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BISHOPSTOWN

CORK



Cluichí Ceannais na hÉireann sa Chamógaíocht  
1987



Clár Oifigiúil

LUACH: 70P

*Site de Bhailís*

Ardrúnaí



## Na Réiteoirí

SINSEAR



ÁINE NIC RÉAMOINN

ÁTH CLIATH

Anne Redmond is one of four sisters who have played with distinction with Áth Cliath. Like Yvonne, Barbara and Aileen, she learned the game at Assumption College, Walkinstown.

Áine has been a regular on the Áth Cliath senior team for several seasons and holds four Leinster championship medals.

d'Imir sí chomh maith le foireann Laighean agus tá trí boinn Ghael Linn aici.

She captained Áth Cliath to win the Senior National League title in 1979, and won an All-Ireland club medal with Crumlin in 1985.

Leis sin, is réiteoir críchnaithe í.

NA MAOIR CHÚIL:

Máire Nic Niocláis } An Clár

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Bairbre Nic Réamoinn } Áth Cliath

Filíme Mhic Eocháidh }

SÓISEAR



CÁIT MHIC NIOCLÁIS

An Clár

Kitty is a well-known character on the Munster camogie scene. As a player she rendered great service to Éire Óg agus An Clár. Kitty figured at centrefield on the Clare team which brought the All-Ireland Junior Championship to the county for the first time in 1974.

Kitty's daughter Maura captained the successful Clare side in the 1986 Junior Final. They are the only mother and daughter combination in the game to hold All-Ireland Junior medals.

Déanann Cáit a cion i gcúrsaí riaracháin chomh maith. She has served Coiste Contae an Chláir as Cathaoirleach.

Go n-éirí go geal le Cáit agus le h-Áine sna Cluichí Ceannais inniu.

NA MAOIR LÍNE:

Fionnuala Nic Grádaigh } An Dún

Nóirín a Preith }

### PÁTRUIN AN CHUMAINN

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## Fáilte ón Uachtarán



Tá áthas mór orm fáilte ar leith a chur roimh gach éinne chuig Príomh-Chluichí na hÉireann anseo in bPáirc an Chrócaigh.

Inniu lá mór dosna foirne as Cill Chainigh agus Corcaigh i gcaobh na sinsear, agus Cill Dara agus Ardmhacha i gcaobh na sóisear, agus, mar sin, cuirimid fáilte speisialta rompu.

On behalf of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael I welcome you all here today — officials, players and spectators. All-Ireland Finals Day is a must every year for many of our friends from all parts of the country but when Kilkenny and Cork are the opponents in the senior game the attraction is indeed much greater, as these two teams have given us such great games on the occasions when they met in the past. We look forward to another first class display of skill and sportmanship in today's game as Kilkenny give of their best to make it 3 in a row. Cork no doubt will be anxious to regain the O'Duffy Cup which has eluded them since '83.

The Junior game should be equally competitive as Kildare will be striving to make amends for last year's defeat and take the New Ireland Cup for the first time ever. Armagh, however, will not give way easily and are determined to make it third time lucky and thereby erase the memory of defeat by Dublin in 1970 and more recently in '85 by Galway.

Go n-éirí an t-ádh leis na foirne uilig agus go raibh dhá chluiche spórtúla againn. I trust all four teams will cherish the memory of their games today and, whilst there must be winners and losers at the end of the day, may the honour and sportmanship displayed exemplify the ideals of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael.

Whatever the outcome, I have every confidence that both players, officials and supporters will treat the occasion with the respect and dignity the Association has experienced in the past.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh gach éinne an-taithneamh as an cluichí agus go mbreimid beo ar an lá mór seo arís chun casadh ar ár gcairde as gach aird den tír.

Buíochas ó chroí le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a chuir Páirc an Chrócaigh ar fáil dúinn inniu.

Máire Uí Loinsigh

### CLÁR AN LAE

## Ardmhacha v Cill Dara

Sóisear: 2 i.n.

Réiteoir: CÁIT MHIC NIOCLÁIS (An Clár)

## Cill Chainigh v Corcaigh

Sinsear: 3.30 i.n.

Réiteoir: ÁINE NIC RÉAMOINN (Áth Cliath)  
PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH, 27 MEÁN FÓMHAIR, 1987  
BANNA CEOIL ARD AIDHIN A BHEIDH AG SEINM



## Cill Dara

DATHANNA: Bán (White)

1  
Róis Nic Giolla Mheidhir  
(Rose Merriman)  
Prosperous

2  
Áine Ni Dheargáin  
(Anna Dargan)  
Broadford

3  
Filis Bhambaire  
(Phyllis Bambury)  
Cappagh

4  
Melanie Ni Threasaigh  
(Melanie Treacy)  
St. Laurence's

5  
Gearóidín Ni Dhuibhir  
(Geraldine Dwyer)  
Prosperous (Captaen)

6  
Antoinette Nic Giolla Mheidhir  
(Antoinette Merriman)  
Prosperous

7  
Miriam Uí Mhaoileoin  
(Miriam Malone)  
Broadford

8  
Pádraigín Ni Ghatlaóich  
(Patricia Keatley)  
(Broadford)

9  
Máire Áine Nic Sheáin  
(Marianne Johnson)  
Prosperous

10  
Bearnairdín Ni Fhearghaile  
(Beradette Farrelly)  
Broadford

11  
Treasa Ni Áinle  
(Teresa Hanley)  
Carbury

12  
Nuala Nic Ciaragáin  
(Nuala Kerrigan)  
Johnstown Bridge

### Ionadaithe:

- (13) Caitlín Nic Uileagóid (Kathleen Elliott) — Prosperous  
(14) Treasa Ni Fhearghaile (Teresa Farrelly) — Broadford  
(15) Clár Ni Mhaolomhnaigh (Claire Moloney) — Athy  
(16) Aisling Ni Threasaigh (Aisling Treacy) — St. Laurence's

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AN CLUICHE LEATHCHEANNAIS  
CILL DARA 3-12 CORCAIGH 3-5

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(1)  
Rita Nic Uiginn  
(Rita McGuigan)  
St. Joseph's

2  
Máire Nic Oiste  
(Maura Hosty)  
Clann na nGael

3  
Fionnuala Ni Chonchubhair  
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St. Brigid's

4  
Sorcha Nic Comhain  
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St. Brenda's

5  
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6  
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St. Enda's

7  
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8  
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Naomh Mhuire

9  
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10  
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11  
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12  
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### CRAOBHCHOMÓRTAS 1987

AN CLUICHE LEATHCHEANNAIS:

ARDMHACHA 0-8	AN CHAILLIMH 2-2	(COMHSCÓR)
ARDMHACHA 1-9	AN GHAILLIMH 2-3	(ATHCHLUICHE)



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**Mary Donnelly** (St. Brendas). One of Armagh's most respected players. A skilful exponent of the game. 2 Maguire Cup and Ulster Championship medals.

**Lorraine Finn** (Grange). An athletic goalkeeper who has performed very well for Armagh. In her third season with the county side, she had an excellent outing in the replay with Galway. Ulster Championship medal.

**Joan Green** (Clann na nGael). Joan graduated from the minor ranks and has adapted very well to the higher grade. Has an Ulster championship medal.

**Ann Donnelly** (Port Mór). Ann is a very skilful young player. An chéad bhliain ar fhoireann Ardmhacha di. She performed very well in the Ulster Final. Ulster medal.

**JACKIE DONNELLY** (St. Brigid's): A newcomer to the Junior team, Jackie has represented Armagh at Minor level. Minor Player of the Year in 1984. Very talented. Holder of numerous County Championship medals.



# Cill Chainnigh v Corcaigh

## Sár-chluichí í gcónaí



Éilis Ní Náraigh, Cill Chainnigh  
An Captaen, 1981.

Four minutes into the 1970 All-Ireland Senior Final Ann Carroll cracked home a great goal. This was just the type of start which the young Kilkenny side had dreamed of. Play swung to the other end. A point from Liz Garvan was followed by a Peggy Dorgan goal. Cork were ahead.

The scene was set for an epic contest. Kilkenny were chasing their first ever All-Ireland title. Cork were attempting to bridge a twenty nine year gap to Kitty Buckley's 1941 winning team. Colourful fans were on the edge of their seats as they roared encouragement to their heroines.

An eighteen year old schoolgirl, Liz Garvan, came into her own. Giving one of the greatest individual performances seen in a final, she turned the game in Cork's favour and finished with a personal tally of 3-6. One can only wonder what influence Liz would have had on the game in the intervening years had she not chosen to make her home on foreign soil.

Two years later, red and white flags and black and amber hats bedecked Croke Park once again. Both teams started nervously and chances were missed. It was a day in which defenders were on top. An Angela Downey goal was balanced by a similar score from Liz Garvan.

The turning point came when Cork forward, Anne Phelan, found herself in possession in front of goal. She made no mistake. The score settled Cork and they tacked on a few points. Ever popular Hannah Dineen stepped up to receive the O'Duffy Cup on behalf of a Cork team which wore the old style gymfrocks for the last time.

In what was widely described as the best final of modern times, Kilkenny and Cork proved what a wonderful game camogie is when they met in 1974. A match of great excitement, wonderful skill, classic scores and outstanding defensive play did not deserve a loser. Auburn-haired Helena O'Neill pointed a 35-yard free to draw the game in the closing seconds.

Cúpla seachtain ina dhiaidh sin, thugadar faoin gCraobh arís. This was to be Kilkenny's day. Teresa O'Neill, Ann Carroll, Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary performed splendidly in the Kilkenny defence. They placed shackles on the Cork forwards. At the other end, Angela Downey, Ursula Grace and Helena O'Neill notched the scores which mattered.

Years of striving by Kilkenny had at last been rewarded. There was no doubting which was the better team on this occasion. Kilkenny had joined the elite. In a sporting gesture, a group of Cork players lead by Hannah Dineen shouldered Ann Carroll from the field. d'Imigh an Corn abhaile go Cill Chainnigh don chéad uair ariamh.

Seven years later, Kilkenny and Cork provided the contestants for the 50th All-Ireland Final. A great start by Corcaigh saw them 2-6 to 0-4 ahead at half-time, but a wonderful fight-back by Cill Chainnigh culminated in a last-minute levelling point by Margaret Farrell.

The weather for the replay was atrocious. Constant rain fell on a greasy pitch. Ann Downey, Bridie McGarry, Liz Neary and Biddy O'Sullivan were superb in the Kilkenny defence. Their mastery of the situation was so complete that only Mary O'Leary found her name on the scoresheet.

Martha Kearney and the appalling conditions restricted Angela Downey for much of the game. She danced her way through the Cork backline to palm the only goal of the match with minutes remaining. Liz Neary, a player who had made a major contribution to victory over the two matches, held the O'Duffy Cup aloft.

The counties enter their fifth All-Ireland Final with the score standing at two victories apiece. We look forward to an enthralling contest between two sides who are capable of putting on a magnificent exhibition of camogie.

Go raibh sár-chluiche ann.

## An Raibh Fhios Agat . . .

Christy Ring and Shem Downey were key figures in the 1946 and 1947 All-Ireland Hurling Finals. Their daughters are likely to play an influential part in today's senior final. Angela and Ann will wear the black and amber while Mary Ring will don the red and white.

Strong links exist between camogie and the Galway team which won the 1987 All-Ireland Hurling championship. Coach Cyril Farrell has trained St. Raphaels, Loughrea to win three All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championships. Galway stars Joe Cooney and Eanna Ryan are brothers of camogie players Angela Cooney and Ann Ryan, both of whom hold All-Ireland Junior and Minor medals.

Three of the Cork players have represented Ireland at other sports — Anne Leahy (Volleyball), Sandie Fitzgibbon (Basketball) and Mary Geaney (Hockey).

Only three camogie players have been honoured with Texaco Awards — Una O'Connor, 1967, Sue Cashman, 1969 and Angela Downey, 1986.

Three of the successful Kilkenny Under 14 team have famous fathers. Gillian Dillon, Sinead and Tracey Millea are daughters of All-Ireland hurlers, Pa Dillon and Joe Millea. Orla Ryall's dad, Tom Ryall, is the author of the Kilkenny G.A.A. history.

Kildare player Kathleen Elliott is a niece of former Tipperary greats, Terry and Kathleen Griffin.

Four girls playing in the senior final won All-Ireland Colleges Senior medals — Liz Neary (Presentation, Kilkenny); Clare Cronin (St. Aloysius, Cork); Sandie Fitzgibbon (North Presentation, Cork) and Liz Dunphy (St. Patrick's, Cork).

Cork player, Patricia Fitzgibbon, is a grand-niece of Dr. Edwin Fitzgibbon who donated the Fitzgibbon Cup for intervarsity hurling.

The four Fennelly brothers who fielded with Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Hurling final are cousins of former Camogie President, Mary Fennelly. Their sister Teresa played for the Kilkenny Juniors this season.

Kildare player Marianne Johnson has four brothers who have won national honours at one level or another in the colours of Kildare.

Elaine Barry-Murphy, who scored 3-3 for the Cork Minors this Summer, is a first cousin of All-Star hurler Jimmy Barry-Murphy.

All-Ireland hurler Tony O'Sullivan, recently married Mary Owens who won an All-Ireland Minor medal with Cork in 1979.

Sean McCarthy, who won an All-Ireland hurling senior medal with Cork in 1986, is a brother of Cork goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy.

Julie McGuinness is a daughter of former Armagh great Lily Reynolds. Lily played many times for the Ulster senior team.

Armagh brother and sister, Paddy and Margaret Moriarty, have fielded for Ulster. Paddy has Railway Cup medals and Margaret won a Gael-Linn medal in 1979.

Both Kildare and Armagh won their first ever provincial title in the same year — 1961. Kilkenny made their Leinster breakthrough in 1959 when they took the junior title. Cork won the first of their 38 Munster Senior titles in 1932.

Gloria Lee (Kildare) refereed the 1963 All-Ireland Senior Final. Armagh also produced an All-Ireland referee. Bernie Byrne of Crossmaglen, now the Ulster Cathaoirleach, was in charge of the 1966 Final. Helena O'Neill (Kilkenny) controlled the 1978 Senior Final. Four Cork girls, Noreen Murphy, Lil O'Grady, Miriam Higgins and Betty Joyce have referees' medals.

Sister Mairéad from St. Clares, Keady, is the President of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council.



## Cill Chainnigh

DATHANNA: Dubh is Ómra (Black and Amber)

1  
Máire Nic Giolla Phádraig  
(Marie Fitzpatrick)  
Ballycallan

2  
Rita Weymes  
(Rita Weymes)  
Shamrocks

3  
Deirdre Ní Mhaoileoin  
(Deirdre Malone)  
Ballycallan

4  
Brid Mhic Fhearraigh  
(Bridie McGarry)  
St. Paul's (Captain)

5  
Brid Ní Shuilleabháin  
(Biddy O'Sullivan)  
Shamrocks

6  
Clár Nic Sheoin  
(Clare Jones)  
St. Paul's

7  
Áine Ní Dhúnaigh  
(Ann Downey)  
St. Paul's

8  
Áine Ní Fhaoláin  
(Anna Whelan)  
Lisdowney

9  
Seosaimhín Ní Dhuinn  
(Jo Dunne)  
Shamrocks

10  
Éilis Ní Náraigh  
(Liz Neary)  
St. Paul's

11  
Aingéal de Brún  
(Angela Browne)  
St. Paul's

12  
Brid Nic Thomáis  
(Breda Holmes)  
St. Paul's

### Ionadaithe:

- (13) Siobhán Ní Riain (Siobhán Ryan) — Shamrocks
- (14) Eibhlín Nic Thomáis (Helen Holmes) — St. Paul's
- (15) Brid Nic Cathail (Breda Cahill) — Ballycallan
- (16) Proinséas Rothwell (Frances Rothwell) — Mooncoin.

## Corcaigh

DATHANNA: Dearg is Bán (Red and White)

1  
Muireann Nic Cárthaigh  
(Marion McCarthy)  
Éire Óg

2  
Eibhlín Ní Dhuinnín  
(Eileen Dinneen)  
Éire Óg

4  
Áine Ní Laocha  
(Anne Leahy)  
Killeagh

5  
Linda Ní Mhaoilgheiric  
(Linda Mellerick)  
Brian Dillons

3  
Máire Ní Rinn  
(Mary Ring)  
Glen Rovers

6  
Sandra Nic Giobúin  
(Sandie Fitzgibbon)  
Glen Rovers

7  
Clár Ní Chróinín  
(Claire Cronin)  
St. Finbarr's

8  
Éilis Ní Dhonnchaidh  
(Liz Dunphy)  
Sarsfields

9  
Irene Ní Laoire  
(Irene O'Leary)  
Na Píarsaigh

10  
Val Nic Giolla Phádraig  
(Val Fitzpatrick)  
Glen Rovers (Captain)

11  
Colette Ní Mhathúna  
(Colette O'Mahony)  
St. Finbarr's

12  
Noelle Ní Dhrisceoil  
(Noelle O'Driscoll)  
Éire Óg

### Ionadaithe:

- (13) Máire Ní Spealáin (Mary Spillane) — Killeagh
- (14) Máire Ní Gheibheannaigh (Mary Geaney) — Éire Óg
- (15) Caitríona Nic Giolla Aindéis-Uí Airtnéada (Cathy Landers-Karnedy) — Killeagh
- (16) Pádraigín Nic Giobúin (Patricia Fitzgibbon) — (Killeagh)



## Cill Chainnigh



Ar chúl (ó chlé): P. Rothwell, R. Weymes, S. Ní Dhuinn, B. Ní Chathail, A. Ní Dhúnaigh, Áine Ní Dhúnaigh, B. Ní Thomáis, B. Ní Shuilleabháin, É. Ní Náraigh.

Chun Tosaigh (ó chlé): E. Ní Thomáis, M. Ní Giolla Phádraig, S. Ní Riain, Á. Ní Fhaoláin, B. Mhic Fhearraigh (Capt.), C. Ní Sheoin, D. Ní Mhaoileoin, T. Ó Riain.

## Corcaigh



Ar Chúl (ó chlé): M. Ní Rinn, E. Ní Dhuinnín, G. Ní Cárthaigh, M. Ní Spealáin, Á. Ní Laocha, N. Ní Dhrisceoil.

Chun Tosaigh (ó chlé): S. Ní Giobúin, V. Ní Giolla Phádraigh (Capt.), M. Ní Carthaigh, I. Ní Laoire, E. Ní Dhonnchaidh, L. Ní Mhaoilghéiric.



## Foireann Chorcaí

**MARION MCCARTHY (Éire Óg):** 8 All-Ireland Senior medals, 4 as goalkeeper and 4 outfield. 2 National League medals. Captaen Corcaí i 1986 nuair a bhuaigh Sraith-chomórtas na hÉireann. 2 Gael-Linn, 13 Munster Senior and many Cork and Munster club medals. B+I Award, 1980. A top class badminton player.

**EILEEN DINEEN (Éire Óg):** Former colleges player with St. Mary's, Macroom. 3 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland Junior and Gael-Linn, 2 National League and several Cork and Munster medals.

**MARY RING (Glen Rovers):** Former colleges player with St. Aloysius. 1 All-Ireland Junior medal, Munster Senior, Junior and Club medals, and 3 Cork Championship medals. Represented Cúige Mumhan. Captaen Glen Rovers a bhuaigh an Chraobh-chomórtas Idir-Chlub i 1986. Daughter of famous hurler, Christy Ring.

**ANNE LEAHY (Killeagh):** Múinteoir Corpoideachais, Coached St. Mary's, Middleton to win the 1987 Munster 1st years competition. All-Ireland Junior, Club, Gael-Linn (Junior), National League medals, and several Cork and Munster medals. Has represented Ireland at volleyball.

**LINDA MELLERICK (Brian Dillons):** Former colleges player with St. Patrick's. 1 All-Ireland Minor & 1 All-Ireland Junior medal. d'imir sí le foireann na Mumhan.

**SANDIE FITZGIBBON (Glen Rovers):** Ar fhoireann North Presentation a bhuaigh Corn Sceilge in 1980. All-Ireland medals at Senior Club, Minor and Colleges levels. Captaen ar fhoireann Chorcaí a rug Sraith-chomórtas na hÉireann lei i 1984. Ar fhoireann na Mumhan. 1st player to win 3 All-Ireland Minor medals. An international basketball player.

**CLARE CRONIN (St. Finbarr's):** Starred with St. Aloysius which brought Corn Sceilge to Cork for the first time. Gradam Tailte and B+I Award winner. 4 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland Minor, National League, All-Ireland Colleges and Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde medals. Has recently returned from a career break in Australia.

**LIZ DUNPHY (Sarsfields):** Ar fhoireann Naomh Pádraig a bhuaigh Corn Sceilge i 1981. All-Ireland Junior, Coláistí, National League and Gael-Linn Junior medals.

**COLETTE O'MAHONY (St. Finbarr's):** Former Sacred Heart Colleges player. Captaen ar fhoireann Chorcaí a bhuaigh Craobh na hÉireann i 1983. 1 National League medal, 2 All-Ireland Minor and several Munster Championship medals.

**VAL FITZPATRICK (Glen Rovers):** Captaen Corcaí inniu. Ar fhoireann Glen Rovers a bhuaigh an Chraobh Idir-Chlub i 1986. 2 All-Ireland Senior medals. Iar-imreoir le Scoil Naomh Aloysius.

**IRENE O'LEARY (Na Píarsaigh):** Captaen ar fhoireann shóisireach Chorcaí a bhuaigh Craobh na hÉireann i 1984. Former North Presentation player. Munster Colleges, Minor, Junior and Senior medals.

**NOELLE O'DRISCOLL (Éire Óg):** 3 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland Junior, Cork and Munster Championship medals. Captaen ar fhoireann U.C.C. a bhuaigh Sraith-chomórtas C.C.I.A. Is deirfiúr le Nancy i, a bhí ina captaen ar Chorcaigh, sinsear agus sóisear.

**MARY GEANEY (Éire Óg):** Captaen ar fhoireann Chorcaí a bhuaigh an Chraobh i 1980. 3 All-Ireland Senior, 2 National League and many Munster and Cork Championship medals. Former captain of the Irish Hockey team. Excels at golf, badminton and football. Daughter of Con and sister of Dave, both of whom have won All-Ireland Football medals with Ciarraí.

**MARY SPILLANE (Killeagh):** National League, All-Ireland Junior and Club (Killeagh, 1980) medals, and has represented Cúige Mumhan at Junior and Senior levels. Féile na nGael winner with Killeagh.

**CATHY LANDERS-HARNEDY (Killeagh):** Captaen ar fhoireann Chorcaí a bhuaigh an Chraobh i 1983. Iar-imreoir le Loreto, Youghal. 4 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland Club, 1 All-Ireland Minor, 2 Gael-Linn, 7 Cork Senior Championship and several Munster medals.

**PATRICIA FITZGIBBON (Killeagh):** Patricia won the A.I.B. Junior Player of the Year Award for her performances with the Cork Juniors in 1984. A noted colleges player with Loreto, Youghal, she fielded with the Munster Colleges in the interprovincial series. Patricia easily adapts from goalkeeper to wing forward. Holds All-Ireland Junior and Club, Junior Gael-Linn, Kilmacud Sevens, Cork and Munster Championship medals.

## KILKENNY

**MARIE FITZPATRICK (Ballycallan):** Féile an nGael Skills winner, 1980. Has represented Vocational School, Mooncoin, and Cill Chainnigh at every level. 2 All-Ireland Senior, 2 National League and 2 Gael-Linn medals.

**RITA WEYMES (Shamrocks):** Lárthosach anuraidh. Lán-chúl inniu. 2 All-Ireland Senior, 2 National League medals.

**DEIRDRE MALONE (Ballycallan):** Ar a cumas imirt in ionad ar bith ar an bpáirc. 3 All-Ireland Senior and 2 National League medals.

**BRIDIE MCGARRY (St. Paul's):** Captaen na foirne, mar a bhí i 1985 nuair a rug Cill Chainnigh an Chraobh agus an tSraith-chomórtas leo. B+I Award, 6 All-Ireland Senior and 5 National League, Gael-Linn and Club Championship medals.

**BIDDY O'SULLIVAN (Shamrocks):** Iar-imreoir le Tullogher. 3 All-Ireland Senior, 4 National League and 4 Gael-Linn medals.

**CLARE JONES (St. Paul's):** Colleges player with St. Patrick's, Shannon. Captaen ar fhoireann an Chláir a bhuaigh an Chraobh Shóisireach i 1981. d'imir sí le U.C.G. AIB Junior Player of the Year award. 1 All-Ireland Senior medal.

**ANN DOWNEY (St. Paul's):** Joint B+I award winner with twin sister, Angela, in 1986. 6 All-Ireland Senior, 5 National League, 7 Club Championship and 4 Gael-Linn medals. A squash player of international standard.

**ANNA WHELAN (Lisdowney):** Ar an bhfoireann i 1980 i leith. 3 All-Ireland Senior, 4 National League and several Leinster medals.

**JO DUNNE (Shamrocks):** Iar-imreoir le Carrickshock. 5 All-Ireland Senior and 4 National League and Gael-Linn medals.

**LIZ NEARY (St. Paul's):** Ar fhoireann Chlochar na Toirbheirte, Cill Chainnigh, a bhuaigh Corn Sceilge i 1970. Captained her county to All-Ireland victories in 1981 and 1986. B+I Award, 6 All-Ireland Senior and 8 All-Ireland Club medals.

**ANGELA DOWNEY (St. Paul's):** Will go into Carnegie annals as the player of the decade. Texaco Award, 1986, 3 B+I Awards, 6 All-Ireland Senior, 5 National League, 7 Club Championship and 5 Gael-Linn medals. Gradam Tailte Winner, 1984, '85, '86.

**BREDA HOLMES (St. Paul's):** Former captaen of Carysfort College. 2 All-Ireland Senior and 2 National League medals.

**SIOBHÁN RYAN (Shamrocks):** Leis na sinsir le trí bhliain anuas. All-Ireland Senior and National League medals.

**HELEN HOLMES (St. Paul's):** Won under-14, under-16, Junior and Intermediate Championships with St. Brigid's, Ballycallan. Iar-imreoir le Carysfort College. Cill Chainnigh Senior Championship and Leinster Club medals with St. Paul's. Is deirfiúr le Breda i.

**BREDA CAHILL (St. Brigid's, Ballycallan):** Imríonn sí le Scoil Bhríde, Calainn, leis. Has won honours with her club at every grade from under-12 to under-21. d'imir sí le foireann Shóisireach Chill Chainnigh. An chéad bhliain leis na sinsir di.

**FRANCES ROTHWELL (Mooncoin):** Plays with Vocational School, Mooncoin. An chéad bhliain di leis na sinsir, ach bhuaigh sí Craobh Laighean faoi 14 leis an gcontae. Holds All-Ireland and Leinster Cross-Country Championship medals.





### SRAITHCHOMÓRTAS na hÉIREANN

Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh, Cill Chainnigh, le Eibhlín Ní Dhuinnín agus Máire Ní Spealdín, Corcaigh, ar a tóir sa chluiche ceannais.

## Seo Dhaoibh na hOiliúnaithe

#### TOM RYAN (Cill Chainnigh)

Tom guided Kilkenny to All-Ireland victories in 1985 and 1986. A hurling man all his life, he won a Kilkenny Senior championship medal with Carrickshock in 1951, All-Ireland Junior medals in 1951 and 1956 and a Leinster Intermediate medal in 1966. He coached Shamrocks to win the All-Ireland Hurling Club Championship on two occasions.

#### TOM NOTT (Corcaigh)

This is Tom's tenth year with the Cork senior team. His record stands at four All-Ireland, two National League and ten Munster titles. Tom has given exceptional service to his club, Na Píarsaigh, both as a player and trainer. He has been associated with several successful Cork minor hurling teams. He is a brother of former County Board Cathaoirleach, Mary Nott.

#### PAT HERBERT (Cill Dara)

Pat was a familiar figure in a Limerick county jersey for many seasons. He hurled with the Limerick senior team since 1973. Along the way, he picked up 2 National League, 2 Munster Senior championship, 2 Railway Cup and a host of army medals. He was recipient of the Limerick Hurler of the Year Award in 1983. An Army Captain, Pat trained the Kildare hurlers and footballers before taking over the camogie team. He is associated with the Raheens Club.

#### ISADORE BEATTIE (Ardmhacha)

Isadore is a hurler of note with St. Malachy's, Portadown. He lined out with the successful Armagh Junior teams of 1978 and 1979. He has represented Ulster. A freelance photographer, he is confident that his charges will do well today. His brother Brendan is also involved in coaching camogie teams.

## An Crannchur Comhoscailte, 1987

#### Cill Chainnigh 8-11 An Clár 3-8

Scorers: Angela Downey (3-3); Breda Holmes (2-2); Jo Dunne (2-1); B. McGarry (0-3); A. Whelan (1-0); Ann Downey (0-1) and Biddy O'Sullivan (0-1).

#### Cill Chainnigh 3-9 Áth Cliath 0-6

Scorers: Angela Downey (2-4); Ann Downey (0-4); Breda Holmes (1-0) and Jo Dunne (0-1).

#### Corcaigh 6-15 Aontroim (0-2)

Scorers: Irene O'Leary (2-4); Val Fitzpatrick (2-1); Ger McCarthy (1-3); Noelle O'Driscoll (1-3); Sandie Fitzgibbon (0-2); Colette O'Mahony (0-2) and Liz Dunphy (0-1).

#### Corcaigh 2-10 Loch Garman 1-6

Scorers: Irene O'Leary (2-2); Noelle O'Driscoll (0-4); Val Fitzpatrick (0-1); Mary Ring (0-1); Ger McCarthy (0-1) and Mary Geaney (0-1).



## Na Mionúir Abú

One of the most attractive competitions in camogie is the Minor Championship. The majority of the participants are sampling inter-county fare for the first time. Full of enthusiasm and with an abundance of skill, the young players approach the game with a refreshing frame of mind.

The 1987 provincial and All-Ireland championships are now history but they served up great entertainment and threw the spotlight on some exciting prospects.

It was an historic season for the Armagh minors. Victories over Monaghan, Cavan and Down earned the county their first Ulster Minor title. An excellent defence kept their goal intact throughout the campaign. More will be heard of Olive Leonard, Paula McReesh, Michelle Conway, Patricia McEvoy and Miriam Anderson in the years ahead.

Carmel Hanley had the Dublin Minors in great shape in the Leinster Championship. The side improved with each outing and played a marvellous match with Kilkenny in the Leinster Final. The scoreline of 3-9 to 4-4 gives a fair indication of the excitement engendered. Captain Karen Bauer, Louise Curry, Ursula Norton, Michelle Byrne, Avis O'Brien and Joanne Murphy are names to watch out for in the future.



Corn Tailteann á bhronnadh ar Mháire Ní Threasaigh, an Ghaillimh, ag an Uachtarán, Máire Uí Lóinsigh.

A Clare side of great potential made Cork fight every inch of the way in the Munster Final. Cork scored sufficient in the first half to account for Armagh but were pipped by a very good Galway team in the final. Fiona O'Driscoll, with a tally of 8-14, was Cork's top player. Imelda Leahy, Eileen Buckley, Denise Cotter, Claire O'Regan, Maria O'Brien and Elaine Barry-Murphy had their moments.

An outstanding centre-back in Triona Dolphin, and scoring forwards in Mary Treacy, Bridget Fahy and Aileen Brett paved the way for Galway's success. The side played with flair and confidence and was a credit to coach Deirdre Feeney. The majority of the Galway panel are eligible for 1988. It will take a great team to prevent Galway from achieving a three in a row.

Mór-bhuíochas le himreoirí óga an Chumainn a thóg ár gcroíthe i rith 1987.

**An Ghaillimh:** C. Ní Chialgaigh, C. Ní Linnéidin, M. Ní Dhúlaich, C. Dailín, S. Ní Chatháin, I. Ní Mheachair, S. de Búrca, F. Ní Chatháin, C. Ní Fhionnagáin, M. Ní Threasaigh (Capt.), A. de Breit, S. Ní Mhuiri, M. Ní Chearnaigh, O. Ní Coistealla, E. Ní Giolla Chinnigh.

**Corcaigh:** M. Ní Bhriain, D. Ní Chráinín, C. de Barra, F. Ní Dhrisceoil, E. Ní Bhuachalla, H. Ní Chinnolaidh, N. Ní Oitir, I. Ní Laocha, L. Ní Dhoiré, C. Ní Riagáin (Capt.), L. de Barra-Ní Mhurchú, F. Ní Dhrisceoil, K. Ní Higin, V. Ní Eileas, C. Ní Suibhne, C. Ní Mhurchú.

## Rogha is Togha na n-Imreoir

The announcement by Angela Downey (Cill Chainnigh), that she did not intend to defend her Gradam Tailte title in 1987 left the way clear for the emergence of a new superstar. Followers scanned the line-up at Belfield and pointed to well-known players as probable or possible successors. Ach, ní mar a síltear a bítear.

All were proved wrong by a sixteen year old schoolgirl from Co. Kildare. Bernie Farrelly showed athletic ability, competitiveness and camogie skills as she became the youngest player to receive the Gradam Tailte Award.

Despite her tender years, she is in her fifth season in county colours. Bernie was introduced to the under fourteen team as a midfielder in 1983 and has progressed via the minor side to the county's first team.

Educated at Derrinturn National School and Edenderry Vocational School, she shone as an underage player. She has blossomed into a fine performer with the Kildare Junior team this season. In the semi-final against Cork, she caught the eye at centre-forward and scored a very creditable 1-3 from play.

The fourth holder of Gradam Tailte, Bernie is in very good company. Jo McClements, a sterling defender from Loughgiel in Aontroma, was the first holder. Clare Cronin (Corcaigh) pipped Angela Downey in a thrilling contest in 1983.

For the following three years, Angela Downey ruled supreme with marvellous displays. Ní haon ionadh é gur tugadh Banníon Tailte uirthi! The three previous winners are All-Ireland medal-holders. Is this a good omen for Bernie today?



BERNIE



JEOSAIMHÍN



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CLÁR

## Féile Skills Champions — Cá bhfuilid anois?

The Skills Competition was introduced to the National Féile Finals in 1978.

Anois, agus deich mbliana curtha dinn againn, n'fheadar cá bhfuil na buaiteoirí?

Deirdre O'Shea from the Na Piarsaigh Club in Cork was the first winner and retained her title in 1979. Daughter of former Cork hurler, Christy O'Shea, Deirdre won an All-Ireland Junior medal. She played in goal with North Presentation in the 1980 All-Ireland Colleges final.

The 1980 winner needs no introduction. Marie Fitzpatrick will be wearing number one for Kilkenny today and is considered to be the top goalie in the game.

Ann Ryan of Galway was an impressive winner in 1981. Holder of All-Ireland Minor and Junior medals, she has already lined-out with the Galway seniors. Her brother Éanna is a highly rated forward on the successful Galway hurling team.

Ann Wolfe won for Dublin in 1982. Is ball de Cameron Park í. Go raibh an gorm agus bán á chaitheamh sara fada aici.

Jean Paula Kent kept the name of Na Piarsaigh, Cork, in the limelight when she

won with the highest marks ever achieved in the competition. Jean Paula holds three All-Ireland Minors medals and played for the Cork Juniors this season.

Yvonne McInerney of Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare, won in Wexford in 1984. Yvonne has represented Clare at minor, U18 and Junior. She brought home an All-Ireland Junior medal from Croke Park last September. Is deirfiúr le Gerry McInerney í.

Ballyagran's Helen Cagney was next in line. Helen has turned in great displays in the colours of St. Mary's, Charleville. She holds an All-Ireland Colleges Junior medal and has represented Limerick in minor and junior grades.

Michelle Cameron from St. Maurs Club, Rush, was the winner in Clare in 1986. She has worn the blue of Dublin at minor level.

Claire Lynch became the second Galway girl to succeed when she finished in front last July. No doubt we will see the redhead with the neat style in the maroon and white before long.



# Kilkenny a class apart

BY JOHN BRENNAN

**YOUTH** gave way to experience at Croke Park yesterday when Kilkenny won their third All-Ireland senior camogie title on the trot. Cork came to the match with basically a young team leavened with some survivors of their "Golden Years" of the late 1970's whereas Kilkenny had players who went right back to the county's first All-Ireland in 1974.

**KILKENNY.....3-10**  
**CORK.....1-7**

But it was those wise warriors who won the game for Kilkenny. Bridie McGarry was outstanding in defence, Liz Neary opened up many routes to the Cork goal, most of which were taken by the peerless Angela Browne. Downey as well, who was quite outstanding in this match scoring 1-7.

Almost as prominent was her sister Ann Downey, who dominated midfield as well as scoring the goal which sealed the match. Between them these twins now have a remarkable fourteen all-Ireland senior medals and, on yesterday's evidence, there doesn't seem to be a team in the country who can stop them making it sixteen next September.

An attendance of 5,496 took some time to warm to the match as the opening ten minutes were anything but stylish with far too many missed strokes and wides. But Kilkenny set the game alight with a goal in the 16th minute. Clare Jones delivered a long ball in from the right wing, all the Cork backs missed it and Breda Holmes stayed calm to palm the sliotar past a helpless Marion McCarthy.

Thirty seconds later Cork got their first score through captain Val Fitzpatrick but in the 20th minute they fell way behind when Browne got her goal, beating two defenders and then bravely diving to flick the ball goalwards when the chance seemed lost. The ball bounced off McCarthy's shoulder, but was already over the line by the time Holmes raced in to finish it to the net.

Cork managed to hold Kilkenny to 2-3 to 0-2 at half time and with Sandie Fitzgibbon, Claire Cronin and Linda Mellerick all beginning to come to terms with the Kilkenny challenge, they were by no means out of the match especially with the slight benefit of the breeze to come in their favour in the second half.

They got a great boost when, after the teams had swapped points, substitute Mary Geaney got a goal. Another replacement Cathy Landers had sent in a long delivery which, like the pass for Holme's goal, eluded all the backs and ran nicely for the multi-talented Geaney to score.

Kilkenny's response was to turn Browne loose. She gave Mary Ring a torrid time, firing over four points in five minutes with a delightful mixture of skill, pace and power as sister Ann and Anna Whelan really began to get on top at midfield.

This burst forced Cork into going for goals and it was a tactic doomed to failure with McGarry, Rita Weymes and Deirdre Malone all commanding their area in great style. Behind them Marie Fitzpatrick was in fine form in goal, making three good saves and topping all of them with a brilliant effort, when ten minutes remained, to foil Mellerick who had been allowed run through unchallenged. But the Ballycallan girl ran from her line and blocked the Cork girl's effort.

Ann Downey's goal, from a 13-metre free with four minutes remaining was merely icing on a very sweet cake. Despite the fact that only three players managed to score for the team, this Kilkenny outfit looks set to dominate for some time to come.

**KILKENNY** — M. Fitzpatrick; R. Weymes, D. Malone, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, C. Jones, A. Downey (1-1), A. Whelan, J. Dunne, L. Neary, A. Browne (1-7), B. Holmes (1-2).

**CORK** — M. McCarthy; E. Dineen, M. Ring, A. Leahy, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, L. Dunphy, I. O'Leary, (0-1), V. Fitzpatrick (0-4), C. O'Mahony, N. O'Driscoll (0-1). Subs: M. Geaney (1-1) for O'Mahony 18 mins; C. Landers for Leahy 22 mins; M. Spillane for O'Leary 35 mins.

Referee: A. Redmond (Dublin)



Kilkenny



● SAFELY AWAY . . . Liz Dunphy about to clear for Cork despite the efforts of Angela Browne of Kilkenny during yesterday's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park. Picture by Austin Finn.



# Cork girls outgunned

By Michael Ellard

Kilkenny 3-10, Cork 1-7

IT was indeed an historic All-Ireland for the heroines of Kilkenny at Croke Park yesterday. By comprehensively defeating Cork in a very competitive and entertaining final, they emblazoned their county's name in lights as the first to win three All-Ireland senior camogie championships in succession.

And not even the most ardent Cork supporter in the attendance of 5,496, which included the President of Ireland, Dr. Patrick Hillery, and Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich, could deny the splendid Kilkenny ladies their great triumph.

Cork battled bravely and at times, particularly in the second half, fell victims to cruel misfortune. But in the end, they were outclassed by a tactically superior and more skilful Kilkenny side.

Displaying great determination, Cork gave as good as they got in the opening sequences, even though the game's current outstanding personality, Angela Browne (nee Downey) pointed two frees to spur Kilkenny into the lead after 12 minutes play. But then, in the twinkling of an eye, Kilkenny pounced and two palmed goals from full forward, Breeda Holmes and Mrs. Browne, earned this final into

both a victory and funeral march, depending on the side of the fence one sat.

Kilkenny's golden goals in the 17th and 20th minutes were scores of paramount significance because Cork were always fighting an uphill battle, one they never really looked like winning.

They trailed 2-3 to 0-2 at the interval and the signs looked ominous, particularly with Kilkenny growing in stature around the middle of the field where Ann Downey and Anna Whelan performed artistically and authoratively for the supreme champions of camogie.

Cork might have been closer on the scoreboard but for some inexplicable misses from good positions when the tension was at its zenith early on. But, with full forward Breeda Holmes playing deep, with great affect, the Cork defence always looked vulnerable as Kilkenny's decisive goals conclusively proved.

Kilkenny goals highlighted Cork's deficiencies at the back. However, the introduction of Cathy Landers-Karnedy brought about a steady influence. Mrs. Karnedy, team captain Val Fitzpatrick, and Sandy Fitzgibbon, on the turn

over, tried their hearts out to keep Cork in the hunt.

And courage against skilful odds was rewarded four minutes after the break when substitute full forward, the multi-talented Mary Geaney, goalied to narrow the deficit to just four points.

But, before Cork could draw inspiration, the devastating Angela Browne shattered their dreams of a real revival with a succession of brilliant points.

Worse was to follow for Cork, as Kilkenny, spearheaded by Mrs. Browne and her twin sister Ann, exuded marvellous confidence.

With the last quarter dawning, Cork found themselves six points in arrears. From a long puck out from Marion McCarthy, Brian Dillons defender, Linda Mellerick, who had been transferred in attack, ran in behind the Kilkenny defensive cover to gain possession.

Alas, her attempted hand pass to the net was acrobatically saved by the alert Kilkenny goalkeeper, Marie Fitzpatrick. Then, two minutes later, Miss Mellerick powered forward a goalward drive only to see it deflected by the head of team colleague Clare Cronin.

These huge setbacks



Cork forward Colette O'Mahony pursued by Kilkenny's Anna Whelan watched by Sandie Fitzgibbon, Cork, during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park, yesterday.

sounded the death knell for Cork and their ambitions of All-Ireland victory were finally laid to rest when the elegant Ann Downey goalied from a 15-yards free four minutes from time to give the history makers their sweetest victory of all time.

Scorers—Kilkenny—A. Browne 1-8, (0-3 from frees), B. Holmes 1-2, A. Downey 1-0

Cork—M. Geaney 1-1, V. Fitzpatrick 0-3, (0-1 from free), N. O'Driscoll 0-2 (all frees) and J. O'Leary 0-1.

Kilkenny—M. Fitzpatrick, R. Weymes, D. Malone, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, C. Jones, A. Downey, A. Whelan, J. Dunne, L. Neary, A. Browne, B. Holmes.

Cork—M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Ring, A. Leahy, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, L. Dunphy, I. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, C. O'Mahony, N. O'Driscoll. Subs. C. Landers-Karnedy for Leahy, M. Geaney for O'Mahony, M. Spillane for O'Leary.

Referee—A. Redmond (Dublin).

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# Downey sisters lead Kilkenny's defeat of Cork

By PAT ROCHE

**KILKENNY 3-10, CORK 1-6**  
WHILE the girls of Kilkenny and Cork proved that they could play the full width of Croke Park and shoot scores through improvised posts that were badly in need of a drop of paint, yesterday's Camogie All-Ireland senior final saw Kilkenny drive to their third successive title before a crowd of 5,496.

It speaks well for the players' eyesight, let alone their accuracy, that they could see the mini-posts dwarfed in the shadows of the main constructions. But it was still a good day for the game and proved yet another opportunity for the Downey sisters to impress in an outstanding Kilkenny win. Kilkenny's captain, Bridie McGarry, was the star of the winner's defence. Nobody would doubt McGarry's assertion that her side would be back again next year to make it four in a row. As it is, three successive titles is a record for the code.

Although operating as Mrs Browne, there was no mistaking the drive and skills of Angela Downey in the Kilkenny attack. Whenever she got even the half chance, you could bank on a Kilkenny score.

Her sister, Anne, was equally effective further out, maintaining the flow towards the over-worked Cork rearguard. The big difference was that while Kilkenny had a truly key figure in every line on the pitch, Cork were sluggish in most sectors, and most notably in attack. Their goal had to wait until a substitute, hockey international Mary Geaney, was called in.

Geaney, a first-half sub, mocked in the Cork goal from an acute angle two minutes into the second half. The score suitably supplemented an even earlier second-half point from Irene O'Leary and a huge bite was immediately taken out of Kilkenny's half-time advantage of 2-3 to 0-2.

Another Cork substitute, Cathy Landers Kenedy had set up the goal chance to suggest that the Cork selectors may not have been doing their home work all that well.

Significantly though, when that piece of pressure was put on the Kilkenny girls, Angela Browne regarded it as her cue to step centre stage and make sure she would steal the show with a virtuoso display of points scoring. She darted like a frightened courser here in and around the Cork defence to slap over four points on the trot in a five minutes spell that cruelly put paid to any delusions of grandeur the Cork girls might have been entertaining.

Earlier Browne gave full warning of her ability when scoring Kilkenny's second goal in the 20th minute. In all, she accounted for 1-7 of her side's total and her sister, Anne, biffed home 1-1.

Marie Fitzpatrick of Ballycallan was an outstanding goalkeeper for the black and amber brigade.

Ann Whelan and Breda Holmes, who had the first Kilkenny goal, were also stars for the winners. Mary Ring, a daughter of former wizard Christy, felt the pressure like most of her colleagues in the Cork defence. But Sadie Fitzgibbon and Val Fitzpatrick were in excellent form for Cork.

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Referee — A Redmond (Dublin).

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MIRIAM MALONE, the sure-striking Kildare number seven, who scored 1-6, did most to push Kildare's chances of victory in the All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

As was the case in the senior final, there was a disparity between the teams that spoiled it as a contest. Armagh had some excellent players like wing defender Fionnuala O'Connor and Mary O'Hagan but Kildare had a far better team strength and led by 2-5 to 0-3 at the interval.

Malone, off the placed ball and Marianne Johnson put the Kildare bid on a firm basis with goals in the first half.

Armagh put in a good third quarter challenging effort but generally lacked thrust. Had Mary Donnelly been forward a little earlier for O'Hagan's centre just after half time a more exciting struggle may have materialised but Kildare goalkeeper Rose Merriman was alert to the danger to clear her lines.

**KILDARE** — R Merriman; A Dargan; P Bambury, M Treacy, G Dwyer, A Merriman, M Malone (1-6), P Keatley (0-1), M Johnson (1-0), B Farrelly, T Hanley (0-2), N Kempson (0-1). Subs: K Elliott for Farrelly; T Farrell for Treacy.

**ARMAGH** — R McGuigan; M Hosty; F O'Connor, S McCone, J McGuinness, U McGivern (0-2), P Browne, P Donnelly, M O'Hagan (0-4), D McStay, B Jordan, M Donnelly (0-1). Subs: A Donnelly for M Donnelly; J Donnelly for McGivern.  
Referee: K McNicholas (Clare).



Irene O'Leary of Cork makes a grab for the ball as Kilkenny's Rita Weymes rushes in to intercept during the All Ireland final at Croke Park yesterday. (Photograph: Peter Thursfield).



**LOOSE BALL . . .** Mary Ring (Cork) and Angela Browne (nee Downey) of Kilkenny in race for possession at Croke Park yesterday. In the 1946 All-Ireland senior hurling final, their fathers were in direct opposition — Shem Downey for Kilkenny and Christy Ring for Cork.



# The CON HOULIHAN column

VICTORIOUS

THE POPE was wrong; don't be alarmed — he wasn't speaking as head of the Catholic Church; he was merely voicing his opinion as a private citizen, if you can imagine the successor to Peter occupying such a role.

It was almost forty years ago and even though he didn't mention her name, it was clear that he had been alarmed by a splendid woman called Fannie Blankers-Koen.

For a few weeks she had left her window-boxes and her stew-pot and her ironing-board and had run so beautifully that The Olympics which she graced will forever be associated with her name.

The holy man in The Vatican went public soon after and deplored the participation of women in athletics.

In his day they competed mainly in the sprints and middle-distance races; now they are running marathons in times which few men could achieve a generation ago.

Women's soccer is now taken for granted; women's Gaelic football has come to stay.

Camogie, though far longer established, seems to be languishing; the standard of play is good but the game isn't visibly spreading.

The participation of women in mass road-races probably takes away some who otherwise would be involved in field games.

Camogie is long and well established in Cork but the girls picked to play for the county in yesterday's Senior Final were faced with an empty kitty.

That was carrying amateurism too far. And they would have had to pay for their travel and other expenses but for the benevolence of a Leaside politician\* who has been known to sell the occasional pound of tea.

Alas, for those who follow the red-and-white it was another sad day. Cork came up against an exceptionally fine Kilkenny team and were comprehensively beaten.

The girls in black-and-amber were in quest of their third title in a row; after a surprisingly nervous beginning they swept to a memorable victory. And they made history.

Cork won abundant possession in that period of Kilkenny's self-doubt but they missed half-a-dozen clear chances of points.

The game was undistinguished in the first fifteen minutes; the striking was generally ragged; there was little combined play.

Even Angela Downey, the greatest player in this decade, looked ordinary; she attempted a few of her famous runs but achieved little.

Her sister Ann was more effective in the early struggle for moral supremacy and her great work in mid-field helped to set up the chance for the first telling blow.

In the fifteenth minute the Cork rearguard was at fault when full-forward Breda Holmes caught a dropping ball clear behind the backs and palmed overhead so adroitly that keeper Marion McCarthy was helpless.

Kilkenny now led 1-2 to no score; thenceforth Cork were struggling.

In the seventeenth minute Noelle O'Driscoll opened their account with a point from a free — but a minute later came further disaster in the Cork goal area.

Kilkenny seemed to have lost a goal chance in a fierce melee — but as the ball ran loose, Angela Downey dived at it and got a touch with the hurley that deflected it over the line.

It was a remarkable goal, a cousin to that scored by Colm O'Rourke last Sunday.

Kilkenny led by 2-3 to 0-2 at the tea-break — Cork would have the help of a whispering wind as they played into The Railway goal in the second half.

Cork's selectors in hurling and football have been fiercely criticised in this year's championship campaigns — yesterday it was the ladies' turn.

How they left Mary Geaney and Cathy Landers out of the original twelve is among the mysteries that have proliferated by Leaside of late.

They were called in late in the first half — but by then Kilkenny had, in racing idiom, got first run.

Incidentally, they replaced girls who were playing reasonably well — but selectors move in strange ways.

Mary Geaney brought Cork back into contention with a great goal three minutes after the restart.

A long delivery from Cathy Landers seemed too far to the right to be dangerous but Mary pursued the seemingly slight chance.

She was fifteen yards from the end-line and at an unlikely angle when she hit the ball first-time along the ground.

It eluded friend and foe and ended up in Marie Fitzpatrick's net.

The score was now 2-4 to 1-3. Suddenly the game took fire. The pace and degree of skill improved dramatically.

And in nobody more than Angela Downey was that improvement so obvious.

The transformation was remarkable; it was as if a sheep had turned into a wolf before your eyes.

Suddenly she unleashed a point-storm that bewildered Cork and delighted the big black-and-amber following in the Hogan Stand.

Angela moved away from her marker, Mary Ring, daughter of another famous father, and played more or less at centre-forward.

And she posted four points in as many minutes, the first from an easy position — but the others from about 35 yards out and while closely marked.

This was the essence of attacking play. And it looked as if Cork would be hockeyed — or camogied.

They weren't; they fought back with great heart; Sandra Fitzpatrick was the chief instigator of their rally.

The Cork girls knew that they were unlikely to win point-meal; they sought for goals — and missed a great chance in the eighteenth minute of the half.

A long ball from keeper Marion McCarthy was touched on by Clare Cronin and reached Linda Mellerick clear inside the backs.

She attempted to palm past the keeper but somehow Marie Fitzpatrick kept the sliotar out.

A great clearance by Bridie McGarry frustrated another goal-charge.

And then a few minutes from full-time Ann Downey closed the door.



Geraldine Dwyer, captain of the victorious Kildare Junior Camogie Team, is carried in triumph, following her team's victory over Armagh in the All Ireland Junior camogie final at Croke Park, yesterday. Picture by AUSTIN FINN

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As she faced up to a close-in free, she appeared to be going for a point — she shot low and into the net.  
The final score was 3-10 to 1-7.  
It was a strange game in that though Kilkenny were clearly superior, their keeper was the busier.  
Marion McCarthy got little more than routine work. She was blameless for the three that got away.  
Marie Fitzpatrick excelled but she must be wondering how that ball from Mary Geaney snook past her.

**Ann magnificent**

Rita Weymes and Bridie McGarry held the middle of the defence well. They had good domestiques in Deirdre Malone and Biddy O'Sullivan.  
Ann Downey was magnificent, brilliant in midfield and perceptive in defence. For good measure she scored a goal and a point.  
Her side-women, Clare Jones and Ann Whelan, played steadily.  
Kilkenny's spearhead, Breda Holmes, had a great day; a goal and two points was a nice bag.  
Liz Neary and Jo Dunne didn't get into the score-sheet, mainly because they were 'feeding' Angela Downey — the tactic paid well.  
The Cork selection was fiercely criticised before the game, not so much for those picked as for how they were placed.  
The critics may have been right. All I know is that Cork handicapped themselves by all those early misses.  
And they expected too much from Claire Cronin; she is a brilliant player but could hardly be at her best after a long sojourn in Australia.  
Val Fitzpatrick played a captain's part — but valour couldn't make up for Kilkenny's superior teamwork.  
Anne Redmond was an excellent referee; two splendidly sporting teams made her task easy.  
Hurlers, please copy.  
The maps of hurling and camogie do not exactly correspond; this year, for example, the junior finalists in camogie were Armagh and Kildare.  
And, what's more, in the semi-finals Armagh beat Galway — and Kildare beat Cork.  
Kildare had the more experienced side; unlike Armagh, they played as a team.  
They led 2-5 to 0-3 at half-time. Few could have foreseen the spirited rally by the girls in saffron and white.  
In the second half they several times laid siege to the Railway Goal — but lack of combination proved their undoing.  
Ursula McGivern, Fionnuala O'Connor, Sally McCone, and Mary Donnelly were at the heart of the revival; honour was saved but not the game.  
They scored four points to Kilkenny's five in the second half.  
The final score was 2-10 to 0-7.  
Kildare's scorers were Miriam Malone (1-6), Marianne Johnson (1-0), Patricia Keatley (0-1), Teresa Hanley (0-2), and Nuala Kerrigan (0-1).  
Mary O'Hagan got four points for Armagh; Ursula McGivern got two and Mary Donnelly got one.  
Kildare's steadiness and cool team-work made them impressive winners.  
Incidentally, they were coached by Limerick stalwart, Pat Herbert.  
He got into the act for the football final too, if unwittingly.  
On RTE's Saturday programme a picture of Peter Darby, Meath's captain in 1967, was captioned 'Peter Derby'. Someone spotted the mistake — it was quickly changed to 'Peter Barry'.



● GERALDINE DWYER, captain of the Kildare camogie team, holds aloft the trophy, following her sides victory by 2-10 to 0-7 over Armagh in the All-Ireland Junior Final at Croke Park yesterday.

**Kildare  
toasts  
magical  
Miriam**

**KILDARE** ..... 2-10  
**ARMAGH** ..... 0-7  
**MIRIAM MALONE** from Broadford was the star of the show as Kildare's juniors won the county's first All-Ireland camogie title in any grade at Croke Park yesterday. She scored 1-6 of her team's total as they convincingly beat an Armagh side which never recovered from a bad start, writes **JOHN BRENNAN**.  
On an ideal day for any sport, Malone snowed tremendous accuracy from both frees and play to score a succession of points. But it was her goal which was the key score in the game.  
Kildare had practically owned possession for the first fourteen minutes, a dominance which was not reflected in the 0-4 to 0-1 scoreline in their favour. But then they were awarded a 13-metre free and with the Armagh backs expecting Malone to take another point, she drilled the ball low and hard to the corner of the net.  
Six minutes later, Kildare had another goal when Marianne Johnston ran in from the right wing, missed her stroke at the first attempt, and then produced a shot which flew into the net off the body of Armagh goalkeeper Rita McGuigan.  
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**CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS . . . the Kildare team (left)**



# CLASSY

By JOHN KNOX

KILKENNY ..... 3-10 CORK ..... 1-7

**HATS OFF** to Kilkenny, the undisputed First Ladies of camogie in Ireland! At Croke Park on Sunday, a talented and super fit Kilkenny stormed to victory over Cork in an excellent All-Ireland senior final, and in the process clocked-up the county's first three-in-a-row in the code.

But the re-writing of the records did not stop there, because these super ladies took home the county's fifth national title in three years, and completed the second National League/Championship double in the same time. As Sean Kelly might say: 'Super stuff'.

And really, it was just that kind of fare that was served up by both Cork and Kilkenny. Cork were good. Kilkenny were great. The standard of play was excellent, and the individual skills displayed by some of the ladies was hard to credit.

In recent years lady athletes have made tremendous strides, and for track runners in particular, tumbling times have highlighted the advances. But after watching the splendid fare at Croke Park, one must suggest camogie has come on a bomb too. This final was all about skill, and more skill, and some of the competitors showed as much neatness in handling the camán as any man, and one means that in the most complimentary manner.

Cork had stars in the daring Sandie Fitzgibbon, the big hearted Claire Cronin, Val Fitzpatrick and Mary Greaney.

## Uncanny eye

On the other side there were stars aplenty. Goalkeeper, Marie Fitzpatrick showed an uncanny eye to spot trouble, and she had the class to snuff out dangerous situations. The defence as a whole was superb. Anna Whelan pushed an ocean of possession forward from midfield, and was equally good at striking right or left. In the second half Angela Downey (Browne) provided the scoring power that blasted Cork into oblivion. Another player of sheer class, Breda Holmes, repeatedly ripped the losers defence to shreds as she went on piercing solo runs.

This Kilkenny performance had all the signs of first rate coaching. The lifting and striking were good. Catching the ball and hooking an opponent came as second nature to the players, and the hand-pass, a beautiful part of Gaelic games when used properly, was maximised to the full. Trainer-coach, Tom Ryan and captain, Bridie McGarry can be proud of the way their charges executed their duties, both individually and collectively.

By half-time, few in the attendance of about 4,500 must have doubted Kilkenny were going to win. The Leesiders had fallen into arrears of 0-2 to 2-3, and were so stretched to cope at times, the destiny of the O'Duffy Cup seemed decided. It was, and a huge black and amber banner depicting the trophy and with the slogan 'Bridie — Hold Me Now', really did tell the true story.

The early exchanges, which were played at breakneck pace, suggested Cork were good, but their opponents could be their masters. A second minute foul on Breda Holmes gave Angela Downey an easy point from a free, and the latter hit the next score in the 12th minute (0-2 to 0-0).

Near mid-half, Kilkenny goaled and took a firm grip on proceedings. The elusive Breda Holmes started the rot. The St. Paul's player cut through the Cork defence on a solo run. She passed to Angela Downey, who had a shot blocked out and hastily pushed out to the right. Clare Jones drove the ball back in, and Miss Holmes caught it well and palmed into the net (1-2 to no score).



Like fathers, like daughters... Kilkenny star, Angela Downey and Cork's Mary Ring in a chase for possession. In the 1946 All-Ireland senior final, their fathers, Shem Downey and the late Christy Ring played on each other, just like their daughters did on Sunday.

During the next few minutes Cork piled on the pressure and pulled back points through Val Fitzpatrick and Noelle O'Driscoll. Twice the winners' keeper, Marie Fitzpatrick, had to react smartly to deprive Claire Cronin and Linda Mellerick of possible goals. But once the Noresiders had weathered this blast, they had absorbed the best the Munster girls could throw at them.

In the 16th minute Breda Holmes forced her way through for a point, and Mary Geaney provided an answered to that (2-9 to 1-6).

Four minutes from the end Kilkenny put the game beyond all doubt. Breda Holmes was fouled 20 yards out in front of goal. Casually, Ann Downey approached the free shot, but she blasted the ball low into the net. The three-in-a-row was a reality.

One could not praise both teams enough. This was a wonderful advertisement for the game, and proved when played by two skilful sides, camogie can be a real joy to watch. It was exactly that at Croke Park on Sunday.

## The Scorers

Kilkenny: Angela Downey (0-7, three frees); Breda Holmes (2-2); Ann Downey (1-1, goal free). Cork: Mary Geaney (1-1); Val Fitzpatrick (0-3, one free); Noelle O'Driscoll (0-2, frees); Irene O'Leary (0-1).

## The Teams

Kilkenny — Marie Fitzpatrick (St. Brigid's), R. Wemyss (St. Paul's), Deirdre Malone (St. Brigid's), Bridie McGarry Capt. (St. Paul's), Biddy O'Sullivan (Shamrocks), Clare Whelan (St. Paul's), Jo Dunne (Shamrocks), Liz Neary (St. Paul's), Angela Downey (St. Paul's), Breda Holmes (St. Paul's). Reserves: Siobhan Ryan (Shamrocks), Helen Holmes (St. Paul's), Breda Cahill (St. Brigid's), Frances Rothwell (Mooncoin).

Cork — M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Ring, A. Leahy, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, L. Dunphy, I. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, C. O'Mahony, N. O'Driscoll. Subs: C. Landers-Karnedy for Leahy; M. Geaney for O'Mahony; M. Spillane for O'Leary. Referee — Anne Redmond (Dublin).

## Swift response

With Anna Whelan cleaning-up some loose ends at midfield, and Bridie McGarry marshalling a compact defence, the losers found it hard to get time or space to create scoring opportunities. Eventually, in the 18th minute, Noelle O'Driscoll opened the Cork account with a point from a 20 yards free.

However, the winners response was swift and positive. Again Breda Holmes opened up the play by zipping through the losers defence. She delivered a hand-pass to Angela Downey who cut through two defenders and palmed an effort goalwards. The ball hit the shoulder of 'keeper, Marion McCarthy, and was heading into the net when Miss Holmes followed-up and made doubly sure (2-2 to 0-1).

Cork had a disputed point per Val Fitzpatrick — one umpire signalled for a score and the other a 30 — and Kilkenny had a point from the industrious Ann Downey to bring first half proceedings to a close with the Noresiders 2-3 to 0-2 clear.

There were six scores added in as many minutes during an explosive opening to the second moiety. First Irene O'Leary shot a nice point for Cork. Angela Downey had a reply. Within 30 seconds Mary Geaney put away a good goal at the other end (2-4 to 1-3).

A foul on Breda Holmes saw Angela Downey pick off another Kilkenny point. The same player then galloped through for a similar score, and in the sixth minute Angela took a pass from Jo Dunne and pointed again (2-7 to 1-3).

## Keher style

Two minutes later the Holmes-Downey duo teamed-up again to carve an opening in front of the Cork goal, and Angela — honestly it was real Eddie Keher style — picked off a point while in full flight.



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## Ladies as good as the men

THREE Kilkenny camogie players on Sunday achieved what only five local hurlers have done in over 100 years of Gaelic games. The ladies won seven All-Ireland medals on the field of play.

The camogie stars who did this were Angela Downey, Bridie Martin and Liz Neary.

The hurlers were Dick Doyle, Dick Walsh, Sim Walton, Jack Rochford and Frank Cummins.

Ann Downey also collected her seventh medal on Sunday. She was a sub. in 1974. Frank Cummins collected an eighth medal as a substitute in 1967. Noel Skehan, of course, has nine medals, six as a player and three as a substitute.

## 14 players used

KILKENNY only used 14 girls during their historic three-in-a-row run. Nine players figured in all three triumphs.

They were: Marie Fitzpatrick, Bridie Martin, Biddy O'Sullivan, Ann Downey, Anna Whelan, Jo Dunne, Liz Neary, Angela Downey and Breda Holmes. Rita Wemyss, after being a substitute in 1985, played in 1986 and 1987.

Deirdre Malone played in 1985 and 1987, and was on the panel in 1986. Clare Jones figured in the 1986 and 1987 victories. Ann Holden-Kelly, who retired this year, was on the 1985 and 1986 teams.

Siobhán Ryan, daughter of trainer Tom, has been on all three winning sides, while the other three subs., Breda Cahill, Frances Rothwell and Helen Holmes won their first medals on Sunday.

## Clare captain

CLARE JONES captained Clare to win the all-Ireland junior camogie final in 1981.



We've done it again... team captain Bridie McGarry shows off the O'Duffy Cup in Croke Park on Sunday, after the Kilkenny camogie team won the All-Ireland for the third successive year.

## FIGURES OF THE GAME

FIRST HALF					
	G's	P's	F's	W's	30's
KILKENNY .....	2	3	3	5	0
CORK .....	0	2	2	6	1
SECOND HALF					
	G's	P's	F's	W's	30's
KILKENNY .....	1	7	4	7	0
CORK .....	1	5	3	0	0
TOTALS					
	G's	P's	F's	W's	30's
KILKENNY .....	3	10	7	12	0
CORK .....	1	7	5	6	1

## How they played

### Marie Fitzpatrick

She could hardly have done better. Her catching was good and she cleared the ball constructively. Was excellent at closing down the angle on advancing forwards.

### Rita Wemyss

Was strong and forceful, and did all the little things right. She was particularly good at employing the 'flick'. Was commanding in the air.

### Deirdre Malone

A real battler with a huge heart. Worked like a Trojan throughout, and covered acres of ground. Got in several vital clearances.

### Bridie McGarry

Also captained the team to the double win in 1985. As skilful and elegant a performer as one could find. Particularly good at reading the game. Was never far from the action.

### Biddy O'Sullivan

Her job was to close down the left flank, and she did exactly that. Never allowed herself to be drawn out of position. Kept the game simple, and never put a foot wrong.

### Clare Jones

Was an unselfish worker in midfield. Used the ball intelligently, and always made herself available to another player. A really good team player.

### Ann Downey

Held a firm grip on proceedings in midfield. With a bit of luck, could have added to her tally of 1-1. A hard worker and good striker of the ball.

### Anna Whelan

At times the ball seemed to be following her around. She was in great striking form. Took total control of the left side of midfield. A performance she would find hard to better.

### Jo Dunne

Things didn't always go her way, but invariably made good use of possession. In the closing stages looked particularly dangerous.

### Liz Neary

Used her vast experience well, and created good space for the other forwards. Broke down good ball for the other forwards.

### Angela Downey

Probably the most skilful camogie player of all time. Has the speed of a sprinter, and the skill of an artist. A deadly striker, either from a dead ball situation or while in full flight.

### Breda Holmes

At both full and centre-forward, she ripped the Cork defence asunder. Possesses a deceptive side-step, and used it with telling effect. Between scoring and assists, was involved in 3-6 of Kilkenny's total.



clinchers... Cork goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy and Mary Spillane fail to keep out a shot from Ann Downey, out of camera. The Kilkenny player is Jo Dunne.



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*Cardinal Ó Fiaich congratulates Angela Downey as she goes up to collect her seventh All-Ireland medal.*



**At a reception last night in the Cork Examiner offices, Patrick Street, in honour of the Cork Senior Camogie team, beaten finalists against Kilkenny on Sunday, were, from left, Mr Con Murphy, chairman, Cork County GAA Board; Val Fitzpatrick, captain, Cork camogie team; Miriam Higgins, chairman, Cork Camogie Board, and Mr T E Crosbie, chief executive, Cork Examiner Publications.**

*(Picture: Des Barry)*



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Cork Under 18 camogie team who beat Limerick 3-9 to 2-10 in the semi-final of the Munster Championship.

## Oran chase first title

Oran, Co. Roscommon will write a new chapter of the Club's history on Sunday when they play Glenamaddy, Co. Galway in the final of the Connacht Club Championship. Chasing their first provincial title, the Roscommon side will have a very difficult task.

Oran have been a noted underage club over the past decade. The club has been prominent in Feile na nGael and Community Games. Ann Walsh, Elizabeth Lee and Ann Marie Kelly are among the noted players which will be in action for Oran.

Glenamaddy had a very close call from Athenry in the Galway County final. Indeed, they had only a single point to spare at the finish. But they can call on several Galway players including Mary Kelly, Teresa Rafferty, Catherine Egan, Claire Geraghty and Rita Divilly. Glenamaddy should reach the All-Ireland semi-final.

It is club championship final time in Leinster also. Defending champions, St. Pauls are at home to Buffers Alley. The Alley won seven consecutive Leinster titles from 1979 to 1984 and are still a very formidable team.

Kathleen Tonks, Ann Butler, Stella Sinnott, Gertrude O'Leary, Carolann Farrington and Elsie Cody are available to the Alley and will have a bold bid to take back the title. St. Pauls also have a great record in this competition. With Liz Neary, Clare Jones, Bridie McGarry, the Downey twins and the Holmes sisters on their team sheet, St. Pauls will make a great contest of it.

Ulster club champions for the past two years, Eglish, will be hard pressed by Swatragh in the provincial final. The Tyrone side defeated Letterkenny, Laragh and Killanny but will find Swatragh a tougher proposition.

The final to the Munster Under 18 championship will be staged next Sunday. Cork looked a beaten team at half-time in their semi-final with Limerick, but came back on the field to turn the game around. They face Clare in the final.

Connacht Council will stage an Under 14 blitz at Ballymacnab on Saturday. Roscommon, Mayo and Sligo will have their county selections in action. Galway are sending two teams. Mullagh, the county champions at this grade, and the Rest of Galway will be in action.

## Cork make no mistake in Shannon

Cork 4-5 Clare 1-5

ALTHOUGH there were some brief occasions, particularly in the second-half, when Clare endeavoured to stage a comeback, Cork at all times appeared confident of winning this Munster U-18 camogie championship final at Wolfe Tone Park in Shannon yesterday.

Cork, with stars like Sheenagh Morley at wing centre, Brid Walsh in goal, Deirdre Ryan at full back and full forward Eileen O'Keeffe, who scored three goals and a point, were always in command.

Catherine O'Loughlin, the Clare wing forward, put in a remarkable scoring performance - recording her teams total of 1-5.

The Cork scores were recorded by Irene O'Keeffe 3-1, Carmel Currid 1-0, and points by Jean Paula Kent, Paula Carey, Karen Mellerick and Ina Leahy.

At half-time Cork led 1-1 to 0-3.

Cork—B. Walsh, D. Ryan, B. Kelleher, T. Riordan, S. Morley, A. Barry, B. Kelly, K. Mellerick, P. Carey (Capt.), JP Kent, E. O'Keeffe, I. Leahy, Sub. A. Barry for B. Kelly, C. Currid for I. Leahy.

Clare—E. O'Halloran, P. Dunne, K. McNamara, P. O'Grady (Capt.), A. Hennessy, E. McTaggart, E. Drisdale, C. Molloy, C. O'Loughlin, Y. McInerney, F. Phelan, B. Keane.

## Kilkenny girls should power Leinster home

IT'S HARDLY surprising that the Kilkenny players, who carried off the All-Ireland senior championship in style two weeks ago, provide two-thirds of the Leinster team which faces Munster in the semi-final of the Gael-Linn Cup at Clane on Sunday. The Munster side is built around the Cork team which disappointed at Croke Park, so a dramatic change of form will be required the Munster girls if they are to oust Leinster.

Leinster's Rita Weymes and Mairead Cronin are newcomers to this level of camogie. A decade ago players with their limited experience would not find a place in the interprovincial team, but lack of interest in the Wexford camp has left the openings.

Biddy O'Sullivan and Bridie McGarry earned their places with great championship performances. The midfield of Claire Jones, Ann Downey and Cathy Walsh looks very strong while Edel Murphy at centre-forward is surrounded by scoring forwards in Carmel O'Byrne, Angela Downey and Breda Holmes.

Munster call on Ger Ryan, Liz 'dkunphy and Linda Mellerick to form the



halfback line. The Glen Rovers pair of Sandie Fitzgibbon and Val Fitzpatrick are joined by Tipperary's Kirsty McCluskey at centrefield.

Leinster scored a ten-point win over Munster in

the corresponding match last season and with the Kilkenny players in flying form at the moment, it is difficult to envisage anything but a similarly easy win this time.

Galway, the only senior county in the province, will represent Connacht against Ulster.

## MIXED LUCK FOR MUNSTER

IN a one-sided Gael Linn Senior Interprovincial Camogie semi-final at Clane, Co. Kildare yesterday, Leinster recorded a facile win over Munster, with Angela Downey putting in an excellent individual performance.

Leinster led by 3-2 to 0-4 at the break and set the pattern for a second half in which Munster made little impression.

Scorers — Leinster: A. Downey 4-5, C. O'Brien 1-1. Munster: A. Leahy 0-3, V. Fitzpatrick 0-2, B. Stokes and I. O'Leary 0-1 each.

Munster 2-5 Leinster 0-10

Munster fared better in a tight Junior semi-final, winning by the narrowest of margins after trailing by three points at half-time.

Scorers, Munster: P. Carey 1-1, T. O'Callaghan 1-0 K. Mellerick 0-3, E. O'Keeffe 0-1. Leinster: P. Keatly 0-4, P. Dawson 0-2, M. Malone, G. Dunne, D. O'Leary and K. Barry 0-1 each.

Leinster 5-7 Munster 0-7

## ST. PAULS (KILKENNY) 6-11; BUFFERS ALLEY (WEXFORD) 1-6

LEINSTER champions, St. Pauls retained the Conway Cup when they had a convincing win over Buffers Alley in the final of the Leinster Club Championship played at James Stephens Park, Kilkenny yesterday.

The visitors were early on the mark with a goal by Ger O'Leary in the first minute but a point and a goal by Ann and Angela Downey respectively in the 1st and 4th minute gave the winners a lead which they never lost.

Scorers — St. Pauls — Angela Downey 1-7, Breda Holmes 2-2 and Ann Downey 4-2.

Buffers Alley — G. O'Leary 1-1, E. Cody, S. Sinnott 0-2 each, M. Lacey 0-1.



# Camogie girls now have sigh

Cork County Camogie team has not won a senior title since 1983 and though they hoped that 1987 would be their year, the girls who play are resiliant enough to set their sights on the All-Ireland title next year. Camogie is a sport that many people know little about. Many of the girls on the Cork team were introduced to it by accident, having played hurley with

their brothers for years. The game, which is played like hurley, is enormously enjoyable and proof of this is the fact that camogie has suddenly become very popular in London, of all places. There are now three teams in the city and the players are not all Irish emigrants, many are girls who played hockey at school but find the Irish game much more stimulating.

Captain of the Cork team is Val Fitzpatrick. She is from Adelaide Street and began by playing around the streets with her four brothers as a child. Her career in camogie began when she was 15 and played for her school team, St. Als. Later she joined Glen Rovers who are now the County champions. Val is currently unemployed but has had a number of jobs includ-

ing working in her own pub, which she leased.

"It was very time consuming and I was working all the time and missed out on training. When the lease ran out I gave it up" she said.

Hurling is in Marion McCarthy's family. Her brother Sean is a sub on the Cork senior team and her other two brothers play hurling with Ballinhassig, following in the footsteps of her father, Dennis

young as you feel" adds Marion.

Another member of Eire Og is Eileen Dineen from Ovens. She holds four All-Ireland senior medals and one junior and like the others her career began playing hurling with her brothers, though basketball and volleyball were her games at school. Her father, Dan, introduced her to camogie when she was about 17 years of age after watching Eire Og play in a match. "My young one at home is as good as any of those, I'll send her down to you" he told some of the club members at the time. And he did.

Eileen, who is a computer operator in Atkins Agricultural Machinery, is engaged to Kerryman John O'Connor.

A present of a hurley for her 13th birthday started Liz Dunphy from Riverstown off on her career. Her father played with Mayfield and her interest in camogie grew when she was playing with St. Patrick's in Dillons Cross and she later joined Sarsfields.

She played on the schools senior colleges team that won the All-Ireland in 1982 and her ambition now is to add a senior medal to her collection. None of her three sisters and only one of her two brothers are interested in playing hurling. And the brother that does show a liking for the game is still only five years of age. But her boyfriend is very interested in the game, and knowledgeable, since he is a member of the Cork senior hurling team, Teddy McCarthy. A quiet personality, noted for her long range frees, Liz works with the Southern Health Board as a clerk typist.

## ALL-ROUNDER ANN

Anne Leahy is an all-rounder. A physical education teacher in St. Mary's High

School in Midleton she played with the All-Ireland volleyball team in 1984. But she found the training clashed with her camogie and gave it up.

She was also involved in athletics mainly the long jump and track and field events and representing her club in the community games in these events.

Like most of her fellow members on the Cork senior team Anne began playing with her brothers in Killeagh — "we just used a piece of a stick" she explained. When her brother began playing with Killeagh someone told her about camogie. "I never knew it existed before" she said. Her favourite skill catching and she is known for her physical strength and skills as a centre-back. She said her three sisters and brother are fanatics when it comes to camogie and give her great support.

Anne is now handling on the tradition and is training the camogie teams in the school where she works and says she gets a lot of support from her pupils and the principal, Sr. Nuala.

—ANN CAHILL

## Meet the stars



Liz Dunphy



Marion McCarthy



Val Fitzpatrick



Eileen Dineen

## EIGHT MEDALS

Marion describes herself as "the oldest swinger" on the Cork team and she has eight All-Ireland medals, more than any other camogie player outside Dublin. She is the team's only link with the 1970 Cork team that won the All-Ireland. Holding a hurley is second nature to this computer assembler who works with Adam Russells. The family lived opposite the hurling field in Ballinhassig — "I always had a hurling ball in my hand for as far back as I can remember" she said.

The first time she held a camogie stick was for the South Pres. team when she was about 12 years of age. Later she joined Eire Og and was on the Cork junior team.

Training is almost a full time occupation from March to September as preparing with Eire Og for the championship takes up three nights a week and after a rest of a few weeks, training then begins for the Cork senior games.

Marion, who is 34 years of age, has won four of her All-Ireland medals playing centre field and four as goalie and she played in goal for this year's game also. The advantages of having played for so many years is the experience a player gains which makes up for whatever a person loses in fastness. "You're as



# Gael Linn time again

Big games of the coming weekend will be the Senior and Junior Gael Linn Interprovincial semi-finals which will be played at Clane, Co. Kildare, on Sunday. On the local front there are two interesting Intermediate Championship semi-finals down for decision between Eire Og and Ballinora and St. Finbarrs and Cloyne, while the remainder of the weekend will see a number of Junior 'A' and Junior 'B' League games decided.

On Sunday next two Munster teams travel to Kildare to play Leinster in the Senior and Junior Gael Linn semi-finals. The Munster senior team is mainly dominated by Cork players and includes goalkeeper Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Lynda Mellerick, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Ann Leahy, Irene O'Leary and Liz Dunphy and these girls will be joined by Ger Ryan and Kirsty McCluskey from Tipperary, Helen Collins from Limerick and Pauline O'Brien, Clare.

The Munster junior team includes five Cork players, goalkeeper Rose Desmond, centre-back Evelyn Healy, centre-field players Karen Mellerick and Liz O'Neill and wing-forward Jean Paula Kent, with the remaining positions going to Michelle Hogan, Noreen Dwyer and Ann Costello, Tipperary, Margaret Guiry and Frances Broderick, Limerick, and Mary Sheedy, Clare.

On the local front there should be plenty of keen rivalry in the Intermediate Championship semi-finals. In the first of these two Mid Cork clubs, Ballinora and Eire Og, will battle it out at Ballinora and this should be an interesting clash.

The second semi-final between St. Finbarrs and Cloyne promises to be a much closer affair. In last year's semi-final Cloyne just pipped the Barrs after an exciting replay so the city girls will be very anxious to reverse the result this year.

## Fixtures for Sunday, October 11

**Gael Linn Semi-finals** — Junior, Munster v. Leinster at Clane, Co. Kildare, at 2 p.m.; senior, Munster v. Leinster at Clane, Co. Kildare, at 3.15.

**Intermediate Championship Semi-finals** — St. Finbarrs v. Cloyne at St. Finbarrs at 12 noon (referee June Hamill); Eire Og v. Ballinora at Ballinora at 12 noon (Sheila Golden).

**Junior 'A' League '87** — Ballincollig v. Bishopstown at Ballincollig at 12 noon (Innisca).

**Junior 'B' League** — Bride Rovers v. St. Fanahans at St. Fanahans at 3 p.m. (St. Catherine's); Glen Rovers v. Fr. Mathews at Glen Rovers at 12 noon (Brian Dillons).

**Munster Junior Panel** — Rose Desmond (Cork), Michelle Hogan (Tipperary), Marguerite Guiry (Limerick), Evelyn Healy (Cork), Mary Sheedy (Clare), Liz O'Neill (Cork), Noreen Dwyer (Tipperary), Karen Mellerick (Cork), Frances Broderick (Limerick), Jean Paula Kent (Cork), Ann Costello (Tipperary), Irene O'Keeffe (Cork), Paula Carey (do.).

**Munster Senior Panel** — Marian McCarthy (Cork), Eileen Dineen (do.), Lynda Mellerick (do.), Ger Ryan (Tipperary), Helen Collins (Limerick), Sandy Fitzgibbon (Cork), Val Fitzpatrick (do.), Kirsty McCluskey (Tipperary), Ann Leahy (Cork), Irene O'Leary (do.), Liz Dunphy (do.), Pauline O'Brien (Clare), Helen Sheehy (Limerick), Liz Condron (Clare), Patricia O'Grady (Limerick), Ann Gleeson (Tipperary), Brid Stokes (Limerick), Mary Ring (Cork).

Camogie: finals — St. Finbarrs 1-8, Cloyne 2-4; Eire Og 2-9, Ballinora 3-1. J.A.L. — Bishopstown 4-3, Ballincollig 2-1. Waterford

## Belles of St. Paul's in tune for final!

TEN years ago, St. Paul's, Kilkenny, won the last of their five All-Ireland Club Championship titles. On Sunday, they face St. Marys, Glenamaddy in the semi-final of the All-Ireland series. On the form displayed in the Leinster final with Buffer's Alley, St. Pauls will be the team to beat.

Buffer's Alley have an outstanding record in this championship. However, three early goals by St. Pauls shattered their aspirations and allowed the Kilkenny club to run out easy winners. Pipped by Glen Rovers in a high scoring All-Ireland Club final last season, St. Pauls are very keen to win back this trophy.

With names like Bridie McGarry, Liz Neary, Ann Downey, Claire Jones, Angela Downey and Breda Holmes on their team sheet, St. Pauls would do well in the inter-county arena let alone the club scene. Supporting the celebrated players are very good club performers including Caroline Holmes, Geradine Ryan, Catherine Neary and Breda Ryan.

Connacht champions for the third time, St. Marys, Glenamaddy have a formidable task. They showed great determination and plenty of skill in the final of the Kilmacud Sevens recently. Indeed, their great-hearted Mary Kelly was named as the Player of the Tournament.

Glenamaddy were hard

Camogie

pressed to shake off the attentions of Athenry in the Galway final. Patricia Mitchell, Teresa Rafferty, Anne Divilly, Claire Gallagher, Catherine Egan and Rita Divilly will need to be at their best to halt the Kilkenny champions.

Eglis, Co. Tyrone, make the long trip to Cork to tackle the All-Ireland champions, Glen Rovers. Ulster champions for the third consecutive year, Eglis are very keen to reach the decider. The record of Ulster clubs in this competition is not great and their task is undoubtedly a hard one.

Many of the Eglis girls have worn the Tyrone colours and a number of them have represented

Ulster. Catherine Daly, Anne Burke, Celia McKay, Pauline Vallely, Anne Jordan, Anne McKeena and Maureen Ogle are all well drilled in the craft of playing the game and will give a good account of themselves.

Glen Rovers realised a cherished dream last season when they won the All-Ireland Club Championship. The success boosted confidence and they are back again in a bid to retain their title. Only Eire Og troubled Glen in the Cork county Final. They proved a class apart from the other contenders in the Munster championship.



Kilkenny camogie star Angela Downey-Browne, who won the Supreme Award in the Hotel Kilkenny and Kilkenny People annual sports personality awards scheme, being presented with her trophy by former Wexford and Clare hurler Liam Griffin, managing director Hotel Kilkenny. Also in picture is John E. Kerry-Keane (Kilkenny People).



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# GLEN DEFEND TITLE

ON Sunday next Cork and Munster champions Glen Rovers defend their All-Ireland title with a semi-final clash against the Ulster champions Eglis from Tyrone. On the local front the Junior 'A' championship gets underway with four first round games down for decision while the remainder of the weekend will see a number of League games decided.

Glen Rovers, impressive winners of this season's Cork and Munster Championship play Eglis the Ulster Champions at the Glen Field on Sunday next and here the homeside will start as strong favourites to advance to their second All-Ireland final in a row. Glen are a very experienced and skilful side and should have too much strength for newcomers Eglis.

The Glen team will include regular goalkeeper Fiona McCarthy with Mary Ring, Ann Delaney and Diane Deane filling the full back positions. Marie Mackey is expected to be at centre back with the centre field positions going to Val Fitzpatrick, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Mary Currid. Therese O'Callaghan should be in her usual position at centre forward while the full forwards will be chosen from June Hamill, Denise Cotter, Claire McCarthy, Ann Connolly and Ger McCarthy who is currently working abroad but is expected to return for the game.

## INTERESTING CLASHES

There should be a number of interesting clashes in the Junior 'A' Championship. In the first of these, Douglas who have been knocking on the door of this competition for some years now and who have fine layers in the Maher sisters Mary and Liz, Liz Lynch and Catherine McSweeney, should have the edge on Na Piaras's second squad.

Ballincollig travel to St. Catherine's to play the home side and here the Mid-Cork club who will be looking to their younger players Rachel Flynn, Elaine Barry-Murphy and Sandra Murphy to do well, despite the efforts of Marie O'Regan and Bridie Flannagan.

## FIXTURES

### SUNDAY

All-Ireland Club Championship semi-final: Glen Rovers (Cork) v Eglis, Glen Field, 12 noon.

Junior 'A' Championship: Douglas v Na Piaras, Douglas, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. St. Finbarrs); St. Catherine's v Ballincollig, St. Catherine's, 3 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh); Brian Dillon's v Castlemagner, Brian Dillon's, 3 p.m. (Ref. Sarsfields); Cloughduv v Youghal, Cloughduv, 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballinora).

Intermediate League: Eire Og v Watergrasshill at 3 p.m. (Ref. Cloyne).

Junior 'A' League: Bishopstown v Inniscarra, Inniscarra, 12 noon. (Ref. Eire Og).

Junior 'B' League: Fr. Mathews v Bishopstown, Courcy Rovers, 3 p.m. (Ref. Valley Rovers); Newcestown v Grenagh, Newcestown, 3 p.m. (Ref. Barryroe).



Ann Delaney, Glen Rovers and Kay Fay, Eglis, tussle for possession during the All-Ireland Club camogie semi-final at the Glen Field, Cork.

## Paul's in final

KILKENNY senior camogie champions, St. Paul's sailed into the all-Ireland on Sunday by virtue of their impressive 2-15 to 2-4 win over St. Mary's (Glenamaddy).

The winners were always in control, and kept their opponents under pressure throughout. The winners now play Glen Rovers (Cork) in the all-Ireland final in Kilkenny on November 8.

The Kilkenny juniors will be in action in the Camogie League on Sunday. The ladies face a trip to far away Oranmore to play Galway (2 p.m.). A bus will leave the Parade (10 a.m.).

Kilkenny Panel: Maria Lawlor, Caroline Holmes, Geraldine Ryan, Sarah Russell, Catherine Neary, Julie Fry (St. Paul's); Joan Lanigan, Margaret O'Keeffe (Thomatown); Theresa Fennelly, Carmel Moran, Chrissie Ryan (Shamrocks); Sandra Ashe (Tullagher); Mary and Lizzie Whelan (Blacks and Whites); M. Smeaton, A. Drennan (Galmoy); Elaine Butler (Freshford), Marina Downey, Catherine Dunne, Eileen Kennedy, B. Brennan, L. Fogarty, C. Glennon (Lisdowney), A. Hennessy, A. Cleere (St. Brigid's); A. Walsh, R. Dunne (Mooncoin).

## Kildare juniors look sharp

NEWLY crowned All-Ireland Junior champions Kildare return to the playing fields on Sunday when they open their National Junior League campaign against Wexford. The revised sections sees Kildare in the company of the second strings from the senior counties.

Naturally, Kildare were very pleased with their historic victory in the All-Ireland Final. But what must have encouraged their supporters even more was the promising showing of the younger members of the panel. Bernie Farrelly and Teresa Hanley, who are still teenagers, can reflex on a great season. Teresa Farrelly and Aisling Treacy are two



other talented youngsters about to step into the side. Kildare should dominate Sunday's game.

Wexford overcame Laois and Kilkenny to reach the Leinster championship semi-final but it has not been a great season for them. They may use the League to bring on a number of the minor players who did well in 1986.

Armagh suffered bitter disappointment for the second time in three years in the Junior final. They must now pick up the pieces and strengthen the side. Armagh

have some great players but need a few more to make it a top class team.

They will find Tyrone no pushover in their opening opening League match. Tyrone call on many of the English team which has been in training for the club championship. Only two points separate these teams in the Ulster final. It is expected to be another close encounter.

Connacht champions always should be good for the points against Kilkenny. The western county has turned out excellent young players in recent years and will take the opportunity to move some good prospects

on to the county side. Kilkenny's hopes were high early in the year but when the extra pressure of championship camogie came around, they were not good enough.

Dublin have proved to be a bogey team for the Clare juniors in the past two years. Denise O'Leary, Geraldine Dunne, Carmel Gray, Phyllis Dawson and Anne Cooper should get Dublin off to a good start at Clare's expense.

### SUNDAY

National	Junior	League	
Derryinacush, 2.0.	Armagh	v	
Tyrone, Clane at 2.0.	Kildare	v	
Wexford, Ennis at 3.0.	Clare	v	
Dublin, Galway at 3.0.	Galway	v	
Kilkenny,			



# DILLONS FANCIED TO WIN

PICK of the games on the camogie front for the coming weekend will be the Junior "A" Championship quarter-final on Monday between Brian Dillons and Inniscarra and this will be preceded by the Under-14 League Final between Cloughduv and Bishopstown "A". On the same day there are a number of vital Junior "B" League games down for decision.

Brian Dillons strongly tipped to take the Junior "A" title this season travel to Ballyanley on Monday to play Inniscarra in the quarter-final and here Dillons will be very anxious to do well. For the past two years Dillons have won the Junior "A" League but in both years were pipped by Killeagh in the Championship so they will be very determined to get things right this year.

They are a very experienced outfit and in a position to call on such marvellous players as the Mellerick sisters Lynda and Karen, Aileen Barry, Liz O'Sullivan, Vivienne O'Brien and Niamh Cotter and if these girls play to form it is difficult to see the home side holding them but the Mid-Cork girls could have other ideas about this.

Inniscarra have been doing very well at underage level in recent years and will be fielding a young side on Monday. They will be hoping that players like goalkeeper Marie O'Brien, centre back Fiona O'Driscoll and wing forward Irene O'Keeffe will rise to the occasion and, who knows, could make things difficult for the city girls.

The Under-14 League final between Cloughduv and Bishopstown promises to be a real cracker. Bishopstown are the '87 Cork and All-Ireland Feile na nGael champions and will undoubtedly start as favourites. They are also the current holders of the title but Cloughduv are the dark horses of this competition and have surprised many by reaching the final and now that they are there will not be easily defeated in what is for them their first ever Under-14 final.

Cloughduv will be led by Cork minor full forward Lyn Dunlea, her sister Stephanie, Ann Marie Healy and Catherine Drummy and if these girls produce the goods they could put a stop to the progress of the city girls.

But Bishopstown have an excellent goalkeeper in Aisling O'Leary, who captains the side and have other top class players in Gillian Conlon and Lourde Rowe and if they strike form Bishopstown will be expected to edge it.

In the remaining game Eire Og, Erins Own and St. Catherine's will be expected to pick up Junior "B" League points.

Clubs are reminded that the Annual Collection will be held at the County Hurling Final on Sunday next. Collectors are asked to be at Gate 10 at 1 p.m.

**Fixtures Monday —** Under 14 League Final: Bishopstown v. Cloughduv at Inniscarra at 2 p.m. (ref., Eleanor Twomey). Junior "A" Championship: Inniscarra v. Brian Dillons at Inniscarra at 3 p.m. (ref., Mary Maher). Junior "B" League: Ballinora v. Eire Og at Ballinora at 3 p.m. (ref., Inniscarra); Erins Own v. Blackrock at Erins Own at 3 p.m. (ref., Sarsfields); St. Catherine's v. Bride Rovers at Bride Rovers at 3 p.m. (ref., Watergrasshill).

## Brian Dillons go through

Brian Dillons 7-7,  
Inniscarra 1-2

Brian Dillons were never troubled when advancing to the semi-final of the Cork Co. Junior A Camogie League at Inniscarra yesterday when they had a comprehensive victory over Inniscarra.

Scorers for Brian Dillons: Gillian Ryan 3-1; Aileen Barry 2-2; Niamh Cotter 2-1; Karen Mellerick 0-2 and Linda Ahern 0-1. Irene O'Keeffe replied for the losers.

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## East to rule again

Leinster stands head and shoulders over the other provinces in senior camogie. Inaugurated in 1956, the Gael Linn Cup has virtually been monopolised by the eastern province. On Sunday, Leinster take the field against Connacht in search of their 20th title.

The present-day strength of Kilkenny camogie is clearly reflected in the Leinster selection. The stars of the recent All-Ireland final form the backbone of the team. It must be said that the Kilkenny players give great commitment to the Leinster team in times when inter-county players in other areas show indifference.

From goalkeeper Marie Fitzpatrick to full forward Breda Holmes, eight Kilkenny players have found places. The big names are there. Angela Downey, Bridie McGarry, Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan and Clare Jones are all capable of turning the match in Leinster's favour.

In the semi-final, Leinster registered five goals against Munster. One felt that they were playing within themselves and could have increased their tally had Munster threatened. They are expected to make a five-in-a-row on Sunday.

In the days of Nono McHugh, Kathleen Quinn, Josie Kelly, Rose Divilly and Jane Murphy, Connacht recorded two Gael Linn victories. But the cup has not travelled west since 1974.

It is a young Connacht team which will attempt to bridge the gap. As usual, Connacht will be represented by an all-Galway team. The side did very well in the semi-final registering a nine-point win. On the other hand, the standard of the Ulster team would not be on a par with Leinster.

### On way

Connacht include several players who are still on the way up. Angela Cooney, Anne Ryan, Anne Fahy, Brid Stratford and Paula Earls come into this category. They will link up with the more practised players, Mary Kelly, Teresa Raftery, Bridie Cunniffe and Geraldine Heavey in an attempt to put Connacht back in the picture.

A single score has decided the destination of the Gael Linn trophy frequently in recent years. The junior inter-provincial teams never fail to provide entertaining committed action. Ulster oppose Munster in Sunday's final in what should be yet another great final.

Ulster opted for an experienced 12. Surprisingly, All-Ireland finalists, Armagh, could only manage two places. Sally McCone and Denise McStay are in company of mainly Tyrone and Derry players. Jean McQuillan, Sarah Quinn, Catherine Daly, Sheila Burke, Rosemary Trainor and Anne Daly will set a hot pace for Munster to follow.

Munster have done well in this competition with six titles to their credit.

## Tough mission for Connacht

FIVE years without tasting defeat is the record of the present Leinster Senior team. Holders of the Gael Linn Cup since 1983, Leinster seem assured of stretching their run in the competition.

At Silverpark on Sunday, Connacht will attempt to halt them in their tracks. But it is a huge task for what is actually a county team. The Galway players represent Connacht and face a team which has three strong senior counties to select from.

In the semi-final against Ulster, Connacht put up a very creditable performance. Nine points the better side, they deservedly qualified for the final. On the same afternoon, Leinster dispatched Munster with ease. They found the Munster net five times while keeping their own intact.

The dominance of Kilkenny camogie is reflected in the Leinster team. Eight of the All-Ireland winning team will be in action including Marie Fitzpatrick, Bridie McGarry, Ann Downey, Breda Holmes and Angela Downey.

Younger and less experienced, Anne Ryan, Brid Stratford, Angela Cooney, Anne Fahy, Bridie Cunniffe and Mary Kelly will give it all they have got. But it may be too much to expect of them to lower the colours of Leinster.

The junior final between Ulster and Munster should be an attractive



BIDDY O'SULLIVAN . . . Leinster's top class defender in Gael Linn Cup Camogie final against Connacht in Dublin.



game to watch. Neither had anything to spare in the semi-finals qualifying by a single point in each case. Ulster, who won their only title in 1979, field a well practised team. Jean McQuillan, Sarah Quinn, Sally McCone, Margaret Carroll, Catherine Daly, Rosemary Trainor, Sheila Burke and Denise McStay are tried and tested performers who will go out to win.

Munster have six titles to their credit in twelve years of competition. Cork have the largest representation on what is a young team. Evelyn Healy, Paula Carey, Karen Mellerick, Jean Paula Kent and Irene O'Keeffe are not long out of the minor ranks.

## CLOUGHDUV TAKE TITLE

Cloughduv 1-3,  
Bishopstown 0-3

holders Bishopstown in a most exciting contest.

Scorers for the winners were Eileen O'Sullivan 1-0 and Lynn Dunlea 0-3. Aine White, Deirdre Moynihan and Gillian Conlon replied for the losers.

CLOUGHDUV captured their first Cork Co. Camogie Under 14 League title at Inniscarra yesterday when they defeated



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# Munster involved in junior final



**HIGHLIGHT** of the weekend on the camogie front will be the finals of the Gael-Linn interprovincial championships scheduled for Sunday at Silver Park, Dublin. In the junior final Munster play Ulster at 2 p.m. and this will be followed by the senior final between Connacht and Leinster at 3 p.m.

On the Cork front St. Fanahans and St. Catherines will battle it

no fewer than seven Cork players. It includes goalkeeper Rose Desmond, centre-back Evelyn Healy, midfielder Karen Mellerick, and Paula Carey, Irene O'Keeffe, Theresa O'Callaghan and Jean Paula Kent, who fill all four forward positions.

The full-back line will be an all-Limerick one, comprising Marguerite Guiry, Mairead Treacy and Patricia Twomey. Frances Broderick, also from Limerick, and Patricia Barry, Waterford, will fill the other mid-field positions. Tipperary girls Noreen Dwyer, Michelle Hogan and Ann

could find the going tough against a more experienced St. Catherines side.

In the under-16 league, Inniscarra, Aghabullogue, Ballincollig, Fr. O'Neills, Killeagh, Watergrasshill, Glen Rovers, Grenagh, St. Finbarrs, Valley Rovers, Na Piar-saigh and Cloughduv will all be expected to pick up points.

Cork players on the Munster team are requested to be at St. Patrick's Church at 8.15 p.m. on Sunday.

**Munster team:** Rose Desmond (Cork), Marguerite Guiry, Mairead Treacy, Patricia Twomey (Limerick), Evelyn Healy (Cork), Patricia Barry (Waterford), Frances Broderick (Limerick), Karen Mellerick (Cork), Paula Carey (Cork), Theresa O'Callaghan (Cork), Irene O'Keeffe (Cork), Jean Paula Kent (Cork).  
**Subs:** Orla Flynn (Waterford), Claire O'Callaghan (Cork), Liz O'Neill (Cork), Brid Walsh (Cork).

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## HOLDERS Leinster in romp

LEINSTER ..... 8-11  
CONNACHT ..... 0-5

**HOLDERS** Leinster overwhelmed Connacht in the final of the Senior Provincial Championships for the Gael Linn Cup at Leopardstown yesterday.

The winners got away to a flying start and Ann Downey and her sister Angela Browne had points apiece in the first three minutes. C. O'Byrne and E. Murphy added goals before M. Kelly and A. Fahy opened the scoring for Connacht with two neat points.

And a further point by A. Fahy just before the interval when the score stood at 3-5 to 0-3 in favour of Leinster.

The second half followed the same pattern with Leinster scoring at their ease to win the cup for the 20th time and fifth in succession.

Carmel O'Byrne was outstanding for Leinster while Mary Kelly B. Stafford and Ann Fahy tried hard for Connacht.

**Scorers — Leinster —** C. O'Byrne (5-3), B. Holmes (1-0), A. Downey (1-2), A. Browne (1-3), C. Jones, N. Malone and U. Crowley (0-1 each). **Connacht —** M. Kelly (0-2), A. Fahy (0-2), S. Coen (0-1).

**MUNSTER** ..... 2-6  
**ULSTER** ..... 2-5

In a closely contested junior final for the Gael Linn Shield Munster just pipped Ulster in an exciting and keenly contested game in which the issue was in doubt until the final whistle.

**Scorers — Munster —** J. P. Kent and T. O'Callaghan (1-1 each), C. O'Callaghan (0-2), O'Feeffe, F. Broderick (0-1 each). **Ulster —** McAleenan and A. Treacy (0-1 each), C. Daly (0-1), P. Quinn, S. A. Quinn and D. McStay (0-1 each).



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Réiteoir: Áine Derham Laighin.

Cill Mhóchuda-Na Crócaigh, 1 Samhain, 1987.



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**Junior A League**  
Brian Dillions 10-11, Youghal 0-1.  
**Junior B League**  
Eire Og 2-1, Ballinora 1-1.  
**Under 16 League**  
Eire Og 5-5, Inniscarra 2-0; Aghabullogue 6-3, Ballinora nil; Newcestown 6-1, Ballincollig 0-1; Glenrovers 6-9, Delaney Rovers nil; Bishopstown B 5-0, Valley Rovers 3-0; Cloughduv 5-3, Barryroe nil.

### MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

**MUNSTER** ..... 2-6  
**ULSTER** ..... 2-5  
Clare O'Callaghan's point five minutes from time gave Munster the junior Gael Linn camogie title at Leopardstown in Dublin yesterday after a game that began 33 minutes late because of the non-appearance of the referee.

Ulster were the better side in the first-half and they led at the break by 2-4 to 1-3, Jean Paula Kent getting the Munster goal after four minutes.

Munster improved in the second-half and a Teresa O'Callaghan goal in the 35th minute brought them within two points of Ulster. She scored another point a minute later and the two crucial points came from Clare O'Callaghan.

**Scorers: Munster—**J. Kent 1-1, T. O'Callaghan 1-1, C. O'Callaghan 0-2, I. O'Keeffe and F. Broderick 0-1 each. **Ulster—**M. McAleenan 1-0, A. Traynor 1-0, K. Daly 0-2, P. Quinn, D. McStay and S.A. Quinn 0-1 each.

Leinster 8-11, Connacht 0-5. AS expected, Leinster easily won the senior crown.



# THE YEAR OF ANGELA BROWNE

By Owen McCann

This is again proving the year of Angela Browne (Downey) in camogie. When the great Kilkenny forward decided not to defend her Gradam Tailte title in June, there were those who felt she might not leave nearly as strong an imprint on the camogie scene in 1987 as in past seasons.

Gradam Tailte is the sport's annual day-long competition for the camogie player of the year in each county. It is decided on a points system over a number of disciplines or exercises, and the brilliant Kilkenny ace won the title for the third successive time in 1986.

But her absence from that important test has still not prevented Angela, who earlier this year became Camogie's first Texaco award winner in 19 years, from once more proving a dominant force in the sport. In all the other competitions - League, Championship and Club and Interprovincial ties - she has been turning on the skills to a remarkable degree.

In the National League final at Nowlan Park in June, the dashing forward was in sparkling form. She displayed all her extra special gifts in impressive style, and scored 1-4 to power Kilkenny to a most convincing win over Dublin.

Even better was to come in Kilkenny's defence of the All-Ireland senior championship - especially in the final with Cork at Croke Park in September. This was an-



Angela Browne (Kilkenny) solos away from Cork's Mary Ring in the senior final.

**other five-star final show from one of the game's greatest-ever exponents.**

Browne played very well in the first half, but really came into her own in the second. She also did much in that spell to end the bid by Cork to stage a come-back. The Leesiders trailed by 0-2 to 2-3 at the interval, but for a spell after the change of ends looked like making a genuine effort to get back into the game. Then, we saw Angela at her dynamic best as she rifled over four superb points to effectively halt the challengers come-back bid and set Kilkenny firmly on course for a first treble of All-Ireland senior championships.

Interestingly enough, Kilkenny have won seven All-Ireland senior titles

over-all, the first in 1974 - and Angela has played in every one of the successful teams.

Since the O'Duffy Cup triumph she has been just as prominent with her club, St. Paul's, in their quest to regain the All-Ireland club title after an interval of ten years, and with the Leinster side that retained the Gael-Linn interprovincial crown at the end of October.

There was an unusual feature to the Kilkenny-Cork summit, by the way. Angela Browne and Mary Ring (Cork) were in direct opposition in the game and as a result maintained probably a unique family link - certainly a most rare one.

Their fathers, Shem Downey and Christy Ring, were prominent figures in the All-Ireland senior hurling finals of 1946 and 1947. Downey "marked" Ring in 1946, when he played at centre half back. Cork won that final, but Kilkenny were successful the following year when both Downey and Ring were forwards.

The O'Duffy Cup game in September confirmed Kilkenny's status as one of the most efficient powers ever in the game's history. Apart from recording a first-ever treble of All-Ireland senior titles, the Noresiders completed the big double of the National League and the championship in the same season for the second time in two years.

## ONLY THREE

Angela Browne, who captained Kilkenny to their 1977 title win, is one of only three players who have appeared in all of the county's seven All-Ireland senior title winning teams. The



Claire Jones (Kilkenny) shoots past Mary Spillane (Cork) in the O'Duffy Cup tie.

others are Liz Neary and Bridie McGarry, who both captained Kilkenny to success. Indeed, both have been twice presented with the Cup. The latest decider attracted a good crowd, and was an entertaining match, even if the issue was never really in doubt from about midway in the first half.

If Angela Browne was the brightest star, Kilkenny still had other outstanding players in every department. The champions played with poise, confidence and displayed teamwork and class, to finish convincing and deserved winners by nine points - 3.10 - 1.7.

Bridie McGarry led the team in inspiring style from centre half back.

Val Fitzpatrick, Cork's captain and centre half forward, and Clare Cronin at midfield were their leading players.

## HISTORIC WIN

Geraldine Dwyer, of Prosperous, is the first Kildare player to be presented with the New Ireland Cup, the trophy for the All-Ireland junior camogie championship. She led her team in fine style from left half back to a good win over a gallant Armagh in a good game.

The winners' star player, however, was Miriam Malone, who had a cracking game in the middle of the park, and finished the leading scorer in the final as well with a splendid 1-6. That was two points more than scored by Armagh.

The win was a rich measure of compensation for Kildare for their defeat by Clare in the 1986 final. Their winning margin in the 1987 summit was nine points - 2.10 - 0-7.



Bridie McGarry... Kilkenny captain.

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# Glen leave no stone unturned

## CORK GIRLS IN REPEAT FINAL

By MARK WOODS

GLEN ROVERS have left no stone unturned in their efforts to retain the All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship title. They travel to Kilkenny on Sunday to renew rivalry with St. Paul's in a repeat of last season's final, which went the Cork girls' way after a titanic struggle.

According to their coach Finbarr O'Neill, the Glen have never been fitter going into a match. "Our preparations have gone very well. We trained four nights a week for the past fortnight and I think the girls are fitter this time around than last year," he said.

The Glen, who won their first All-Ireland in thrilling style, are under no illusions about the extent of the task facing them on Sunday. "We realise they will be all out to make up for last year's defeat, but we are equally determined to hang onto our title," O'Neill said.

### NO INJURY WORRIES

The champions have no injury worries going into Sunday's eagerly awaited decider, which at the moment has not been fixed for any definite venue. Nowlan Park, Callan and Ballyraggart are been talked about, but they have yet to receive official confirmation. Ballyraggart, they say, seems to be the most likely choice.

Their opponents, who provided seven of the victorious Kilkenny side which won the All-Ireland senior championship title a few weeks ago, are calling on the same squad from last season, but the Glen have two newcomers in Denise Cotter and Claire McCarthy, who recently returned from America.

Mention St. Paul's and the name of Angela Downey immediately springs to mind. The brilliant forward is the country's top player and she more than anyone else is capable of ending Glen's reign as All-Ireland champions. She scored five goals in last season's epic decider and the Glen are more than aware of her ability.

O'Neill was an interested spectator at the Cork-Kilkenny final and he firmly believes the winner's fitness was decisive in the end. "We also watched the

video of last year's final during the week and I am convinced we are the better team. Apart from Angela Downey, who is a great player, none of their forwards looked like troubling our defence," he said.

The Glen have had the odd hiccup or two in their programme this season. They scraped home against Ulster champions, Eglis of Tyrone, in the semi-final, after a very tough game and their county final victory over Eire Og was achieved thanks to two late goals.

"It is always very difficult to defend titles and we have found that every team wants to beat us. They tend to raise the level of their performance and everyone is prepared to have a go. You are there to be taken," O'Neill commented.

Travelling to Kilkenny makes no odds for the Glen coach. "More importantly the girls have no

● Pictured above shows Glen Rovers panel, with coach Finbarr O'Neill, during a training session for their All-Ireland Club final against St. Paul's, Kilkenny on Sunday. —(Picture: Des Barry).

fears about playing there. We will have a lot of support from Cork as well. We will be travelling on Saturday and staying overnight in Kilkenny city," he said.

Cork Savings Bank and the Glen Rovers-St. Nicholas club have come to the assistance of the camogie club for Sunday's final. They have provided enough money to cover the team's travelling and overnight expenses for the weekend. Club Chairperson Mrs. Newman expressed her thanks on behalf of the club yesterday.



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Val Fitzpatrick, Glen Rovers, races past Eglish backs during the All-Ireland club semi-final at the Glen Field, Cork.

## GLEN ROVERS PEN-PICS

GLEN ROVERS and ST. PAUL'S of Kilkenny contest Sunday's All-Ireland club final - the highlight of the camogie year. The match will be played in Ballyraggart, which is seven miles from Kilkenny City, and the match is given further significance by the fact that these same teams contested last year's final. Tonight we feature the Cork champions, who are again coached by Finbarr O'Neill and can call upon all of last year's players, including Geraldine McCarthy, who is being brought back from London. Added to that squad are: Denise Cotter, who was injured last season, and Claire McCarthy, recently returned from America.

**Fiona McCarthy** (Secretary) — Holds minor and junior honours with Cork. Holder of an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Patrick's. Has won junior A, junior B and senior county medals with Glen Rovers. Goal-keeper with last year's All-Ireland winning team.

**Diane Deane** (Shop Assistant) — Holder of an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Patrick's. Has won junior and senior medals with Glen Rovers. Played on last year's winning team.

**Mary Ring** (Clerk/Typist) — Has played at junior and senior grades with Cork. Holder of three senior county and one All-Ireland medal with Glen Rovers. Full-back and captain of last year's All-Ireland winning team.

**Anne Delaney-O'Donovan** (Teacher) — Holds minor, junior and senior medals with Cork. Captained the Glen side who won the county in 1983. Left-corner back on last year's All-Ireland winning side.

**Marie Mackey-Ryan** (Clerk) — Holds senior medals with Cork. Holds senior county and league medals with Glen Rovers. Half-back on last year's winning side. Marie is also a badminton and squash interprovincial.

**Sandie Fitzgibbon** (Lab Technician) — Holder of minor and senior medals with Cork. Has won an All-Ireland Colleges medal with North Presentation. Holds senior county and league medals with Glen Rovers. Captain of Blarney Basketball team and is currently a member of the Irish senior basketball squad.

**Val Fitzpatrick**, capt. (Barmaid) — Holds junior and senior medals with Cork. Captained the Cork side to the All-

Ireland final this year. Holder of senior county and All-Ireland medals with Glen Rovers. Last year's winner of "Player of the Match" in the All-Ireland club final.

**Mary Currid** (Secretary) — Has won minor and junior honours with Cork. Holder of an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Patrick's. Holds senior county, league and All-Ireland medals with Glen Rovers.

**Therese O'Callaghan** (Computer Operator) — Has won junior honours with Cork. Holds senior county, Munster Club and All-Ireland medals with Glen Rovers. Half-forward in last year's All-Ireland winning side.

**June Hamill** (Secretary) — Holder of a minor medal with Cork. Holder of senior county, Munster Club and All-Ireland medals with Glen Rovers. Full-forward on last year's All-Ireland winning side.

**Denise Cotter** (Housewife) — Has won minor, junior and under-18 honours with Cork. Holder of under-18 county medal and senior county medals with Glen Rovers. Was unavailable for selection on last year's panel but has made a welcome return this year and is playing well.

**Clair McCarthy** (Shop Assistant) — Holds minor, junior and under-18 medals with Cork. Holder of two county championship medals with Glen Rovers. Was out of the country (working abroad) last year but has returned to her old form for this season's campaign.

**Anne Hourihan** (Housewife) — Holder of a minor medal with Cork and has won three county championship medals with Glen Rovers. Right-corner forward on last year's All-Ireland winning side.

**Ger McCarthy** (Secretary) — Holds minor, junior and senior medals with Cork. Holds three county championship and an All-Ireland medal with Glen Rovers. Is currently working in London but is expected to return for the final to take up her position in the forward line.

**Denise Cronin** (Student) — Holds senior county, Munster Club and All-Ireland medals with Glen Rovers. Fast, exciting player who adapts to any position.

**Tracy O'Riordan** (Hairdresser) — Holds and All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Patrick's. Has won minor and junior honours with Cork. Holds senior county and All-Ireland medals with Glen Rovers. Granddaughter of the "Kid" Cronin, masseur to the Cork hurling and football teams.

**Ursula Burke** (Teacher) — Holder of senior county, Munster Club and All-Ireland medals with Glen Rovers.

**Anne Lornegan** (Secretary) — Holder of an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Patrick's. Has won senior county, Munster Club and All-Ireland medals with Glen Rovers.

**Helena Mullins** (Housewife) — Holds minor and junior medals with Cork. Holder of two senior county medals and one All-Ireland medal with Glen Rovers. Husband Tommy is a prominent member of Na Piar-saigh Hurling and Football Club.

**Patricia Murphy** (Student) — A newcomer to the senior grade but a talented and exciting player. Played in the Féile na nGael (U-14) with Glen Rovers last year. Is currently playing with St. Patrick's in the Munster Senior Colleges campaign.

## ST. PAULS CAN END LONG WAIT

THE 1986 All-Ireland Club championship final lived up to the highest standards for this competition in terms of great scores, commitment and excitement. On Sunday, St. Pauls, Kilkenny and Glen Rovers, Cork will take the field for a repeat performance in the final of the 1987 championship.

Playing with great spirit in '86 Glen Rovers endured fierce pressure as St. Pauls besieged their goal in the closing minutes. An injury to Angela Downey meant that she took no further part in

the game. St. Pauls supporters believe that Angela, who had already scored 4-5, would have got the winning scores had she been available until the finish.

This background adds to the build up to Sunday's game. There was a time, however, in the respective county finals when the thoughts of either St. Pauls or Glen Rovers were far from the club championship. They both struggled for a time before using their experience to win through.



Therese O'Callaghan  
Denise Cotter

Sandie Fitzgibbon

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# Glen girls chase second All-Ireland title

CORK's only hope of an All-Ireland camogie title this season lies with Glen Rovers on Sunday next, when they meet St. Paul's, Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland Club Championship final, scheduled for Ballyraggart at 1 o'clock. On the local front there are a number of interesting under-16 league games down for decision.

In a repeat of last year's decider, Cork and Munster Champions Glen Rovers, will strive to take their second ever All-Ireland title. In this decider, Glen had the narrowest of victories but this year St. Paul's are favourites with a home venue and this could prove a decisive factor.

St. Paul's will be seeking their sixth title, the last one coming their way in 1977, so they will be very anxious to bridge the long gap this year. On present form the Kilkenny girls will start as favourites. They are a star-studded side and in a position to call on no fewer than six of the All-Ireland winning Kilkenny senior side, including such fine exponents of camogie as the Downey sisters, Angela and Ann, Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Claire Jones and Breda Holmes.

In the semi-final, Glen were put to the pin of their collar to defeat the Ulster champions Eglis from Tyrone and they will have to show a big improvement if they are to succeed on Sunday. They were without the services of corner-forward Ger McGarry on that occasion, but she is expected to return from England where she is now employed for the game.

Denise Cotter, who was injured, is also back in training and she is expected to be fully fit. The availability of these two girls would be a big boost to the Cork girls.

The Glen team for Sunday's clash will include regular goalkeeper Fiona McCarthy, Mary Ring will be at full-back, with Ann O'Donovan and Diane Deane filling the corner-back positions. Marie Mackey will be in her usual position at centre-back, with the midfield positions going to Mary Currid, Val Fitzpatrick, who captains the side and Sandy Fitzgibbon.

Therese O'Callaghan will be at centre-forward, while the three full-forwards will be chosen from June Hamill, Ann Connolly, Ger McCarthy, Claire McCarthy and Denise Cotter, with the latter three expected to fill the vital positions.

For the benefit of supporters, a bus will leave the Glen Hall at 8.30 Sunday morning. Anyone interested in travelling should contact the Secretary of Glen Rovers Camogie Club.

In the Under-16 League, Na Piarsaigh, Erin's Own, Brian Dillon's, Bishopstown 'A', St. Finbarr's, Aghabullogue, Cloughduv, Castlemartyr, Douglas and Newcestown will all be expected to pick up league points.

The draw for the Junior 'B' Championship was made at last Monday's board meeting and is as follows: (A) Bride Rovers, - A Bye; (B) St. Fannahan's, - A Bye.

First Rounds: (C) Grenagh v Newcestown; (D) Bishopstown v Fr. Matthew's; (E) Glen Rovers v Erins Own; (F) Fr. O'Neill's v Eire Og; (G) Blackrock v Ballinora; (H) Courcy Rovers v Sarsfields.

Quarter-finals: (I) F v E, (J) D v H; (K) B v A; (L) C v G. Semi-finals: L v J; K v I.

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All-Ireland Club final: Glen Rovers (Cork) v St. Paul's (Kilkenny) at Ballyraggart, Co. Kilkenny at 1 p.m.

Under-16 Leagues: Na Piarsaigh v Delaney Rovers at Na Piarsaigh, 12 noon, (Ref. Brian Dillons); Erins Own v Sarsfields at Sarsfields, 12 noon, (Ref. Watergrasshill); Brian Dillon's v Grenagh at Grenagh, 12 noon, (Ref. Castlemagner); Blackrock v Bishopstown 'A' at Bishopstown, 2 p.m., (Ref. Colette O'Mahony); St. Finbarr's v Valley Rovers at St. Finbarr's, 12 noon, (Ref. Bernie Power); Inniscarra v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue, 12 noon, (Ref. Cloughduv); Ballincollig v Cloughduv at Ballincollig, 3 p.m., (Ref. Eire Og); Churchtown v Castlemartyr at Churchtown, 12 noon, (Ref. St. Catherine's); Bishopstown 'B' v Douglas at Douglas, 12 noon, (Ref. Blackrock); Ballinora v Newcestown at Newcestown, 3 p.m., (Ref. Valley Rovers).

## Glens will find St. Paul's a handful

AS the scoreline of 4-11 to 5-7 suggests the 1986 All-Ireland Club Championship Final was a classic encounter. It marked the first All-Ireland victory for Cork Club, Glen Rovers. Glen and their stylish opponents St. Pauls (Kilkenny) have won their way back to the ultimate stage of this year's championship.

A huge crowd is expected on Sunday to see the re-match. Last October, Glen Rovers, were the better balanced side, but the question will always remain whether St. Pauls would have won had star player, Angela Downey remained in the action to the end.

In the meantime Glen Rovers, and St. Pauls retained their county titles. There is a definite pattern in their respective paths.

Both arrived at the county final without effort but experienced great difficulty at that stage.

### ALWAYS ON TOP

St. Pauls were always in control against Crumlin and Buffer's Alley in the Leinster Championship. Great long range point taking by Anne Downey and Claire Jones drew Pauls away from Glenamaddy in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Glen Rovers were made to look very good by Six-milebridge, Lismore and Cashel in the Munster Club championship.

However, they were brought back to earth with a considerable thud when they played Eglis in the All-Ireland semi-final. The Tyrone club exposed all sorts of shortcomings in the Glen team



which will require to be rectified if they are to have any hope of retaining their title.

Glen hope to have their first twelve in action. Ger McCarthy and Denise Cotter missed the Eglis game. Ger is now working in London. If she makes it back for the final, she will be short of match practice. Denise has been resting a back injury for some weeks but is likely to take the chance and play on Sunday.

The Glen defence will contain the same personnel as last season. Fiona McCarthy will figure in goal but the positioning of Mary Ring, Marie Ryan, Anne O'Donovan and Diane

Deane remains to be decided.

Val Fitzpatrick, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Mary Currid form Glen's strongest line at midfield. If Ger and Denise are available for the forward line, they should be joined by Therese O'Callaghan and Claire McCarthy.

### NEW GOALKEEPER

Caroline Holmes has taken over in goal since last season. Liz Neary, Helen Holmes, Bridie McGarry and Catherine Neary form a defence which has conceded very few goals. Anne Downey, Claire Jones and Geraldine Ryan will ensure that the midfield exchanges will be something special.

St. Pauls have two match winners up front. Breda Holmes has blossomed into a really fine forward and is capable of carving up the

Glen Rovers defence if not tightly marked. Glen Rovers' supporters need no reminding of the ability of Angela Downey who registered 4-5 in the corresponding game last season. Brenda Ryan and Ursula Holmes will be on hand for any chances which may fall their way.

There is no doubt that Glen Rovers will have to step up considerably on their Eglis form if they are to entertain any hope of holding on to the cup. Few outside Cork expected them to succeed last season but they rose to the occasion with great determination. However, the form of the St. Pauls' key players over the summer months suggests that the Kilkenny club will win back a trophy which they last held in 1977.



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The Glen Rovers Camogie team who failed gallantly to retain their All-Ireland crown last Sunday going down to St. Pauls of Kilkenny.

# St. Paul's clinch All-Ireland club crown

ST. PAUL'S ..... 1-4  
GLEN ROVERS ..... 0-5

**Y**ET ANOTHER All-Ireland camogie title for Kilkenny! This time the senior club crown as St. Paul's (Kilkenny City) downed Glen Rovers (Cork) in atrocious conditions in Ballyragget on Sunday to bridge an 11-year gap.

Their sixth title came at the expense of the defending champions who won it from the same opposition by a mere point in last year's tough showdown.

Play in the decider never reached great heights due to biting wind which brought torrential rain.

A goal palmed into the back of the net by captain Breda Holmes was the turning point of the match just six minutes after the re-start.

The first half was a very dour affair with the Glen leading by 0-2 to 0-1 at half-time, the low scoring highly indicative of the desperate conditions.

Overall it was a great team effort by St. Paul's with the backs playing exceptionally well when the pressure was piled on in the last quarter.

The champs had a star-studded team boasting six of the victorious Kilkenny senior county team.

Meanwhile the Glen incredibly failed to get any scores from play and Val Fitzpatrick was their only scorer.

## Match-winner

The match-winner and the only goal of the game stemmed from Ann Downey's free from the left which broke

on the edge of the Glen square. The defence half cleared, but when the ball was sent back in, Breda Holmes stood all alone and she palmed in the crucial goal past the stranded Fiona McCarthy.

This score came just as the winners, backed by the wind and playing down the slope, were level with Glen at 0-2 each.

Ann Downey pointed another free two minutes later to stretch their lead to four points, but the Glen girls rallied and two points from their captain Val Fitzpatrick ensured a grandstand finish with 12 minutes remaining.

The sides then swapped points before the Glen made a desperate last bid. Val Fitzpatrick tried for a goal from a close-in free but this was deflected for a '30. A shot at goal failed and as they mounted a fresh attack the final whistle sounded.

A key player in the Kil-



kenny defence was Bridie McGarry who was in brilliant form.

## The scorers

St. Paul's: B. Holmes (1-0); Ann Downey (0-3, 0-2 frees, 0-1 '30'); Angela Downey (0-1). Glen Rovers: V. Fitzpatrick (0-5, 0-4 frees, 0-1 '30').

## The teams

St. Paul's — M. Lawlor, C. Neary, L. Neary, B. McGarry, H. Holmes, C. Jones, Ann Downey, G. Ryan, C. Holmes, B. Holmes (Capt.), Angela Downey, B. Ryan. Glen Rovers — F. McCarthy, A. Delaney-O'Donovan, M. Ryan, M. Mackey-Ryan, D. Deane, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick (Capt.), M. Currid, T. O'Callaghan, C. McCarthy, J. Hamill, G. McCarthy. Subs: D. Cotter for Hamill, A. Connolly-Hourihane for Delaney-O'Donovan (inj.). Referee: K. McNicholas (Clare).



# THE CHAMPIONS ARE DETHRONED

## St. Paul's turn the tables on the Glen

BY MARK WOODS

St. Paul's 1-4 Glen Rovers 0-5

ST. PAUL'S crowned a glorious year for Kilkenny camogie when winning the All-Ireland Club title at the expense of defending champions, Glen Rovers at Ballyraggat yesterday.

goal for the Glen, who were attacking when the final whistle sounded.

It could have been so very different for the champions, however, because they couldn't translate a lot of first-half possession into scores and, for all their effort, they only held a slender one point lead at the break, 0-2 to 0-1. Both their scores came from placed balls, as their forwards struggled in the conditions.

St. Paul's, backed by six of the victorious Kilkenny senior team, got the ideal start on the resumption. Clare Jones gave them a definite pull at midfield, while the Glen attack found Bridie McGarry in terrific form in defence.

Downey equalised with a pointed free, two minutes into the half, and that encouraged St. Paul's to greater things. The goal from Holmes tightened their resolve and with Angela Downey drifting out the field in the closing stages, St. Paul's had done enough to regain the title.

Scorers: St. Paul's: B. Holmes (1-0), Ann Downey (0-3, 0-2 frees, 0-1 '30), Angela Downey (0-1). Glen Rovers: V. Fitzpatrick (0-5, 0-4 frees, 0-1 '30).

St. Paul's: M. Lawlor, C. Neary, B. McGarry, H. Holmes, C. Jones, Ann Downey, G. Ryan, C. Holmes, B. Holmes, captain, Angela Downey, B. Ryan.

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, A. Delaney, O'Donovan, M. Ring, M. Mackey-Ryan, D. Deane, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, captain, M. Currid, T. O'Callaghan, C. McCarthy, J. Hamill, G. McCarthy. Subs: D. Cotter for Hamill, A. Connolly-Hourihane for Delaney-O'Donovan, injured.

Referee: K. McNicholas (Clare).

The home side reversed last year's decider and fully deserved their success. Conditions could hardly have been worse as a biting wind brought torrential rain, which clearly affected both sides on a pitch that cut up badly.

The turning point arrived as early as the sixth minute of the second-half when St. Paul's, who won their sixth title, pounced for the only goal. At that stage the winners, backed by the wind and playing down the slope, were level at 0-2 each.

### CRUCIAL GOAL

It stemmed from Ann Downey's free from the left which broke on the edge of the Glen square. The defence half cleared, but when the ball was sent back in, Breda Holmes, the St. Paul's captain, stood all alone and she palmed in the crucial goal past the stranded Fiona McCarthy.

From there on in it was always going to be a huge struggle for the lighter Cork girls. Downey pointed another free two minutes later to stretch their lead to four points, but the Glen fought back courageously and two frees from their captain, Val Fitzpatrick, ensured a grandstand finish with 12 minutes remaining.

Downey and Fitzpatrick swapped points before the Glen tried valiantly to save their title. With time almost up, Fitzpatrick tried for a goal from a close in free, but a defender got in the way and deflected the shot for a '30. That failed to result in the necessary



Glen Rovers goalkeeper Fiona McCarthy comes out of goal with the ball while being tackled by St. Paul's forward Breda Ryan —(Picture: Des E



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Glen Rovers' forward Ger MacCarthy making tracks for goal, watched by captain Val Fitzpatrick and St. Paul's, Kilkenny, player Helen Holmes, during the All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship Final in Kilkenny, yesterday. (Des Barry, Echo)

## Pauls topple the 'Glen'

ST. PAUL'S, KILKENNY 1-5; GLEN ROVERS, CORK 0-5

ST. PAUL'S, Kilkenny, defeated the holders Glen Rovers, Cork, in a low-scoring All-Ireland Club Championship final at Ballyragget yesterday.

Conditions were atrocious and the game never rose to great heights. But a lucky goal, palmed into the net by Breda Holmes, gave St. Paul's the sixth All-Ireland Club title.

Glen Rovers had the better of the exchanges in the opening half but just could not find the net and their interval lead of 0-2 to 0-1 proved inadequate. Minutes into the second half Angela Browne equalised for St. Paul's and, after five minutes, Breda Holmes scored what proved to be the winning goal.

Scorers: St. Paul's — B. Holmes (1-0), A. Browne (0-3), A. Downey (0-2). Glen Rovers — V. Fitzpatrick (0-5).

NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE — Armagh 2-6; Tyrone 2-4.

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE — Armagh 2-6; Tyrone 2-4. Donegal 1-5; Offaly 1-3. Meath 2-6; Wicklow 0-0.

## THIS WEEK.

50 Years Ago

CORK failed in their bid to qualify for the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final, when they were defeated 3-2 to 1-2 by Dublin in the semi-final at Croke Park. The Cork team was — E. Lyons, S. Lehan, L. Delaney, B. Stanton, B. Delaney, L. Kirby (captain), M. McCarthy, C. Cashman, J. McGrath, K. Buckley, S. Brennan, A. Barry, A. Fahy.



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# Close contest expected at Ballincollig

ON SUNDAY next at Ballincollig, Eire Og and St. Finbarrs will contest the final of this year's Intermediate Championship. At Bishopstown the quarter-final of the Junior "A" Championship will be decided between Douglas and Bishopstown, while on the same day there are a number of Junior "A" and Under-16 Leagues down for decision.

Great rivalries have grown up in Cork camogie over the past number of years and Sunday's Intermediate Final between Eire Og and St. Finbarrs promises to be no exception.

Both clubs will be seeking their second intermediate title. The Barrs last took the title in 1982, while Eire Og have not won it since the seventies.

En route to the final, Eire Og recorded a fine victory over Killeagh in the first round and then went on to defeat Ballinora in the semi-final. They have the services of former Cork senior, Claire Kelleher, this season and she has proved a major

asset to them and she could prove a big stumbling block for the Barrs girls again on Sunday.

They have other experienced players in full-back Sheila O'Brien, Teresa Kelleher and Mary O'Driscoll and these together with their younger players Suzanne O'Brien and Valerie Ellis, are sure to cause problems for the city girls.

The Junior "A" Championship quarter-final between Douglas and Bishopstown could be another cliffhanger. Douglas have been knocking on the door of this competition for some time now and will be very anxious to do well, but they face a tough game on Sunday against Bishopstown — a club that has had so much success at underage level in the last few years.

In the Junior "A" Leagues, Brian Dillons should prove too strong for St. Fannahans, while St. Catherine's should have the edge on Castlemagner.

In the Under-16 Leagues Glen Rovers, Inniscarra, Killeagh, Watergrasshill, Barryroe, Erins Own, Grenagh, Blackrock and Aghabullogue, should all pick up Under-16 League points.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**Intermediate Championship Final:** Eire Og v St. Finbarrs, at Ballincollig, at 12 noon. (Referee: Brenda McDonnell).

**Junior "A" Championship:** Douglas v Bishopstown, at Bishopstown, at 3 p.m. (June Hamill).

**Junior "A" League:** St. Fannahans v Brian Dillons, at Brian Dillons, at 3 p.m. (Eleanor Hackett); St. Catherine's v Castlemagner at Castlemagner at 3 p.m. (Grenagh).

**Under-16 League:** Glen Rovers v Na Piarsaigh at Na Piarsaigh at 11.30 (Brian Dillons); Inniscarra v Newcestown at Inniscarra, at 12 noon (Cloughduv); Killeagh v Castlemartyr at Castlemartyr, at 12 noon (Fr. O'Neills); Fr. O'Neills v Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill at 3 p.m. (St. Catherine's); Ballinora v Barryroe at Ballinora, at 12 noon (Aghabullogue); Erins Own v Delany's at Delany's, at 12 noon (Deirdre O'Shea); Sarsfields v Grenagh at Grenagh, at 12 noon (Inniscarra); Valley Rovers v Blackrock at Valley Rovers, at 3 p.m. (Courcy Rovers); Cloughduv v Aghabullogue at Cloughduv at 3 p.m. (Ballinora).



Claire Cronin, who will be on the St. Finbarr's team on Sunday.

## Eire Og get better of Barrs

Eire Og 1-7  
St. Finbarrs 2-1

IN a game of many missed chances, Eire Og scraped through to beat St. Finbarrs in the Cork intermediate camogie championship final at Ballincollig yesterday.

Despite a strong offensive in the second half, which saw St. Finbarrs' Yvonne O'Neill score a goal and a point in quick succession, the city side failed to take the lead. Eire Og were constantly under pressure but they managed to hold on to their half time advantage and won by three points.

The game began well for St. Finbarrs when Yvonne O'Neill opened their account with a goal from a free early in the game, but Eire Og were quick to reply with a point and followed it up with a goal from Una Murphy.

Eire Og were comfortably in control at half time with a 1-5 to 1-0 lead. However, St. Finbarrs took the initiative in the second half and came back strongly.

Eire Og: T. Kelleher, P. Cullinane, S. O'Brien, S. O'Brien, U. Downey, C. Kelleher, U. Murphy, E. Walsh, M. Barron, T. Downey, T. Murray, M. O'Driscoll, Sub M. Beck for 'Driscoll.  
St. Finbarrs: C. A. Denzby, D. O'Sullivan, L. Hogan, L. Eright, A. Holden, C. Cronin, M. O'Sullivan, F. O'Sullivan, M. O'Donovan, M. O'Regan, T. O'Neill, N. O'Sullivan, Sub T. O'Grady for D. O'Sullivan.

## Youth convention an excellent innov

A VERY large proportion of camogie players come within the 16 - 22 age group. The majority of these girls are only interested in playing the game and give little thought to administration or policy making. At Croke Park next Saturday, they will take the stage at the first National Youth Convention.

Development Officer, Sheila Wallace has gathered an excellent panel of speakers who will have many worthwhile ideas to place before the young attendance. Ample scope will be afforded to the girls present to get involved and to

put forward their suggestions.

The Convention will be chaired by Liz Howard, the former Tipperary and later Dublin inter-county player who is currently P.R.O. of the Tipperary G.A.A. Board.

From the camogie world, the speakers include both players and administrators. Angela Downey, Kilkenny's star forward and three times B & I Award winner will certainly be in a position to outline the road to the top. Former Tipperary captain, Deirdre Lane is also well equipped to give the players point of view.

Seamus Ní Ualldrich,



former Ard Rúnai and Mary Hanley, Secretary of the Primary Schools Council, have experience in the administration side.

Tipperary's classy hurler, Nicky English is bound to command attention when he makes his contribution. The G.A.A. will also provide Dan McCartan, the distinguished Down official.

Every club in the country has been invited to send two delegates. It is an opportunity for our young

members to set forth their ideas on the future development of the Association.

Down, who were recently relegated, play their opening game in the 1987/1988 National Junior League. It is sad to see any county take a backward step. Down have operated from a small panel of senior players in the past few seasons. The loss of a number of these girls found their resources over-stretched.

Hopefully, Down's stay in the junior grade will be a short one. Every effort should be made to regroup their reserves and get back to the top flight of the

game. Louth provide the opposition to Down on Sunday and will test their neighbours.

Tipperary will be novel visitors at Kilmaleck on Sunday when they meet Cavan in what must be the first competitive camogie match between these counties. Tipperary will not field a senior team in the coming season and will have a number of relegated players available to them. If the former seniors travel, they should be too strong for Cavan.

Monaghan made an early exit from the championship.



# Platform for young players

Camogie is a young girl's game. The majority of players are teenagers. Yet the voice of this huge group is rarely heard. Few members of this age group avail of their club A.G.M. to voice their opinions and put motions forward.

At Croke Park on Saturday next, the first National Youth Convention will be staged to give the younger generation a platform to air their ideas and suggestions. Camogie's Development Officer, Sheila Wallace has put together a very interesting programme.

Chairing the proceedings will be the glamorous Liz Howard, a former panellist on the "Sunday Game." In her playing days Liz wore the blue and gold of Tipperary before transferring to Dublin where she is employed as chief hostess for Europe with Aer Lingus.

The media will be well represented. From RTE will come Eileen Dunne and Des Scabill. Eoghan Corry, of the *IRISH PRESS*, will also contribute to the proceedings.

From the G.A.A. world, Tipperary's stylish hurler, Nicky English should prove an attraction to the young ladies. Down's well-known and capable administrator, Dan

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McCartan is included in the list of speakers.

Camogie's top player, Angela Downey is well quipped to map the road to success. Deirdre Lane, who captained Tipperary in the 1984 All-Ireland final, is another capable of outlining the players' point of view.

Former Ard Rúnai, Seosaimhin Nic Uaidrich and Mary Hanley, secretary of the Primary Schools Council are experienced in camogie administration. Every club in the country has been invited to send two delegates. It is an ideal opportunity for our young members to let the Association know how they consider the future should be planned.

Meanwhile, Down have returned to the junior grade following a number of years in senior ranks. Always operating from a small panel of players, they experienced problems when a number of players became unavailable. Hopefully, they can regroup their forces in the lower grade and return to the top

flights of camogie at the earliest opportunity.

Despite the fact that a number of their players have senior experience, they will get nothing easy from Louth on Sunday. Monaghan, who were eliminated in the third round of the championship, have not had a competitive match for some time. However, they could make a good start to the new season when they meet Roscommon at Ballyforan.

Tipperary and Cavan, who have avoided each other in competitive camogie over the years, meet at Kilmaleck. All-Ireland Senior finalists in 1984, Tipperary have slipped back and are now graded junior. If many of their regarded players travel, they should prove too strong for the home team.

In the fourth game listed, Wexford will be at home to Clare. All-Ireland champions in 1986, Clare are building a new team and are progressing nicely. 1987 has not been a good year for Wexford. They will be keen to get organised quickly and mount up some points in the first half of the League. Even with the advantage of home venue, they may find the going tough on Sunday.

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Four members of Kilkenny's victorious "Three in a row" All-Ireland camogie team who have won seven All-Ireland medals each pictured at the victory dinner in Hotel Kilkenny. They are (from left): Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Ann Downey and Angela Downey-Browne. All four are members of the St. Paul's team who won the All-Ireland club championship against Glen Rovers (Cork) on Sunday.



Stars and officials pictured at the annual presentation of Kilkenny Sports Stars awards in Springhill Hotel. Included are (from left): Tom Moloney (showjumping); Noel Hickey (special); Jim Finnegan (chairman); Pierce O'Keeffe (handball); Rita Walsh (golf); Kevin Fennelly (hurling — for his brother Ger); Jim Bolger (horse racing); Mayor Margaret Tynan (president); Jimmy Cleary (basketball); Biddy O'Sullivan (camogie); Milo Breen (soccer); Major Victor McCalmont (for his contribution to Kilkenny sport); Garry McShane, managing director, Smithwick's Brewery (sponsors); Ronan Kearney (rugby); Alice Holden (squash); Liam Reidy (hall of fame); Stan Hallissey (racquetball); Perry Williams (athletics); Fintan Ryan (cycling).



# Munster battle hots up

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THE MUNSTER Colleges Senior Championship is building up to a great finish. Four of the top sides in the province have reached the semi-finals and will participate in two most attractive matches on Saturday.

All-Ireland finalists in 1987, St Mary's, Charleville travel to Cork to meet keen rivals St. Patrick's. St. Mary's will have their All-Ireland team available with one exception. Eve Watson, the tall winger, has decided to concentrate on athletics this season.

The Charleville team has been together for some years. Two of the team, Frances Broderick and Claire O'Callaghan recently helped Munster to defeat Ulster in the Gael-Linn Cup. These two stars will be joined by Helen Cagney, Bernice O'Brien, Roisin Daly, Frances Gremin and Catherine Daly.

St. Patrick's have played three championship games to date. They were held to a draw by St. Mary's, Midleton, but improved sufficiently to take the replay. They proceeded to over-

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come Mount Mercy to earn a crack at Charleville.

There are three current Cork minors on the St. Patrick's team, Claire Barry, Niamh Cotter and Gillian Ryan. Gayle Fleming, Patricia Murphy and Deirdre McCarthy are playing very well at the moment and Charleville will be pleased to escape from this one.

The rivalry will be razor keen when neighbours St. Patrick's, Shannon take the field against Colaiste Muire, Ennis in the second semi-final. In the past four or five years, Colaiste have been very prominent. This is due largely to the excellent coaching of hurler Michael Meagher.

Meagher is presently on study leave and it remains to be seen if his players will be as effective without him. Clare senior Catherine O'Loughlin will lead the Colaiste challenge and will receive able back-up from Claire Bracken, Siobhan Maher and Anne Keane.

Shannon, who put paid to Tulla's ambitions in the

quarter final, are expected to do well. Catherine Molloy is their top performer but they have many more in Frances Phelan, Angela Sheridan, Siobhan O'Driscoll, Elaine McTaggart, Mary Higgins and Noeleen Alfred and should reach the final.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE

The National Junior-League continues with four matches listed. Dublin are expected to do well at the expense of Galway. Tryone should prove too strong for Meath, Kildare should be too experienced for Killkenny while Offaly may pip Fermanagh.

The C.C.I.A. have a busy weekend ahead. The Annual Freshers is listed for Limerick on Saturday. On Sunday, the Higher Colleges and Universities will gather for their A.G.M. The existing officers, under the leadership of Queen's Bernie McNally will continue for the second half of their two year term of office.

The National Youth Convention attracted 50 delegates last Saturday and a full report will be furnished by Ard Ruail, Sheila Wallace.

## DILLONS ADVANCE

Brian Dillons 2-9  
St. Catherines 0-3

BRIAN DILLONS advanced to the final of the Cork Co. Junior Camogie Championship with an impressive win over St. Catherine's at Kilbarry.

Second half goals by Aileen Barry and Liz O'Sullivan and a series of well struck points by Cork star Karen Mellerick saw Dillons through after a close first half.

**CAMOGIE: J.A.C. semi-finals**—Brian Dillons 2-9, St. Catherines 0-3; Cloughduv 1-5, Bishopstown 2-2; U-16 Leagues—Glen Rovers 5-2, Na Piarasigh 1-0; Inniscarra 2-2, Newcestown 0-2; Ballinora 2-2, Barryroe 0-1; Erins Own 4-0, Delany Rovers 1-1; Grenagh 5-0, Sarsfields 0-1; Valley Rovers 3-0, Blackrock 1-1; Aghabullogue 2-1, Cloughduv 2-0; St. Finbarrs 6-0, Bishopstown 'B' 0-2; Glen Rovers 6-7, Sarsfields 0-0; Grenagh 4-0, Delany Rovers 0-0; Aghabullogue 1-4, Newcestown 0-1; St. Finbarrs 3-2, Blackrock 1-0.

## Cloughduv seek double honours

PICK of the games for the coming weekend will be the Junior "A" Championship semi-finals on Sunday. In the first of these, Bishopstown are at home to Cloughduv, while St. Catherines make the journey to the Tank Field to play Brian Dillons. On Saturday, St. Patrick's and St. Mary's, Charleville, meet in the Munster Senior Colleges semi-final, while the remainder of the weekend will see a Junior "A" League game between Youghal and Castlemagner and a number of Under-16 League games decided.

Bishopstown are at home to last year's finalists Cloughduv and this could be a close one. They have fine performers in Bernie Power, Rose Desmond, Liz O'Neill, Sheenagh Morley and Edel Ryan and if they play to form they could just edge it.

On the other hand Cloughduv will be very anxious for a win here. They have already won the Under-14 League and will be very determined to make it a double. They have an up-and-coming young star in Lyn Dunlea and Lynn together with the experience of Mary Walsh, Ann Barry-Murphy, Karina McCarthy and Patricia Lynch could put a stop to Bishopstown.

In the second semi-final St. Catherines make the long journey to the Tank Field to play formidable opponents Brian Dillons and here the City girls, very much fancied to take the title this season will be expected to advance.

On the Colleges scene there is a most interesting clash at the Tank Field on Saturday in which the present holders St. Mary's, Charleville meet St. Patrick's in the Munster Senior semi-final and this promises to be a real cracker.

In the remaining games of the weekend Castlemagner will be expected to account for Youghal in the Junior "A" League, while in the Under-16 Leagues Eire Og, Ballincollig, Fr. O'Neills, Killeagh, St. Finbarrs, Glen Rovers, Grenagh and Aghabullogue will all be expected to pick up points.



Karen Mellerick awaits the Brian Dillons call-up for the game with St. Catherines.

Saturday, November 21

Munster Senior Colleges Semi-final; St. Patrick's v St. Mary's, Charleville at Tank Field at 1 o'clock

Sunday, November 22

Junior "A" Championship Semi-finals; Cloughduv v Bishopstown at Bishopstown at 2.30 (Ref. Marie Kearney); St. Catherines v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons at 2.30 (Ref. Eleanor Twomey).

Junior "A" League; Youghal v Castlemagner at Youghal at 2.30 (Ref. Killeagh)

Under-16 League; Eire Og v Ballinora at Ovens at 12 noon (Ref. Aghabullogue); Ballincollig v Barryroe at Barryroe at 12 noon (Ref. Newcestown); Fr. O'Neills v Castlemartyr at 12 noon (Ref. Youghal); Cloyne v Killeagh at Cloyne at 12 noon (Ref. Mary Kennefick); St. Finbarr's v Bishopstown "B" at Bishopstown at 12 noon (Ref. Eire Og); Glen Rovers v Sarsfields at Glen Rovers at 11.30 (Ref. Delany); Delany v Grenagh at Grenagh at 2.30 (Ref. Inniscarra); Aghabullogue v Newcestown at Newcestown at 2.30 (Ref. Barryroe).

## Camogie

Galway ..... 3-2;  
Dublin ..... 2-1.

GALWAY consolidated their position at the top of the National Junior League table when they beat Dublin by 3-2 to 2-1 at Leopardsdown yesterday. The visitors went on the offensive shortly after the start and two goals and one point by Pauline Joyce gave them a lead which they never lost.

Scorers — Galway — D. Joyce (2-2), L. Hobbs (1-0); Dublin — G. Dunne (2-0), C. Gray (0-1).

Other Results — Offaly 1-4 (A. Kelly 1-0, G. Kinsella 0-4); Fermanagh 0-2 (J. Connolly 0-2).



# St. Raphael's on course once again

ST. RAPHAEL'S, Loughrea, have had a great run in the Connacht Colleges Championships since 1972, winning both the senior and junior provincial championships on five occasions.

While it is early to anticipate the outcome of the 1987/88 series, St. Raphael's give every indication of another great season. One of the main challengers, Presentation, Athenry, have been defeated. In preparatory games, even outside their province, the results have been promising. Now, only Portumna stand between St. Raphael's and the play-off stages of the senior championship.

The junior team is also

shaping up well. Captained by Emer Hardiman, the side which contains Olive Costello, Imelda Meagher, Siobhan Keane and National Feile Skills champion Claire Lynch is tipped to go far.

Two great semi-final matches see Munster staging a repeat of the 1987 provincial final next February. All-Ireland finalists, St. Mary's Charleville found themselves trailing to St. Patrick's, Crok for much of their game. Helen Cagney and Claire O'Callaghan had to pull out all the stops to wing the game around.

Colaiste Mhuire had match winner in Catherine O'Loughlin. Her accurate shooting killed off the hopes



of St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon. A number of the Shannon girls failed to find their usual form.

St. Mary's, Macroom and St. Caimins, Shannon are through to the semi-finals of the Munster Junior Championship. St. Caimins had good victories over Comprehensive, Shannon and Seol Mhuire, Cashel in recent weeks. They await the winners of St. Mary's Middleton v Colaiste Mhuire, Crosshaven.

The Leinster Senior

Championship is nearing the play-off stages. Already qualified from their zones are Maryfield College, Donahies Community School, Wicklow Vocational, Thomastown Vocational, Ballyhale, FCJ Buncloody, Enniscorthy and Deddery.

While champions St. Patrick's, Maghera, are reported to be making good progress, it will be closer to Christmas before the Ulster picture is clear.

The annual meeting of the All-Ireland Post Primary School Council is scheduled for Croke Park on Saturday. Sr. Mariead from St. Clare's, Keady is unopposed for a second term as president, Kathleen O'Duffy (vice

president), Lily Spence (treasurer) Mary Moran (secretary) and Rosina McManus (Central Council delegate) will be returned for another term.

The National Junior League continues with four matches listed. Derry play Armagh without their centre-back Sarah Quinn. She is taking a break from the game to enable a foot injury to clear up completely. With two points already in the bag, Roscommon will be hopeful of doing well against Westmeath. Monaghan have ground to make up and could be hard pressed by Donegal.

## CAMOGIE

### ST. RAPHAELS LOOK GOOD

St. Raphael's, Loughrea, have reigned as Connacht colleges senior and junior champions since 1984. Present indications are that the silverware will remain on the Loughrea sideboard for another year.

The senior team has defeated Presentation, Athenry who would be regarded as strong challengers. They have a game in hand with Portumna before reaching the play-off stages. On the other side of the draw, Mercy, Roscommon are through to the semi-final.

Four key players — Angela Cooney, Brid Stratford, Claire Robinson and Anne Fahy, have left school. Deirdre Costello is a Leaving Cert student but has not recovered from her knee operation to consider playing games.

St. Raphael's junior side has looked good in outings to date. Led by Emer Hardiman, the team has excellent players in Olive Costello, Siobhan Keane, Imelda Meagher and the National Feile Skills champion, Claire Lynch.

Munster have St. Mary's, Charleville, and Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, contesting the senior final in a repeat of the 1987 decider. Charleville survived a cliff-hanger semi-final with St. Patrick's, Cork, on Saturday. St. Patrick's led for much of the game but telling work by Helen Cagney and Claire O'Callaghan swung the match in Charleville's favour.

St. Patrick's, Shannon, failed to produce the form which was expected of them in the second semi-final. On the other hand, Catherine O'Loughlin was in sparkling form and proved a match-winner for Colaiste.

The Leinster senior championship has made good progress. Maryfield College, Donahies Community School, Wicklow Vocational, Thomastown Vocational, Ballyhale Vocational, F.C.J.

Buncloody, Colaiste Bride Enniscorthy and Edenderry have all emerged from their zones to contest the play-off stage. Ulster champions St. Patrick's Maghera, are doing well, but it will be closer to Christmas before a clear picture of the Ulster scene emerges.

Derry and Armagh meet in a vital game in the National Junior League. Armagh accounted for Tyrone while Derry took the points from Wicklow. Derry centreback Sarah Quinn is still troubled by a foot injury. Her foot is very sore following matches and she has decided to take a break from the game in order to let it heal fully. Her absence will be felt by Derry, who could be hard-pressed to hold Armagh.

Roscommon opened their campaign on a bright note taking the points from a disorganised Monaghan team. The boost will help them against Westmeath, while Monaghan will be anxious to make up ground when they meet Donegal.

The annual meeting of the All-Ireland Colleges Council is arranged for Croke Park on Saturday. Sr. Mairead, from St. Clare's, Keady is unopposed to a second term as Uachtaran, Kathleen O'Duffy (Leas-Uachtaran), Lily Spence (Treasurer), Mary Nolan (Runal) and Rosina McManus (Ard Choiste delegate) will be returned for another term.

Leinster Colleges Council has tabled two motions. It seeks to curtail the age of senior colleges players to under twenty years. In the second motion, they support the use of banding on sticks when properly covered. This is a lively issue. The ever-increasing cost of sticks is likely to see the ban on metal banding lifted sooner or later.

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## Busy time on camogie fields

THERE will be plenty of activity on the Camogie Field this coming weekend with a number of Junior "A", Junior "B" and Under-16 League games down for decision.

In the first of the Junior "A" games St. Catherine's who proved tough opposition for Brian Dillons in the championship semi-final last Sunday should prove too strong for St. Fannahans.

Douglas who have experienced players in the Maher sisters Liz and Mary, Christine O'Regan and Ann O'Shea should have the edge on a young Inniscarra side.

Cloughduv who drew with Bishopstown in last Sunday's Championship semi-final will be glad of their league game with Ballincollig on Sunday in preparations for the relay and on present form it is difficult to see the Ballincollig girls holding them.

The Under-16 League is now nearing completion so clubs will be anxious to pick up the remaining vital points.

In the first of these Brian Dillons who can call on Cork Minors Niamh Cotter and Claire Barry should do well against Na Piarasigh who have not been very impressive in the league to date. Cloyne meet Castle-

martyr in a local derby and this could be a close encounter.

Barryroe make the long journey to Aghabullogue to play the home side and here newcomers Barryroe who have been showing excellent form could trouble the Mid Cork girls.

The Killeagh/Watergrasshill game could be another close one with Killeagh's Imelda Leahy possible swinging it in their favour.

In the remaining games Blackrock should have the edge on Bishopstown "B" while Glen Rovers should have too much strength for Erins Owen.

In the final game St. Finbarrs will have their work cut out to stop the progress of Bishopstown "A" who are at the top of the League table with full points.

In the only Junior "B" game listed Eire Og will be expected to account for Grenagh.

The draws for the Under-16 Championship have been made and are as follows:

10 Preliminary Rounds: (a) Na Piarasigh v Grenagh; (b) Ballinora v Castlemartyr; (c) Glen Rovers v Eire Og; (d) Aghabullogue v Killeagh; (e) Inniscarra v St. Finbarrs; (f) Valley Rovers v Delany's; (g)

Newcestown v Blackrock; (h) Fr. O'Neills v Erins Owen; (i) Cloyne v Sarsfields; (j) Cloughduv v Ballinora.

1st Rounds: (k) Watergrasshill v H. (l) G. v Barryroe; (m) E v Douglas; (n) D. v Brian Dillons; (o) Bishopstown "B" v F; (p) I v C; (q) J v Bishopstown "A"; (r) D v B.

Quarter Finals: (s) L v Q; (t) O v P; (u) N v R; (v) K v M.

Semi-finals: (w) T v S; (x) V v U.

### FIXTURES

Junior "A" League: St. Fannahans v St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's at 2.30. Ref. Killeagh; Douglas v Inniscarra at Douglas at 2.30. Ref. Blackrock; Cloughduv v Ballincollig at Ballincollig, at 2.30. Ref. Eire Og.

Under 16 League: Na Piarasigh v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons at 3 p.m. Ref. E. Hackett; Cloyne v Castlemartyr at Cloyne at 3 p.m. Ref. Fr. O'Neills; Barryroe v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 12 p.m. Ref. Inniscarra; Killeagh v Watergrasshill at Killeagh at 2 p.m. Ref. Youghal; Blackrock v Bishopstown "B" at Blackrock at 3 p.m. Ref. St. Finbarrs; Glen Rovers v Erins Owen at Glen Rovers at 12 noon. Ref. Brian Dillons; Bishopstown "A" v St. Finbarrs at St. Finbarrs at 12 noon. Ref. Douglas. Junior "B" League: Eire Og v Grenagh at Ovens at 12 noon.

CAMOGIE: Junior A league—St. Catherine's 6-5, St. Fannahans 0-2; U-16 leagues—Brian Dillons 9-4, Na Piarasigh 1 goal; Aghabullogue 4-7, Barryroe 0-0; Killeagh 4-9, Watergrasshill 3-3; Glen Rovers 5-8, Erins Owen 0-3; Bishopstown A 0-2, St. Finbarrs 1-0.



# St. Caimins Continue on Winning Trail

St. Caimins, Shannon ..... 1-7 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel ..... 2-1

St. Caimins qualified for the semi-final of the Munster Colleges junior camogie championship when they defeated favourites Cashel in a hard fought and exciting quarter final at Boherlahan on Thursday last.

Best for St. Caimins were Maxine Johnston, Moira McMahon, Niamh Cleary, Joanne Meehan and Sheila

Quane. St. Caimins now play the winners of Midleton and Crosshaven in the semi-final.

The exchanges were close throughout with Moira McMahon opening the scoring with a well taken point for St. Caimins. The Cashel full-forward replied with a goal followed by a point from Joanne Meehan for St. Caimins. The Tipperary back line dominated the game for the remainder of the first half. Their full back made many fine clearances. But a goal in the dying seconds of the first half left Cashel leading at the interval by 2-0 to 0-2.

On the resumption, St. Caimins back line with Maxine Johnston in fine form settled down to take control of the game. Moira McMahon did trojan work at centrefield and sent some beautiful passes to centre forward, Joanne Meehan, who opened the scoring in the second half with a beautiful point. Brid Lally and Colette McCashin scored two more points but sub. Sheila Quane put paid to any hopes the Cashel girls had of victory when she took control at full forward and scored a goal from about fifteen yards. Niamh Cleary had yet another great game at wing forward. Joanne Meehan closed the scoring with two more points from play.

Cashel's only score in the second half came in the fifteenth minute from a placed ball.



☆ ST. CAIMIN'S, SHANNON — In Munster Colleges Junior Camogie Semi-Final. Back row (left to right): Kathleen Lally, Lorraine Whelan, Sheila Quane, Martina O'Reilly, Maxine Johnston, Joanne Meehan, Sheena Deegan, Debbie Kelly, Collette McCashin, Debbie McDonagh, Sandra Phelan. Front row (left to right): Emma McDade, Yvonne Chaplin, Helen Fitzgerald, Niamh Cleary, Joanne Nihill, Regina O'Connor, Sarah McDade, Moira McMahon, Breege Lally.

## Ennis Girls in Munster Final

COLAISTE MUIRE, ENNIS ..... 2-7  
ST. PATRICKS, SHANNON ..... 0-6

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis qualified for the Munster Colleges senior camogie championship final for the second year in succession with an impressive display against St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, at Wolfe Tones pitch Shannon on Saturday.

This achievement is all the more praiseworthy when one considers that no teacher in the school is involved with the team. Team coach of the last few years Mick Meagher is on leave of absence from the school and the squad is now trained by Fiona Whyte of Eire Og.

Colaiste were first to score when full-forward Catherine O'Loughlin opened their account after four minutes.

The exchanges were very even at this stage and then Lorna O'Flaherty the best of the Shannon attack replied with a point from a 30. Catherine Molloy soon put St. Pats ahead with an excellent free from 60 yards free.

Catherine O'Loughlin pointed twice from frees to put Colaiste in front 0-3 to 0-2 before Frances Phelan levelled for St. Pats. It was quite irritating at this stage that

ref., Maureen Sheedy gave frees for some trivial offences when the advantage rule could have applied. One such decision happened just prior to half time when C. O'Loughlin bottled up by the Shannon backs appeared to throw the ball. A free from 20 yards was awarded and C. O'Loughlin goaled to leave the Colaiste leading 1-3 to 0-3. Tara Magee now rampant at centrefield had a marvellous Shannon point followed by a Lorna O'Flaherty pointed free to leave the half time score at 1-3 to 0-5 in favour of Colaiste Mhuire.

In the second half St. Patricks tried to get the necessary scores but Colaiste added a point through a Catherine O'Loughlin free. Angela Killeen and Mairead O'Halloran

stood out in the Colaiste defence and gave little scope to the Shannon attack while Anne Hennessey and Clare Bracken were now on top for Colaiste at centrefield. Further Colaiste points followed from Claire Bracken and C. O'Loughlin from a free after Shannon goalie Siobhan O'Driscoll fouled a puck-out. Colaiste now led 1-6 to 0-5 before Lorna O'Flaherty from a pointed free had the only St. Pats score of the second half. Claire Bracken added her second point with C. O'Loughlin goaling from a goalmouth melee in the closing minutes to give Colaiste Mhuire a deserved win. For the Ennis side all their defence excelled with A. Killeen at full back and C. McNamara particularly good. A. Hennessey throughout and

C. Bracken in the second half impressed at centrefield. While in attack C. Tobin and C. O'Loughlin played consistently well.

For Pats, captain P. Diviney and N. Alford did well in defence. T. Magee had a fine game at centre field while in attack L. O'Flaherty and G. O'Grady were best. Colaiste Mhuire must now wait until early Feb. for their final.

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis: S. Hegarty, Angela Killeen, Mairead O'Halloran, Catherine McNamara, Louise O'Donnell, Anne Hennessey, Claire Bracken, Claire Moroney, Anita Whyte, Catherine Tobin, Josephine Howard, Catherine O'Loughlin, 2-5.

St. Patricks Shannon: S. O'Driscoll, P. Diviney, capt., N. Alford, C. Molloy, 0-1, L. Keane, T. Magee 0-1, E. McTaggart, A. Sheridan, G. O'Grady, F. Phelan, 0-1, C. May, L. O'Flaherty 0-3. Sub. J. Kelly, for C. May. Ref. M. Sheedy, Bodyke.

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## FORTY YEARS ON Camogie Blue Riband again goes North

THE Blue Riband of Ireland's National Women's game has once again gone to the North. Before a record crowd at Corrigan Park, Belfast, on Sunday November 9, Antrim's all county pick (holders of the All-Ireland title for the past two years) completed a hat trick by rather luckily defeating Dublin's plucky little one club team in the final.

Yes, this was a rather unique game in many respects. Firstly, it was the second occasion in which the C.I.E. club represented Dublin in an All-Ireland Final. This year they had defeated Galway's forty-odd-club pick in the semi-final at Ballinasloe, and now faced Antrim's best. Founded in 1933 this C.I.E. club has a distinctive rise to fame from Junior to Senior and All-Ireland ranks. This year, in fact, they were triple champions—Dublin League, Championship and Isle of Man Cup winners.

Antrim's Gaelic sport loving enthusiasts sat up and took notice of this unique achievement, and turned up in their thousands to Corrigan Park to see the Dublin champions in action. It was a thrill too, on this red letter day in the Camogie world, to see the tricolour floating proudly in the breeze, and to hear the large gathering sing 'The Soldier's Song' in a city that would like to be considered by some of its inhabitants as the heart of the British Empire, but which to every ardent Gael, of course, is as dear as life itself.

Then again there was the revered Bishop—Most Rev. Dr. Mageean, Bishop of Down and Connor, as true a Gael as ever graced the Gaelic platform—who came, accompanied by Mr. P. O'Higgins (Galway), National Organiser Camogie Association; Mr. R. A. Bramham A.I.I.S. (Dublin), Hon. Secretary Leinster Council; Miss S. Horgan (Cork) Chairman Camogie Central Council; Mr. M. J. Cody, Leinster Organiser; Mr. S. McFerran, Chairman Antrim G.A.A.; Mr. Bob Lavery, Chairman Antrim Camogie Board, to throw in the ball. Before doing so he spoke to the teams and told them that the victory did not count—it was how they played the game that would show their real traits. He was then introduced to Mr. Charlie McMahon (Dublin), trainer of the Antrim team; Sgt. M. Daniels (Tipperary), trainer of the Dublin team; Miss C. Mulholland (Galway), referee, and the Misses Heffernan (Galway) goal umpires, and the game was on.

Not in the least overawed by the magnitude of the opposition Dublin's one club combination hurled like real champions, however, and turned the title holders back time and time again. Kathleen Cody—with many characteristic runs; Kathleen Bowler, showing brilliant form; Rita Manifold, excelling herself 'between the sticks'; Joan Cosgrave's tactics that hustled the experienced Antrim defence; Sophie Brack's do or die efforts to score; Thelma Tighe's superb runs that were always dangerous to the opposition; and finally May Fitzpatrick's great defence were outstanding features of the Dublin girl's play during the game. Antrim were not without their stars either. Kathleen Dooley the centre half was a rock like defender. Mary Keenan, Rita McGarry, Nancy Mulligan, and Celia Quinn were all in great form and refused to give in. But two points separated the teams at half-time, and three when the final whistle sounded. Dublin had two goals disallowed. Some of their supporters claim that one ball was actually over the line and kicked back into play by a goal umpire. Be that as it may the official result gave Antrim their third title by 2-4 to Dublin's 2-1.

### Fr. O'Neills finally prevail

Fr. O'Neills 10-5,  
Killeagh 4-1

HAVING played second fiddle to their neighbours for many years at Under-16 level, Fr. O'Neills made amends when they had a deserved victory over Killeagh in an Under-16 camogie league game that now puts them through to the Cork county semi-final stages.

From the start, Fr. O'Neills were in control and in the early minutes went two goals clear following two 15-metre frees, both converted by Fiona O'Driscoll. Further goals from Deirdre Flavin, Frances Hennessy and Denise Hayes saw them in a commanding position, but Killeagh's best player, Imelda Leahy, goaled to leave the half-time score, Fr. O'Neills 7-2 to Killeagh's 1-0.

Fr. O'Neills never let up and tacked on another 3-3.

Fr. O'Neills: M. Flavin, C. Leahy, J. Leahy, F. O'Driscoll, M. Keane, A. Hennessy, N. Shanahan, S. Finn, M. Terry, D. Hayes, F. Hennessy, D. Flavin. Subs: B. O'Sullivan for N. Shanahan, A. Beausang for A. Hennessy, A. Aherne for F. Hennessy.

Killeagh: T. Gould, J. Lenihan, M. O'Connor, S. Lenihan, A. O'Connor, S. Cahalane, A. O'Regan, J. McCarthy, I. Kirby, I. Leahy, H. Walsh, M. O'Regan.

## INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS

## THE TOP TEN OF THE YEAR

### 5. - ANGELA DOWNEY - and the All-Ireland senior camogie final.

We have come to expect something special from top-scoring Angela every time she lines out for club, county or province. The Kilkenny ace did not disappoint her admirers in the O'Duffy Cup tie against challengers Cork at Croke Park.

Displaying all her artistry and craft, Angela set a superb headline for her colleagues, and four quick-silver points in the second half really ended Cork's hopes.

The Leesiders looked briefly for a time coming up to the Downey scoring exercise as if they would prove a threat to Kilkenny, but then came that scoring burst from the dashing forward on the left wing. Angela collected her seventh All-Ireland senior medal.

## Big growth in the Ashbourne Cup

U.C.D. will host the 74th intervarsity camogie championship for the Ashbourne Cup. For many years the Ashbourne Cup for played for by the three National Universities. Eight colleges went into the heat for the 1988 series.

The draw reads (A) U.C.C. v Maynooth; (B) Trinity v Jordanstown; (C) U.C.G. v Coleraine and (D) U.C.D. v Queens. The semi-finals match C v B and D v A. The quarter finals are scheduled for January 30 while the Ashbourne weekend gets underway on February 14.

The Purcell Cup, which is contested by the Teacher Training Colleges, gets underway on January 16 with

the preliminary round. The draw is (A) Marino v N.I.H.E. (Dublin); (B) Thomond v St Patricks and (C) St Marys, Belfast v N.I.H.E. Limerick.

Mary Immaculate College, who are staging the finals, are excused from a preliminary round. They come into the fray at the semi-final stage where they meet the winners of C). A welcome newcomer to third level camogie is Dundalk R.T.C.

The way is now clear for the semi-finals of the Connacht Colleges Senior semi-finals. All-Ireland champions St Raphaels, Loughrea play Mercy, Castlerea and their considerable experience should see St Raphaels



through to the final. The meeting of Mercy, Roscommon and Portumna college in the second semi-final should provide a closed tussle.

St. Marys, Midleton travel to Shannon to play St Calmins in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges Junior championship. St Marys are coached by Anne Leahy, centreback on the Cork team in the All-Ireland Senior final last September.

Coincidentally, the star of the team is Anne's young sister Imelda, who figured with the Cork minor side this season. Many of the

players who won Munster First Year medals last season have graduated to the Junior team including the skilful Denise Hogan and Frances Hennessy, sister of All-Ireland hurler Kevin Hennessy.

Under the management of Mary Hanley, a former Ashbourne Cup player with U.C.C., St Calmins have blossomed into a force to be reckoned with. THEY HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR Colaiste Muire, St Patricks, Shannon and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

St. Marys, Nenagh, who ended the hopes of Scoil Chormel, Limerick and Scariff Community, entertain Mount Mercy, Cork in the

quarter final. The majority of the Mount Mercy players are members of the Bishopstown club, the Felle Division One champions.

Dates for the play-off stages of the All-Ireland Colleges Championships were announced at the AGM last Saturday. On March 5, Ulster will be at home to Connacht and Leinster will travel to Munster in the semi-finals of the senior championship. The venues will be reversed the following Saturday March 12, when the same pairings meet in the junior championship. April 16 is earmarked for the All-Ireland finals and April 30 has been set aside for the All-Ireland colleges sevens.



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# Kilkenny hopes depend on 'oldies'

THE Open Draw for 1988 leaves a repeat of this year's All-Ireland final pairing as a distinct possibility. Only eight counties have committed themselves to the forthcoming championship. Sadly, Tipperary and Down have decided to drop down to the junior grade.

The first round pairings of the draw read (a) Wexford v Clare; (b) Galway v Antrim; (c) Limerick v Cork and (d) Kilkenny v Dublin. One finalist will emerge from the Wexford, Clare, Limerick and Cork groupings. Their final opponents will be drawn from Galway, Antrim, Kilkenny or Dublin.

Seven months will elapse

before the championship gets underway. Whether Kilkenny continue to be the dominant force which they have been over the past three years depends on the senior members of the team. It is understood that certain players are harbouring thoughts of retirement but it is highly likely that they will come under pressure to carry on while the county is enjoying a winning run.

## NEW TRAINER

The appointment of Tom Nott as a Cork hurling selector may force the Cork Board to look around for a new team trainer. It is unlikely that Tom could find time to manage both jobs.

An attractive fixture will



be added to the list for 1988. As part of the Dublin Millennium celebrations, a Rest of Ireland Selection will play the Dublin Senior team on June 19. The Rest of Ireland side will be drawn from the senior counties.

The first news to filter through from the Ulster Colleges scene confirms that Loreto, Letterkenny, St. Patrick's, Dungiven and St. Patrick's, Maghera have reached the play-off stages of the senior championship. Loreto, Letterkenny entered two teams in the senior cham-

pionship and it is indicative of the work which is being put into the game in the school that two teams came through.

## FIRST FINAL

St. Caimins, Shannon have qualified for their first Munster final. They proved their superiority over St. Mary's, Midleton with a four goal margin in the junior championship. Mount Mercy, Cork escaped with a one-point victory over St. Mary's, Nenagh in the quarter-final.

Mount Mercy, Cork now face St. Mary's, Macroom in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges Junior Championship.

There are big changes on

the Antrim County Board this season. Lily Spence and Rosina McManus have retired and are replaced by current players. Marie Doherty has moved from secretary to take the chair. Anne McGlew (vice-chair), Catherine McAllister (secretary), Mary Lundy (assistant secretary), Anne Higgins (treasurer) and Lily Cribben (P.R.O.) complete the team.

The keys positions in Derry and Galway are unaltered. Brian McQuillan and Elizabeth Crampsie will continue to direct matters in Derry. Jane Beatty was re-elected to the Galway chair and Anne Murray, goalkeeper on the county senior team, resumes as secretary.

## Miriam Malone's big day

THE selection of Miriam Malone as the 1987 AIB Gaelic Stars Junior Player of the Year has proved to be a very popular choice. The skilful Broadford player was a key figure in Kildare's historic All-Ireland success.

Wearing number seven in the All-Ireland Final against Armagh, Miriam gave a great all-round display. She won practically every ball she challenged for in the opening quarter. Her accurate play set Kildare on the road to victory. Miriam's tally in the match was a remarkable 1-7, particularly from a midfield player.

It is most appropriate that Miriam will receive her award at a special function to celebrate the coming of age of the Broadford Club. Miriam has been wearing the colours of Broadford since the club was formed and has given remarkable service.

Miriam donned the white of Kildare for the first time in 1966. In an illustrious career, she won Leinster Junior Championship medals in 1967, 1969, 1981, 1986 and 1987. She captained Kildare in their first All-Ireland appearance in 1985 but had to wait a further twelve months to collect the elusive medal.

Not alone has Miriam fielded regularly with the Leinster Junior team but she



MIRIAM MALONE  
Camogie's Junior Player  
of the Year.

has been honoured by the Leinster senior selectors. She holds both Gael-Linn senior and junior medals. Respected by team-mates and opponents alike, she is fully deserving of the honour.

On the administration front, Pat Keatley has been returned as Cathaoirleach of the Kildare County Board. Pat combines her management and playing activities very well. Antrim born, Mary McMullan will be Pat's deputy and Marie Woods will double up as treasurer and country P.R.O.

Four other counties in a happy position at the Christmas break are Armagh, Galway, Meath and Roscommon. With full points from the two rounds of the National Junior League played to date, their prospects look good. Galway tumbled the holders Dublin while the All-Ireland finalists picked themselves up to account for Derry and Tyrone.

This is Convention time. Several counties have already had their annual gatherings. Indications are that numerous motions will be tabled for Congress. In Meath Anne Farrell had planned to retire but was coaxed to stay on as leader. She will be joined by Bridget Kearney, Dolores Maguire, Terry Tormey and Paddy Brady at the top table.

Key officers have been returned in Louth and Offaly. Peter Hoey, the long serving Louth official, continues at the helm with Bernie Kirk as his secretary. Inter-county referee, Miriam O'Callaghan carries on in Offaly with the noteworthy assistance of secretary Bernadette Loughnane.

Westmeath's fortunes rest in the capable hands of P. J. Fulham and his energetic team. Betty Behan from Drumraney, Maureen Fulham, Mary Gave, Nancy Scally and Patsy Brennan complete the Westmeath line-up.



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Cork camogie player, Eileen Dineen, Farran, Co. Cork, pictured after her marriage to John O'Connor, Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry.

## Hospital charges attacked

THE £10 hospital charge for people treated in the accident and emergency unit at Cork Regional Hospital came in for a strong attack at the Cork County Camogie Board's annual convention at Páirc Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

Mrs. Nora Newman of Glen Rovers, President of the Camogie Association, said that the Southern Hurling Board would have to make some concessions in the case of sports injuries.

She feared that the charge could put camogie out of the reach of ordinary people and prevent the development of the sport.

"Injuries from one single match could cost the board up to £50, if say five people were injured. We cannot afford to pay that kind of money", she told the delegates.

Sheila Golden of Inniscarra, a former secretary of the Board, was elected unanimously as the new chairperson.

She takes over from the outgoing Miriam Higgins, who was highly critical of the fact that no nominations for the position of chairperson were received prior to the convention.

Miss Higgins said the fact that no All-Ireland title came to Cork during 1987 was a great disappointment and reflected badly on the level of the game in the county. Something would have to be done, she said to strengthen the inter-county teams. "We will have to be done here if Cork are to do well".

Cork County Board would have to do more in North Cork to encourage camogie and she suggested that every hurling club should have a camogie club.

Marie Kearney of Sarsfields takes over as vice-chairperson from Sheila Spillane of Killeagh. Kay Dunne, Blackrock was returned unopposed as treasurer. Mary Maher of Douglas takes over as secretary, a position she held three years ago and Lillian O'Sullivan was returned unopposed as registrar. Fixtures secretary is Ann O'Connor, Bishopstown and the Board's PRO is Mary Noonan-McCarthy.

Senior Selectors: Mary O'Callaghan, Rose Malone, Sheila Spillane, Mary O'Leary.

Junior: Lil O'Sullivan, Marie Kearney, Pat Kirby.

Minor: Mary Moran, Mary Maher, Betty Joyce, Mary O'Callaghan.

Under 18: Rose Desmond, Rose Mackey, Mairead Donovan, Siobhan Goggin.

## Camogie crux

CLUB delegates will convene at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday for the Annual General Meeting of Cumann Camogaíochta Chontae Chorcaí.

This year a very serious situation has arisen as there are no nominations for the positions of Chairperson and Secretary. So clubs are earnestly requested to give the matter a lot of thought before Sunday and so ensure the continued growth of camogie in Cork.

Nora Newman from Glen Rovers is the only nominee for President and she surely deserves this honour for her many dedicated years of work in the Association.

Marie Kearney from Sarsfields will take over from Sheila Spillane as Vice-Chairlady while Kay Dunne, Treasurer; Lily O'Sullivan, Registrar; Mary Newman-McCarthy, P.R.O. and Ann O'Connor are all returned unopposed.

Four senior selectors will be chosen from Maire Ni Chaellachain, Inniscarra; Rose Malone, Eire Og; Rose Mackey and Mary Nott, Glen Rovers; Sheila Spillane, Killeagh; Marie Costine, Cloyne and Mary O'Leary, Watergrasshill.

The Junior selectors will be chosen from Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; Sheila O'Brien, Eire Og; Ann Leahy, Killeagh; Mrs. Barry, Brian Dillons; Maire Kearney, Sarsfields; Bernie McGrath, Ballinora; Sheila Golden, Inniscarra and Pat Kirby, Killeagh.

There are no fewer than 11 names

submitted for Minor selectors, Mary Moran, St. Finbarrs; Sheila Harrington, Bishopstown; Rose Mackey, Glen Rovers; Sheila O'Brien, Eire Og; Geraldine Barry Murphy, Aghabullogue; Maire Ni Chaellachain, Inniscarra; Mary Maher, Douglas; Nuala Dunlea, Cloughduv; Betty Joyce, Killeagh; Ann Leahy, Killeagh and Sheila Golden, Inniscarra. Four names will be chosen and they will be joined by a rep. from the Under-16 champions.

For Under-18 there are six nominees, Mrs. Goggin, Na Piar-saigh; Mairead Donovan, Ballincollig; Rose Mackey, Glen Rovers; Marie Kearney, Sarsfields; Geraldine Barry Murphy, Aghabullogue and Rose Desmond, Bishopstown. Four names will be chosen and they will be joined by a rep. from the Under-18 champions.

There are a number of interesting motions for discussion, including one from St. Fannahans and Aghabullogue asking that a player be allowed to play with a stick bound with a metallic substance provided it is covered with an adhesive tape.

Bishopstown has requested that a Seandún team be allowed enter for the Senior Championship while Killeagh are looking for the setting up of a Juvenile Board in East Cork.

Killeagh are also requesting that all selection committees consist of three members (one to be the team trainer).



# Sheila's Golden!

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AT last Sunday's camogie convention Mrs. Sheila Golden of Inniscarra was elected chairperson of the County Board for the coming year. Sheila, a former intercounty and club player with South Presentation Convent Past Pupils has been an active member of the association for a number of years, proved a very popular choice by all the delegates attending last Sunday's convention. Sheila is no stranger to the Board as she served as secretary for a number of years in the seventies. She is presently an active member of the Inniscarra Camogie Club where her daughters are carrying on the proud tradition of Camogie in the family.

Last Sunday also saw the return of Mary Maher of Douglas to the position of secretary, a position she held for three years in the early eighties.

Marie Kearney of Sarsfields takes over as vice chairperson from Shelia Spillane of Killeagh while the remaining officers Kay Dunne, treasurer, Lily O'Sullivan, registrar and Mary Newman McCarthy PRO

were all returned unopposed.

Mrs. Nora Newman of Glen Rovers was the unanimous choice for president. This position has been vacant since the death of Ide Bean Uí She in 1986.

The senior selectors for the coming year are Rose Malone, Eire Og, Mary O'Callaghan, Inniscarra, Mary O'Leary, Watergrasshill and Sheila Spillane, Killeagh plus a nominee from county champions Glen Rovers.

The junior selectors are Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig, Marie Kearney, Sarsfields, Pat Kirby, Killeagh. These will be joined by a representative from the intermediate champions, Eire Og and the junior champions which will be either Brian Dillons or Bishopstown.

The task of guiding the minors was given to Mary Moran, St. Finbarrs, Mary Maher, Douglas, Betty Joyce, Killeagh and Mary O'Callaghan, Inniscarra, while the Under 18 selectors are Mrs. Goggins, Na Piarsaigh, Rose Desmond, Bishopstown, Rose Mackey, Glen Rovers and Mairead Donovan, Ballincollig.

Motions passed at convention included a motion from St. Fannahans asking that a player may be allowed to play with a stick that is bound with any metallic substance provided it is covered with adhesive tape.

Killeagh failed in their request to have a special competition introduced for senior teams beaten in the first round of the championship but they were successful in having the minimum width of a pitch increased from 60 metres to 70 metres.

Bishopstown were successful in their request to have a Seandun team entered in the senior championship while a motion from Sarsfields asking that the travelling team in the Under 16 league provide the referee, was also passed.

On the playing fields for the coming weekend there are six Under 16 league games and one junior B game down for decision. In these games Aghabullogue, Valley Rovers, Na Piarsaigh, Sarsfields, Barryroe and Ballincollig will be

expected to pick up league points while in the junior B league Erins Own should prove too

strong for Blackrock's second squad.

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**Under 16 League:** Inniscarra v. Cloughduv at Inniscarra, at 12 noon, ref. Bishopstown; Eire Og v. Aghabullogue at Ovens at 12 noon, ref. Inniscarra; Douglas v. Valley Rovers at Douglas at 12 noon, ref. Blackrock; Na Piarsaigh v. Grenagh at Na Piarsaigh at 12 noon, ref. Eleanor Hackett; Sarsfields v. Delaneys at Delaneys at 2.30, ref. Deirdre O'Shea; Newcestown v. Barryroe at Barryroe at 2.30, ref. Valley Rovers; Ballinora v. Ballincollig at Ballinora at 12 noon, ref. St. Finbarrs.

**Junior B League:** Blackrock v. Erins Own at Erins Own at 12 noon, ref. Breda O'Sullivan, Sarsfields.

## Anti-man 'bias' by camogie board

By Tommy Barker

CORK'S Camogie County Board could become "a laughing stock" because of a sexist bye-law which prohibits men from holding any positions in the board, from becoming selectors or attending meetings, outspoken Cork city councillor Pat Murray claimed last night.

According to Cllr. Murray, who trains an under-age team, the bye-law was still in place because of an anti-man bias by middleaged women board members and supporters.

"I am discriminated against and cannot become a selector if I wanted to because I'm a man, yet at club level men coach teams and the county team is trained by a man, Tom Nott," maintained the person known in the Bishopstown club as 'Mr. Camogie'.

Cork County Board is one of the few, if not the only boards which has the by-law operating, he



Pat Murray

told the *Echo*, and said it was hypocritical for them to discriminate against men in Cork, while other counties depended on them at all levels.

National PRO of the Camogie Association Ms. Mary Moran last night dismissed the allegation of the board being "anti-man." "It's a girls sport and it make sense for

girls to run it. A number of men do help, and we're very glad to have them but we made a decision to run our own affairs 46 years ago and we're doing it very successfully in Cork," she said.

It was not hypocritical to discriminate against men when the county was strong, while allowing them in key positions when the association was weak. "Maybe it's because we're all girls that we're strong," she suggested.

Two other counties, Dublin and Antrim also had all women boards, and this may be as a result of a bye-law, she said.

Pat Murray trained the Bishopstown Under 14 camogie team, which this year won an All Ireland title, and several years ago the club put forward a motion that men be allowed hold positions within the board. The motion was defeated at the county board annual convention.



Morgan Powderly, Manager of Kilcock Branch presenting the AIB — Gaelic Stars Magazine — Star of the Year Award to Miriam Malone of the Kildare Team at the Broadford, Kildare, Camogie Club. Silver Jubilee celebration banquet.



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## CAMOGIE COMMENT BY MARY MORAN

**T**HE year 1987 belongs to Kilkenny. Two years ago, Bridie McGarry lead her county to a unique National League and All-Ireland Championship double. Captain again this season, Bridie stepped up to receive the two major trophies in senior camogie and had a hand in winning the Club Championship and the Gael-Linn Cup for good measure.

Prior to 1970, Kilkenny were regarded as also-rans in the camogie world. Seventeen years later, the county's position on the Roll of Honour is third place behind Dublin and Cork. Seven All-Ireland Senior Championships and four National League titles have gone their way.

Angela Downey, Bridie McGarry, Anne Downey and Liz Neary have long been reckoned as the stars of the Kilkenny team. With her memorable displays this season, full-forward Breda Holmes now ranks alongside them. Biddy O'Sullivan, Marie Fitzpatrick and Clare Jones will harbour special memories from the campaign.

Kildare will always remember 1987. Camogie was introduced to the short grass county in 1908. Years of striving and disappointment were forgotten as their loyal and overjoyed supporters cheered Geraldine Dwyer as she received the New Ireland Cup. It was very pleasing to see players like Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan, Pat Keatley, Marianne Johnson, Rose Merriman and Geraldine Dwyer, who have given much to the game, awarded with an All-Ireland medal.

Galway remain on top in the teenage scene. A minor side containing exciting prospects in Mary Treacy, Triona Dolphin, Aileen Brett and Bridget Fahy retained the All-Ireland crown.

St. Raphaels, Loughrea etched their own special niche in colleges history when they lifted Corn Sceilg for the

third successive year. Nine girls were part of the three victories. Of these, Angela Cooney, Anne Fahy, Brid Stratford and Deirdre Costello have already advanced to senior inter-provincial camogie. No small credit is due to their coach Cyril Farrell who, no doubt, regards 1987 as a special year.

The new Colleges Sevens proved to be an outstanding success. The new trophy commemorates the late Agnes Purcell. The young players thoroughly enjoyed the seven-a-side game. Claire O'Callaghan, Frances Broderick, Helen Cagney and Eve Watson combined delightfully to bring the cup to St. Marys, Charleville. To underline their rating in the college arena, the school also captured the All-Ireland Colleges Junior championship.

Spectators at the National Feile in Clare were concerned that the standard was not as high as in previous years. Division One winners, Bishopstown (Cork) brought better teams to Feile in other years and lost. While the present

team is short on big names, they stuck to their task with great determination and were rewarded.

Unrelenting rain spoiled the Club Championship final and erased any hope of a repeat of the epic encounter between St. Pauls and Glen Rovers in the year before. Defences came out on top and the only goal of the match by Breda Holmes decided the issue in favour of St. Pauls.

Leinster retained the Gael-Linn Cup without undue stress. Munster came back to snatch the junior interprovincial trophy when it appeared that Ulster had it sewn up. Bernie Farrelly (Kildare) took over as Gradam Tailte champion and Claire Lynch (Galway) was a deserving Feile Skills winner.

1988 looms around the corner. It will welcome a new president and the report of the Special Commission. An event to capture the imagination will be Dublin v The Rest of Ireland in June as part of the Millennium celebrations. Perhaps Dublin will have an All-Ireland in mind as well.



*Final Kilkenny captain, Bridie McGarry, receiving the O'Duffy Cup from President, Mary Lynch.*



*Tom and John Quish, at the back, handing the year, and Angela Browne and Anne Downey (Kilkenny), camogie players of the year, photographed with Mrs. Mary Lynch, President of the Camogie Association, Ron Delany, B. & I. Line G.A.A. Handball and Camogie Players of the year awards.*



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## More Inter-County Disappointment

**T**HE 1987 season will not be remembered with any great affection by Dublin's camogie fraternity. It proved, once again, to be a very dismal year from the point of view of recapturing former glories.

A season which had started out with such hope and expectations lay shattered in ruins at the hands of arch rivals and eventual All-Ireland Championship winners, Kilkenny. They had already brushed aside the metropolitans' challenge in the league final earlier in the year and Dublin's pride was badly dented by their defeat in the semi-final of the O'Duffy Cup.

So, what went wrong? Many long hours of discussion have been spent in trying to assess the reason or reasons for Dublin's demise from the top rung of the ladder in camogie!

Having been involved with the running and organisation of the county team in the season just past, perhaps it would be appropriate to suggest that some of the answers may have emerged during 1987. A completely new team of selectors was chosen to take care of the county's fortunes, and when these three got together they certainly were not slow to show their hands.

Phyllis Breslin, Ann Carey and Rita White initially called a panel of 23 players together when they outlined their plans for the National League. It was spelt out to them what the ambitions were for future months, but that Dublin's ultimate aim was a senior championship title.

Already, the selectors had omitted from their panel six of the team who has been defeated by Kilkenny in last year's final. And so, from the outset, the players knew that nobody was sure of their place.

The first league game

against Wexford turned out to be a revelation. Recalled stars like Barbara Redmond and Ann Colgan, along with goalkeeper Toni O'Byrne, proved that there was no substitute for experience. And this was shown to the full when complete newcomer Louise Lynch, Jo Holden and Patricia Clinton began to play as if their lives depended on it.

Two points in the bag against Wexford gave this much-changed metropolitan outfit the confidence to travel to Cork for their next engagement with new-found relish. Again, they came out on top and the players began to realise that maybe this was to be Dublin's year.

Because of the make-up of the league, the first 1987 meeting of Dublin and Kilkenny was of little academic interest as both teams had already qualified for the final proper.

Although only beaten by a point in that game, the national final proved to be a disaster. Well in the game at half-time, Dublin fell apart dramatically in the second period and, although they had the monopoly of possession for much of this tie, it was Kilkenny who triumphed eventually.

With yet another meeting against the Noresiders in the Leinster championship imminent, the selectors were now burdened with major headaches. Not only had they the task of trying to lift their side after this debacle, but the economic condition of the country had robbed them of Jo Holden, Breda Kenny and Marie Connell, who had left these shores to seek employment elsewhere.

However, work had to be done and when the metropolitans again faced the might of Kilkenny in the Leinster Championship, the team bore no resemblance to that which had gone before. Toni O'Byrne was on holidays and

Anne Byrne, from county champions Crumlin, was named as the custodian. Elsewhere, backs were converted into forwards; forwards were moved to midfield; midfielders were moved to the defence and a complete newcomer to senior inter-county fare, Michelle Donnelly, was introduced.

All of these changes turned out to Dublin's advantage and while one might argue that this particular competition carries no importance as regards the open draw competition, the manner in which Dublin completely destroyed Kilkenny in that semi-final was very encouraging.

Another defeat of Wexford in the Leinster final left the metropolitans in good shape for their championship clash with the famous black and amber once again.

Trainer Ann Carey spared no time or energy in her efforts to bring the players to peak condition for this vital test. Players replied with total commitment and when captain Marian Conroy led her players out on that August afternoon it was felt that the tide was about to turn.

Alas, 50 minutes later the dream was shattered. Once again, Kilkenny had proved they are quite nigh invincible at present. Players like Bridie McGarry, Rita Wemyss and Biddy O'Sullivan completely stifled the efforts of the Dublin forwards and, elsewhere, Angela Downey, Breda Holmes and Anna Whelan had too much panache for their opponents.

So Dublin would now appear to be back at the beginning. Nobody will disagree with the brilliance of this Kilkenny team. Every senior team in the last decade has, at some time or another, succumbed to them. But Dublin must bounce back.

Perhaps the most obvious problem is the lack of real

talent emerging. True, the junior team won their national league but there were a number of junior players tried this year and, while there are some very good and promising stars at minor and under 14 level, it will be a couple of years before they reach senior standard.

Another problem nowadays is that players are involved in other sports. G.A.A., soccer and badminton have taken many players from our game, and as has been seen with the dual players in the G.A.A., total commitment at the top level in more than one sport eventually takes its toll.

Also, I feel that the senior league in Dublin is not of as high a standard as perhaps it should be. There are really only three or four teams who can compete at the top level and this surely can't be for the good of the game when it comes to inter-county fare.

Nonetheless, young players like Mairead Cronin, Louise Lynch and Michelle should prove to be the backbone on which Dublin may build for the future.

This coming season will be something of a recovery mission for the metropolitans. The aim of the county must be a senior championship title and all administrators, players, mentors and spectators must strive honestly and earnestly towards this ambition. After all, one senior championship title in 21 years is not good enough for a county like Dublin!

On the club scene, Crumlin once again retained their championship crown and made it a double by capturing the senior league. Celtic remained the only Dublin club to win the prestigious Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland Seven-a-side competition when they beat a very gallant St. Mary's, Galway, side in the final.



## THE CAMOGIE SCENE

# IT'S NO. 15 FOR THE GLENS!

by MARY MORAN

**G**LEN Rovers celebrated their fortieth playing season by taking the Cork Senior Championship for the fifteenth time. The popular Val Fitzpatrick captained the Glen as they set out to defend Cork, Munster and All-Ireland crowns which they won in style in 1986. Aghabullogue and Blackrock presented no problems in the opening rounds. The Glen brushed St. Finbarr's aside with such ease in the semi-final that many fans saw the county final as a formality.

In the other half of the draw, Sarsfields provided the main talking points. Liz Dunphy, Lilian Zinkant, Eileen Noonan, Valerie Twomey and Ann Brady toppled Na Piarasigh in a most exciting game and held the fancied Killeagh team to a draw in a cliff-hanger. Killeagh were better organised in the replay and qualified to meet Eire Og in the semi-final. Killeagh lacked adequate replacements for Ann Marie Landers and Barbara Kirby in the Eire Og match. At times they split open the Eire Og defence but were found wanting themselves in vital areas. Goals from Claire O'Regan, Noelle O'Driscoll and Deirdre Callinan earned the Ovens side a place in the final.

The expected runaway victory by Glen Rovers did not take place. Indeed the nervous looking

champions were in deep trouble at half-time. The determined play of Eire Og prevented the Glen from getting into their stride. Points from Val Fitzpatrick, Denise Cotter, Ger McCarthy and Therese O'Callaghan brought the Glen back into contention but it took two last minute goals from Claire McCarthy to settle the issue in their favour.

With the Science Cup replaced on its stand in Blackpool for another year, the Glen players prepared to take on the best club side in Munster. The most striking aspect of the

Munster Club Championship was the huge gap in standards between the Cork champions and the representatives of the other counties. Sixmilebridge, Lismore and Cashel in turn provided Glen with target practice but with no real challenge. Glen went on to contest the All-Ireland final in which they made a rather tame exit, to the Kilkenny champions.

### INTER-COUNTY

At inter-county level, it was a disappointing season. True, Cork retained Munster titles, but to a demanding following, that is not enough. The senior team started the National League campaign as title-holders but finished pointless. An eleven point defeat at Nowlan Park at the hands of Kilkenny underlined the difference between Cork and the top team in the game.

The draw presented Cork with a clearcut path to the All-Ireland Senior Final. Five goals in the opening half ended the Antrim challenge in the first round. Cork struggled in the Wexford game. While winning possession, they were unable to convert it to scores and the match remained for the taking until two goals by Irene O'Leary in the dying seconds.

Val Fitzpatrick lead Cork onto Croke Park to face Kilkenny with six girls, playing in their first All-Ireland Final, running behind her. The panel



• 1987 Cork Senior Team — Munster Champions and All-Ireland Finalists: Back (l. to r.): Mary Ring, Eileen Dunne, Anne Leahy, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Colette O'Mahony. Front: Noelle O'Driscoll, Irene O'Leary, Liz Dunphy, Linda Mellerick, Val Fitzpatrick (Capt.), Marion McCarthy and Clare Cronin.

had prepared diligently since July and hopes were high that this young Cork side could pull it off. It was not to be. Cork came up against a Kilkenny team at the pinnacle of their form. The key players in the Kilkenny side used their experience and craft to dominate the game. To their credit, the Cork girls tried all they knew to the finish. There is plenty of ability in this Cork side and Kilkenny cannot go on forever. Cork should groom a young side to be ready to take over from the champions.

### JUNIORS

Seven goals from Irene O'Keeffe in the Munster Junior Championship whetted Cork appetites for a good run in this grade. However, the runaway wins over Tipperary and Clare only flattered to deceive. Cork were found wanting in several positions when they came up against Kildare. With only Claire O'Regan, Fiona O'Driscoll and Niamh Cotter available from the Cork team which failed to Galway in the 1986 All-Ireland Minor semi-final, Cork had

to find many newcomers. Waterford and Kerry presented no problems. Clare tested Cork in the Munster Final and it took storming displays from Eileen Buckley, Maria O'Brien, Imelda Leahy, Claire O'Regan and Claire Barry to carry the day.

Imelda Leahy was the star of the semi-final against Armagh. The long journey northwards took its toll. The team tired visibly in the second half and were relieved to hear the final whistle. Cork ran up against a fine Galway team in the final. With a number of the team affected by the big occasion, mistakes were made. The players battled away to the finish but were two points short.

### COLLEGES

St. Mary's, Charleville continued to dominate at colleges level. The traditional Cork colleges have slipped back somewhat. Indeed, the level of individual skill on the minor panel was not on par with other years. It is significant that Na Piarasigh, Blackrock, Bishopstown and St. Finbarrs did not have a player

in the starting twelve. These clubs formed the backbone of previous Cork minor teams. The influence of basketball is a major factor in the case of Na Piarasigh. Many girls tend to play a number of sports which reduces the time allotted to camogie. Therefore, the basic skills are not being mastered to the required degree.

We may expect to see several Bishopstown players in Cork colours over the next few years. The concentration on young players paid off this season when the club won Division I of Feile na nGael. Aisling O'Leary, Cecilia Crowley, Orla Higgins, Grace O'Connell, Gillian Conlon, Deirdre Moynihan and Aine White caught the eye time and again.

U.C.C. were caught by U.C.G. in the semi-final of the Ashbourne Cup despite the best efforts of Eileen Noonan, Patsy Keniry, Paula Carey and Rose Desmond. The Cork university will stage the 1988 series in early February. Hopefully, they will be able to put a good side together and get the new season off to a great start.





• Cork Minor Team 1987 — Munster Champions and All-Ireland Finalists: Back (l. to r.): Claire Barry, Niamh Cotter, Gillian Ryan, Catherine McSweeney, Una Duggan, Maria O'Brien, Fiona O'Driscoll, Eileen Buckley, and Imelda Leahy. Front — Helena Kiely, Hilda Kenneally, Una Murphy, Denise Cronin, Fiona O'Driscoll, Lynn Dunlea, Claire O'Regan (Capt.) and Valerie Ellis.

# Queen Angela

**W**HO is the best hurler in Kilkenny? Who has the most skill, the most craft, the most star quality? Those questions are likely to produce a dozen answers but one name is certain to figure, even when the judges assess the candidates from the most chauvenistic of male viewpoints.

For although camogie players dislike having their game referred to as women's hurling there are enough similarities to make it a reasonable comparison.

And, in those circumstances Angela Browne (Downey) is a perfectly valid contender for any award where hurling skills are involved.

It has been quite a year for Angela. Her excellence hauled camogie onto the national sports stage early on when she won a Texaco award. It was an honour which she richly deserved but it was only the start.

Her rich array of skills helped Kilkenny to a National League success and then onto the All-Ireland final against Cork. In a remarkable display she scored 1-7 of Kilkenny's total as they outclassed Cork by 3-10 to 1-7.

Interestingly, her direct opponent in that game played before 5,496 spectators in Croke Park, was Mary Ring, daughter of the late, great Christy Ring.

That All-Ireland victory has established Kilkenny as one of the great all-time forces in camogie. It was their 7th senior title since 1974. Angela Browne (Downey) has figured in all those successes, as have Liz Neary and Bridie McGarry, who captained the team this year.

## Could teach the men a thing or two!

Indeed, this trio have played a major part in the Kilkenny success story and it speaks a great deal for their devotion to camogie that they have managed to stay at the top for so long. And on the evidence of their performances this year there is every reason to assume that the fairytale will go on.

And with Kilkenny hurlers currently going through a rough patch, they might be well advised to seek some help from the talented girls whose range of skills are incredible.

While Kilkenny continue to dominate the senior camogie scene, Kildare fired out a warning for the future with a fine win in the All-Ireland junior final. Miriam Malone did for Kildare what Angela Browne (Downey) had done for Kilkenny, scoring 1-6 in the final against Armagh.

Kildare, who lost the 1986 final to Clare, were never unduly troubled en route to a comprehensive 2-10 to 0-7 win.

• Below: Our picture shows All Ireland Senior Champion Kilkenny.



Kilkenny, winners last September of All-Ireland senior camogie title for the third successive year.  
Back Row from left: Liz Neary, Angela Browne, Ann Downey, Deirdre Malone, Breda Holmes, Rita Wemes, Biddy O'Sullivan.  
Front Row: Jo Dunne, Marie Fitzpatrick, Bridie McGarry, Captain, Anne Whelan, Claire Jones, Tom Ryan, coach



DEC. 1987

## CAMOGIE HISTORY FOR KILDARE

# FAMOUS FIRSTS FOR GERALDINE AND BERNIE

Geraldine Dwyer, an accomplished half back from Prosperous, and Bernadette Farrelly, a teenage forward talent from Broadford, have more cause than most in camogie to look back in a special way on the past year.

The reason? Dwyer took her place in the ranks of history-makers in the sport as captain of the Kildare team that captured the county's first-ever All-Ireland championship in any grade. Farrelly became the youngest-ever winner of Gradam Tailte, camogie's annual day-long competition for the player of the year in each county, and decided over a number of disciplines or exercises.

Kildare's first All-Ireland crown in the sport was recorded at the expense of Armagh in the junior grade last September, and the win proved a rich measure of compensation for the county for their defeat by Clare at the same stage last year.

Geraldine Dwyer, who proved an outstanding team leader, and had an excellent game all round, is a top-class defender. She won her place in the Kildare county team while still at school, and has enjoyed much success. Her medals collection includes - in addition to the All-Ireland souvenir - trophies for Leinster, the National League and Gael-Linn (interprovincial series).

Kildare may have had a long wait for that elusive first national championship crown, but they made it all worthwhile with a stylish performance. The Leinster girls combined well, displayed top-class skills and play of a high standard, as they powered to a

convincing 2-10 to 0-7 success.

A high point of the winning show was the performance in the middle of the park of sure-striking Miriam Malone of Broadford. She gave one of the best individual displays of the year in the sport, as she stamped her personality on the final with her intelligent play, and superb accuracy.

Miriam, who is Kildare's best known player, scored 1-6 of her team's total - two points more than Armagh scored. She now has added an All-Ireland medal to an impressive collection that have been won in the interprovincial competition for the Gael-Linn Cup, the Leinster championship and National League.

Kildare went close to a major national titles double in 1987. They qualified for the National Junior League decider last August, and playing at home at Clane were well fancied to take the honours. But, the Dubs ended the Kildare hopes as they chalked up an unexpectedly easy win by 6-4 to 1-7. It is a tribute to the Kildare players that their second national final defeat in under a year did not discourage them, and that they recovered to take the All-Ireland junior crown.

Marianne Johnson, of Prosperous, who is the Kildare County Board camogie secretary, scored her team's other goal in the All-Ireland final. Teresa Hanley, a county minor this year as well, and who is from Carbury, scored two points. Patricia Keatley, of Broadford, and Nuala Kerrigan, of Johnstown Bridge, with a point a piece completed the Kildare scoring against Armagh.

### GRADAM TAILTE

Gradam Tailte could be described as camogie's own superstars competition. This is an annual event, launched in 1982, and the disciplines or exercises cover camogie skills, athletics and gym events.

Bernadette Farrelly, at only 16, became the youngest-ever winner of the coveted title. She displayed tremendous ability in the various tests, and joined an exclusive company of players as a result of her success.

Bernadette, who was introduced to the Kildare team during last season's National Junior League campaign, is the first from the county to win this prestigious award.

She played with Kildare in the minor grade, and was one of the outstanding players in the march to the New Ireland Cup for the All-Ireland junior championship.

Educated at Derrinturn National School, and Edenderry Vocational School, Bernadette thus completed an outstanding double in 1988. A clever player of much potential she has undoubtedly a wonderful future at the sport.

Kildare's history - making junior team was:

Rose Merriman (Prosperous); Anna Dargan (Broadford); Phyllis Bambury (Cappagh); Melaine Treacy (St. Laurences); Geraldine Dwyer (Prosperous); Antoinette Merriman (Prosperous); Miriam Malone (Broadford); Patricia Keatley (Broadford); Marianne Johnson (Prosperous); Bernadette Farrelly (Broadford); Teresa Hanley (Carbury); Nuala Kerrigan (Johnstown Bridge).

Substitutes: Kathleen Elliott (Prosperous) for Farrelly. Theresa Farrelly (Broadford) for Treacy.



Communications Chairman Richard Whelan presenting a photograph of Kildare All Ireland Camogie champions to Marie Woods of the County Camogie Board. Also pictured are; (back row) Paud Malone, Sean Conna, and Communications Secretary John McCarthy. (Front Row) N. Sutton, Farrelly, Miriam Malone, camogie award winner Ann Conway and Nora Egan



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## Macroom make it to final

Macroom 0-3  
Mount Mercy (Cork) 0-2

MACROOM, coached by former Cork All-Ireland camogie star, Angela Higgins, scored a narrow win over Mount Mercy, Cork in their Munster schools junior camogie semi-final at Bishopstown, Cork yesterday.

Macroom, who led 0-2 to 0-1 at the interval, had two from Lynn Dunlea and one from Eleanor Howard.

For Mount Mercy, who were coached by Cllr. Pat Murray, Bláithín Keating and Edel Kearney scored the points.

The star of the show for Macroom was Josie O'Callaghan at centre-back, and Stephanie Dunlea on the wing also played exceptionally well.

Macroom now play Shannon in the final early in the New Year.

Macroom: E. Henschion, M. Twomey, C. Hallissey, S. Lucey, J. O'Callaghan, J. Howard, M. Kelleher, S. Dunlea, L. Dunlea, S. Buckley, E. O'Sullivan, E. Howard.

Mount Mercy: A. O'Leary, G. O'Connell, T. Murphy, B. Keating, D. Cronin, G. Sugrue, E. Duggan (capt), M. Collins, D. Moynihan, E. Kearney, A. White, B. Geary. Sub. Imelda Philpott for Bernie Geary (45 minutes).

Referee: Rose Desmond (UCC).



Macroom (top) who defeated Mount Mercy, Cork in the Munster schools junior camogie championship semi-final at Bishopstown.



Kildare full back, Anna Dargan clears the ball despite the attention of Mary Donnelly (Armagh) in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final. The Kildare No. 23 is Phylliss Bambury.



JAN. 1988

# Patricks have formula to land double

ULSTER COLLEGES stage an extensive programme of matches scheduled for the coming week which will sort out the front-runners from the also-rans. The championships, in the northern provincial, are run on zone systems and it is possible that the standard can vary substantially from zone to zone.

The respective zone winners have now reached the quarter finals of the senior and junior championships. A quick glance at the list sights the names of traditional strongholds of the game such as St. Louis, Kilkeel, Loreto, Letterkenny, St. Patricks, Maghera and St. Patricks, Dungiven. The eager hopefuls chasing their first title, Sacred Heart, Ballyshannon, Scoll Muire, Bunrana and St. Columbas, Portaferry, are also there.

The past season was a great for St. Patricks, Maghera, who swept the boards in the Ulster major championships from under fourteen grade to senior level. Their seniors next hurdle



looms in the colours of St. Pius, Magherafelt. Sacred Heart, Ballyshannon provide the opposition in the junior grade to Maghera. A Maghera double would be no surprise.

Derry have another school doubly engaged in the quarter finals. St. Patricks, Dungiven are expected to be a force in the junior championship but are at a disadvantage in the senior grade as the school curriculum does not continue to O levels.

Dungiven are drawn against Loreto, Cavan, in the senior championship. Loreto impressed in their own area and will make a great game of it. The winners of Keady v Newry meet Dungiven in the junior quarter final. The winner would be equipped to go far.

Loreto, Letterkenny saw their senior B team make their exit at the hands of St. Josephs, Crossmaglen. The good teamwork of the Crossmaglen side should see them advance further at the expense of Armagh Technical School.

Letterkenny are very much involved still. Their senior A side has a date with St. Louis, Kilkeel. Loreto won three Ulster senior titles since 1983 have triumph cards in Donegal minors, Odelle Callaghan, Elaine McMonagle and Dolores McDermott. St. Louis, Kilkeel, will be keen to bridge the gap with their previous success in 1981.

Six counties will complete in the Leinster finals of Coel, Caint and Damhsa in Kilkenny on Sunday. The winners of local competitions in Louth, Kilkenny, Carlow, Westmeath, Longford and Dublin will stage an entertaining programme.

## McINERNEY AT THE HELM!

THE apparent lack of interest in the Gael Linn Inter-provincial competition was discussed at the Munster Council Camogie Convention in Cork last Sunday. Delegates decided to give overall responsibility to Flann McInerney, who will co-ordinate both team management and selection committees.

A referees committee, comprised of officials from all the counties, is to be established. This body will then draw up courses throughout the province.

The outgoing chairperson Mary O'Callaghan (Cork), who had completed her three year term of office was wished every success in her effort to become President of the Camogie Association.

The following officers were elected: Chairperson, Brid Stokes (Limerick); Vice, Flann McInerney (Cork); Sec., Eithne Neville (Limerick); Treas., Mary Casey (Cork); Reg. Rose Malone (Cork); P.R.O., Marie Kearney (Cork).

The following championship draws were made: Senior - Clare v Cork, Limerick v winners. Junior - Clare v Waterford, Limerick v Cork; Kerry v Limerick or Cork and Tipperary v Clare or Waterford.

Under-16 - Tipperary v Cork; Waterford v Clare; Kerry v Limerick; Tipperary or Cork v Waterford or Clare. Under 18 - Limerick v Tipperary; Waterford v Limerick or Tipperary; Cork v Clare.

Club championship - Cork v Limerick; Tipperary v Clare; Waterford v Cork or Limerick. Next year's convention will be held in Limerick.

## Dublin Camogie Notes

THE Dublin County Board, at its meeting on Monday night, decided not to resume playing activities until next weekend. In view of the changeable weather at present this was a wisw decision.

However, U.C.D. have been very busy in the last few weeks, playing friendly games and preparing themselves for the rigours of the Ashbourne Cup competition, which traditionally unites universities all over the country for what they hope will be a momentous occasion in Cork in mid-February.

U.C.D., under the expert guidance of Carmel Cooper and Liam McKeon, are gradually building themselves up for what they hope will be their third victory in a row in the competition. Indeed, U.C.D. will be striving for their seventh triumph in eight years when they travel south in next month.

Carmel looks after the camogie side of affairs, while Liam has taken on the responsibility of having the

players in peak condition. Certainly, between them, they are managing to mould their charges into quite a useful outfit.

A few weeks before Christmas, I took the opportunity of watching some of the freshers as they tried to come to terms with the skills of the game, and I next saw them in action against Marino in Fairview Park last Sunday and the transformation was very evident.

It was hard to believe that they were the same players. None of them seemed out of their depth, and they recorded a very good victory over last year's beaten championship finalists.

Perhaps we should not place too much emphasis on this result for U.C.D. were naturally much fitter than their opponents would be at this time of the year, and it took the college girls quite a long time to get the upper hand.

Nonetheless, it will have given them much needed confidence for the Ashbourne competition.

This weekend, they will have stiff opposition against county champions, Crumlin, on Saturday, and then they face Celtic on Sunday.

In their final game in the Ashbourne Cup, U.C.D. will play Queens University on January 30 at Belfield.

They will look to the experience of captain Ann Cooper, Eileen Lambert, Joan Tobin, Anne-Marie Brennan, Sheila O'Donoghue and Marie Connell to encourage newcomers like Rosalie Kealy, Teresa English and Majella Daly.

Queens have their own stars in Catherine Daly, Lorraine Devlin, Grainne McCormack and Fionnula Connor and while U.C.D. will be favourites with home advantage they will hardly be complacent.

However, all students seem to relish this competition for the honour to become Ashbourne champions. If U.C.D. continue with the good work in their run up to the finals their commitment and will to win will certainly pay dividends in the long term.

## 40 Years Ago

Spain had a narrow four bouts to three win over Ireland in their boxing International at a capacity filled City Hall, Cork, where the best fight of the night was in the cruiserweight division when J. Colbert of the Glen Club defeated L. Sierra on points. The other results were, (Irish names first): Fly, P. Hardy (Dublin) lost to L. Martinez; Bantam, G. Kearns (Dublin) beat F. Mir; feather, T. Heery (Dublin) lost to F. Felipe, J. Connolly (Dublin) lost to J. Aseengio; light, P. Buggs (Dublin) lost to M. Orenco; welter, E. Cantwell (Clonmel) beat A. Diaz. In a special middleweight bout, J. Bilbao beat T. McNamee.

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In their annual camogie challenge U.C.C. had a 3-0 to 1-0 win over Drishane at the U.C.C. grounds, Cork. The teams were: U.C.C.: P. McHenry (capt), B. Irwin, S. Lyons, T. Hyde, M. Osborne, M. O'Connell, N. McCarthy, B. Mitchell, N. Mitchell, U. Atkins, C. Coveney, M. Coffey. Drishane: A. Aherne, A. Dinneen, D. Morris, M. Noonan, E. O'Donnell, K. O'Sullivan, M. Cleary, E. Relihan, N. McCarthy, V. Sheehy, F. Lehané and E. Cusack.



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# Camogie star's first medal was won with hurling team

**KILKENNY senior camogie goalkeeper Marie Fitzpatrick has experienced the opposite extremes in the game she loves. In the early part of her career she couldn't get a break. Now things have changed completely and she can hardly believe her good luck.**

**D**URING the past three years she has won three all-Ireland senior medals. She has played on two National League winning sides. And she is still only 20 years old.

"Things have really turned around for me in recent times, and I hope the good run continues", she said with jollity in her voice. "With this present Kilkenny squad anything is possible".

Before the good times there were many dark days for this young Piltown lady who, strange as it may seem, plays her club camogie with St. Brigid's (Ballycallan). About five years ago the local club in Piltown fell through, and she was forced to seek club involvement elsewhere. She got the opportunity to join St. Brigid's, and jumped at it.

Such an arrangement obviously presents difficulty for training and matches, bearing in mind the distance the two areas are apart, but Marie's obvious love for the game helps her surmount all obstacles.

In Piltown, her Gaelic career started with the local under-11 hurling team. It wasn't a very auspicious beginning. The team played 16 matches and won just one. Still, Marie was presented with a medal for being the best player, so someone recognised her talent with the ash.

Later, better things were to follow. In 1980 she won the camogie skills competition at Féile na nGael, and was runner-up the following year.

## AMPLE COMPENSATION

Thereafter followed a series of disappointments with the Kilkenny under-14, 16 and junior teams. They could never manage Dublin, and year after year the girls from the capital downed the Noreiders in every competition.

"I was picked on goal for Kilkenny for the National League final in 1985, and when we beat Dublin I had a particular reason to celebrate", she recalled. "At last I had been on a team



Marie Fitzpatrick

that beat them. Since then we have beaten them in a second League final, and two all-Irelands, so I have received ample compensation over a short few years".

Indeed, there was a little story behind her selection in goal in 1985. Two weeks before the big match Kilkenny still hadn't settled on a 'keeper. Marie was asked to give it a go. She did. The rest is history. She has figured on two double winning teams and the side that completed the all-Ireland treble.

"I had been playing outfield, but I mustn't have been doing that well", Marie said with a tone of amusement in her voice. "I had played in goal before and always liked it. I am happy in the position, and would not change for anything".

Going on her commanding performance in this year's all-Ireland final win over Cork, any would-be contender for the No. 1 jersey will have a job ousting her.

"I was more nervous that day than ever before", she conceded. "I don't know why. I think perhaps it was because there appeared to be more interest than ever in the final. Even at home in Piltown the interest was great, and a bus load of supporters travelled for the game. I think in the back of my mind I was afraid I might let those people down. Thankfully, everything worked out well".

"I was pleased with my all-Ireland performance. It was probably my best game ever".

Now what about the future?

"There is definitely another all-Ireland in this Kilkenny team", Marie assured. "Right now Angela and Ann Downey, Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary have seven all-Irelands each, and the best record of modern times is the eight held by Marie McCarthy (Cork). It would be great for our girls to be ranked up there with the best. They deserve to be".

## NOW A TRAINER

She said when she was growing up she always wanted to play senior camogie for Kilkenny. After the all-Ireland win she brought the O'Duffy Cup to the local national school at Templeorum and there was such enthusiasm she felt sure there must be girls there who have similar ambitions.

"The standard of camogie at club level is very good at the moment", she thought. "The successful run of the county team has helped a lot".

Indeed, Marie's own exploits would seem to have rubbed off and encouraged youngsters in Piltown. An under-14 team was fielded in the Roinn C camogie championship this year, and it carried off the title. Marie was the team trainer.

From the time she was four years old — so she was told — her father, Michael who, incidentally, played a lot of his club hurling with Graigue-Ballycallan although not from the area, always helped and encouraged her to play camogie. There was nothing but help and assistance forthcoming from the people of the Piltown club and parish.

"A lot of people have given me help down the years, including Kilkenny trainer Tom Ryan", she said. "I hope I can continue to do well, for these people, and for myself also".



JAN 1988

# When the Boss was away this team really played



George Leahy

**I**T WAS an occasion when the Boss was away and the team did play, and really well at that, and landed an all-Ireland senior title.

That great servant of Gaelic games, George Leahy was the Boss concerned. St. Paul's was the team involved. And the competition was the club all-Ireland senior camogie final.

Duty as trainer-coach with the Offaly senior hurling team meant George had to travel to Croke Park. His charges there performed well, and beat Dublin by 2-8 to 0-6 in the National League.

Part of him was elsewhere, in Ballyragget with St. Paul's. The camogie team did the Boss proud, and reversed the result of the previous year's final against Glen Rovers (Cork) and won by 1-4 to 0-5 against the same opposition.

This was St. Paul's first win in 11 years in the championship, and their sixth in all — 1968, 1969, 1970-71, 1974-75, 1976-77 and now '87.

The final was no dazzling affair. Rain and high winds dictated otherwise. There wasn't the same atmosphere as at the decider the previous year when 3,000 supporters turned up in Cork. It was tough going, for both teams.

At half-time Glen Rovers led by 0-2 to 0-1. Six minutes into the second half St. Paul's turned the match in their favour. Angela Downey sent in a free that broke near the goal. Alert Paul's captain, Breda Holmes, gathered and palmed the only goal of the match. That was vital. The score put Paul's 1-2 to 0-2 ahead.

## TENSE FINISH

Two minutes later Ann Downey threw over a point for the Noreiders, but the visitors' hit back for points from Val Fitzpatrick (2), one of Cork's stars in the all-Ireland inter-county senior final. The teams swapped a score each after that, and the finish was really tense.

The St. Paul's defence, with county captain Bridie McGarry a commanding figure, held together and the Leesiders had to go home without the trophy they came with.

Glen Rovers didn't surrender easily. They were tough and uncompromising. They wanted to prove the previous year's win was no fluke, and Angela Downey's early departure then from the Kilkenny team didn't really matter. St. Paul's were just happy to take the honours this time. Talk of things past did not bother them.

Overall it was a great club championship for the Kilkenny girls. They walked through the opposition until they got to the final. First they saw off Crumlin (Dublin) and then Buffers Alley (Wexford) in the provincial final. That was followed by a win over Glenamaddy (Galway).

Those wins put their slender — just one point — county final victory over Shamrocks into perspective. Yes, the standard on the Kilkenny club scene is very good. Team selectors Mary Fennelly, Carmel Savage and Mary McCorry didn't realise it at the time, but when St. Paul's won out in Kilkenny they had beaten the best they were going to come up against.

St. Paul's had six of the Kilkenny all-Ireland winning team to call upon, and, only to be expected, they formed the back-bone of the side. But top members of a great supporting cast were Marie Lawlor and Helen Holmes.

The St. Paul's team in the final was — Marie Lawlor, Catherine Neary, Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Helen Holmes, Clare Jones, Ann Downey, Geraldine Ryan, Caroline Holmes, Breda Holmes (captain), Angela Downey, Breda Ryan. Subs: Cathy Holden, Mary Holden, Julie Fry, Agnes Reddy, Annette Stapleton, Sarah Russell.



Ladies best . . . at the annual Hotel Kilkenny and Kilkenny People sports personality of the year banquet Angela Downey-Browne (right) won the Supreme Award. Her team mate, Breda Holmes won the monthly award for September. The ladies are pictured with Hotel Kilkenny general manager, Richard Butler.



**KILKENNY — 1987 Winners of the Leinster Under-14 title for the third year in a row**

**Back row:** Gillian Dillon, Fiona Dalton, Grainne Carroll, Ciara Butler, Aine Comerford, Kay Grace, Paula Dowling, Margaret Hickey, Aisling Cullen, Una Murphy, Bridget Mullally, Bridget Barnaville, Bridget Wall, Nicky Lambert (trainer). **Front row:** Catherine Murphy, Anita White, Marie Kenneally, Marie Aylward, Siobhán Dermody, Tracy Millea, Orla Ryall (capt.), Elaine Nolan, Sinead Millea, Margaret Hanley, Mary Brennan. **Mascot:** Ellen Hanley (with cup).



JAN. 1988

# Unbeaten run ended with 5th league win

**THE ABILITY to learn quick lessons and be versatile are important in sport, as the Kilkenny senior camogie ladies found out this season.**

**D**URING an unbeaten National League run, that ended with the county taking the title for the fifth time, the ladies had to be adaptable. And they gave no better example of their ability and willingness to change their plan of action than in the final win over Dublin.

In an earlier round the teams had played a close, hard and uncompromising game at Leopards-town. The Dubs were beaten, but only just, by 2-4 (10) to 1-6 (9). The result was always in doubt there, because there was never a lot between the teams. At half-time they had been level at 2-0 (K) to 1-3.

So when all the sorting out was done and the pair met again in the National League final the issue was wide open, going on earlier events. That was the clue. . . open. Kilkenny kept play in the final open and moved the ball quickly. They didn't get involved in any 'uncompromising' stuff, and they walked away with the title on a 4-8 to 1-5 scoreline.

On their home territory, the Noreiders were just too good for lacklustre opponents. The Dubs missed a few likely chances during the opening half, but the winners made good their escape and took over afterwards.

At the break the winners showed 1-4 to 0-3 in front, and the A.I.B. trophy beckoned. Only to be expected, Angela Downey scored the goal, and a beauty it was too.

## FINISHED

Into the second moiety Jo Dunne picked off a point for the winners, and then that other half of the dynamic twin partnership, Anne Downey goaled from a free. The Dubs were finished after that. They hadn't the heart to come back, and anyway, their opponents were in such high spirits they weren't given half-a-chance to get anything going.

The winners had many stars that afternoon, but none shone brighter than Deirdre Malone, whose never say die spirit epitomised the team's willing spirit. She ran herself to a stand-still. Other class performers were Angela and Ann Downey, Clare Jones and Biddy O'Sullivan.

Other teams beaten during the course of the League were Wexford,



Cork and Galway in the semi-final. The eventual champions used the competition to build a team for the championship, and when they found themselves in with a chance of outright victory they went for it.

Rita Wemyss, who late became a key figure in the defence during the championship regularly operated in attack during the League. By the time the all-Ireland series had finished, she had established herself as one of the best backs in the country.

Wexford caused a few problems in the opening round, but still never got in front. At half-time they trailed by 0-2 to

1-2, and were held to just one score after the change around.

The next match against Cork was just too easy, and the Leesiders were beaten by 11 points, which was a big surprise. Angela Downey bagged her biggest haul of the competition here, and finished with 2-7 to her credit.

The first Dublin match was followed by the semi-final against Galway. The Westerners gave it everything they had, but they lacked the experience and neat stick work of their opponents. Still, Kilkenny were not as impressive as they might have been.

The showdown was something of a revenge mission for Kilkenny. The previous year when league champions, they were stripped of their crown by the Dubs. On this occasion the locals got it exactly right against confident opponents. They didn't know it at the time, but another League/Championship double was on the way.

The League final team was: Marie Fitzpatrick, Rita Wemyss, Deirdre Malone, Bridie McGarry, Biddy O'Sullivan, Clare Jones, Anne Downey, Anna Whelan, Jo Dunne, Breda Holmes, Angela Downey, Liz Neary. Subs named: Nora Whelan, Siobhan Ryan.

## The scores that mattered

### MARCH 15 at St. John's Park:

**Kilkenny** ..... 1-6 **Wexford** ..... 1-2  
*Scorers:* A. Downey (1-2); Breda Holmes (0-2); Jo Dunne, Rita Wemyss (0-1 each).

### APRIL 26 at Nowlan Park:

**Kilkenny** ..... 3-14 **Cork** ..... 1-9  
*Scorers:* Angela Downey (2-7); Ann Downey (0-4); Jo Dunne (1-1); Rita Wemyss (0-2).

### MAY 3 at Leopardstown:

**Kilkenny** ..... 2-4 **Dublin** ..... 1-6  
*Scorers:* Breda Holmes, Anna Whelan (1-0 each); Angela Downey (0-2); Jo Dunne, Ann Downey (0-1 each).

### MAY 24 National League semi-final:

**Kilkenny** ..... 4-7 **Galway** ..... 1-7  
*Scorers:* Angela Downey (2-3); Breda Holmes (1-1); Jo Dunne (1-0); Ann Downey (0-2); Rita Wemyss (0-1).

### JUNE 7 LEAGUE FINAL at Nowlan Park:

**Kilkenny** ..... 4-8 **Dublin** ..... 1-5  
*Scorers:* Angela Downey (2-3); Ann Downey and Jo Dunne (1-2 each); Clare Jones (0-1).



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# A GLORIOUS DECADE

WITHOUT doubt, this will go down as one of the greatest decades for camogie in Kilkenny.

Apart from the senior all-Ireland titles won since the beginning of the eighties (4), the peerless ladies have also collected four National League crowns.

In all, Kilkenny won the Camogie League five times to date, and top the honours list.

Kilkenny wins were scored in:

<b>1978</b>			
Kilkenny	2-4	Limerick	1-5
<b>1980</b>			
Kilkenny	3-8	Tipperary	1-3
<b>1982</b>			
Kilkenny	2-5	Cork	1-4
<b>1985</b>			
Kilkenny	4-7	Dublin	2-13 (draw)
Kilkenny	4-7	Dublin	3-6 (replay)
<b>1987</b>			
Kilkenny	4-8	Dublin	1-5

## Three stand with greats of hurling

THE MOST recent success was Kilkenny's seventh in the all-Ireland open draw senior camogie championship.

Three players have achieved what only five Kilkenny hurlers have done in over 100 years of Gaelic games. The ladies won seven all-Ireland medals on the field of play. Remarkable, bearing in mind the first senior camogie win was in 1974.

The long servers and winners were Angela Downey-Browne, Bridie McGarry (nee Martin) and Liz Neary.

The hurlers who have done the same are Dick Doyle, Dick Walsh, Sim Walton, Jack Rochford and Frank Cummins.

Anne Downey also collected a 7th all-Ireland medal this season. She won one as a sub in 1974.

Frank Cummins has eight all-Ireland medals in all. He gained one as a sub in 1967.

Former Kilkenny goalkeeper, Noel Skehan, won nine all-Ireland medals overall. He gained six as a player, and three as a sub.

Kilkenny won the National League and Championship double in 1985, and this year's was the second double.

But Kilkenny are still a long way behind in the roll of honour. Dublin

lead the lot with 26 all-Ireland victories, followed by Cork (14) and Kilkenny (7).

The best run of all-Ireland wins was the 10-in-a-row recorded by Dublin between 1957 and '66. They also put eight wins together between 1948 and '55. It could have been 19 straight wins for them, but Antrim won the final of 1956.

Consequently, by camogie standards, the three-in-a-row is far from unusual.

Cork did it first between 1934 and '36 and again between 1939 and '41, before graduating to a four-in-a-row in 1970-'73.

Between 1942 and '44 Dublin did their first three-in-a-row, and later they put 8 and then 10 wins together.

In 1976 and '77 Kilkenny put wins back-to-back, but this time they got the treble up. The county won the titles in:

<b>1974:</b>	Kilkenny 3-3, Cork 1-5 (replay).
	Kilkenny 3-8, Cork 4-5 (draw).
<b>1976:</b>	Kilkenny 0-6, Dublin 1-2.
<b>1977:</b>	Kilkenny 3-4, Wexford 1-3.
<b>1981:</b>	Kilkenny 1-9, Cork 0-7 (replay).
	Kilkenny 3-9, Cork 3-9 (draw).
<b>1985:</b>	Kilkenny 0-13, Dublin 1-2.
<b>1986:</b>	Kilkenny 2-12, Dublin 2-3.
<b>1987:</b>	Kilkenny 3-10, Cork 1-7.

## Angela led the way

AS IF anyone really needed telling, Angela Downey-Browne was the top scorer in the all-Ireland championship.

In the three games, she slammed home a massive 5-14, an incredible score by any standards.

In the final, Angela was in direct opposition to a girl called Mary Ring, daughter of the late, great Cork hurler, Christy Ring.

By a strange twist of fate, Shem Downey, Angela's father, and Christy Ring played on each other in the senior all-Ireland hurling final of 1946.

That year Kilkenny had a problem with the centre-back position, and in each match, had a different man in the number 6 shirt. For the all-Ireland, Shem Downey was entrusted with the task, and facing him was the mighty man from Cloyne.

Shem caught the attention of the Kilkenny selectors while playing with the county juniors in the all-Ireland semi-final of 1946 against Limerick. Instantly he was promoted to the senior side.

Forty-one years later, a Downey and Ring clashed again in an all-Ireland final. How about that?

The county's overall tally was an impressive 14 goals and 30 points.

The Kilkenny championship scorers were: Angela Downey-Browne (5-14); Breda Holmes (5-4); Jo Dunne (2-2); Anne Downey (1-5); Bridie McGarry (0-3); Anna Whelan (1-0); Biddy O'Sullivan, Liz Neary (0-1 each).

### JULY 26, AT NOWLAN PARK:

<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>8-11</b>	<b>Clare</b>	<b>3-8</b>
Scorers: Angela Downey (3-3); Breda Holmes (2-2); Jo Dunne (2-1); Bridie McGarry (0-3); Anna Whelan (1-0); Anne Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan (0-1 each).			

### AUGUST 30, AT O'TOOLE PARK, DUBLIN:

<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>3-9</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>0-6</b>
Scorers: Angela Downey (2-4); Anne Downey (0-3); Breda Holmes (1-0); Liz Neary, Jo Dunne (0-1 each).			

### SEPTEMBER 27, AT CROKE PARK, ALL-IRELAND FINAL:

<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>3-10</b>	<b>Cork</b>	<b>1-7</b>
Scorers: Angela Downey (0-7); Breda Holmes (2-2); Anne Downey (1-1).			



## ***KILKENNY — all-Ireland senior camogie champions***



*BACK ROW (left to right): Liz Neary, Angela Downey, Ann Downey, Deirdre Malone, Breda Holmes, Rita Wemyss, Billy O'Sullivan. FRONT (left to right): Jo Dunne, Marie Fitzpatrick, Bridie McGarry (capt), Anna Whelan, Clare Jones, Tom Ryan (trainer).*



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Pictured at the B&I Line/G.A.A. Camogie Player of the Year awards are (l. to r.): Angela Downey, Mr. Ronald M. Delany, Publicity Manager, B&I Line, Anne Downey. Angela and Anne received Camogie Player of the Year Awards.



Winners of awards for Gaelic games pictured at the 1987 Kilkenny Sports Stars awards dinner in Springhill Hotel with Mr. Garry McShane, Managing Director, Smithwick's Brewery (sponsors). They are (from left): Kevin Fennelly (who received the hurling award for his brother Ger), Biddy O'Sullivan (camogie) and Pierce O'Keefe (handball).



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SHAMROCKS (Ballyhale) — Runners-up in the Senior Camogie Championship.



Theresa Jones, secretary, Ahane Camogie Club; Brid Stokes, vice-chairperson, Limerick County Board; Kay Lee, captain, Ahane junior team, winners of the county championship, and Helen Madden, who captained the under 16 years team, at the presentation of the trophies at the victory social at Castleconnell.

## 'Ashbourne' time again

UCD open their defence of the Ashbourne Cup inter-club championship on Saturday when they take on Queens' in a repeat of last year's semi-final.

The Belfast girls came close to causing a shock last season but the champions, even without Dublin centre-back Breda Kenny, who has graduated, must be favourites to triumph once again.

In Marie Connell, Joan Tobin, Anne Cooper, Anne Marie Brennan and Sheila O'Donoghue, they have the making of a fine side.

Tyrone star Catherine Daly, Siobhan McErlain and Fionnuala O'Connor will certainly place UCD under some pressure but the Dublin girls look set to advance.

Trinity, unlike their DUBLIN NEIGHBOURS, OPERATE FROM A SMALL PANEL OF PLAYERS. BUT Rosie Smyth, Mary Scullion, CKonac Bradley and Aisling Mythen will not be lacking

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in spirit when they tackle UUJ. The Jordanstown College have a number of prominent performers including Ursula McGivern (Armagh), Bernie Quinn (Antrim) and Noreen McCusker (Donegal) and should be good enough to qualify.

Maynooth, who have found the going tough in this competition in recent years, make the trip to Cork to face UCC. Colette Leonard, Marie Kenneally, and Sarah Russell carry their hopes but they will not find Cork in the mood for conceding, for UCC will hoist the Ashbourne finals in two weeks time.

UCG, who reached the final 12 months ago, should prove too good for UUC. Anne Lenihan, Ann Marie McCarron, Mary Nagle and Deirdre Feeney should put Galway on the road to victory.

The semi-finals of the Purcell Cup are scheduled for Mary Immaculate, Limerick, on Saturday. The holders, Thomond College, are unlikely to be stretched by Marino, while St. Marys, Belfast, look capable of beating the hosts.

Two provincial cathaoirleach, Bernie Byrne (Ulster) and Mary O'Callaghan (Munster), step down on Sunday at their respective conventions. Outgoing national president Mary Lynch will contest the Ulster position with Belle O'Loughlin (Down), while the Munster race rests between Kitty McNicholas (Clare) and Brid Stokes (Limerick).

In Leinster, Saturday's convention in the Clarence Hotel will return the outgoing team of P. J. Fulham (cathaoirleach), Miriam O'Callaghan (leas-cathaoirleach), Maureen Fulham (runai), Mairéad Woods (treasurer), Sophie Brack (registrar) and Kathleen O'Duffy (PRO).