselves well in the CCIA league and won the Freshers Cup with a super team. These youngsters back up the more experienced performers like Orla Downey, Martina Mulholland, and Ann Quinn in a determined

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attempt to record a noticeable double.

Waterford RTC welcomed Una Murphy who won an All Ireland senior medal with Kilkenny and Marita Tobin, the Cashel Colleges star, as students this season.

They link up with Louise Curry, the Dublin senior goalkeeper and Mairead Twomey, the Clare and Munster defender. This tie

has the ingredients of a great contest.

The second semi-final brings Mary Immaculate and Limerick University together for a local derby. Mary Immaculate surprised Dublin City university in the opening round with a display of skillful and purposeful camogie.

Thomond College, the holders of the cup are now part of Limerick University. They looked a fine side against Athlone RTC in the preliminary round with Fiona O'Driscoll, Orla O'Leary,

Melany Dunne, and Pauline O'Callaghan, particularly impressive.

There will be little between these sides at the finish.

St Mary's Midleton defend their Munster colleges senior championship title against St Patrick's, Cork at Midleton on Saturday. In a repeat of the 1991 decider, the balance may swing in favour of St Patrick's who retain the majority of their players.

Midleton has lost nine of their winning team. However, they overcame Macroom,

Shannon and Cashel to qualify for the final which is no mean achievement. It will take a wonderful display from Midleton's top performers Evelyn Leahy, Mary O'Connor, Francis Slavin, and Belinda Kearney to hold on to the title.

FIXTURES: Saturday Purcell Cup semi-finals at St Mary's Belfast: 1.0 St Marys Belfast v Waterford RTC 2.0 Limerick University v Mary Immaculate. Munster Colleges senior championship final at Midleton 2.0 St Mary's Midleton v St Patrick's Cork. Sunday: Purcell Cup final at St Mary's Belfast 2.0 pm.

Limerick chase Cup double

PURCELL CUP holders, Thomond College compete in the colours of Limerick University this season and the result is a very strong camogie team which will make a bold bid to retain the trophy this season.

Limerick University are pitted against their Shannon-side neighbours, Mary Immaculate College in the semi-final of the 1992 competition. Together they will make the two hundred mile journey to Belfast where the Purcell Cup finals are being hosted by St. Mary's College.

Competition in the second semi-final between St. Mary's, Belfast and Waterford RTC will be equally keen thus reflecting the high standard of camogie to be seen in this championship.

On Saturday, St. Mary's, Midleton will defend their Munster Colleges Senior crown against last season's finalists, St. Patrick's, Cork. The result may be reversed on this occasion as Midleton have lost nine of the 1991 winning team.

SATURDAY

Purcell Cup semi-finals at St. Mary's Belfast — Waterford RTC v St. Mary's, Belfast, 1.0. Limerick University v Mary Immaculate College, 2.15.

Munster Colleges Senior Championship Final at Midleton — St. Mary's, Midleton v St. Patrick's, Cork, 2.0.

SUNDAY

Purcell Cup Final at St. Mary's Belfast at 2.20.

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PURCELL CUP — semi-final in Belfast: Waterford RTC 2-7 (G. Codd 1-3, M. Twomey 1-3, C. O'Leary 0-1), St Mary's Belfast 0-4 (B. McLoughlin 0-2, F. Wall 0-2). Waterford now meet Thomond College Limerick in the final at Casement Park today (2.0).

CAMOGIE — Purcell Cup final — Waterford Regional TC 0-7, Univ of Limerick 1-3.

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MUNSTER COLLEGES SENIOR FINAL

1st February, 1992

Midleton G.A.A. Grounds

@ 2.00 p.m.

ST PATRICK'S, CORK

v

ST. MARY'S, MIDLETON

Referee: Miriam Murphy
Eire Og

LUACH: 10p





St. Mary's High School (Midleton) camogie team who play St. Patrick's in the Munster Senior Colleges at Midleton tomorrow. (Pic.: Eddie O'Brien)

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ON THE CAMOGIE FRONT

ACTION REPLAY!

IN a repeat of last year's Munster Senior Colleges' final, St. Patrick's and St. Mary's (Midleton) will clash once again tomorrow at Midleton G.A.A. Grounds at 2 o'clock to decide the destination of the Munster Senior Colleges' title for 1992 and what an exciting contest this promises to be.

Last year St. Mary's, Midleton emerged victorious after a hard-fought game, giving them their first-ever senior title but this season they are without nine of last year's side while their opponents St. Patrick's have almost all of last year's team available to them. On this the city side will undoubtedly go into the game as favourites to take the honours. They appear to be the more experienced side and with fine victories over Scarriff and Nenagh behind them will certainly take some beating.

Tomorrow they will be backboned by a number of the Brian Dillons players who recently won Under

16 County honours including such fine performers as Louise Flemming, Alison Diworth, Niamh O'Regan, Val O'Mahony and Ursula Donovan and if these girls play to their usual format it is difficult to see them being halted, but no doubt Midleton will not relinquish their title too easily.

In the lead up to the final they recorded fine victories over Macroom, Shannon and a fancied Cashel side. During these games they showed great determination and if players like Evelyn Leahy, Mary O'Connor, Belinda Kearney and Frances Flavin produce the goods we could have an exciting contest.

CONVENTION

The Munster Camogie Convention was held last Sunday in Thurles, Tipperary. The following officers were elected: Chair: Flan MacInerney (Clare); Vice-Chair: Bernie O'Dea

(Limerick); Secretary, Rose Malone (Cork); Treasurer, Mary Casey, (Cork); Registrar, Brid Stokes (Limerick); PRO, Orla Flynn (Waterford).

One of the overriding themes at the meeting, put forward by both the chairman and secretary in their reports, was the matter of publicity for the game. As a result of poor publicity, attendances at matches is invariably small and potential players are being lost to other sports. A large discussion also took place on the matter of the Gaelinn, the GAA Railway Cup equivalent. Like the Railway Cup, the interprovincial series seems to be flagging; the question is why?

FIXTURE

Saturday, February 1: Munster Senior Colleges Final: St. Patrick's (Cork) v St. Mary's, Midleton, at Midleton GAA Grounds at 2 o'clock. Referee: Miriam Murphy.



St. Patrick's Girls School camogie team, with coach John Ring, who will play St. Marys, Midleton, in the Munster senior schools camogie final on Saturday. —(Picture: Des Barry)

Munster Senior Camogie Final

Clonmult Memorial Park on Saturday, 1st February at 2 p.m.

St. Mary's High School
Midleton
v
St. Patrick's, Cork

On Saturday next, St. Mary's High School senior camogie team defend their Munster crown against St. Pat's of Cork, the side they conquered with flair and passion to garner their first title a year ago. On that occasion Midleton entered the fray as favourites. This time the roles are reversed with St. Pat's holding the mantle of favourites. They can call upon the majority of last year's team, while Midleton have lost the services of six of their stalwarts, including Fiona O'Driscoll, Denise Hayes, Sinead Cahalane and Barbara Hennessy, but on the plus side they can call on the services of some of their talented juniors who will be taking the field in the junior final the following week. One thing is certain, the girls of St. Mary's will be in determined mood when they trot on to the pitch on Saturday and another mighty plus for them will be the fact that they will be playing at home and should capitalise on the huge volume of local support.



Teresa Aherne, captain St. Mary's High School, Midleton senior camogie team pictured accepting a presentation of gear from Joan O'Driscoll, O'Driscoll Furniture Showrooms, Main St, Midleton. Also included are Sr. Placida, School Principal, team coaches, Anne Leahy and Geraldine Kirby, and members of the team who will take part in this Saturday's Munster Colleges' camogie final

On the path to the final they defeated St. Mary's, Macroom in the first round and in the second round played Shannon when they won comfortably by 3 goals. In the semi-final victory game against arch rivals Cashel, after a stirring second half performance, St. Mary's defeated Cashel by 4 points.

As usual Ann Leahy and Geraldine Kirby will have left no stone unturned in the preparation of this team and here's hoping that the silver symbol of Munster Senior Colleges' camogie will return to its resting place at St. Mary's, Midleton, again on Saturday.

Team squad:

Teresa Aherne (Midleton), Helen Walsh (Killeagh), Belinda Kearney (Midleton), Carol McSweeney (Midleton), Frances Flavin (Fr. O'Neill's), Geraldine Walsh (Killeagh), Claire Kirby (Killeagh), Elaine Sisk (Killeagh), Irene Brosnan (Killeagh), Evelyn Leahy (Killeagh), Mary O'Connor (Killeagh), Agnes Hennessy (Fr. O'Neill's), Helen O'Connell (Fr. O'Neill's), Elaine Landers (Killeagh), Vera Aherne (Midleton), Isobel Kirby (Killeagh),



Killeagh sisters Isabel and Claire Kirby are looking forward to playing in this Saturday's Munster Colleges Senior Camogie final at Clonmult Memorial Park, Midleton

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ST. PATRICK'S, CORK

- 1 Catherine Barrett (Brian Dillons)
- 2 Ursula Donovan (Brian Dillons) Capt.
- 3 Rosarie O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons)
- 4 Jill Hannon (Brian Dillons)
- 5 Louise Hurley (Brian Dillons)
- 6 Alison Dilworth (Brian Dillons)
- 7 Louise Fleming (Brian Dillons)
- 8 Valerie O'Mahony (Brian Dillons)
- 9 Donna Fahy (Brian Dillons)
- 10 Niamh O'Regan (Brian Dillons)
- 11 Susan Delanty (Brian Dillons)
- 12 Clare McCarthy (Glen Rovers)
- 13 Lorraine Fox (Glen Rovers)
- 14 Christine O'Mahony (Brian Dillons)
- 15 Deirdre Murphy (Brian Dillons)
- 16 Claire Drummond (Brian Dillons)
- 17 Leslie Wilkins (Brian Dillons)
- 18 Laura Holland (Brian Dillons)
- 19 Marie Terry (Brian Dillons)

COLOURS: Brown and Yellow

COACH: John Ring



Members of the St Mary's High School, Midleton Junior Camogie squad who contest the Munster Colleges final on Saturday week, February 8th. Many of the panel play in this Saturday's Munster Colleges Senior final



Evelyn Leahy, team member and her sister Ann, team coach pictured during a St Mary's High School training session for this Saturday's Munster Colleges Senior Camogie final

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, MIDLETON

- 1 Teresa Aherne (Midleton) Capt.
- 2 Carol McSweeney (Midleton)
- 3 Belinda Kearney (Midleton)
- 4 Helen Walsh (Killeagh)
- 5 Claire Kirby (Killeagh)
- 6 Frances Flavin (Fr. O'Neill's)
- 7 Geraldine Walsh (Killeagh)
- 8 Irene Brosnan (Killeagh)
- 9 Evelyn Leahy (Killeagh)
- 10 Mary O'Connor (Killeagh)
- 11 Aileen Sisk (Killeagh)
- 12 Isabel Kirby (Killeagh)
- 13 Agnes Hennessy (Fr. O'Neill's)
- 14 Elaine Landers (Killeagh)
- 15 Helen O'Connell (Fr. O'Neill's)
- 16 Vera Aherne (Midleton)

COACH: Anne Leahy

COLOURS: Navy and Red



Sisters Claire and Frances Flavin from the Fr. O'Neill's Camogie Club. Frances is captain of the junior team

St. Patrick's regain title

St. Patrick's (Cork) 2-4, St. Mary's High School (Midleton) 0-3

A SUPERB display by Cork minor Louise Fleming helped St. Patrick's (Cork) to regain the Munster College Senior camogie title, which they last held in 1986, when they defeated the holders St Mary's High School in a disappointing final at Midleton, Co. Cork, on Saturday.

The winners, who fielded the majority of the Brian Dillons side who won this year's Cork Under-16 title, were undoubtedly the better side but they never really got to grips with the game in the opening half. In fact they had to rely on Fleming for their first-

half scores, a point from a free and one from a "30", while Evelyn Leahy (free) and Mary O'Connor replied for the losers.

However, St. Patrick's got their act together at the beginning of the second-half and playing much better camogie were rewarded with a goal from Val O'Mahony after three minutes.

The winners continued to dominate after that but found a stiff Midleton defence hard to pierce before Clare McCarthy put the game out of their reach with an excellent goal. Louise Hurley blocked down a cross by Val O'Mahony on the edge of the

square and McCarthy gave goalkeeper Teresa Aherne no chance.

Although Evelyn Leahy added a point for St. Mary's from the puck out, the Midleton side were always fighting a losing battle.

Scorers for St. Patrick's: L. Fleming 0-4 (0-3 frees, 0-1 "30"); V. O'Mahony and C. McCarthy 1-0 each.

St Mary's: E. Leahy 0-2 (0-1 free); M. O'Connor 0-1.

St. Patrick's: C. Barrett; U. Donovan (capt); R. O'Sullivan, J. Hannon, L. Hurley; A. Dilworth, L. Fleming, V. O'Mahony; D. Fahy, N. O'Regan, S. Delanty; C. McCarthy. St. Mary's: T. Aherne (capt); C. McSweeney; B. Kearney, H. Walsh, C. Kirby; F. Flavin, G. Walsh, I. Brosnan; E. Leahy, M. O'Connor, A. Hennessy; I. Kirby. Subs: A. Sisk for G. Walsh.

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Mary Moran, secretary of the Munster Camogie Council presenting the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Cup to Ursula Donovan, captain of St. Patrick's Cork after they defeated St. Mary's High School, Midleton in the final.



Deirdre Murphy, St Patrick's, Cork, protects the ball for St Mary's High School, Midleton players Helen Walsh and Carol McSweeney, during the Munster Colleges' Senior Camogie final at Midleton on Saturday.

(Picture: Dan Linehan)



Deirdre Murphy, St. Patricks, Cork, breaking away with the ball under pressure from St. Marys High School, Midleton, player Helen Walsh during the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie final at Midleton on Saturday.

No Joy For St. Mary's In Munster Schools' Senior Camogie Final

Report : Fr. Liam Kelleher

St. Pat's Cork 2-4 St. Mary's H.S. Midleton 0-3

On Saturday on an excellently prepared Midleton G.A.A. Pitch, St. Mary's High School, Midleton, put their senior schools' title on the line when they came up against last year's beaten finalists, St. Pat's.

St. Mary's went into this game as outsiders, having lost 6 of last year's winning squad, with St. Pat's, who put up such a great show last year as underdogs, retaining most of their

Despite their obvious weaknesses and limitations in certain sections, particularly in the first half, St. Mary's put up a terrific show of spirit and determination to hold their

utes. After twelve minutes Evelyn Leahy scored the equaliser also from a free, but shortly afterwards Miss Fleming restored the lead for her side. On top territorially in most sectors



The St. Mary's High School beaten finalists in the Munster Colleges senior camogie final

team. Looking through their line out on the programme, it looked a virtual club team with 17 of the 19 strong panel coming from the Brian Dillon's Club, county under 16 champions from last year.

Terrific Show

much vaunted opponents to parity for the first half, each team scoring just 2 points during the first twenty-five minutes. St. Pat's were first to score through their classy and dynamic centre back Louise Fleming who scored from a long range free out on the wing after four min-

utes of the field, St. Pat's piled on the pressure but some heroic defending from Carol McSweeney, Belinda Kearney and Helen Walsh, plus excellent goal-keeping from captain Teresa Ahern, kept St. Pat's at bay and when in one of their infrequent raids Mary O'Connor fired over an

equalising point from a snap shot in the twenty-third minute things did not look too bad for the Midleton girls approaching the short whistle.

Upped Tempo

St. Pat's upped the tempo right from the start of the second half and got their big breakthrough which

minute as Claire McCarthy found the net from close range giving Teresa Ahern no chance. To their credit St. Mary's responded with an excellent point from Evelyn Leahy straightaway but that was their last score as St. Pat's tagged on two more points through Louise Fleming as insurance. While St. Mary's put



Cllr Kathleen Woulfe, Chairman Midleton UDC pictured with supporters at last Saturday's Munster Senior Camogie final at Midleton GAA grounds

was to prove decisive as early as the second minute. This time it was Susan Delahunty who did the damage after a goalmouth scramble. After that, try as they might, St. Mary's made little impression with Frances Flavin, Evelyn Leahy and Mary O'Connor the standard bearers out field as the full back line under constant pressure time and again were teased and beaten by the clever St. Pat's inside trio and only some marvellous saves by Teresa Ahern kept Midleton in the game. The game virtually ended as a contest in the twelfth

up a very spirited display in defence of their crown, there is no substitute for skill and drive and Midleton's replacements from last year clearly lacked the expertise at this level of competition. Full marks to them for getting this far, but with the level of commitment to the sport within the school their star will surely rise again.

With the juniors playing in the final against Nenagh on Saturday that star might not be too far away.

Midleton panel: Teresa Ahern, Helen Walsh, Belinda Kearney, Carol McSweeney, Frances Flavin, Geraldine Walsh, Claire Kirby, Elaine Sisk, Irene Brosnan, Evelyn Leahy, Mary O'Connor, Agnes Hennessy, Helen O'Connell, Elaine Landers, Vera Ahern, Isobel Kirby.



Action from the St. Mary's High School v St. Pat's Cork in the goalmouth area on Saturday last

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Midleton Matters

by Eileen Flynn

St Mary's, Midleton Fail To Shine In Munster Camogie Senior Final

A very gutsy display by the St Marys High School Camogie team failed to see them to victory last Saturday in the GAA field when they were outplayed by a very strong St Patrick's team from Cork who regained the Munster Senior Colleges Cup after an absence of five years.

The final in all was a very disappointing one and the winners had the advantage over St Mary's as they fielded almost the same side as last year and the majority of the team were made up of members of the Brian Dillons side which won the Cork Under 16 title this year.

In the opening half both sides never really got to grips with the game and they matched each other point for point with scores for St Mary's coming from Mary O'Connor and Evelyn Leahy. They were matched on the St Patrick's side with both of their first half scores coming from Louise Fleming.

This left the teams locked at half time with the score St Mary's 0-2 St. Patrick's 0-2.

In the second half St Patrick's stepped up their performance and got their act together playing much better camogie and they got their reward after three minutes when the number 8 Valerie O'Mahony put three points between the teams with a well taken goal.

They continued to dominate but they found the Midleton defence very hard to beat for the next ten minutes. But then Clare McCarthy put the game beyond Midleton's reach when she received O'Mahony's cross on the edge of the area and gave Midleton goalkeeper Teresa Aherne no chance.

But St Mary's never gave up and really took the game to St Patrick's after the second goal. From the puck out Evelyn Leahy

added another point but time ran out for the brave girls from St Mary's and St Patrick's won their fifth Munster Senior Colleges title with the final score being St Patrick's 2-4 St Mary's 0-3.

A special mention must go to the supporters from St Mary's High School who really got behind their team from the very beginning and continued singing right up until the final whistle.

Well done girls you are a credit to the school. Best for St Mary's on the day were Belinda Kearney, Evelyn Leahy and Mary O'Connor.

St Mary's High School: Teresa Aherne (Midleton Capt.), Carol McSweeney (Midleton) Belinda Kearney (do), Helen Walsh (Killeagh), Claire Kirby (do), Frances Flavin (Fr O'Neill's), Geraldine Walsh (Killeagh), Irene Brosnan (do), Evelyn Leahy (do), Mary O'Connor (do), Aileen Sisk (do), Isabel Kirby (do), Agnes Hennessy (Fr O'Neill's), Elaine Landers (Killeagh), Helen O'Connell (Fr O'Neill's), Vera Aherne (Midleton).

St Patrick's: Catherine Barrett (Brian Dillons), Ursula Donovan (do Capt.), Rosarie O'Sullivan (do), Jill Hannon (do), Louise Hurley (do), Alison Dilworth (do), Louise Fleming (do), Valerie O'Mahony (do), Donna Fahy (do), Niamh O'Regan (do), Susan Delanty (do), Clare McCarthy (Glen Rovers), Lorraine Fox (Glen Rovers), Christine O'Mahony (Brian Dillons), Deirdre Murphy (do), Claire Drummond (do).

Referee: Miriam Murphy (Eire Og)

TOP CLASS GIRLS....!



The St. Patrick's camogie team who defeated St. Marys High School, Midleton, in the Munster colleges senior camogie final at Midleton GAA Grounds on Saturday.

(Picture: Dan Linehan)

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Rosy future says Desmond!

THE AGM of Cumann Camógaíochta Bhaile an Easpaig was held recently at the Bishopstown GAA Club pavilion.

A strong representation of senior and juvenile players attended which augured well for the future of the club, a point which was voiced by chairperson Rose Desmond, and supported by Con Begley, chairman of the GAA club who also addressed the meeting.

COMMENDED

Club president Irene Higgins received singular commendations for her involvement at all levels of club activity over the years and particularly for her drafting of the club constitution. Highlights of the year on the playing field were the winning of the U18 championship and some sterling displays by the U14 girls.

Presentations were made to Lis O'Neill and Liz Towler who played in the All-Ireland Senior final against Kilkenny in Croke Park and to Vivienne Harris, winner of the All-Ireland skills competition. Linda Heffernan for winning the Cork section of the Community Games Long Puck competition; and to Lesley Walsh, Edel Kearney, Gillian Conlon, Aine White and Deirdre Ni Chroinin who represented the club on Cork teams during 1991.

CAMOGIE: U-18 Championship Bishopstown 0-0 Cloughdubh 3-1; Ballincollig 0-0 Glen Rovers 1-3.

Seventh Ulster final for Maghera

Camogie

St Patrick's Maghera 4-6
Loreto College Cavan 1-0

St Patrick's Maghera made it to their seventh Ulster Senior Camogie final in eight years with a strong team display against Loreto Cavan in Keady. Cavan have made a big impact in the competition this year but came up against an experienced team and

were unable to break down a solid defence.

Maghera built this victory on two excellent first half goals from Jane Tohill and Claire Mulholland and they led 2-3 to no score at the break.

Although Cavan's best player Toni Hayes, goaled early in the second half, Claire Mulholland got two more goals to put the game out of their reach.

Susan McErlean dictated play from centre back with Jane Tohill, Michelle Kealey and Anna O'Loughlin

strong at midfield and Claire Mulholland the star up front. Apart from Hayes and Catherine Brady Cavan failed to make any impression.

Armagh College of Further Education have forced their way into their first ever semi-final in the other half of the draw. They will provide stiff opposition to Maghera in their bid for a fifth senior title since '87.

In the junior competition Cavan still have an interest, playing St Mary's Magherafelt in a semi final

this week for a place in the final against St Patrick's Keady.

Maghera: Margaret McAtamney, Moira Cassidy, Moira Jane McEldowney, Susan McErlean, Rhonda Doherty, Jane Tohill, Michelle Kealey, Anna O'Loughlin, Mairead Boylan, Claire Mulholland, Claire Scullin, Dolores Murtagh. Subs. Anne Marie O'Kane for Mairead Boylan and Clare Kealey for Moira Jane McEldowney.



Tracey Sheehan pictured in Patrick Street this morning.
(Pic. Norma Cuddihy)

TRACEY COMES TO THE RESCUE

By Brendan Larkin

THE Cork County Camogie Board, in danger of not functioning for the coming year because of their failure to elect a secretary at their recent annual convention, has been saved that embarrassing situation.

Monday night's board meeting was told that 19-year-old Tracey Sheehan has agreed to take on the very demanding position within the board and there were sighs of relief all round at the announcement.

At the annual convention back in December, the board failed to find a replacement for the outgoing secretary Rose Desmond, who stepped down after five years in office.

Convention was reconvened in January and again the board failed to find a secretary and there was a grave danger that the board would cease to function.

However, into the breach stepped Miss Sheehan, a former student at St. Angela's College. She is now presently doing a commercial course at Skerries College, and is a founder member of the newly reformed Mayfield Camogie Club

having spent some time involved in the Mayfield G.A.A. Club's under-age section.

She is daughter of Eddie Sheehan who is very prominent in the GAA in the Mayfield area. Tracey is Hon. Secretary of the Mayfield Camogie Club and also trains the club's teams.

For the present she will only do minutes, but once her exams are finished in June she will assume the office fully.

In a county the size of Cork it's an indictment on the clubs that they could not get someone to take on the job at the convention. Indeed there should have been a contest for the position.

However, according to Board chairperson Sheila Golden, "the board is extremely glad to have resolved this very awkward problem and we can now look forward to the season with confidence".

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Camogie focus

IN the only game listed over the coming weekend St. Mary's (Midleton) and Nenagh will contest the Munster Junior Colleges final on Saturday at McDonagh Park, Nenagh at 1 o'clock, while on Sunday camogie players will take on a new role when they take to the stage for the Munster final of the ceol, caint agus damhsa competition which will be held in Ennis on Sunday, commencing at 2.30.

On Saturday next at Nenagh, St. Mary's (Midleton) will be hoping to atone for their defeat on Saturday last in the senior final when they take on the home school, Nenagh, in the Munster Colleges

Junior final. Nenagh are the current All-Ireland champions but this season they have only three remaining from last year's side so this must certainly give Midleton a great chance. St. Mary's will have a number of players from last Saturday's side in action including such fine performers as Mary O'Connor, Frances Flavin, Elaine Landers and the Kirby sisters and if these girls produce the goods on Saturday they certainly will be in there with a real chance.

The draws for the under-18 championship were made at a recent Board meeting and are as follows:—

7 Preliminary rounds: (A) Bishopstown v Cloughduv; (B) Aghabullogue v St. Finbarrs; (C) Na Piarsaigh v Killeagh; (D) Inniscarra v St. Fannahans; (E) Ballincollig v Glen Rovers; (F) Ballinhassig v Midleton; (G) Barryroe v Bandon.

First rounds: (H) Brian Dillons v (A); (I) F v O'Neills; (J) E v Kilbrittain; (K) Valley Rovers v G; (L) C v Éire Óg; (M) Newcestown v Courcey Rovers; (N) B v Watergrasshill; (O) D v Sarsfields.

Quarter-finals: (P) H v L; (Q) K v N; (R) O v J; (S) I v M;

Semi-finals: S v R; P v Q.

'We'll do it for Ciara' is St. Mary's battlecry

A daunting task faces St. Mary's, Nenagh in their bid to retain their Munster colleges (under 15) camogie title on (this) Saturday. They take on St. Mary's, Midleton without their outstanding player, Ciara Burns, who had her appendix removed last week.

The game goes on at McDonagh Park at 1 p.m. and while the loss of the daughter of former All-Ireland star, Mick, is incalculable, it is likely to spur the Nenagh girls on an all-out effort, thus confirming the fine form shown in previous games.

While St. Mary's are reigning All-Ireland and provincial champions few if any would have expected them to make such spectacular progress this season, because of so many having passed the age limit and gone on to the senior team. Of last year's side only Sheila Kyne, Marie Ryan, Suzanne Kelly, Madeline Hayes and Sarah Madden remain but they — with Ciara Burns — have shown themselves to be the backbone of a very determined St. Mary's team that has grown in confidence with each passing game.

To reach Saturday's decider they overcame Scariff 'B', Cashel, Charleville and Scariff 'A'. Midleton now stand between them and a passage to the All-Ireland semi-final.

NEWCOMER

One of the newcomers to the side who has shown decided promise is another Ciara. Ciara Gaynor, daughter of Len is a first year at the school and is a player of great potential.

Certainly the Midleton challenge will be a formidable one but while Ciara Burns' loss will be hard to atone for, the fact that Nenagh have a home venue allied to the fine spirit in the side can spur them on to another title.

The team will be selected from the following panel:

Susan Kenneally, Sheila Kyne, Deirdre Kirby, Deirdre Keogh, Suzanne Kelly, Ciara Gaynor, Aislinn Troy, Marie Ryan, Sarah Madden, Sarah Bergin, Helen Mounsey, Sinead Kennedy, Tara Young, Catherine Slattery, Mary Slattery, Roisin Hackett, Hazel Keogh.

Last week the senior team defeated Cashel in their first game of the league by 4-4 to 0-3.

The team was: Christine Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy, Marie Hogan, Maureen Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Orla Hogan, Claire Madden, Marie Ryan, Noelle Kennedy 1-3, Anne Marie Ryan 2-0, Aislinn Hogan 1-1, Aislinn Lawlor.

Cluici ceannais Craobh na Mumhan
MUNSTER COLLEGES JUNIOR FINAL

8th FEBRUARY, 1992

MCDONAGH PARK, NENAGH

@ 1 p.m.

ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

v

ST. MARY'S, MIDLETON

Referee: BERNIE O'DEA
Limerick

LUACH: 10p



ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, MIDLETON

1. Amy Dunne (Fr. O'Neill's)
2. Karen Cusack (Cloyne)
3. Claire Kirby (Killeagh)
4. Frances Flavin (Fr. O'Neill's)
5. Aileen Sisk (Killeagh)
6. Elaine Landers (Killeagh)
7. Vera Aherne (Cloyne)
8. Irene Brosnan (Killeagh)
9. Grace Murphy (Midleton)
10. Mary O'Connor (Killeagh)
11. Claire Flavin (Fr. O'Neill's)
12. Helen O'Connell (Fr. O'Neill's)
13. Patricia Aherne (Cloyne)
14. Linda O'Flynn (Midleton)
15. Lisa Creswell (Midleton)
16. Sinead O'Sullivan (Midleton)
17. Deirdre Phelan (Midleton)
18. Michelle O'Sullivan

COLOURS: Navy and Red

COACH: Anne Leahy

ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

1. Susan Kenneally (Kilruane)
2. Sheila Kyne (Burgess)
3. Deirdre Kirby (Kilruane)
4. Deirdre Keogh (Toomevara)
5. Susanne Kelly, (Toomevara) Capt
6. Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane)
7. Antoinette Troy (Toomevara)
8. Marie Ryan (Toomevara)
9. Sarah Madden (Portroe)
10. Sarah Bergin (Toomevara)
11. Hilda Mounsey (Toomevara)
12. Sinead Kennedy (Portroe)
13. Tara Young (Toomevara)
14. Catherine Slattery (Burgess)
15. Mary Slattery (Burgess)
16. Roisin Hackett (Portroe)

Munster Colleges' Junior Camogie Final

**St. Mary's Midleton
2-3
St. Mary's Nenagh
2-3**

St. Mary's made a great comeback in the Munster Junior camogie final in Nenagh last Saturday, after being 7 points down at half time, the score being Nenagh 2-2 Midleton 0-1.

In the second half St. Mary's Midleton showed great courage and came more into the game, never giving up until the final whistle. Mary O'Connor scored a goal and 2 points and Helen O'Connell scored

the second goal to draw the game and so force a replay which will be played in Midleton.

St. Mary's High School would like to thank O'Driscoll Fitted Furniture, Midleton GAA Club for the use of the field, Midleton Camogie Club for looking after the catering, Midleton Co-op Shop for their sponsorship of the senior and junior Munster final. Also Final Touch and The Stock Pot for their sponsorship for the Player of the Match award. A special mention must be made of our supporters who turned out on the day and gave us full support.

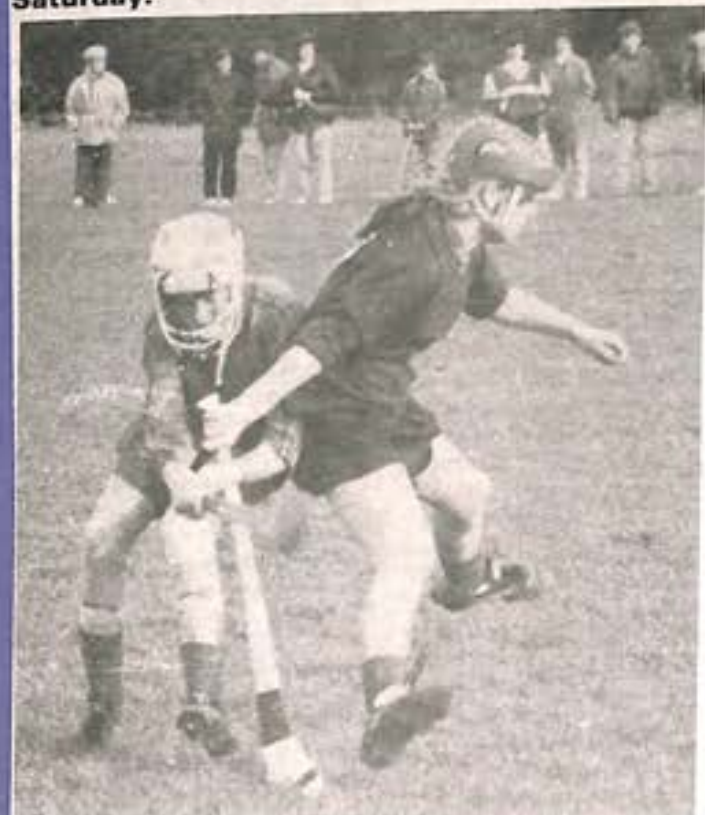


The St. Mary's High School Midleton Junior camogie panel pictured during training for this Saturday's Munster camogie final at Nenagh

The belles of St. Mary's in thrilling draw

St. Mary's, Nenagh 2-3, St. Mary's Midleton 2-3
by Gerry Slevin

With both sides seeking inspiration from the same source, Our Lady, who obviously could not make up her mind as to which she should lean more favourably towards, the under 15 camogie players from St. Mary's Nenagh and St. Mary's, Midleton played out a thrilling draw in the Munster colleges' junior final in Nenagh on Saturday.



Suzanne Kelly, St. Mary's, Nenagh, tussles with her opponent for possession.

En route to their All-Ireland success a year ago, the Nenagh girls met with the stiffest opposition from their Midleton counterparts in the provincial semi-final and on the outside pitch at McDonagh Park on Saturday they were within two minutes of repeating that win, a long range free sweetly struck ensuring for Midleton a replay at home.

No doubt, of the two, Midleton were by far the happier with the result, and as Nenagh prepare for the long journey south, they will be mindful of the many scoring chances that went begging, both from frees and general play, chances that should have wrapped up the game in Nenagh's favour long before Midleton's final rally.

It was a game in which the strong wind played a vital role. Nenagh had its advantage in the first half but despite laying siege on their opponent's goal, failed to adequately respond to the promptings of the outer players who sent in ball after ball without the 'killer' blow materialising.

Two Ciara Gaynor points in the 5th and 8th minutes opened their scoring and were added to by a Madeline Hayes goal in the 11th.

So free flowing was the play in the opening minutes, that referee Bernie O'Dea didn't see fit to award any free until the 13th minute.

"SCORE" DISALLOWED

Nenagh's authority continued but scoring remained a scarce commodity. A Ciara Gaynor 30 brought mixed reaction from the umpires, one of them raising the

white flag, the other signalling wide. Following consultation with the referee, the 'score' was disallowed but Nenagh struck back and Sarah Madden finished off a good move with her side's second goal.

Just on half time in one of the very few Midleton attacks of the half, a 30 was forced and a point resulted, to leave it 2-2 to 0-1 in Nenagh's favour.

Having to play into the wind with a lead that was by no means safe was a daunting prospect for the home side and while one would have imagined that a defensive game would now follow, Nenagh in fact moved straight into attack and Sinead Kennedy added to their lead with a well taken point after two minutes. Some great play by Ciara Gaynor, Sheila Kyne, Suzanne Kelly and Marie Ryan ensured that the attack still received plenty of possession. But just as in the first half, it was squandered and for the remainder of the hour, Nenagh were forced into rear-guard action as Midleton came more into the game. A goal after five minutes and a point two minutes later, narrowed the gap and it now remained to be seen if Nenagh could hold out.

NAIL BITING

It was nail biting stuff, neither yielding, though again Nenagh had the more chances. Five minutes from time disaster struck for Nenagh when a relatively easy shot deceived goalkeeper Susan Kenneally and the arrears were cut to a point. Would Nenagh hold out? Or would Midleton snatch a match winning goal or even a draw? A draw it was to be,

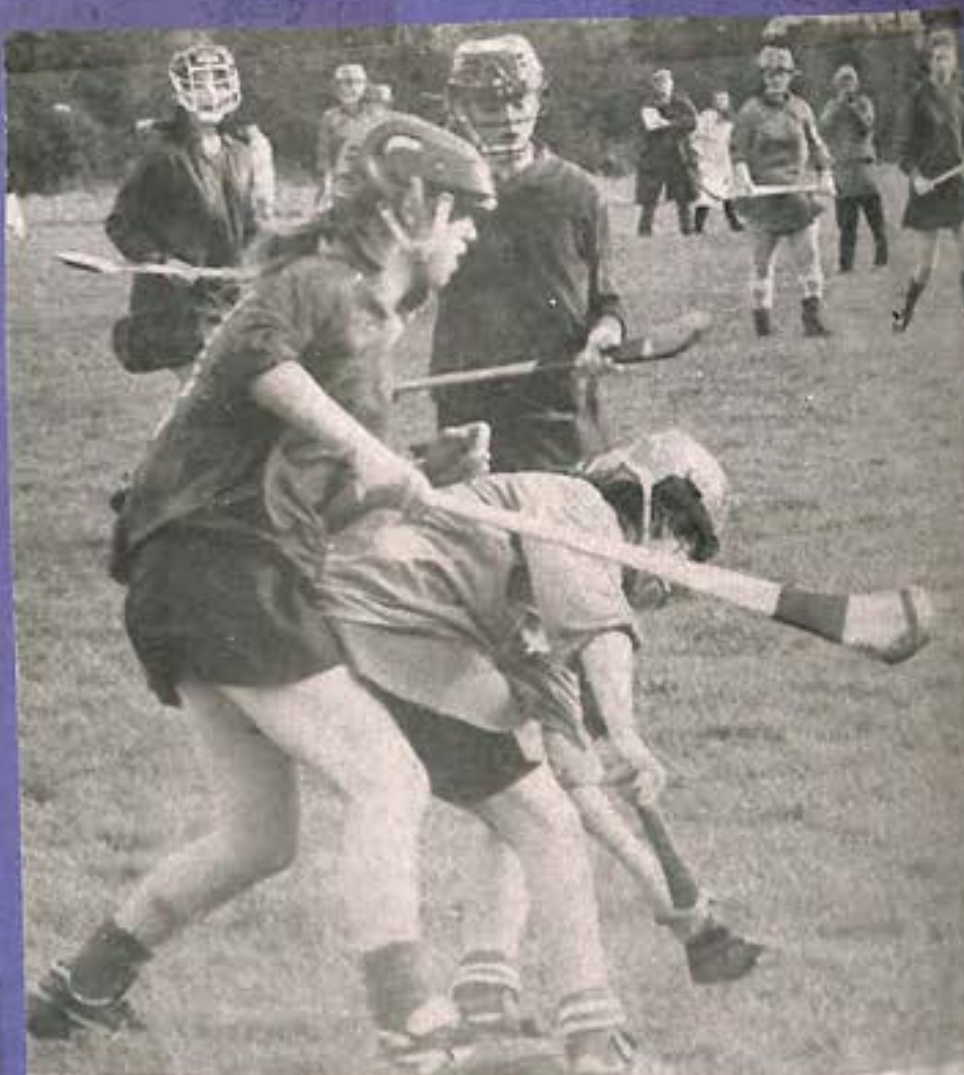
thanks to that late Midleton free. Had the Nenagh attack been able to match the clever stick work of their defenders and midfielders, they would have won handsomely. At the same time it must have been a most frustrating outing for the forwards in that with so many unofficial mentors around the goalmouth, issuing instructions, all of a conflicting variety, their game must have suffered considerably.

And yet, while Nenagh would not have been flattered by a convincing victory, having in their line up only three of the side that played in the All-Ireland final last April — Sheila Kyne, Suzanne Kelly and Marie Ryan — and being forced to line out without Ciara Burns, theirs was a most commendable performance. Ciara's absence was a very severe blow but the fact that the rest could respond so well and indeed deserved to retain the title has to augur very well for the future.

Nenagh had thirteen wides in the hour, eight of them in the first half. Midleton's total came to six, five of them in the second half. Nenagh were awarded no frees in the first half, Midleton receiving three and the visitors also received three in the second half to Nenagh's three. Nenagh forced five 30s in the game, three of them in the second half to Midleton's one in the first half.

St. Mary's Nenagh: Susan Kenneally (Kilruane), Sheila Kyne (Burgess), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Sinead Kennedy (Portroe) 0-1, Deirdre Kirby (Kilruane), Marie Ryan (Toomevara), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane) 0-2, Antoinette Troy (Toomevara), Sarah Madden (Portroe) 1-0, Sarah Bergin (Toomevara), Tara Young (Toomevara), Madeline Hayes (Toomevara), capt. 1-0.

Referee: Bernie O'Dea, Limerick.



Ciara Gaynor, St. Mary's, Nenagh, is well marked as she attempts to raise the ball.

A key role for the 'Keady Connection'

THE 'Keady Connection' will play a significant part in today's Ulster Colleges finals, with nine former St. Patrick's pupils backing Armagh College's bid to win their first senior provincial title.

Armagh appear in their first decider, while St. Patrick's Keady challenge for the junior honours against St. Mary's Magherfeld.

And Armagh junior county player Donna McCusker will be playing her part for an unusual Ulster double. Earlier this week Donna won the Ulster instrumental music at the Col Cainte Damhsa finals.

The 18-year-old will represent her province at the All-Ireland finals on March 6 at St. Patrick's, Drumcondra. Donna is one of three county junior players featuring for the Tech, Mullabrack's Joan Rice and Keady's Deirdre Connolly. Deirdre is Armagh's top scorer in the competition.

They take on St. Patrick's Maghera. Beaten All-Ireland junior finalists in 1989-90,

By Eamonn O'Hara

Maghera are one of Ulster's most successful colleges, and with the exception of one year, have played in every senior final since qualifying for their first in 1985.

Jane Tohill, sister of Derry and Queen's ace Anthony, senior county forward Claire Mulholland, impressive centre back Susan McErlean, Derry's provincial Gael Linn keeper Margaret McAtamney, and former All-Ireland fleadh finalist Ann O'Loughlin power Syt. Pat's challenge.

Both finals take place at Moortown today, the junior at 1.30, senior at 2.30.

The finalists panels are: Armagh College of F.E.: Helen Moan, Paula Mullan, Geraldine Haughey, Brenda Hughes, Helen McKeown, Ciara Kelly, Donna McCusker, Joanne O'Hare, Deirdre Connolly, Brenda McCusker, Joan Rice, Shaune Gribben, Aoife Woods, Shauna Woods, M Jo Kelly, C Corr.

St. Patrick's Maghera: Margaret McAtamney, Ann Marie O'Kane, Moira Cassidy, Susan McErlean, Rhonda Doherty, Jane Tohill, Michelle Kealey, Anna O'Loughlin, Claire Mulholland, Eimhir Lee, Clare Scullin, Dolores Murtagh, Mairead Boylan, Carmel Kealey, Moira Jane McEldowney, Noleen Neeson.

St. Mary's: Lisa Diffley, Gemma Bateson, Bailhin McIvor, Clare Brown, Fiona Kennedy, Eimhir Burton, Jeanette McCann, Ailish O'Neill, Cathy McDonnell, Roisin Pickering, Barbara Burt, Naoimh Trolan, Lora McGoldrick, Aisling Tohill, Ann Marie Totten, Brid Mulholland.

Keady: Lisa Woods, Paula Feeney, Jennifer Murray, Majella Mallon, Aileen Woods, Teresa Smith, Mairead Murray, Ciara Toal, Nichola Small, Moira Haughey, Michelle Murray, Patricia McGleenan, Roisin McKenna, Sinead Haughey, Andrea McCusker, Tracey Corr, Amanda Clarke, Katriona Kelly, Ailson O'Neill.

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Queen's defend Ashbourne

QUEEN'S University broke the mould last season when they captured the Ashbourne Cup for the first time. It is a reasonable prediction that when the Ashbourne finals close this weekend, the Cup will remain in Belfast.

Queen's are strong contenders again, though neighbours Jordanstown think this may be their year.

The semi-finals match Jordanstown with UCD, who scored a five points victory over Coleraine in the preliminary round.

Queen's, out to prove that last season's win was not a flash in the pan, will test UCC to the limit.

St Patrick's, Cork, became the first college champions of 1992 when beat St Mary's, Middleton, in the Munster final. Middleton hope for compensation when they take on St Mary's, Nenagh, in the Junior final.

Officers elected at Munster convention — Chair: Flan McInerney (Clare). Vice-Chair: Bernie O'Dea (Limerick). Sec: Rose Malone (Cork). Treas: Mary Casey (Cork). Registrar: Brid Stokes (Limerick). PRO: Orla Flynn (Waterford).

FIXTURES

SATURDAY — Ashbourne Cup at Queen's University (Semi-finals, 1.15): UCD v Jordanstown; Queen's University v UCG.

Munster Colls Jun Final — At Nenagh (2.0) St Mary's, Nenagh v St Mary's, Middleton.

SUNDAY: Ashbourne Cup Final at Queen's Univ (2.30).

UCC hope to take Plate

THE Ashbourne Cup, Inter-varsities camogie competition, is this year being hosted by Queens University, Belfast, today and tomorrow. This year UCD, QUB, UCG and UUI have won their way to the semi-finals following the preliminary rounds in Galway recently.

UCC, TCD, UUC and Maynooth will play in the Plate.

UCC and UCG met in the preliminary round two weeks ago and after a tight game the Galway side came out on top by two points. UCC will now oppose Maynooth in the semi-final of the Plate today and the winners will go on to play the victors of the UUC-Trinity tie in the final tomorrow.

UCC's chances are rated highly as they should have beaten Galway in the quarter-final and will be determined to make up for that setback. Such players as Cork senior Val Twomey and Edel Kearney should dominate in the forward line, while captain Elaine O'Connor and Roscommon inter-county player Irene O'Regan are two others who should figure prominently for Cork.

Last year UCC lost by a point in the Plate final to UUC after two periods of extra-time and will be determined to go all the way on this occasion.

Queens University Belfast are the Cup holders and they will be fancied to keep their title following their defeat of Maynooth, 9-4 to 1-2, in the preliminary round. They meet Galway in the semi-final and this should be a thrilling affair. Galway will not be easily beaten as they won the title in 1989 and 1990.

The following is the UCC panel: I. Regan (Roscommon), C. Cunningham (Meath), D. Walsh (Barryroe), O. Higgins (Bishopstown), T. Horgan (Bishopstown), S. Keohane (Barryroe), E. O'Connor (Bishopstown, capt), S. Barry (do.), E. Kearney (do.), T. Murphy (Glen Rovers), V. Twomey (Sarsfields), I. Morris (Monaghan), S. Eustace (Tipperary), O. Kennedy (Tralee), N. McCarthy (Limerick), P. Nagle (Eire Og), M. O'Connor (Banteer), C. Ahern (Cobh), E. Murphy (Waterford), L. Crowley (Newcestown).

Marion quits

By Brendan Larkin

medals with her club Eire Og, with whom she will continue to play.

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She has also been awarded with three Jurys Sportstar of the month awards, three West Cork awards and a B+I award. She was a member of the Cork four in-a-row team of 1970-73 and when Cork found themselves without a goalkeeper in 1978, she agreed to play there and went on to add five more All-Ireland medals to her list.

According to Mary Moran, the National PRO of the Camogie Association, and trainer of the Cork team during those great years, said yesterday: "Marion gave outstanding service to Cork camogie during her long and distinguished career. She was a marvellous overhead player, had a tremendous long puck and will be sorely missed

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She first played with the county at junior level in 1970 and was later drafted onto the senior panel and won her first medal as a sub the same year. She was a regular on the senior team at midfield and went on to win 20 Munster championship medals, three National league medals, three Gael-Linn medals and five county senior championships.



Queen's face a different proposition when they defend their Championship

ASHBOURNE champions Queen's University face an entirely different proposition than against overwhelmed Maynooth when they defend their Championship crown today against the side they out-pointed to capture the title for the first time last year, University College Galway.

With Mary Black applying the finish, Queen's ran Maynooth ragged in their opening defence the weekend before last, slamming in nine goals against a completely out-classed side, with opportunist Black firing five.

Today it's back to basics, with coach Bernie McNally insisting on organised, unrelenting pressure being applied to undermine and breakdown a competitive, skilled Galway side.

The drive is provided by the midfield workrate of Monica McCartan, outstanding during the rout of Maynooth, captain Bronagh McCorry, and

Joan Tobin. A experienced, hard working unit, Queen's midfield be very influential in whether the champions progress or exit at the semi-final stage.

"This is where we would probably have our main strength, and if midfield plays as well as it did against Maynooth, I think we'll beat Galway. I think midfield is the key. If we win the midfield contest we'll win the game," says Bernie.

The match will be a striking contrast in style. Queen's have cultivated a quality ground game, relying on their midfield working the wings via Monica McCartan and Joan Tobin, supplying wing forwards Orla Higgins and Sinead Mullan, getting crosses in for Mary Black and others to convert.

In stark contrast, University College Galway are coached in the skill of lifting and striking, and while Queen's concentrate on the ground, Galway normally attack via the air.

Against University College Cork in the quarter-finals, UCG rattled up an impressive win.

Bernie though suggests that the tactics which won Queen's their first Ashbourne title last year are the tactics that can prevent Galway gaining revenge and pushing for their third Championship title win in four seasons. UCG won when hosted by Jordanstown in 1989, and in 1990, before the Malone cailini ended the southern monopoly.

By Eamonn O'Hara

"We received a report of their performance against Cork and it suggested that the only way to play them is with the ground game.

They like to pick the ball up and run with it. That we have to prevent them doing too often. We have to impose our game on the match to win and play to our strengths."

From 1984, when

the 1984 All-Ireland League.

"It's going to be a very hard match and we'll have to play our best to beat them. I would say that the team which settles first will win it. We managed to settle down first in the match with Maynooth and played well, and it's very important we settle ourselves early, upset their pattern, don't allow them to settle into their stride, and keep the pressure on them throughout," said Bernie.

While Queen's face for-

Back to basics with McNally insisting on "unrelenting pressure"

"Galway are a very skillful side, and the only way to counter their style is by cutting off the supply at source, and that means tight marking, closing them down and keeping the game played on the ground as much as possible to stop them lifting."

Queen's last hosted the varsity competition, they've collided twice in the Ashbourne, with the Belfast students taking the tape on both occasions. Queen's have won three of their last four meetings with UCG, their only loss being in the semi-finals of

midable opposition, Ulster rivals Jordanstown, the ante-post favourites prior to their quarter-final win in Trinity College, face experienced Ashbourne opposition in University College Dublin.

Experience is UCD's edge, but the Poly have all

the skill and talent required to embellish their favourites label and advance to a possible all-Ireland final, the first in the Championships 77-year history.

With Grace McMullan, Marlene McCusker, Bronagh Burt, and Gwenevra Carr forming a very strong line of attack, backed by a powerful and experienced midfield of free-taker Katriona Higgins, Denise Brown, and Pauline Quinn, UUJ are expected to prove too good for the Dubliners, if they click.

Everything is poised then for a tremendous weekend of Championship competition, with hopes high in Ulster that champions Queen's and title favourites meet on Sunday at the Dub to the Ashbourne honours. Galway and Dublin could ruin the plans of both, but Queen's and the Poly on form and taking their chances would certainly make a Sunday showpiece a strong possibility.

The north's other interest is in Coleraine. The Ulster University cailini compete in the Shield event, which is the losers plate comprising of the four beaten quarter-finalists, against Maynooth. After watching Maynooth's Cup demise to Queen's, Coleraine have a strong chance of making the final.

The Ashbourne timetable of events at the Dub is: Today: Shield semi-finals: Camogie Pitch (12.00): Maynooth v Coleraine, (1.00): Trinity v University College Cork.

Cup semi-finals: Hurling Pitch (1.30): Queen's (Holders) v University College Galway; Football Pitch (2.30): Jordanstown v University College Dublin.

Sunday: Ashbourne Shield Final (Hurling Pitch, 12.00); Ashbourne Cup Final (Hurling Pitch, 1.30). All matches to be played to a finish, extra-time if required.

Cork camogie panel

THE following is the Cork senior camogie panel for 1992: L. O'Neill, L. Towler, S. Morley, R. Desmond (Bishopscourt); G. McCarthy, T. O'Callaghan, L. Mellick, D. Cremon, S. Fitzgibbon, M. Ring (Glen Rovers); C. O'Mahony, B. Kelleher (St. Finbarrs); M. Finn, F. O'Driscoll (F. O'Neills); L. Dunphy, B. Kenny (Sarsfields); J. P. Kent, P. Goggin, L. Rafferty (Na Pilsnigh); K. Mellick (Brian Dillon); L. O'Keefe (Iniscarra); K. Costin (Killeagh). The selectors are: Miriam Murphy (Eire Og); Marie Ryan (Glen Rovers); Marian Sweeney (Killeagh).

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Ashbourne Cup semi-finals — UUJ 2-6, UCD 1-6; Queen's University Belfast 3-3, University College Galway 1-2. Final — UUJ v Queen's Belfast today in Belfast. Shield Final — UCD v Coleraine, Belfast today.

CAMOGIE: U-18 Championship: Cloughduv 4-3, Brian Dillon 1-3; Killeartan 4-5, Glen Rovers 1-0; Barryroe 6-6, Valley Rovers 0-0; Newcestown 4-3, Courtney Rovers 0-0; St. Finbarrs 3-2, Watergrasshill 2-0; Midleton 4-1, F. O'Neills 3-6; Iniscarra 3-2, Sarsfields 1-2.

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The UUJ camogie team which defeated Queen's to win the Ashbourne Cup at the Dub

Photo: Brendan Murphy

Queens could find the neighbours tough

ASHBOURNE CUP holders Queens University will find that retaining the trophy is every bit as difficult as the initial breakthrough which they achieved last season.

It is likely that the stiffest opposition will come from the city neighbours, University of Ulster, Jordanstown.

The preliminary round went according to expectations leaving the four top sides to contest the semifinals. Queens, who host the finals, challenge UCG while UCD face Jordanstown.

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In former years, Queens played with great enthusiasm but lacked sufficient quality players to lift the Cup. Now they have both. Monica McCartan, Joan Tobin, Roisin O'Neill, Mary Black, and Shaunagh Higgins form the nucleus of a side which will not yield easily.

Opponents UCG ousted UCC in a very close opening round tie, and some useful newcomers from the local colleges

scene have blended into the team.

UCD had a stiff encounter with Coleraine before emerging with a five point win. Led by Bernie McGahon, UCD fields a young side which include Mags Mounsey, Joanne Murphy, Ann Harrington, Reilaine Treacy and Marie O'Loughlin. It will take their best effort to oust Jordanstown.

1991-92 has been a great season so far for Jordans-town. Their new entrants looked excellent when claiming the Freshers Cup last term. The senior side

is enjoying a great run in the league. Catriona Higgins, Brenda Donnelly, Grace McMullan, and Denise Brown all regular choices for their county teams, will lead the Jordanstown challenge. An all Belfast final is a distinct possibility and what an exciting contest that would produce.

All-Ireland Colleges junior champions, St Mary's Nenagh, contest the Munster Junior final against St Mary's Middleton on Saturday. Middleton, who lost their senior crown to St Patrick's last week, will be

hoping for compensation. However, Nenagh's highly talented Chiara Burns may be the deciding factor.

In Ulster, holders St Patrick's, Maghera, take on Armagh Technical School in the senior championship final. St Mary's, Magherafelt, seek to win their first Ulster junior title when they meet St Patrick's Keady who were holders in 1988.

SATURDAY: Ashbourne Cup semifinals at Queens University, 1.15: UCD v Jordanstown, 2.30 Queens v UCG; Munster Colleges Junior final at Nenagh 2.0; St Mary's Nenagh v St Mary's Middleton. **SUNDAY:** Ashbourne Cup final at Queens University at 2.0.

CALLAN GIRLS SEEK NEW GLORY

TWO years ago St Brigid's, Callan won the All-Ireland Colleges junior championship. The team, coached by All-Ireland medal holder Noelle O'Driscoll, has matured considerably in the meantime. On Sunday they will attempt to bridge a 17-year gap by winning the Leinster Colleges senior championship.

Previous victories by the school in this championship were spearheaded by players who went on to enjoy illustrious careers in the colours of Kilkenny. The side which captured titles in the early sixties was built around Ann Carroll, whereas the Downey twins were to the forefront on the 1975 side.

The present team is maintaining this tradition. Tracey and Sinead Millea have played championship camogie with the Kilkenny senior team, and much more will be heard of them in the

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years to come. All-Ireland minors Janet Sweeney and Marie Maher join with Frances Holohan, Mary Brennan and Ethel Maloney to give the side a winning look.

Opponents Loreto, Kilkenny are relative newcomers to camogie. However the game is so strong in their catchment area that the school may boast of five All-Ireland minor medalists, and the lineup contains a very exciting prospect in young Catriona Carey, a sister of hurling star, DJ Carey.

Marian McCarthy, one of the best known players in the game, has announced her

retirement from the inter-county scene. Holder of eight All-Ireland senior medals, the highest number for a Munster player, she rendered 21 years of great service to Cork. Honoured with a B & I award, she won a host of medals including a record total of 20 Munster senior championships.

All Ireland Colleges senior champions St Raphael's, Loughrea won the Connacht senior final, beating a spirited Portumna. Armagh College for Further Education are the new Ulster senior champions, while St Mary's, Magherafelt were successful in the junior grade.

FIXTURES: Sunday — Leinster Colleges Senior Championship Final at Kilkenny (3.0): St. Brigid's Callan v Loreto Kilkenny.

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At Belfast: UUJ 6-3; QUB 3-4. Shield Final: UCC 2-1; Coleraine 1-2.

Ulster Colleges Finals: Senior: Armagh Regional College 3-2; St Patrick's Maghera 1-3. **Junior:** St Mary's Magherafelt 5-6; St Patrick's High School Keady 1-1.

County Camogie report



Discussing junior camogie All-Ireland final, left to right: Eamonn de Bruin, County Camogie Board Chairman; Biddy Phillips, selector; Marian Graham, County Camogie Board Secretary; John Kennedy, trainer and selector; Bernie O'Dowd, selector; Liam Hogan.

It gives me great pleasure to review once again the activities within the County over the past year. Our Annual General Meeting was held on January 13th with 15 clubs out of a possible 25 whom affiliated.

Officers Elected: Chairperson: Eamonn Browne; Vice-Chairperson: Liam Hogan; Secretary: Marion Graham; Treasurer: Bridget Phillips; Registrar: Bridget Phillips.

Development Committee: Martin Bourke, Geraldine Ryan Meagher, Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Hogan, Paddy Corrigan.

Fixtures Committee: Sally Duggan, Julia O'Dwyer, Conor Ryan, Pádraig Mullins, Marion Graham.

U-16 Trainer: Sean Nealon; **U-16 Selectors:** Martin Kennedy, John Devitt; **U-18 Trainer:** Liam Hogan; **U-18 Selectors:** Martin Kennedy, John Devitt, Bridget Phillips, Bernie O'Dowd, Pádraig Mullins; **Junior Trainer:** John Kennedy; **Junior Selectors:** Bridget Phillips, Bernie O'Dowd.

Tipperary had come to an end of the most successful season they had achieved in the history of the Association, winning three Munster titles and reaching two All-Ireland Finals.

The highlight of the year winning the first ever title, that being the Minor final. So, we looked forward with optimism to an even greater 1991. In any sport, they will tell you it's tough at the top, but while Tipperary's Junior Camogie team are not in a position to offer comment on that matter they will certainly confirm that it's even harder to get to the top.

After being beaten four points by Kildare in the 1990 final, they had tasted defeat and were looking forward to tasting glory in 1991. Sadly, this was not to be, while some of us were jumping for joy in Croke Park on September 22nd at the prospects of taking home the New Ireland cup to Tipperary, "Bonnie" MacGreevy for Down was rattling the Tipperary net to restore Down's lead in the dying moments of the game.

Our Minors did not achieve the same success they so rightly achieved in 1990. With so many of the previous victorious team not eligible to play this year, the selectors had a major task ahead. Training commenced in March with approximately 40 girls rearing to go. This number was gradually decreased to 22. They reached the Munster Final but were defeated by a strong Cork side. With the talent we saw emerging this year, another minor title is not in the far distant future.

Club Activities during the Year
The County organised the following competitions during the year: U-12; U-14; U-16; U-18; John Hogan Cup; Ann Fraser Cup; Junior, Senior & Intermediate Championships. The following are the winners and runners-up of the various competitions.

From the list of winners, and runners-up below, a total of 10 out of 25 clubs shared the thrills of competing on County Final day at different levels. In recent times, Camogie has grown from strength to strength in the four corners of the county from Bansha to Cloughjordan and from Portroe to Clonmel, a definite sign of what to expect in the future.

Féile na nGael:

The county hosted Féile na nGael again in 1991. While some clubs expressed their criticism of the costs involved, the overall opinion was that it did wonders for camogie in the county. Eighteen years ago when camogie first took part in Féile na nGael few envisaged its impact on camogie or the progress it would achieve. It has grown from a noble ambitious idea of Seamus Ó Riain, Tomás Ó Baróid and Eamon de Stafford to a major national event.

What a pity that this major gathering of youth enjoying our national sport could scarcely get a mention in the newspapers or on R.T.E.

In the camogie competition, 16 clubs from the county took part with each club hosting a club from outside the county. Many lasting friendships have been made

Competition	Winners	Runners-Up
U-12	Toomevara	Bansha
U-14	Thurles	Toomevara
U-16	Burgess	Gortnahoe/Glengoole
U-18	Cashel	Burgess
Junior Championship	Clonmel	Shannon Rovers
Inter Championship	Roscrea	Portroe
Senior Championship	Cashel	Toomevara/Templederry
John Hogan Cup	Thurles	Clonmel
Ann Fraser Cup	Toomevara/Templederry	Cashel

TIPPERARY MINOR CAMOGIE TEAM

By: John Devitt

THE Tipperary Minor Camogie trials started on the 9th of March of this year with over 40 girls turning up – all of whom were worthy of a trial. It took a number of trials before a panel was finally picked to go into training in the defence of the All-Ireland title won the previous year.

The first match was against Limerick in Limerick on 28th of April. Following a number of training sessions the team approach the game with a certain amount of caution, because one never knows the quality of the opposition at this level. Starting slowly Tipperary led at half time but one felt that they were capable of more. This they proved in the second half when they really got their act together and ran out convincing winners on the scoreline of 8-6 to no score. An interesting feature of the game was the hat-trick of goals scored by Ann Barry who was introduced as a second half substitute. This was a very encouraging display by the team.

It was now onto the Munster semi-final where the opposition was Clare. The game was set for Thurles on Saturday, 18th of May. This game was again approached cautiously but a little more was known about the Clare team, as colleges camogie is strong in Clare. Clare proved to be a very strong team and it took a great team effort to contain them. The final score was Tipperary 2-7, Clare 1-1. In this game Ciara Burns gave a fine individual performance of skills and speed. The team showed a great will to win.

The scene was now set for the Munster final where the opposition was our old rivals – Cork. Word was that Cork were a well-balanced team and were confident of beating Tipperary.

Due to a number of girls doing exams training had to be curtailed. The Munster final was fixed for Ballincollig, Co. Cork, on Saturday, 6th of July. A large crowd turned up for what was expected to be a very close game. They were not disappointed. It turned out to be a very whole-hearted display of camogie by both teams. Both teams hurled as if their lives depended on it but unfortunately it wasn't to be Tipperary's day and they were dethroned by a very good Cork team on the score 3-8 to 2-6. Great credit is due to this Tipperary team for their spirit and character. It is interesting to note that a number of girls are under-age for the team again next year.

Panel: Tracey Bargery (captain), Ann Barry, Madeleine Bulfin, Caroline Graham, Michelle Burke (all Cashel),



Féile na nGael Parade – Fethard



"Camogie Person of the Year" 1990 – Julia O'Dwyer (left) presented with her trophy by Máire Ní Cheallacháin, President of the Camogie Association and Geraldine Ryan Meagher, chairperson of Tipperary Camogie Board.

Christine Kennedy, Áine Hogan, Elizabeth Kennedy, Theresa Brophy (all Burgess); Helena Campion, Claire Egan, Clodagh Dunne, Triona Maher (all Gortnahoe); Olivia Shanahan (St. Mary's, Clonmel); Fiona Slattery (Holycross); Aileen Delaney, Marie Ryan, Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly (all Toomevara-Templederry); Helen Kiely (Drom and Inch); Allison Lalor (Portroe) and Fiona

Butler (Knockavilla Kickhams).

Selectors: (Trainer) John Devitt (Cashel) and Martin Kennedy (St. Mary's, Clonmel).

The Tipperary U-18 team are through to the Munster Final also where they are due to play old rivals Cork on December 1st at a Tipperary venue.

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THE JUNIOR TEAM

Mary O'Dwyer, P.R.O.

AFTER some very lean years for camogie in Tipperary, 1988 saw the tide beginning to turn when our Juniors made it to the Munster Final. Unfortunately, Limerick won on that occasion, but by just one point.

In 1989, Tipperary settled down and brought home the Munster Cup and it has been ours ever since. In 1990 we came within four points of an All-Ireland victory and this year we came within two points of that elusive title. A story of steady progress and mounting excitement. The All-Ireland title has never been won by Tipperary at this level and, at this stage, dare we hope for 1992? It's looking good.

Great work has been put into the building of this team, from the girls themselves, the Co. Board, their selectors - Biddy Philips and Bernie O'Dowd and from their coach/selector - John Kennedy. Under the ever present and watchful eye of Biddy, Bernie and John, this team has gone from strength to strength and is getting stronger. They are a group of girls who have brought back interest and pride in Tipperary camogie and there's great credit due to them for that.

The season of 1990/91 started on 21st October, 1990, in Scariff where they had an easy victory over Clare in the first round of the League. Then on November 18th, had their second easy victory when they beat Cork 7-4 to 1-5 in Thurles. Helen O'Leary being the main thorn in Cork's side by scoring all of the seven goals. Their third easy victory was notched up over Waterford in Lismore when they beat the home team 6-11 to 0-5 on the 10th March, 1991. But on 26th May, 1991, Limerick put a stop to our League hopes when they beat us at home 2-9 to 2-7 after a very tough struggle and closely contested match.

Then came the eagerly awaited championship and in the Munster semi-final we were up against old rivals Limerick. Tipp, during a very wet first half in Thurles in June '91, stamped their authority over the visiting team and went on to win 2-9 to 1-8. Some great play from Ann Keeshan, Sinead Neylon and Cora Kennedy ensuring that Limerick found it difficult to put scores on the score-board. Tipp had exacted their revenge on the Limerick side who had knocked them out of the League just a couple of weeks before. Tipp were fit and determined and they carried this to Cork where they emerged Munster champions for the third year in a row.

In the All-Ireland semi-final against Dublin, the girls took on some of the antics of the hurlers and, having let their opposition gain a substantial lead, stepped up a gear. Deirdre Hughes was in great form and was no small help in lifting Tipp from what seemed an impossible situation.

But come back they did and won. Next outing - Croke Park.

Finally the great day arrived and, it seemed, half of Tipp was on the road to Croke Park for the second time in September. The team lined out, captained by Kaiffe Moloney (Cashel) to pit their skills against the girls from Down.

Seeming more at home in Croke Park this year than they had done last year, the girls settled down quickly but, despite superb play from Cora Kennedy, Anne Gleeson, Triona Bonnar, Sinead Neylon, Jovita Delaney and Ann Keeshan, they were unable to take the lead in the first half. Not to be deterred, they came back after some half-time words of wisdom and encouragement from Biddy, Bernie and John to take the game to Down and to really put in a challenge for the crown.

So we saw Kaiffe Moloney, Claire Madden, Deirdre Hughes, Joan Tobin, Orla Hogan, Helen O'Leary and sub. Geraldine Ryan Meagher pull out all the stops and bring the team to two points behind. These girls had come from behind before, could they do it again?

Then, a goal - a goal was scored for Tipp with less than a minute to go. The crowd cheered, the subs bench went wild... but, alas, Down stole a march - pucked the ball out quickly to their forwards who buried it in the back of the net on the other side of the pitch. The final whistle blew. Devastation. Tipp had glory for just 30 seconds and then had it snatched away again. Naturally there was great disappointment. However, having met the girls on a few occasions since, it is evident that they have picked themselves up, dusted themselves off and are starting all over again.

We can do it in 1992. Go for it girls and good luck!

COUNTY TITLE FOR THURLES

By Flan Quigney

TIPPERARY County Champions! It's a proud title. When achieved for the first time it is indeed sweet. And so it was on Friday, June 7th, when our U-14 girls proved that no team could equal them in the Premier County. They had just defeated the holders, and great exponents of the game, Toomevara.

Like many successful campaigns, one can never be quite sure of the prospects at the beginning of a season. However, our opening game was encouraging, when we defeated Knockavilla by 6-1 to 0-0.

Holycross were next on the list and proved to be quite stubborn opposition before Thurles emerged victorious by 3-2 to 0-0. Our final game in the league section of the championship was against Cashel and here the score was 4-5 to 0-0 in our favour. We now had reached the County Semi-final without conceding a score. This was encouraging.

We next faced Roscrea in the penultimate tie. Disaster struck on the eve of this game when our captain and star forward Reena Fogarty suffered a knee injury which ruled her out of action. When I say that Reena contributed 18 goals and 20 points in twelve games during the season, her loss could be properly appreciated. To their credit, her colleagues rose splendidly to the occasion and survived a strong Roscrea challenge by 2-1 to 0-1.

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Under control! . . . Joan Tobin in action on All-Ireland day.

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The All-Ireland Camogie Championship has always been regarded as the real test. When the Kilkenny team came under scrutiny at Croke Park in the 1991 All-Ireland Final they passed the examination with flying colours. There was no sign of the lethargy evident in the early part of the season. They had come to retain their crown and did so in style.

However, the champions made a poor start to the year. Six hard seasons at the top had taken its toll. Many players were reluctant to knuckle down to the discipline and pressures of a new season. Only five regulars took the field at Piltown for the opening round of the national Senior League against Cork.

In sharp contrast, Cork had a few months work behind them under the guidance of coach, Joe McGrath. Needless to say, Cork romped home. The fourteen point margin at Piltown was cut to seven when these sides met in the final of the National Senior League at

team relentlessly and they responded to her amazing will-to-win.

While Cork defeated Dublin and Galway by comfortable margins, they lacked conviction. They entered the final with high hopes and made the early running. But once Kilkenny found their rhythm, the contest was over.

The question must now be asked "will Kilkenny go on to equal or surpass the great 10 in-a-row Dublin team of the fifties and sixties?". At this point in time it is a very real prospect. Several great players like Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Jo Dunne, Claire Jones and Anna Whelan have departed



Despite an absence of fifteen years, Down played with the self-assurance of a side used to the big time. Down opened up a nine point gap as Tipperary temporarily lost their scoring touch. In the true tradition of the county, Tipperary fought back to stage a grand stand finish. However, an outstanding solo effort from Bonnie McGreevey won the day for Down.

The All-Ireland Minor Championship produced marvellous entertainment. Cork ousted All-Ireland champions, Tipperary, in a great Munster final. But they had no answer to the classy stickwork and scoring skills of Kilkenny's Sinéad Millea in the All-Ireland Semi-final.

Sharon Glynn tore the Antrim defence to shreds in the second semi-final as Galway advanced to the final. A great team effort brought Kilkenny their fourth All-Ireland title in this grade. In a highly entertaining game, both sides won

honour and acclaim as they notched the impressive scoreline of 4-12 to 3-7.

A team of stars from Mullagh left a lasting impression in the Club Championship. With each girl making a valuable contribution, they lowered the colours of reigning champions Glen Rovers and cruised past luckless Eglis in the final. With youth very much on their side, this highly rated Mullagh team will be around for the foreseeable future.

The All-Ireland Colleges Finals drew a sizeable crowd to Tullamore where St. Raphael's, Loughrea, proved invincible in the senior grade. St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney, and St. Mary's, Nenagh, turned in a superb display in the junior final. The fine stickwork of young Ciara Burns swung the game in Nenagh's favour.

The Inter-provincials went on predictable lines. Regular Gael-Linn winners, Leinster, re-captured the senior title while Ulster completed a hat-trick in the junior grade. Queen's University made a historic and welcome breakthrough in the Ashbourne Cup and Limerick won their first National Junior League title. New President, Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin was delighted to present cups to all provinces in a season when the honours were evenly distributed.



Ballinlough. Nobody questioned Cork's right to their third League title but the championship would assess their real worth.

Realising that their term at the top was in danger, Kilkenny marshalled their forces and headed for the sand dunes of Ballybunion where some arduous work was put in. Antrim did not present a problem in the opening round of the championship. In the semi-final against Wexford at Enniscorthy, all the signs were evident that Kilkenny were back in business. Captain, Angela Downey, drove her

the scene since the winning sequence began.

New players have been introduced and allowed to find their feet. The best of Bridget Mullally, Úna Murphy, Gillian Dillon and Sinéad Millea has yet to come.

It was coincidental that Down and Tipperary whose colours fluttered proudly in Croke Park on previous Sundays should meet in the semi-final for Down against a fancied Galway side. Tipperary emerged from a high-scoring tilt with Dublin to make their second final appearance in two years.



As another camogie season dawns, it may be opportune to take an overall look at the game nationwide. Is it progressing? Are the numbers playing increasing or decreasing? Why are Kilkenny so dominant and Dublin, who monopolised the game in the sixties, absentees from the winners' enclosure?

Three-hundred and ten clubs were affiliated in 1980. Ten years later, the number had risen to five-hundred and thirty-four. These statistics reflect progress. Indeed, the more recent figure would be higher if emigration had not caused certain clubs to amalgamate.

The setting up of the Post Primary Councils and Championships was a milestone in the development of the game. These nurseries produced a flow of players which gave new life to the clubs and raised standards. In turn, these players moved on to Third Level Colleges making that wing of the Association a vibrant sector.

The game itself has come closer to hurling. Players train more intensively and are, therefore, fitter and more keen to win. The player who cannot lift and drive the ball or use both sides belongs to a dying breed, at least at inter-county level.

There is no questioning of Kilkenny's right to the number one position in the game. Their success is due to more than fitness, attitude and confidence. In Kilkenny, players are taught the game and their natural ability makes them excellent learners.

Kilkenny schools dominate the Leinster Colleges Championships. In fact, they experience more difficulty within their own zone than when matched with schools from other counties. Minors are well looked after and develop quickly with first class coaching. The pick of the top are given an opportunity to gain experience with the senior squad and rapidly make the grade.

While the Downey sisters are tremendous assets to the Kilkenny senior team, each and every player is a star in her own right. The skills of the game have been mastered and the girls exhibit their talent with a fluency which is a pleasure to watch.

It is difficult to pinpoint what has gone wrong in Dublin. Forty-four clubs participate in twelve grades of camogie producing over one thousand matches annually. A lot of hard work lies behind those figures. However, the system is not producing the quality players which adorned the game a few decades ago.

With so many players in the county, one would imagine that better teams could be assembled. The tide has certainly gone out. In previous years, victory was expected now defeat is anticipated. Players from Dublin's golden era lived for camogie and had great pride in being part of an outstanding team.

Has Dublin become too big? As a result, is the sense of identity not as strong. When all Dublin club matches were played in the Phoenix Park, a community atmosphere prevailed. Players knew those from other clubs and lingered after their own game to watch subsequent matches. A great air of expectancy abounded as Dublin trial teams were about to be announced.

Many players nowadays dabble in several sports. Most of their time is spent in competitive situations and very little in skill training. While these players are fit, their lack of ball skills prevent them from reaching great heights.

The next decade is vital to Dublin camogie. They must not let the situation get away from them. With so many counter-attractions, pressure to gain maximum points in exams and shortage of manpower, its solution is not easy.



● Pictured above are 1991 Champion Kilkenny - Camogie's top team.



Glen Rovers senior camogie team, winners of the Cork County and Munster championships at their victory dinner at the Metropole Hotel, last night. Front (from left) Chrissie Buckley, vice-president; Anne O'Donovan, vice-chairperson; Nora Newman, chairperson, and Claire McCarthy, vice-captain. Back (from left) Maria Mackey, PRO; Deirdre Coleman, treasurer, and Mary Newman-McCarthy, secretary.

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All set for the replay

PICK of the games this coming weekend on the camogie front will be the replay of the Munster Junior Colleges final which will see St. Marys, Midleton and St. Marys, Nenagh in opposition at Midleton GAA Grounds tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Three weeks ago St. Marys, Midleton and St. Marys, Nenagh finished all square in the Munster Colleges Junior final. This game was a very closely-contested affair with victory in doubt to the final whistle and tomorrow's clash between these two sides promises to be no different with another cracking contest in store.

On that occasion Nenagh were forced to play without the services of one of their key players, Tipperary minor Ciara Burns. Ciara had her appendix removed the previous week and she was certainly a big loss to them. She could make an appearance some time during Saturday's game and her return would certainly give the Nenagh girls a big boost. They are also the reigning All-Ireland Junior champions and will certainly not relinquish their title too easily but this time out could find the going tough.

Midleton will be in a position to field a number of their senior side which lost out to St. Patricks, Cork in the senior decider and on this occasion are also favoured with a home venue. They have fine performers in Mary O'Connor, Frances Flavin, Elaine Landers and the Kirby sisters and these girls play to form they could be in there with a real chance at the end.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Munster Junior Colleges final replay: St. Marys, Midleton v St. Marys, Nenagh, at Midleton GAA Grounds at 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Junior 'B' League: St. Finbarrs v Éire Óg at Finbarrs, at 2.30 (ref: Delany).

Junior 'A' League: Inniscarra v Newcestown at Inniscarra at 12 noon (ref: Cloughduv); Kilbrittain v Bishopstown at Bishopstown at 2.30 (ref: Douglas).

Senior League 1990: Killeagh v Sarsfields at Sarsfields at 12 noon (ref: Brian Dillon).

Nenagh girls still on All-Ireland trail

by Gerry Slevin

Having succeeded where many thought it would be a near impossible task, namely, beating the Midleton challenge in their own den, having failed to take the spoils the first day in Nenagh, St. Mary's camogie team find themselves with home advantage once again when they line out against Connacht champions, Mercy, Roscommon in Saturday's All-Ireland colleges' junior camogie semi-final (2 p.m.).

The Roscommon girls travel with excellent credentials, having already defeated the two shining stars of Connacht camogie, St. Cuan's, Castleblayney — Nenagh's victims in last year's All-Ireland final — and St. Raphael's Loughrea.

The transformation in the Nenagh side in Midleton from the drawn game a few weeks previous was astounding, to say the least. Team coach Ger Dullea admits he was bitterly disappointed with the way in which they performed in the drawn game when home advantage and the vocal support of a large and enthusiastic attendance failed to see them through, despite having strong territorial advantage throughout the hour.

However, all that was put aside in Midleton when the attack more than compensated for its lack lustre performance in McDonagh Park and slotted seven goals away to the delight of the mentors and supporters, not to mention the team itself.

As for most of the campaign to date, St. Mary's will have to line out on Saturday without Ciara Burns and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm and dedication of Ciara's colleagues that they have managed to make it so far, when so few expected it, without her undoubted brilliant talents.

Can Nenagh go on to their second successive All-Ireland final? Certainly the quality of the performance in the replay against Midleton, suggests that they are

well capable of doing just that. At the same time they are mindful of what they can expect from the Connacht opposition whose giant-killing feats to date give clear indication of their strength. St. Mary's expect to field the same team that brought provincial honours.

WATERFORD RTC LOOK SET FOR A DOUBLE

THE final of the CCIA camogie league, pairs Waterford RTC with UCG at Limerick on Saturday. Waterford RTC won the Purcell Cup in style three weeks ago and are tipped to end their season with a notable double.

Having won their section of the league without being unduly stretched Waterford met newly crowned Ashbourne Cup Champions UUJ in the league semifinal. The Purcell Cup holders proved superior in an epic encounter.

UCG were disappointed at their showing in the Ashbourne Cup. Defeat at the semifinal stage left them empty handed. However, they will meet to step up on that performance if they are to stop Waterford's progress.

The final of the Munster Colleges Junior championship between St. Marys Nenagh and St. Mary's Midleton will be replayed at Midleton on Saturday. Nenagh dominated the first half of the drawn game but tired to allow Midleton back into contention.

Nenagh were handicapped by the absence of Ciara Burns two weeks ago. Should she be able to take part in the replay Nenagh's chances of retaining their title would be considerably improved.

Loreto Kilkenny gave Callan a great game in the Leinster Colleges senior final but had to concede by a narrow margin. On Saturday they will contest the junior final against Mercy Ennis-corthy when Catriona Carey and Niamh Phelan should guide them to the first title.

FIXTURES: Saturday 29 February: CCIA League final, at Limerick University (3.00); Waterford RTC v UCG; Munster Colleges Junior championship final, at Midleton (2.00); St. Mary's Midleton v St. Mary's Nenagh.



St Mary's, Nenagh, winners of the Munster Junior Colleges camogie final.

CAMOGIE: U-18C'ship: Cloughduh 3-3, Killeagh 2-2; Barryroe 0-5, St. Finbarrs 1-1; Inniscarra 3-2, Kilbrittain 2-5; Fr. O'Neills 0-3, Newcestown 3-5.

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Roscommon Take Connacht Junior Camogie Crown After Long Wait

Convent of Mercy, Roscommon . 2-3
St. Raphael's, Loughrea 0-4

After a lapse of nine years the girls from the Convent of Mercy, Roscommon are back in their rightful place as Connacht junior camogie champions. The school's last junior title success was recorded in 1983 when the All-Ireland title was also captured.

A powerful puck-out from Caroline Connaughton landed close to the Loughrea goal, Ursula Hussey collected and lashed the ball to the back of the Loughrea net for the lead for Roscommon which they never surrendered. Now oozing with confidence Roscommon kept the pressure up and were rewarded by a very well taken goal by team captain Maria Hanley.

Connaughton who was outstanding. Behind her Joan Bracken in goals dealt capably with whatever came her way. Ursula Hussey was a real thorn in the side of Loughrea in spite of carrying an injury. Her personal tally of 1-3 speaks for itself. Eimear Farrell had the game of her life in the middle of the field. Charmaine Cooney whether at midfield or in attack



The Convent of Mercy, Roscommon junior camogie team who won the Connacht camogie title defeating St. Raphael's, Loughrea 2-3 to 0-4 in the final. Pic.: Ger O'Loughlin

In the interim we saw the total domination of Connacht and All-Ireland Colleges camogie by St. Raphael's, Loughrea. The Galway school has won the provincial senior title for the last ten years and the junior title from 1984 to 1990. They were succeeded as Connacht junior champions by St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney in 1991 who went down narrowly in the All-Ireland final. This title success has been very warmly received in Roscommon as first St. Cuan's and then St. Raphael's fell to this powerful combination.

This was a tense closely fought contest with the issue being in doubt right up to the closing stages. The Roscommon girls settled to the task on hand and laid siege to the Loughrea goal right from the throw-in. They pounded the opposing defence but the scores would not come.

Then Loughrea broke free and their ace player Anne Hardiman recorded the opening score of the match — a point. The pressure was back on Roscommon. Was the Loughrea jinx going to strike again?

Loughrea's only reply was a point leaving the half-time score 2-0 to 0-2 in favour of Roscommon.

A fiercely determined Loughrea came out to contest the second half. They now had the advantage of the breeze and the incline but they were faced by an even more determined Roscommon defence each of whom had her moment of glory. Loughrea's only rewards in this half were two points from frees by Anne Hardiman. For their part Roscommon notched up three further points from the caman of Ursula Hussey.

When the final whistle blew at 2.09 p.m. there were sighs of relief followed by scenes of jubilation in the Roscommon camp. The nine year wait was worthwhile.

This was a real team performance. From goal-keeper Joan Bracken to full-forward Maria Hanley each girl played as if her dear life was at stake. As already mentioned the backs resisted the Loughrea onslaughts admirably but none more so than full-back Caroline

was superb. Deirdre Pierse came into her own when moved into the attack. Maria Hanley was constantly tormenting the Loughrea defence and was ably supported by Geraldine McCormack and Siobhan Weir. Carmel Murray entered the fray with the specific purpose of closing down Anne Hardiman. This she did to perfection.

It was a proud Maria Hanley who accepted the Connacht Colleges Trophy on behalf of her team. When the excitement dies down these girls will knuckle down to prepare for their All-Ireland semi-final against the Munster champions from Nenagh. This match has been fixed for Saturday, 14th March, at the Nenagh venue. If this same sense of purpose is displayed by these heroines from Roscommon then Nenagh watch out.

Team — Joan Bracken, Caroline Connaughton, Emer Kelly, Anna Nee, Ursula Cunningham, Ursula Hussey, Deirdre Pierse, Eimear Farrell, Siobhan Weir, Charmaine Cooney, Geraldine McCormack, Maria Hanley. Sub used: Carmel Murray.

Co. camogie

Leahy Park, Cashel is the venue for the National League game against old rivals Limerick on Sunday next at 2.30.

This game should prove to be the toughest in Tipperary's division with Cork and Offaly already taken care of. Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford games having still to be played, no stones will be left unturned on Sunday to take those two vital points.

Trials for the county minor team continued on Saturday last. Forty-two players were recalled from previous trials and this number was narrowed down to twenty-six on Saturday afternoon. The following players are asked to return on Saturday next at 4 p.m. to Durlas Og grounds, Thurles: Suzanne Kinally, Ciara Gaynor, Julia Whyte (Kilruane McDonagh), Louise Graham, Sharon Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris), Nichola Kennedy, Mandy Quigley, Marina Kiely (Roscrea), Joan Stakelum, Caroline Lee (Hollycross-Ballycahill), Miriam Maxwell, Madeline Hayes (Toomevara), Joanne Horgan, Caroline Buckley (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh), Catherine Hogan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Mary Doherty (Templemore), Gillian O'Neill, Dearbhla Quigley (Thurles), Maira Slattery, Sheila Coyne, Siorcha McDonnell (Burgess), Michelle Bulfin, Edel Keane, Silé Nash, Patricia Fitzgerald (Cashel), Catherine Bourke (Shannon Rovers).

The coach and selectors would like to thank all the players who turned up for trials some have great potential and are still underage for next year. Since then thanks also to the parents or club officials who brought those players to the trials it was much appreciated.

Facile win for Cork girls

CLARE 1-3, Cork 11-17

CLARE had no answer to Cork's dominance in this National Camogie League game in Clare yesterday.

The visitors were on top from the start and were 5-5 to 0-2 ahead at the interval. They continue where they left off in the second-half with a succession of excellent scores.

Liz O'Neill was Cork's top scorer with 5-5 while Therese O'Callaghan contributed 2-4 and Linda Mellerick 2-3.

Clare's lone goal came from Theresa Loughname.

U-18 c'ship semi-final — Cloughduv 3-9, Barryroe 3-1; JAL — Newcestown 9-3, Bishopstowen 0-2.

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Colaiste Bride are Camogie queens

COLAISTE BRIDE 2-4
LORETTO K'KENNY 1-3

A team fashioned in equal measures of bravery and skill visibly moulded into an unstoppable force in the final of the Leinster Col-

leges junior Camogie championships at Thomastown last Sat. when Enniscorthy's Colaiste Bride became provincial champions with

a narrow and hard-earned four-points (2-4 to 1-3) win over Loretto Convent, Kilkenny.

It is the first time that this particular title has come to rest at the school in the shadow of famed Vinegar Hill, though down the years Colaiste Bride has taken the provincial title in senior and minor grades.

The Enniscorthy girls' record of Played 4/Won 4 on their march to this season's title - and notching a massive 24 goals 15 pts. (conceding 4 gls. 9 pts.) in the process - gives rise to hopes of a major breakthrough that will see Colaiste Bride reach the All-Ireland final for the first time in 1992. Previously, their teams have all fallen at the All-Ireland semi stages.

Now, only famed St. Patrick's of Meatharaffelt, Co. Derry, who they meet in the penultimate match in the All-Ireland series, stand in their way of national glory. This match will be played at a Leinster venue within the next fortnight.

Glory goals from Marshallstown duo Laura Creane and team captain Mary Kehoe, along with crucial minors from Brenda Murphy (2) and one each from the aforementioned goalpoachers, did the trick.

Colaiste Bride had first use of a contrary crosswind, and then successfully fought a great battle in the last half to clinch the his-

toric win.

Congrats to all members of the panel, and also to their chief mentors Miss Hession, former school star Carmel Maguire and current senior team ace Josephine Fogarty, who have helped shape a very promising side worthy of following in the great tradition of Colaiste Bride teams since the school pioneered colleges Camogie in Wexford from 1969 onwards, and also, in more recent years, the outstanding feats of Buncloody's FCJ teams.

With stunning victories in earlier rounds over Borris VS, Maryfield College of Dublin, Rathdrum and now against the top Kilkenny side, Enniscorthy are deserved Camogie queens of Leinster.

COLAISTE BRIDE team - Theresa Jordan (Marshallstown); Ann O'Brien (Monageer); Rachel Hogan (Rathnure); Jean Quigley (Oylegate); Avis Nolan (M'geer); Orla Hernan (M'geer); Barbara Sluuds (O'gate); Elaine Murphy (M'geer); Brenda Murphy (M'geer); Mary Kehoe, capt. (Mar'town); Laura Creane (do.); Lorraine O'Leary (R'nure).

Subs. Una Doyle (R'nure); Theresa Westnott (Mar'town); Siobhan Keating; Finola Furlong (Enniscorthy); Aoife O'Connor (R'nure); Anna Hughes (M'geer); Margt. Breen (M'geer).

Junior colleges' final

THE Leinster post-primary schools junior camogie championship final takes place next Saturday at 2 p.m. in Grennan, Thomastown.

The Kilkenny interest in this match is provided by the Loreto secondary school. They will be playing the winners of the outstanding semi-final between the Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, and Rathdrum (Wicklow) vocational school. The Wexford school is strongly tipped to win this semi-final.

The Loreto secondary school first reached this final last year but were narrowly defeated by another Wexford school, F.C.J., Buncloody. Five players from the Loreto team are still eligible this year and they hope to gain some compensation by winning the title.

The local side contains two members of last year's All-Ireland winning Kilkenny minor team and many of the players have won All-Irelands at Féile na nGael and Community Games' level also.

The Loreto won the Leinster post-primary minor camogie championship final last year by defeating Mercy, Enniscorthy, and it will be basically the same players

who will be representing the two schools in this grade.

However, on that occasion the Enniscorthy team did not do themselves justice and could easily have won the game.

They have prepared much more thoroughly this year under the guidance of a new coach and as most of the team also play ladies' Gaelic football, it is certain that the Enniscorthy girls will be very fit. They also have an added incentive in that their senior team was defeated by the Loreto in this year's semi-final and they are determined to avenge this loss.

Loreto

Anne-Marie Butler (Freshford): Féile na nGael medal, 1990.

Deirdre Byrne (Freshford): Féile na nGael medals 1989, 1990; Leinster colleges' minor medal 1991.

Fiona Connery (Freshford): Leinster colleges' minor medal, 1991.

Caltriona Carey (Clara): All-Ireland minor medal, 1991; Community Games All-Ireland medal, 1990; Leinster colleges' minor medal, 1991.

Deirdre Costigan (Dicksboro): Leinster colleges minor medal, 1991.

Caltriona Delaney (Freshford): Féile na nGael medals 1989, 1990;

Leinster colleges' minor medal 1991.

Niamh Doran (Dicksboro): Leinster colleges' minor medal 1991.

Yvonne Dowling (Clara): Community Games All-Ireland medal, 1990; Leinster colleges' minor medal 1991.

Aisling Fitzpatrick (Lisdowney): Leinster colleges' minor medal, 1991.

Brid Foley (Clara): Leinster colleges' minor medal, 1991; Community Games All-Ireland medal 1990.

Brenda O'Reilly (Dicksboro): Leinster colleges' minor medal, 1991.

Niamh Phelan (Clara): All-Ireland minor medal, 1991; Community Games All-Ireland medal 1990; Leinster minor medal, 1991; Leinster colleges' minor medal 1991.

Kathleen Ryan (Freshford): Féile na nGael medals 1989, 1990; Leinster colleges' minor medal 1991.

Lisa Skehan (Lisdowney): Leinster colleges' minor medal 1991.

Anne-Marie Trait (Lisdowney): Leinster colleges' minor medal 1991.

Karena Walsh: Leinster colleges' minor medal 1991.

Anne Wall (Freshford): Féile na nGael medal, 1989; Leinster colleges' minor medal 1991.

Edel Anderson (O'Loughlin's), **Nicola Dooley** (do.), **Deirdre Doyle** (Dicksboro), **Aoife Lantigan** (Dicksboro).

Bravo, St. Brigid's

THE girls of St. Brigid's college really set the town agog when they won the Leinster senior camogie championship against city rivals, Loreto convent in a nailbiting encounter before a big crowd in Bennettsbridge on

Their Alma Mater can really be proud of their girls as they fought tooth and nail to bring back the Stuart cup to the school for the fifth time. Having failed at the same hurdle in 1990 and 1991 Callan were determined that fate was not going to deal them a nap hand of disappointment.

The 'People' report will give the match story as it happened, but I'm sure that one lady in particular was particularly pleased with Sunday's result, Mrs. Ann Dalton (Campion) figured on winning teams back in the heady days of the sixties when St. Brigid's won Leinster titles in 1961, 1962 and 1964.

Ann's daughter was a member of Sunday's victorious team. Sunday's win also brought back fond memories to the stars of the past like Ann Carroll, Olive Kinsella, Bea Donovan, Breda Somers (Barry) - stalwarts of the sixties. Even the stars of 1975 like the Downey twins and Deirdre Malone and Breda Power (Cahill) could not but be delighted with Sunday.

Another lady who would have gleaned tremendous pleasure also was Sister Marie Goretti (Superior) who was a medal winner back in the sixties - then she was the flying Miss Comerford.

Congrats to team trainer Angela Fitzgerald; ably assisted by teaching colleague Noelle O'Driscoll - the present Kilkenny camogie star.

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Brigid's bridge 17 year gap

St. Brigid's college . . . 1-7
Loreto convent 1-4

ST. BRIGID'S COLLEGE (Callan) bridged a near 20 year gap since their last success when they got the better of the Loreto convent (Kilkenny) in a tense and hard-fought Leinster post-primary schools senior camogie (Roinn A) final at Bennettsbridge on Sunday.

There was little or nothing between the teams entering the closing nine minutes. Then a long drive from near midfield by Sinead Millea caused confusion in the Loreto goal area, and Margaret Comerford nipped in and slammed the ball into the net.

That was a crushing blow for the losers, who fell three points behind at a vital stage in the game. To their credit,

they tried with all their might to save the day, but the best they could do was exchange a point with their flying opponents.

Seventeen years have passed since Brigid's last won this championships, in the days when the dynamic Downey twins, Ann and Angela were pupils at the school. The Kilkenny champions now tackle the Ulster champions from Armagh and this All-Ireland semi-final will be away on Saturday week.

The All-Ireland final has been pencilled in for late March.

In the region of 1,300 people turned out for this all-Kilkenny showdown. The occasion would appear to have inhibited some players, who did not perform up to scratch.

The losers opened backed by the wind. They got off to a flying start when Margaret Kavanagh goaled after five minutes. The winners hit back for three points from Sinead Millea to draw level.

Hard to make gains

Brigid's had a narrow escape six minutes later when their defence was breached by Imelda Kennedy, but her palmed effort for a goal came back into play off the crossbar. A late score from Sinead Costello left the Loreto 1-1 to 0-3 ahead at half-time.

Luck was with the winners from the start of the new half, because the wind gained in strength. However, with the elements and all behind them,

they found it hard to make gains against fiercely committed opponents.

It was score for score until Comerford's goal put Brigid's 1-6 to 1-3 clear with time running out. In a fast and furious finish, the winners kept their nerve in the face of a determined Loreto charge, and they pocketed the ticket into the semi-final.

The winners had uncompromising defenders in Catherine Kehoe and Mary Ann Cleere, while Tracy Millea was excellent in the way she marshalled the forces around her. Olive O'Sullivan got in a number of vital, ball winning tackles and Marie Maher worked very hard in a largely defensive role. Up front Sinead Millea took an awful lot of watching and Margaret Comerford

more than paid her way with the timely late goal.

The Loreto have played better in the past. They refused to accept defeat which was a credit to the spirit of the players.

St. Brigid's college: S. Millea (0-7, five frees); M. Comerford (1-0). **Loreto convent:** M. Kavanagh (1-0); S. Costello, I. Kennedy (0-2 each).

St. Brigid's college: A. Comerford, M. Brennan, C. Kehoe, M. A. Cleere, T. Millea (captain), O. O'Sullivan, E. Moloney, M. Maher, M. Comerford, B. Maher, J. Sweeney, S. Millea. Sub: E. Walsh.

Loreto convent: C. Comerford, P. Dowling, C. Carry, M. Hickey, N. Tynan, M. Murphy, S. Costello, J. Dowling, C. Muldowney, H. Butler, I. Kennedy, M. Kavanagh. Sub: N. Phelan.

Referee: P. Conway (Mooncoin).



Good Save St. Brigid's (Callan) goalkeeper Aine Comerford makes a good save during the Leinster Colleges senior camogie final at Bennettsbridge. Photo: Tom Best

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Leinster Senior Camogie Champions 1991 . . . St. Brigid's College, Callan who defeated Loreto, Kilkenny in the Leinster final of the Colleges senior camogie championship at Bennettsbridge on Sunday. In front (from left): Marie Maher, Eleanor Walsh, Olive O'Sullivan, Catherine Keogh, Tracey Millea (capt.), Sinead Millea, Janette Sweeney, Brenda Maher, Ethel Ann Moloney. Behind: Mary Brennan, Nicky Rice, Frances Holohan, Marie Ann Cleere, Margaret Comerford, Aine Comerford, Caroline Campion, Angela O'Carroll, Aileen Dunphy, Angela Fitzgerald (coach)

Photo: Tom Brett



Loreto's Convent Junior Camogie Team - Finalists in the Leinster Final on Sunday. Front Row: Deirdre Costigan (Ballyfoyle), Edel Anderson (Maudlin St.), Kathleen Ryan (Freshford), Anne Walsh (Freshford) Capt., Nicola Dooley (Lacken Drive), Deirdre Byrne (Freshford), Deirdre Doyle (Bennettsbridge). Second Row: Aisling Fitzpatrick (Ballyragget), Lisa Skehan (Lisdowney), Aoife O'Connell (Newpark), Rachel McEvoy (Shelmalistrath), Caitriona Delaney (Freshford), Brid Foley (Clara), Brenda O'Reilly (Archer's Avenue), Fiona Connery (Jeninstown). Back Row: A. M. O'Neil (Keatingstown), Niamh Doran (Glendine), Karen Walsh (Ballyragget), Niamh Phelan (Clara), Eavan Dowling (Highrath), A. M. Butler (Freshford). Absent: Caitriona Carey (Gowran).

Photo: Michael Brophy

Juniors show promise

Kilkenny..... 3-11
Wexford..... 0-4

KILKENNY junior camogie team scored a fine win over Wexford in the National League at Dicksboro's ground on Sunday.

Kay Dunphy opened the scoring for the home side. This was followed by a great point from Siobhán Dooley, who enjoyed her first junior game. Wexford scored their opening point in the 12th minute. Mary McGrath, who was one of Kilkenny's best scored her first point. Wexford had another point in the 17th minute.

Patricia O'Keeffe, a minor medal winner last year, scored two points in four minutes. Mary McGrath finished the first half with a point to leave the interval score Kilkenny 0-6; Wexford 0-2.

The winners started the second half in blistering form. Ann Marie Hughes scored 1-1 and Mary McGrath a point. They then introduced subs. Paula Cant-

well for Kennedy and Margaret Comerford for Hughes. Cantwell was on five minutes when she scored a good goal. Siobhán Dooley and Mary McGrath pointed before Wexford had their opening point of the half.

Mary McGrath larded a good goal in the 24th minute. Patricia O'Keeffe and Kay Dunphy added points. Wexford had a late point.

Helen McGrath got little to do in the Kilkenny goal. The defence played well. Paula Dowling had the game of her life. The winners were on top at midfield, where Marie Maher was outstanding. Mary McGrath and Patricia O'Keeffe were ably assisted by Imelda Kennedy. Ann Marie Hughes was sharp in attack.

Kilkenny: Helen McGrath, Paula Cantwell, Esther Kennedy, Joan Aylward, Sinead Costello, Siobhán Dooley (0-2), Kay Dunphy (0-2), Marie Maher, Ann Marie Hughes (1-1), Patricia O'Keeffe (0-3), Mary McGrath (1-3), Imelda Kennedy. Subs: Paula Cantwell (1-0), Margaret Comerford.

Camogie lift off

THE intercounty camogie season opens on Sunday with the start of the National League. With the semi-finals of the All-Ireland colleges senior championship, and the annual challenge between the combined universities and the combined colleges also scheduled, this will make for a very busy weekend.

The most attractive League fixture is the clash of All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny and neighbours, Wexford.

All-Ireland colleges champions, St Raphaels, Loughrea, who collected their eighth consecutive Connacht Colleges senior title last month, face St Patrick's, Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final at Loughrea on Saturday. St Patrick's, who won the title in 1981, came through a stern test in Munster, but will definitely be the outsiders.

Armagh College for Further Education meet St Brigid's, Callan in the second semi-final.

FIXTURES

Saturday

All Ireland Colleges

Senior Semi-Finals

Ballymacnab (1-0): Armagh SA College v St Brigid's, Callan.
Loughrea (3-0): St Raphael's, Loughrea v St Patrick's, Cork.

Corn Uí Mhaolagáin

University of Limerick (1-0): Combined Universities v Combined Colleges.
Sunday
National Leagues: Dublin v Antrim, Kildare v Galway; Kilkenny v Wexford.

In camogie league final

While St. Mary's Nenagh have their sights set on retaining the All-Ireland junior colleges camogie title, the seniors are not doing to badly either. On Tuesday they qualified to meet Charleville in the Munster league final, when defeating a fancied Scariff side 5-5 to 0-3.

Team and scorers were: Christine Kennedy, Marie Hogan, Claire Madden (capt), Maureen Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Anne Marie Ryan, Alison Lawlor (2-0), Orla Hogan (1-1), Marie Ryan, Aine Hogan (1-1), Noelle Kennedy (0-3) and Madeline Hayes (1-0).



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St. Brigid's College, Callan captain Treacy Miller hoists the trophy aloft after her team won the Leinster colleges senior camogie final at Nettsbridge on Sunday.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

LOUGHREA: Galway 2-0 (J. Hobbs 1-1, A. Ryan 0-3, D. Costello 1-0, E. Hardiman 0-1). Dublin 1-0 (M. Connell 1-1, G. Dunne 0-3, P. Finnegan 0-2, A. Cooper and L. Lynch 0-1 each).

Red hot Curry saves Dubs

IN difficult weather conditions last Sunday afternoon, Dublin were very relieved to travel home from Galway with a point following their National Senior League draw with Galway.

And the major reason why they secured a draw was the brilliant performance of their young gifted goalkeeper, Louise Curry, who endured an extremely busy hour.

Marie Connell secured Dublin's lone goal in their 1-8 total against Galway's 2-5. At one stage, it looked pretty bleak for the Dubs as they trailed by six points in the second half.

They displayed spirit and grit to force equality in a tremendously exciting second period, but Galway missed two late close-in frees that would have granted them victory.

Dublin now must beat Kildare away on May 10th as they seek to qualify for the latter stages of the competition. Kildare have already defeated Galway, who proved more than a handful for a Dublin team which overcame Antrim in their first assignment.

Dublin chief, Judy Doyle, was more than happy to escape from the West with something in the account. "We were in trouble to say the least," she admitted. "Galway were very strong, and they ran all over the place, backing each other up."

"We missed three good goal chances in the opening half, and were punished for it. That left us five points down at the break, but we had a lot of possession on the resumption with the breeze."

"I can't say I'm happy with the performance. We have a lot

CAMOGIE NEWS

By Niall Scully

more work to do. I hope to get stuck in after Easter when the club commitments on the players have lessened. It's difficult at the moment with the Championship in full swing," comments Judy.

Dublin's plight was not helped by Ann Cooper coming off with a shoulder injury. They went into the match without the services of ankle-injury victim, Karen Bauer, but there were some positive contributions to ponder.

Louise Lynch was excellent in attack, while Mary Dwane, in defence, and midfielder, Pat Finneran, accomplished much, particularly in the second half.

Ruth Lyons, as ever, worked

like a bee, and Carmel Gray sent in some intelligent, telling deliveries. Ger Dunne proved her accuracy from the placed ball, directing over three frees.

Yet Curry was the thought that dominated the journey home, and the girls weren't even thinking of food!

The Dubs scorers were Marie Connell (1-1), Ger Dunne (0-3), Pat Finneran (0-2), Louise Lynch (0-1), Ann Cooper (0-1).

Long trip pays off for Kildare

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP By P. J. FULHAM

KILDARE turned in a magnificent performance when they made the long trip to Glenravel and beat Antrim in the National Senior League.

The Leinster county led 2-5 to 2-0 at the interval and they maintained their superiority in the second half to emerge the winners by 4-11 to 2-1.

Kildare, who were best served by Anna Gargan, Therese Farrelly, Phyllis Banbury, seem to have found their footing in Senior ranks and are now in the top pool.

Their scorers were M. Malone (2-2), B. Farrelly (1-4), M. Johnson (1-2) and R. Merriman (0-3).

SISTERS STAR

The four Treacy sisters made a major contribution as the Kildare juniors completed a double over Antrim in a keenly contested game. The final score was Kildare 2-2, Antrim 1-2.

Dublin shared the points with Galway in a Senior League tie at Loughrea. Galway had the better of the exchanges in the first half and looked as if they might take their first brace of points at half time when they led by 2-3 to 0-5.

In the second half Dub-

lin stormed back, holding the Galway girls to a single point. Defenders Grace O'Neill, Mary Mernagh and Cathy Welsh starred under pressure... centre field partners Pat Finneran and Ruth Lyons gave star performances... and Anne Cooper played a captain's part.

Scorers for Dublin were M. Connell (1-0), G. Dunne, P. Finneran, L. Lynch (0-2 each), A. Cooper (0-1).

Offaly collected a further two points from Wexford in the National Junior League game at Bunclody. Offaly led 2-3 to 1-2 at half time but after the interval the Wexford defence could not contain a strong Offaly attack which picked off some well taken scores to run out easy winners by 3-10 to 1-2.

Offaly were best served by Brigid Rosney, Eileen and Honor Kinsella, Mich-

elle Davis and Dympha White. Best for Wexford were Geraldine O'Grady, Maura Codd, Marion O'Leary and Orlagh O'Leary.

On Sunday Kilkenny are away to old rivals Cork in the National Senior League. Title holders Cork had a runaway victory over Clare in their first outing while Kilkenny secured two points from Wexford. With both sides fielding full strength it is sure to be a close and entertaining encounter.

RESULTS

All Ireland Senior Colleges Camogie Finals - Senior - St Raphael's Loughrea 7-5; St Brigid's Callan 2-4. Junior - St Mary's Nenagh 2-5; St Mary's Magherafelt 2-5.

Gaynor in for Nenagh

ALL-IRELAND Colleges Junior champions Nenagh will be at home to Mercy, Roscommon in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Colleges camogie championships on Saturday.

Nenagh looked vulnerable in the final of the Munster Championship against St Mary's, Middleton, and could only manage a draw — but they certainly regained their form for the replay and finished with six goals to spare.

Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Shiela Kyne, Madeline Hayes and Sarah Madden remain from Nenagh's All-Ireland winning team. They are joined by a very promising young player, Ciara Gaynor, daughter of former Tipperary hurler Len Gaynor.

Mercy, Roscommon ousted big names St Cuan's, Castleblakeney, and St Raphael's, Loughrea on their way to their sixth Connacht junior title. All-Ireland cham-

pions in 1983, the Roscommon team include Ursula Hussey, Caroline Connaughton, Maria Hanley and Charmaine Cooney, who could pose problems for Nenagh.

Rita Moran, a former All-Ireland senior medal holder with Antrim, will bring her team, St Mary's, Magherafelt, practically the length of the country to meet Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy in the second semi-final. Lisa Dissley, Clare Brown, Emer Burton, Ailish O'Neill and Niamh Trolan fashioned a 19-point victory over Keady in the Ulster final, and are hopeful of going further.

Heartened by a fine win over the fancied Loreto, Kilkenny side Colaiste Bride are eagerly looking

forward to the contest. This high-scoring side has a total of 24 goals and 15 points in their four championship matches to date. Laura Cranney, Mary Kehoe, Brenda Murphy and Lorraine O'Leary plan to add a few more scores on Saturday.

Cork, the 1991 senior league champions, make their debut in the current campaign against Clare on Sunday. Eleven of Cork's All-Ireland team are available for selection.

FIXTURES

Saturday
All Ireland Colleges Junior Championship
Semi-Finals: At Nenagh (2.0) — St Mary's, Nenagh v. Mercy, Roscommon; At Enniscorthy (2.0) Colaiste Bride v. St Mary's, Magherafelt.

Sunday
National League: Senior — Clare v. Cork; Junior — Derry v. Donegal; Roscommon v. Tyrone; Tipperary v. Limerick; Fermanagh v. Cavan.

Ticket into final cost St. Brigid's £700

St. Brigid's 3-4
 Armagh College 1-4

IT WAS a costly undertaking and, in all, match expenses came to around £700, but the dashing girls from St. Brigid's College (Callan) proved they were worth their weight in gold when they swept past a skilful Armagh College of Further Education to march through to the All-Ireland post-primary schools' senior camogie final.

A goal 12 minutes from the end by Brenda Maher, her second of the match, finally nailed the Northerners, who were growing in confidence and preparing for a big late surge to save the day.

Boosted by their third goal, St. Brigid's regrouped strongly, and with the addition of a further point from star performer Sinéad Millea put the match and ticket into the final against St. Raphael's (Galway) out of the reach of the Northerners.

The decider will be played on Saturday, April 4, but no venue has been agreed. Interesting to note that in their last bid for All-Ireland honours, way back in 1975, St. Brigid's were beaten by the Galway champions.

In Saturday's test at Blackwater, the heavy conditions didn't really suit the visitors, but they still managed to improve on their showing in the provincial final.

In the helter-skelter opening exchanges, St. Brigid's 'keeper, Aine Comerford, proved her mettle and kept out a few sizzling shots that would have given Armagh a terrific start. She couldn't prevent the losers opening the scoring with a point, but they weren't long away before Sinéad Millea landed the equaliser.

In front

The St. Brigid's (Ballycallan) girl shot the Leinster champions in front minutes later, and then she left the home defence for dead when she nipped through to score a first class palmed goal (1-2 to 0-1).

The talented Armagh girls came back for a goal and a point from Karen Kelly and Donna McCusker respectively to level at 1-2 each four minutes off the rest.

With what advantage the largely cross-fed wind was giving, the Kilkenny girls looked in a spot of trouble. However, they remained cool and in control, and just on half-time Brenda Maher whipped a tremendous ground shot to the net to give them something worthwhile in hand at half-way (2-2 to 1-2).

Defences were on top during the closing half, and

anything that was going up front was hard earned. Scoring opportunities were at a premium, and after 15 minutes the sides had only grudgingly conceded one point each.

With the contest finely balanced, an opening fell to young Maher. She swept the ball into the net to put her side on the road to victory and, at the same time, put a mountainous task in front of Armagh.

After that, St. Brigid's never looked like losing, although they had to be careful right to the end. As suggested already, the early contribution of 'keeper Aine Comerford was vitally important and her clearances were always well placed.

Against odds

Tracey Millea was an inspiring figure in the heart of the defence, and she defied the very best Armagh could throw at her. On occasions she switched with full-back Catherine Kehoe without either losing their effectiveness within the disciplined team structure. Olive O'Sullivan won a lot of possession against the odds and channelled it through to the forwards.

Armagh just couldn't contain the delightful Sinéad Millea up front. They were at sixes-and-sevens every time she gained possession, and when she didn't apply a finish in the shape of a score, she distributed to a better placed colleague.

In such circumstances Brenda Maher found a little more space than she might have expected, and she crucified the opposition by shooting a pair of good goals. Marie Maher was another who hit the high spots.

In Donna McCusker the losers had a player of genuine class. She received tremendous support from Paula Mallon, Joanne O'Hehir, Karen Kelly and Brenda McCusker.

St. Brigid's College - Aine Comerford (St. Brigid's, Ballycallan); Mary Brennan (Lisdowney); Catherine Kehoe (St. Brigid's); Marie-Ann Cleere (Tullaroan); Tracey Millea (St. Brigid's); Olive O'Sullivan (St. Brigid's); Ethel-Ann Moloney (Shamrocks); Margaret Comerford (St. Brigid's); Brenda Maher (Tullaroan); Janet

Sweeney (Tullaroan); Sinéad Millea (St. Brigid's).

Armagh College - Helen Moore, Paula Mallon, Helen McKeown, Geraldine Haughey, Brenda Hughes, Joanne O'Hehir, Donna McCusker, Karen Kelly, Brendan McCusker, Deirdre Connolly, Joan Rice, Shauna Gribbon.

P.S. - The reason it cost St. Brigid's so much to fulfil the fixture was the match involved an overnight stay in Dundalk on Friday.

A touch of promise!

Kilkenny 2-10
 Wexford 1-5

WHATEVER about their future progress in the National Camogie League, the new look Kilkenny team did a lot for their public image in front of a great home following at Dicksboro on Sunday when they beat Wexford in the senior competition.

Wexford looked set for a clear run when they opened the game with a well-taken goal by Siobhain Dunne. Playing with the good wind, Kilkenny started to take their points and with ten minutes of the half remaining, Sinéad Millea crossed superbly from the wing and Mary McGrath finished the ball to the net.

The half-time score was: Kilkenny 1-5; Wexford 1-2.

All through the first half the winners gave as good as they got, and on resuming they were more determined in their approach. Tracey Millea and Jillian Dillon moved to centrefield with Marina Downey. The trio cut off the supply to the Wexford forward line.

With Bridget Millea in a roving role and meshing well with Sinéad Millea, Kilkenny began to get a firm grip on the game. The home back line was determined, ably led by new captain Deirdre Malone, and the welcome return of Bridie McGarry. Kilkenny ran out worthy winners.

While there will be due recognition of the excellent performance by Kilkenny, there must also be a degree of reality.

The League for Kilkenny is a time for building. This year more than ever Tom Ryan and his selectors will have a long, uphill battle. But a lot of heart can be taken from a fine performance from this relatively young side.

● Scorers:

Kilkenny: Ann Downey (1-5), Marina Downey (0-2), Sinéad Millea (0-2), Mary McGrath (1-0). Wexford: S. Dunne (1-2), A.M. O'Connor (0-2), A. Reddy (0-1).

Interesting double header at Ballyanley

Camogie followers should enjoy an interesting double header at Ballyanley on Sunday, when both the 1991 U-18 Championship and Junior 'B' League finals will be decided.

In the U-18 final, Cloughduv and Newcestown will be in opposition, while in the Junior 'B' League final, St. Finbarr's clash with Sarsfields.

On form Cloughduv go into the game as strong favourites. They are a strong all round side with fine victories over Bishopstown, Killeagh and Barryroe behind them. They will be spearheaded by the Dunlea sisters Lyn, Stephanie and Hilda, Ann Marie Healy and Colette Dennehy and if these girls play to their usual form it is difficult to see them being halted.

Newcestown, however, will have other ideas. In their path to the final they had very impressive victories over Courcy Rovers, Fr. O'Neill's and a fancied Kilbrittain side. During these games players like Antoinette O'Connell, Yvonne O'Callaghan and Niamh Crowley played major roles and if these girls find form again we could have a close contest.

In the second game St. Finbarr's will be fancied to take the honours. They have already won the championship and will be anxious to make it a double. However, they face formidable opposition in Sars. Both these sides met in the championship late last year and the Barrs had to fight very hard before eventually coming out on top. On Sunday it is expected to be no different with another close game on the cards.

FIXTURES

U-18 Championship Final 1991, Cloughduv v Newcestown, Ballyanley 3.30. JBFL Final 1991, St. Finbarr's v Sarsfields, Ballyanley, 2.30. Ref. Mary McSweeney.

Spotlight on u-18 championship

THE Under-18 Championship has now reached the quarter-final stage and on Sunday next these four games will be decided.

Pick of these games must surely be the clash of Cloughdub and Killeagh at the latter's grounds. In last season's Under-18 Championship, Killeagh narrowly defeated Cloughdub so no doubt this time out the Mid-Cork side will be very anxious to get revenge. They are a very experienced side and indeed are fancied by many to take the eventual honours. They can call on the experience of Lyn Dunlea as well as her sister Stephanie, Ann Marie Healy and Colette Dennehy and if these girls play to form it is difficult to see them being halted but Killeagh are always a very difficult side to overcome, especially on home ground, and if these players, Evelyn Leahy, Siobhán Aberne, Mary O'Connor and the Kirby sisters produce the goods then it could be neck and neck to the final whistle.

At the Barrs the home club and Barryroe will be in action and here we should have another close game. The Barrs looked in good form in their vic-

tories over Aghabullogue and Watergrasshill in earlier games but this time face a tough challenge in Barryroe. The West Cork club were defeated in last year's final and no doubt will be very determined to go all the way this season. They have fine performers in Cora and Sharon Keohane, Michelle Fleming and Denise Walsh but these girls will certainly not get things easy from a Barrs side that will be looking to players like Edel Kelleher, Janice Duffy, Claire Barry and Vivienne Grainger to carry them through.

At Kilbrittain, Inniscarra and the home club will be in opposition and here Kilbrittain will be expected to advance. They have made great strides in camogie in recent times with the winning of the Junior "A" Championship and reaching the finals of the Junior "B" and Under-16 Championships.

FIXTURES

Sunday, March 8

Under-18 Championship Quarter-finals

Cloughdub v. Killeagh, at Killeagh, at 2.30 p.m. (ref. Midleton).

Barryroe v. St. Finbarrs, at St. Finbarrs, at 2.30 p.m. (ref. Tracey Sheehan).

Inniscarra v. Kilbrittain, at Kilbrittain, at 12 noon (ref. Bandon).

Fr. O'Neills v. Newcestown, at Fr. O'Neills, at 2.30 p.m. (ref. Sarsfields).



Cloughdub who defeated Newcestown 5-7 to 1-4 in the Cork County U-18 Camogie Championship final at Ballyanley.

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Double header

ON Sunday next at Ballyanley, there will be an interesting double header which will see Cloughdub and Newcestown in opposition in the 1991 U-18 championship final at 3 p.m., while as a curtain raiser St. Finbarr's and Sarsfields will contest the 1991 Junior "B" League final at 2.30 p.m.

The remainder of the week will see the Senior League commence with a number of interesting games listed.

Sunday's U-18 final will see two neighbouring clubs, Cloughdub and Newcestown in opposition and this game promises to be a cracking contest between two excellent sides.

Many will fancy Cloughdub to take the honours but Newcestown looked in fine form last Sunday when they defeated a fancied Kilbrittain side in the semi-final, so no doubt

this game promises to be a close contest.

ROUTE

In route to the final, Cloughdub defeated Bishopstown, Killeagh and Barryroe. During these games, the mid-Cork side looked to be strong all round with marvellous performers in Lyn and Stephanie Dunlea, Colette Dennehy and Ann Maria Healy and if these girls produce the goods again on Sunday, it is difficult to see them being halted.

Newcestown's path to the final included victories over Courcy Rovers, Fr. O'Neill's and Kilbrittain. During these games they played with tremendous determination and certainly will not be easily overcome. They will be looking to the experience of Antoinette O'Connell, Niamh Crowley and Yvonne O'Callaghan to carry

them through and if these girls come up trumps, it could be neck and neck to the final whistle.

CLOSE

The League final between Sars and the Barrs promises to be another close contest. Both these sides met in the championship earlier in the season when the Barrs after a hard fought game came out on top and next Sunday's clash promises to be no different with another hard fought game on the cards.

The Barrs have already won the championship and because of this will be fancied to take the honours, but there is no doubt that they face strong opposition in Sars. The Barrs have fine performers in Sandra O'Donovan, Maria O'Sullivan, Alice O'Donovan, Edel Kelleh-

era and Colleen O'Leary, while Sars will be looking to players like Eileen Twomey and the Barry sisters, Eithne and Maria to carry them through.

FIXTURES

Sunday, April 5: U-18 championship final, Cloughdub v Newcestown (venue to be decided) at 3.30 p.m. (Ref. C. O'Mahony); Junior "B" League final, 1991, St. Finbarrs v Sarsfields (venue to be decided) at 2.30 p.m. (Ref. M. McSweeney); Senior League, Fr. O'Neill's v Bishopstown at Fr. O'Neill's (Ref. Killeagh); Glen Rovers v Na Piar-saigh at Glen Rovers at 6.30 p.m. (Ref. Brian Dillons).

Wednesday, April 8: Senior League 1992, Sarsfields v Killeagh at Killeagh at 6.45 p.m. (Ref. Fr. O'Neill's).

Cloughdub too strong

Cloughdub 5-7
Newcestown 1-4
CLOUGHDUB proved far too accomplished for Newcestown in this 1991 U-18 Camogie championship final at Ballyanley yesterday. The feature of the game was the scoring prowess of Lynn Dunlea, who contributed 5-6 of the winners total, 0-4 from frees.

Dunlea got Cloughdub off to a tonic start with a goal in the sixth minute and she again found the net after 20 and 23 minutes to give her side a commanding 3-4 to 0-2 interval lead. Cloughdub continued to dominate after the re-start and Dunlea capped a marvellous performance with further goals in the 38th and 40th minutes.

Scorers for Cloughdub: L. Dunlea 5-6 (0-4 frees); E. O'Sullivan 0-1.

Newcestown: Y. O'Callaghan 1-1; C. Long, M. Kieley and L. Crowley 0-1 each. CLOUGHDUB: H. Dunlea, S. Corkery, A. Healy, S. McCarthy, K. Donoghue, S. Dunlea, M. Corkery, S. Buttner, E. Bradley, C. Dennehy, L. Dunlea, E. Sullivan.

NEWCESTOWN: C. O'Donovan, D. Holland, M. Desmond, N. Crowley, Y. O'Callaghan, T. O'Callaghan, M. Desmond, M. Canty, C. Long, M. Kieley, A. O'Connell, L. Crowley.

Referee: C. O'Mahony.
●1991 league final: St. Finbarrs 2-2 Sarsfields 0-4.

Time for the Annual Congress

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OVER the coming weekend the Annual Congress of Cumann Camógaíochta Na nGael will be held in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan Town, commencing tomorrow morning. At local level the second of the Under-18 Championship semi-finals will be decided between Kilbrittain and Newcestown, while the remainder of the weekend will see a number of outstanding league games decided.

When Central Council will resume their activities after the Annual Congress this weekend, one familiar face will be missing from meetings and that is Cork's Mary Moran who, after 20 years' service on Central Council and ten years as PRO of the Association, has decided not to seek re-election.

The following tribute to Mary was made by Árd Rúnaí, Síle Wallace, in her report to Congress:

"It is difficult to do justice to Maire's contribution. Mary has travelled extensively throughout the country on behalf of Camógaíocht, and must be the most informed person in the Association regarding the players whom she has seen through their college years up to inter-county level. Despite the demands on her time — Comhairle na nIarbhun-scoileanna, Coláistí na Mumhan, National Coach, PRO — no task is either too great or too small for Maire.

"Apart from writing weekly and monthly articles for newspapers and other publications, Maire contributed to all of the All-Ireland programmes, compiled and up-dated the competition statistics since 1991, compiled the Colleges' History, co-operated with Aine Ni

Chearlú in the production of Coaching Book I and prepared and published Coaching Book II. She has provided us with her photographs on many an occasion and is, indeed a prize-winning photographer."

MOTIONS

There are a big number of motions down for discussion at Congress including one from Kilkenny asking for 15-a-side instead of 12, while the question of banding on hurleys comes up once again for debate.

On the playing front we should have a close encounter in store when near neighbours Kilbrittain and Newcestown meet in the semi-final of the Under-18 Championship. On form Kilbrittain will probably be slightly favoured to advance. They appear to be the more experienced side with marvellous players in Miriam Deasy and Niamh O'Mahony, but these girls will certainly not get things easy from a Newcestown side that can call on players of the calibre of Antoinette O'Connell, Yvonne

O'Callaghan and Niamh Crowley.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY, March 29

Senior League '90 — Sarsfields v Bishopstown at Sarsfields, 12 noon. Ref. Fr. O'Neill.

Under-18 Championship Semi-final — Kilbrittain v Newcestown (venue not yet known). Ref. Mary McSweeney.

Under-16 League '91 — Eire Óg v Inniscarra at Inniscarra, 12 noon. Ref. Eire Óg; Mayfield v Na Píarsaigh at Na Píarsaigh, 3.30 p.m. Ref. Mayfield.

'Frying pan' to get chop from camogie 'keepers

SUPPORT for the lifting of the ban on using metallic banding on sticks has been growing in recent years.

The high cost of sticks and the ease with which they break has forced many to change their views on the subject.

Four years ago a motion to remove the restriction on banding was defeated by the smallest margin. Yet, it may well go at next weekend's Annual Congress in Monaghan as provincial secretaries' reports show strong support for its removal from Leinster, Munster and Connacht.

The size of the goalkeeper's stick has given rise to controversy and a motion has been tabled to limit the width of the bas to 13cm, thus excluding "frying pan" versions which are seen from time to time.

In 1988, Kilkenny sought to change the measurements of the playing pitch and to increase the playing strength of each team from 12 to 15.

Their proposals led to lively debate but fell because a vital motion had been omitted from the list supplied.

Kilkenny have introduced their proposal again and also seek to play the 1993 and 1994 National Leagues and inter-provincial matches on full-size GAA pitches with 15-a-side.

Kilkenny suggest the same team formation as used in hurling while Clare put forward the idea of a 16-a-side game.

Following 10 years in the post of National PRO, Mary Moran has decided not to seek re-election. Nominated to fill the position is P J Fulham of Westmeath.

New-style camogie gets the go-ahead

AT the annual Camogie Congress held in Monaghan over the weekend, delegates gave the go-ahead for a dramatic change in the sport.

A motion tabled by Kilkenny, that during '93 and '94, national junior and senior leagues and inter-provincial competitions have 15 players a side instead of the usual 12,

to be implemented as a test series, and games to be played on a playing pitch of GAA dimensions, got through on a narrow margin.

Delegates also gave the go-ahead for the banding of hurleys with a metallic substance which was previously prohibited.

Monaghan stages camogie Congress

THE rule prohibiting metallic banding on camogie sticks has been a bone of contention for many years. Those who favour the removal of the ban point to the high cost of sticks and the ease of breakage. Fear of injury to players is the ground for retaining the ban. When this matter was last discussed at Congress, a motion to delete the rule failed by the narrowest possible margin.

Thirteen counties have tabled motions to annual

Congress which will be held in Monaghan at the weekend to alter this rule. Most seek to permit the use of metallic banding provided that the stick is well covered by adhesive tape.

In recent years some goalkeepers have lined out with sticks which have a huge bas. This matter will also be dealt with at the weekend.

A motion to limit the width of the goalkeeper's stick to 13 centimeters should receive good sup-

port.

In 1988 Kilkenny sought to increase the measurements of the playing pitch and to enlarge a team from 12 to 15 players. They staged a pilot scheme using top inter-county teams to make their point.

Their proposals gave rise to lively debate but had to be withdrawn due to an error in tabling the required motions. They plan to reintroduce their idea and suggest that the 1993 and 1994 National League and interprovin-

cial matches should be played on full size GAA pitches with 15 players aside.

Kilkenny propose to use the same team formation as in hurling.

Congress will see one change in personnel. Mary Moran, who has held the position of National PRO for the past ten years is not seeking re-election. The only nomination for the post is that of P J Fulham of Westmeath.

Fixtures: 28th-29th March: annual Congress at Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan.

MARCH 1992

National Irish Bank G.A.A. Personality of the Month

ANN DOWNEY (KILKENNY) - CAMOGIE

Ann Downey of Kilkenny, who won her 11th All Ireland Senior medal last year has been named as "The Camogie Player of the Year" for 1991 and Peter McAuley of Louth, the reigning All Ireland Senior Handball champion has been named as the "The Handballer of the Year" for 1991.

Both were presented with their National Irish Bank awards at a lunch in Dublin.

ANN DOWNEY - Ann, who comes from one of Kilkenny's most famous sporting families, had probably one of her best years in camogie as she helped Kilkenny to their seventh successive win in the All Ireland Senior Championship.

An outstanding midfielder and a prolific scorer, she was a member of the Kilkenny side which won the country's first All Ireland Senior title in 1974 and with her twin Angela, has been a regular on the side since then.

By winning her 11th All Ireland Senior medal last September in the memorable final win over Cork, she is now, with her sister Angela, third in the list of all-time All Ireland medal winners behind Kathleen Mills (15) and Una O'Connor (13).

PETER McAULEY (LOUTH) - HANDBALL

PETER McAULEY - Generally regarded as one of the most exciting young prospects in handball, Peter, from the O'Raghallaigh's Club in Drogheda, is the reigning All Ireland Senior Handball champion and is also the holder of 10 All Ireland titles in grades from Under 15 upwards in the three codes, 40 x 20, 60 x 30 and handball. He became All Ireland Senior Handball champion for the first time in 1990.

Peter also has a remarkable international record. In 1984 he won the United States Under 15 title and two years later he became the World's Under 17 champion. In 1991 he became the United States Under 23 champion. At Melbourne, Australia in 1988 he was a semi-finalist in the World's Championships at which he was voted "The Player of the Tournament" and later that year he was a finalist in the United States Under 19 Championships in San Francisco.

Last year, in addition to winning the All Ireland Senior Handball title, he was also runner-up in the World's Under 23 Championship at Phoenix, Arizona.



At the National Irish Bank G.A.A. Personality of the Month Awards were, from left to right: Peter McAuley - Handball - Patricia O'Sullivan Lacy (National Irish Bank), Enda McGowan (National Irish Bank) and Ann Downey - Camogie



G.A.A. personalities received National Irish bank awards recently. Camogie player Ann Downey (right), Kilkenny, received an award and is pictured with Patricia O'Sullivan Lacy, National Irish Bank. Ann was chosen as the camogie player of the year for 1991.

TARA CAMOGIE CLUB was formed in 1986 by Carmel and Majella O'Neill. The four in club, it has proved to be one of the forerunners of camogie in London, with players drawn from all corners of Ireland and London as well.

Skilful play, fitness and determination helped Tara in 1991 to win their third successive Championship title and fifth successive League title. The club took part in the All-Ireland 7 a-side in September succumbing to Buffers Alley in extra time at the Quarter Final stage, but had reason to celebrate when Breda Kelly, who hails from Cork, was awarded "Player of the Tournament."

October saw Tara competing in the All-Ireland Club Championship, the very first club to represent London in this Competition, and although Tara came out losers to Mullagh, Galway they acquitted themselves well, giving a spirited and skilful performance.

Over the years many players from the club have represented London County and also had the honour of providing the London Team Captain in 1990. Clare girl Brenda Daffy and Breda Kelly in 1991.

From the very first game to present day many factors have contributed to the success of the club but by far the most important was the great spirit which was engendered by the original members and nurtured through the years.

Tara Camogie club is highly appreciative of the generous backing given by supporters, sponsors and advertisers over the past six years.



Back Row (l. to r.): Carmel O'Neill (Chairperson), Mary O'Sullivan, Mary Gilligan (Vice-Captain), Majella O'Neill, Mary Theresa Gill, Kay Kelly, Anne McEnery, Marie McConnon, Tommy McConnon (Selector).

Middle Row (l. to r.): Rita Clancy, Anne Freaney, Anne Hehir, Mary Daly, Breda Kelly, Brenda Daffy, Mona Murray.

Front Row (l. to r.): Margaret Finlay (P.R.O.), Una Wall, Margaret Clarke, Caroline Carmody (Captain), Caroline Foskin, Geraldine Foley, Roseline Buckley (Treasurer).

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONS DOWN NICELY PLACED

ALL IRELAND junior champions Down are nicely placed as they resume their National Camogie League campaign against Armagh on Sunday.

Pre-Christmas victories over Kildare and Dublin leave Down as the only side in this competitive section with full points.

Armagh found a lively and skilful Dublin side too

much to cope with in their last outing. A win for Down in this game would almost certainly see them qualify for the play-off stages of the league.

Meath, who are listed to play Down on April 12, have withdrawn from the competition. Down's remaining game is against Antrim who have failed to make any impression so far.

Offaly travel to meet Waterford in Division C. With Limerick and Tipperary making all the running in this section, Waterford would appear to be already out of contention.

In the All Ireland Colleges finals on April 4, the most successful school ever, St Raphaels, Loughrea will be chasing their eight senior title in a row.

They stepped up on their Connacht form for their semi-final meeting with St Patrick's, Cork to qualify for the final against St Brigid's, Callan.

Callan had two goals to spare at the finish of a well-contested game with Armagh. With the Millea sisters, Tracy and Sinead playing key roles, they will put Raphaels under severe pressure.



RIGHT — The Sacred Heart Secondary School, Clonakilty, camogie team, winners of the Munster Intermediate Championship, defeating Hospital, Co. Limerick. Included is coach Liam Nash.