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MARY LYNCH IS ELECTED 20th PRESIDENT

By MARY MORAN

MARY Lynch became the twentieth Uachtarán of Cumann Camógaioctha na nGael at Annual Congress in Ballinasloe. A native of Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan, she is the first lady from her county and the fifth from Ulster to take over the prestigious position.

Mary's association with camogie goes back to her school days. As Mary Kelly she learned the basics of the game in the local secondary and adapted so quickly that she made the county team while still a schoolgirl.

Mary took up an appointment in the Civil Service and was placed in the Office of the Land Commission in Dublin. She joined the Celtic Camogie Club and immediately made the first team. It is worth noting that this famous club numbers five Presidents from the ranks of its former players.

The Dublin Selectors recognised Mary's playing ability and named her at left-wing on a Dublin side which won Leinster and All-Ireland medals. She brings to eight the number of All-Ireland senior medal holders who have become Uachtarán.

On the occasion of her marriage to Willie Lynch, a Carrickmacross hurler, Mary settled in the Co. Monaghan town. Family commitments curtailed her camogie involvement for the next few years. However, she did find time to coach the local schoolgirls.

Mary passed on her love of Gaelic games to her children. Her three boys, Brendan, Bill and Tony have hurled for Monaghan. Her only daughter, Marion is well-known in camogie circles. She played Ashbourne Cup with U.C.C., fielded with Monaghan and now coaches in St. Columba's College, Stranolar.

Camogie in County Monaghan fell away in the fifties. In 1962, a determined effort to revive the game was made and to establish it on a firm footing. Mary stepped forward to fill



Bridget Linden, Assistant Secretary of Monaghan Camogie Board presenting a bouquet of flowers to Mary Lynch following her election as President of the Camogie Association.

the role of County Chairman and guided the revival successfully. She acted as trainer-manager to the county teams putting her own inter-county experience to good use.

Her initial connection with Ulster Council was as a Monaghan delegate but she progressed to hold each position on the Council in turn. She served as a member of Árd Comhairle and sat on the Fixtures and Referees Committees. When the All-Ireland Primary Schools Council was established, Mary was named as a member.

COMMUNITY WORK

It is perhaps as a referee that Mary is best known. She has officiated at minor, junior and senior All-Ireland Finals. She finds time also for community work. She has assisted the local Social Services, Care of the Aged, Youth and Recreational Organisations and Girl Guides.

Mary hopes to see an improvement in the standard of refereeing, better team management and greater attention to administration during her period in office. The manner in which she took over Congress, dealing efficiently with the remaining business, suggests that she will see her aspirations to fruition.

Congress in Ballinasloe will be remembered more for the friendly welcome and meticulous attention to

detail of Galway officials than for the decisions which were taken over the weekend. However, players will show interest in the new look Gael-Linn Competitions. Like the Railway Cups, the inter-provincial camogie championships have been on the wane.

For the next two years at least, the eight teams will assemble at the central venue. Four semi-finals will be staged on the Saturday followed by the senior and junior finals on the Sunday. This move will bring the best players in the country together and provide an opportunity to see and meet one another.

The wide gulf between the junior and senior inter-county grades was another matter which had the attention of the delegates. Hitherto the winners of the All-Ireland Junior Championship automatically moved up to the senior grade. Some counties experienced great difficulty in finding their feet in the higher grade.

A motion passed at Congress will upgrade players from a junior county who have won medals in consecutive years. This will allow these players to become established and to prepare for promotion. An award for the referee of the All-Ireland minor final, an adult membership fee and an earlier date in the year for National Camogie Day were other matters sanctioned.



Pictured at the A.I.B.—U.C.D. Sportstars Awards at A.I.B., Headquarters, Ballsbridge, Dublin were: From left—FRONT: Dermot Flanagan, (Gaelic Football), Brendan Murphy (Soccer), Conor McCullough (Lawn-Tennis), Declan Carty (Equestrian Sports), John Gardiner (Rugby), Ciaran O'Driscoll (Swimming). BACK: Catherine O'Connor (Olympic Handball), Marguerite Gegan, who accepted the award on behalf of Róisín Smyth (Athletics), Breda Kenny (Camogie) and Laurel Brady (Karate).

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The group of prizewinners at the presentation of UCC/Guinness sports awards in Jurys Hotel. From left, seated: Mr. Kieran Dowd, P.E. officer, U.C.C., Mr. Tim O'Sullivan, promotions manager, Guinness Group Sales; Mr. Tom Cavanagh, guest of honour, Prof. Tadgh O Ciardha, president U.C.C., Mr. Keith Hunt, regional manager, Guinness Group Sales, and Miss Liz Shanahan, president of the Athletics Union, U.C.C. Standing: John Morris (golf), Paul Madden (rugby), Rose Breen (basketball), Paul Moran (karate), Sally Martin (windsurfing), Elisha Dowling (soccer), Ann Marie Landers (camogie), Billy Oakes (athletics), Mary O'Sullivan (hockey) and Dan Beechinor, who received the hurling award on behalf of Pat Hartnett.

U.C.C.'s top ten

TEN students who distinguished themselves not only in intervarsity competition but also at national and even international levels in their respective sports were honoured last evening when the UCC Guinness Sports Awards were presented at a function at Jury's Hotel, Cork.

The awards were presented by leading businessman, Mr. Tom Cavanagh, himself a former graduate of the College, a former national track champion and the current President of the UCC athletic club.

Mr. Cavanagh told a gathering that included Professor Tadgh O Ciardha, President of the College, and Mr. Bobby Buckley vice-chairman of Cospoir, the National Sports Council, that certain qualities, important in later life, could be developed on the sportsfield and could not be learned in a classroom.

Sport, he said, should be an important part of university life. The University was in itself a temporary community and all students should be part of that temporary community. This was important. He knew that some people who were members of sports clubs outside the college might be reluctant to sever their connections with those clubs for the duration of their stay at university but he felt they should. It was very important that they should be part of the community. It should, he said, be the ambition of every student to be a member of the select band of 10 who qualified for awards each year.

SECOND YEAR

This was the second year the awards were made and Professor O Ciardha thanked Guinness Group Sales for their continued involvement. He, too stressed the important role the various clubs had to play in the University scene.

Mr. Keith Hunt, Southern Regional Manager of Guinness Group Sales, said they were delighted to be associated with what was a very worthwhile project. This was the second year of their involvement and the awards were even better in keeping with the rising standard of performances. He paid tribute to Mr. Kieran Dowd, Physical Education Officer at UCC, who first mooted the awards.

The President of the UCC Athletic Union, Miss Elizabeth Shanahan, also paid tribute to Mr. Dowd who,

she said, personified the whole meaning of sport in the College. She said it was a sad fact, though, that there were only two indoor sports included amongst the ten awards and put this down to the fact that the facilities for indoor sports were not up to standard.

THE JUDGES

Miss Shanahan is a member of the panel of judges who decide on the awards. The others are Mr. Tim O'Brien, Group Sports Editor, Cork Examiner; Mr. Tim O'Sullivan, Southern Region Promotions Manager for Guinness Group Sales and Mr. Kieran Dowd.

The award winners were:

Rose Breen (Basketball);
Elisha Dowling (Soccer);
Pat Hartnett (Hurling);
Ann Marie Landers (Camogie);
Paul Madden (Rugby);
Sally Martin (Windsurfing);
Paul Moran (Karate);
John Morris (Golf);
Mary O'Sullivan (Hockey);
Billy Oakes (Athletics).

Another Barrs double

St. Finbarr's 5-8
Brian Dillons 4-3

St. Finbarr's completed their second double of the season when they defeated Brian Dillons in the final of the Junior "A" League. The club had already won the Junior "A" championship and the Under 16 Championship and League.

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DUBLIN AND KILKENNY LEADING POWERS IN LEAGUE

Over the years the emphasis in camogie, as in hurling and football, has been on team competitions, but in 1982 the Camogie Association decided on a major new test exclusively for individual competitors. This was the introduction of Gradam Tailte, a day of sporting competition involving the camogie player of the year from each of the 32 counties.

The competition is based on a number of disciplines or exercises, covering such as athletics, basketball, gym work and, of course, camogie skills, and has steadily developed until already Gradam Tailte ranks as a major highlight of the camogie season.

The three competitions so far were held in Dublin, but there will be a break with that tradition this year. The 1985 event has been allocated to St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, on July 20.

There can be little doubt that the test, bringing as it will so many leading players from all over the country to Kilkenny, will prove a major attraction by the Noreside. Gradam Tailte should also prove invaluable in advancing the cause of the sport in South Leinster, where Kilkenny provides a powerful base.

Indeed, the title was brought to Kilkenny last year for the first time

by Angela Downey, who has been such a commanding figure with the county side and Leinster in recent years. She recorded five first places in the competition over all when chalking up a total of 52 points for a most impressive triumph.

The initial Gradam Tailte was won by Josephine McClements, of Antrim. Claire Cronin (Cork) took the 1983 title. Will it be Connacht's turn at St. Kieran's?

Only time will tell, but followers in and around the Noreside capital can look forward to exciting competition and some top-class individual displays.

NATION-WIDE

National Camogie Day will have a new date as well this season. The Day was held in November last year, but that was not an ideal date weatherwise.

The big day will be on June 22. This is the eve of the week of activities being arranged in connection with International Youth Year, and no doubt camogie events will also be held over the week.

National Camogie Day will be a nationwide event, and should also help to underline the strong position of the

game throughout the country. The Day is one of sport and entertainment for all the family.

The steady advance of camogie throughout the country has been strikingly emphasised yet again this season in the National Leagues. As many as 23 counties entered for the junior grade — the final will be played on July 7 — and eleven at senior.

DUBLIN AGAIN

The senior League was run off in two groups and Dublin and Kilkenny proved the leading powers. They qualified for the final, but the game had not been played at press time.

However, the performances of the counties on the way to the decider indicates that both will be strong contenders in the race for the All-Ireland Championship open-draw title later in the year.

The draw has ordained that if the teams are to meet in the Championship, it will be at the final stage, as both are in different sections.

Dublin have available again most of the side that ended years in the wilderness by beating Tipperary last September for the county's first All-Ireland senior championship since

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University College Cork, Ashbourne Cup winners 1985. Front: Margaret Murphy, Patsy Keniry, Clare Cronin, Eileen Noonan (Capt), Imelda Cronin and Orla Flynn. Back: Joan Riordan, Rosemary Fife, Norma Delaney, Ann Marie Landers, Marcella Fitzpatrick and Rose Desmond.



Mary Fennelly, on right, congratulating her successor Mary Lynch on her election as Uachtarán, Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael.



1966. They are captained this year by Edel Murphy, who had a memorable game in the final against Tipperary, and also scored seven grand points.

The Metropolitans will be engaged in one of three preliminary round matches at the end of July. They will have Antrim as visitors.

Kilkenny will be in action the same day. They will be at home to Clare, and on League form, Dublin and Kilkenny must start good favourites to go forward to the first round proper in August.

Kilkenny, like Dublin, will benefit greatly from their run in the League, and Jo Dunne, Anna Whelan, Bridie McGarry and their colleagues look to have a sound chance of earning the county direct interest in the final for the first time since 1981. That year Kilkenny beat Cork in a replay to take their fourth title.

MAY 1985 Donegal to win final junior play-off place

DONEGAL can secure the remaining place in the play-off stages of the National Junior League when they entertain Westmeath at Killygordon. With victories over Tyrone, Monaghan and Cavan behind them, they are confident of clearing the last hurdle between them and a semi-final spot.

Opponents Westmeath are unable to field the first 12. Goalkeeper Teresa Dowling, who will be married on Saturday, will be an absentee. Also missing will be regular centre-back Theresa Corroon and midfielder Geraldine Cully.

Westmeath will be hoping for extra effort from Bernie Rowley, Laura Dolan, Anne Meehan, Linda Forde and Rose Brennan to see them through. But the combined play of Josie McCusker, Geraldine Henry, Brid Ronaghan, Marie Crawford and Anne McGrath should swing it for Donegal.

Antrim and Down meet in the Ulster Senior Championship final at Leitrim on Sunday. These northern counties fared very badly in the National League amassing only two points from eight games between them.

Holder of six All-Ireland titles, Antrim has fallen on lean times. While they have a number on promising players on their panel, the side needs a few experienced performers to guide to youngsters along. Down had the better of things when these sides meet in the League and are likely to add the championship title.

TIPPS PROBLEM

Munster stage the semi-finals of their senior championship. Limerick are at home to Clare. The Banner County finished on point ahead in their league tie. Limerick feel that they did not do justice to themselves on that occasion and are anxious to reverse the decision.

Tipperary travel to Cork for the second time in a few weeks. Cork had nine points to spare in their league clash. As in the All-Ireland final, the Tipperary forward division was not equal to the occasion and only managed four points. When Tipperary find the answer to this problem, they will be a match for the best.

Cork continue to experiment in the hope of finding the correct formation. Two players have dropped out of contention. Bernie Costione showed no interest and Claire Kelleher had decided to concentrate on farming.

They are replaced by two members of last season's winning junior side, Una O'Connor and Linda Mellerick. With the local championships in full swing, the Cork players are probably fitter at the moment.

Leinster stage junior and minor championship matches at three venues. The Kilkenny v Offaly junior match at Lisdowney should prove to be a close affair. Offaly had a good league run while Kilkenny only dropped points to Galway.

In the minor game, Kilkenny should have the edge with colleges players from Castlecomer, Thomastown, Callan and Pres. Kilkenny to draw from.

PROFITABLE

Wexford should have a profitable visit to Myshall. They will be expected to take the minor game with

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something to spare. The junior game will be tighter but Wexford should also come out on top. Dublin, who have talent in depth, should not be troubled in either minor and junior grades by Louth.

Waterford entertain Limerick in the Munster Junior Championship. Neither hit the high spots in the league, but Waterford field their first 12 and this extra experience may carry them through.

Tyrone have already made their exit from the minor and junior Ulster championships. Donegal put paid to their aspirations and Monaghan ended Down's hopes in the junior grade for another year.

Dublin and Kilkenny will contest the final of the National Senior League on June 2. Both counties had comfortable victories on Sunday to win their respective sections. The final promises to be a great contest as both participants were clearly superior within their own groups.

FIXTURES SATURDAY

Munster S.C. Semi-finals
At Adare — Limerick v Clare;
7.0.
At Cork — Cork v Tipperary;
7.0.

SUNDAY

Ulster S.F. Final
At Leitrim — Down v Antrim
3.0.
National Junior League
At Killygordon — Donegal v Westmeath, 2.30.
Leinster Championships
At Lisdowney — Kilkenny v Offaly 2.00 Minor, 3.15 Junior.
At Myshall — Carlow v Wexford, 2.00 JuMinor; 3.15 Junior.

A Geaney hat-trick for Cork

CORK 4-2
TIPPERARY 1-1

THREE opportunist goals from Mary Geaney set Cork on the road to a merited victory over Tipperary in the first round of the Munster senior camogie championship at Watergrasshill on Saturday night last.

Linda Mellerick gave Cork a great start with a goal inside three minutes, but it took nine more before they registered another, this one coming from Mary Geaney. Mary Geaney was on hand again to score Cork's third major to leave the half-time score 3-0 to nil.

Aided by the wind Tipperary dominated the early part of the second half, but found the Cork defence in superb form.

CORK — M. McCarthy, L. Dunphy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Cronin, S. Fitzgibbon, A. M. Landers, I. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, M. O'Leary, M. Geaney, L. Mellerick. Subs: M. Sweeney for V. Fitzpatrick.

TIPPERARY — B. Kennedy, B. McDonnell, G. Ryan, M. Sheehy, M. Madden, M. Quigley, S. Hickey, B. Maher, M. Hogan, D. Lane, N. Bonner, M. Stapleton. Subs: R. Ryan for G. Ryan (injured), J. Tobin for M. Hogan.

Donegal 5-3; Westmeath 3-4

DONEGAL qualified for the semi-finals of the Junior National Camogie League when they defeated a good Westmeath combination in the keenly contested game played at Killygordon yesterday.

Scorers — Donegal — A. McGrath 1-2, I. Blake 2-3. Westmeath — L. Forde 1-1, R. Brennan and A. Glynn 1-0 each, M. Scally 0-2, P. McGeogh 0-1.

Leinster I.C. — Dublin 8-8, Louth 0-0. M.C. — Dublin 5-1, Louth 0-0.

Galway hold no terror for Clare juniors

THE Clare juniors fell to the eventual winners, Dublin, at the quarter-final stage in the 1984 National Junior League. They have won their way to the same point in this season's competition, Galway will provide the opposition on this occasion.

Clare have accounted for Wexford, Tipperary and Limerick in the current campaign. They feel confident facing Galway and are eagerly looking forward to the Munster Championship. The Cork side which pipped Clare in last year's Munster final are now rated senior leaving Clare as favourites to take the provincial crown.

Pauline O'Brien is a capable goalkeeper and receives good cover from Helen Cusack, Anne Murnane and Catriona O'Dea. Tina O'Connell, Noleen Quinn and Patricia O'Grady provides a steady supply of ball to attackers, Cora Fahy, Maura McNicholas and Teresa Naughton who are capable of adding the finishing touches.

USEFUL TEAM

Kilkenny, Louth and Down were conquered by Galway in the current League. The Connacht county has been very prominent in colleges and minor grades in the past few seasons. Some of these players have moved up to the junior side to form a very useful team.

Anne Kennedy, Carmel Linnane, Deirdre Lawless, Sheila Coen, Anne Fahy and Anne Ryan will pose problems for Clare. Clare are longer together and this experience should stand to them in what should be a close game. However, the Banner County should emerge to join Derry, Kildare and Donegal in the League semi-finals.

Kildare and Wicklow meet in the minor and junior Leinster Championships on Sunday. Kildare had the better of things by 2-4 to 1-2 when these counties met in the League. On their home ground, Anna Dargan, Miriam Malone, Mary Johnson, Geraldine Dwyer, Rose Merriman and Patricia Keatley will make a strong bid for the honours.

UNIMPRESSIVE

Wicklow, who took their sole provincial title in 1978, did not impress in the League. It will take a top-class performance from Mary O'Loughlin, Kay Barry, Martina Kelly, Audrey Kinsella and Aileen Fitzpatrick if Wicklow are to come out on top. Al-

though both counties have a number of camogie-playing colleges, neither has been a major force in minor camogie.

Two Ulster titles will be put on the line at Rasharkin on Sunday. Junior champions and All-Ireland finalists, Cavan take on Antrim. Cavan had a bad start to the League but improved as the competition progressed. Antrim did not enter a team in the League so their form is unknown. Anne McKiernan, Ita Brady, Noleen Kiernan, Bernice Callaghan and Margaret Hastings may swing it in Cavan's favour.

Antrim are the Ulster minor champions. They have a difficult task on hands in defending their title against Derry. Colleges camogie is strong in Derry and consequently, the county should be able to field a formidable minor side.

TOUGH DEFENCE

The Munster senior championship rests between Cork (holders) and Limerick. Cork overcame Tipperary by 4-2 to 1-1. Tipperary were short their scoring forward Jenny English and found the Cork defence hard to breach. Limerick reversed the League result by defeating Clare by 3-6 to 0-5.

The Limerick juniors had a runaway victory over a poor Waterford side in the Munster junior championship. Waterford, who can field their first choice selection could only manage a single point. Limerick, who totalled 7-4 will meet Cork in the semi-final on 23rd June.

Anne McGlew won the Player of the Match at Leitrim on Sunday when Antrim defeated Down 2-2 to 0-3 in the Ulster Senior Final. She received good support from Slobhan Henry and Mary McMullen. However, Down were not at full strength and missed Teresa Allen in particular.

FIXTURES SUNDAY

National Junior League
Quarter-final
At Bullaun, Co. Galway (3.0) — Galway v Clare.
Ulster Championships
At Rasharkin Antrim v Cork (Junior) 3.30; Antrim v Derry (Minor) 5.0.
Leinster Championships
At Kildare — Kildare v Wicklow (Minor) 2.0; Junior 3.15.

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Quarter-final: I. National League — Galway 2-0; Clare 2-7 (after extra time).

Dublin results: S.A.C. Semi-final — Cromlin 6-8; Erins Isle 0-3. S. 'A' L. — Phoenix 1-0; C. final — St. Oliver Plunkin Celtic w.o. Marino sct. I. 'A' Woodville 0-2. S. 'B' L. — 1-6; Kilmacud Crokes 0-1. I. 'B' C. final — Cromlin 4-3; Portobello 3-0. I. 'C' C. semi-final — Ballyboden 2-0; St. Maurs 1-0.

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Three Senior Championship Games This Weekend

THERE are three Senior County Championship games down for decision this weekend with Glen Rovers due to meet Blackrock this evening and Eire Og and Aghabullogue and Na Piarasigh and UCC down to play tomorrow evening. And on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next there is a long list of Under-14 and Junior A Leagues ties listed.

Intermediate champions, Blackrock, are very excited about their first appearance in senior ranks, since their return to camogie in 1974, in which they meet Glen Rovers in the senior County Championship this evening, Friday, at Ballinlough.

Blackrock, who last played in the senior championship in 1962, know that they will be up against the toughest of opposition this evening, but they are determined to put up a good performance. Not one of the Blackrock team is over 21 and they will be putting a great deal of their hopes on the young shoulders of new Cork senior Una O'Connor, junior panellist Kay Ronan, and current Cork minor Bernice Cashman.

But, of course, their opponents Glen Rovers must be fancied for this tie. They have strength in all departments with such established players as

Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Ger McCarthy, Marie Mackey and Mary Ring to call on. They won the county title in 1963, but lost to Killeagh last year. They are determined to get back on the winning trail again this season, and with their grim determination must be one of the fancied sides in the championship.

But, of course, championships are notorious for surprise results and Blackrock will go into this game full of hope that they can upset the odds.

There should be a very exciting clash in the championship tomorrow night between Na Piarasigh, county finalists last season and Ashbourne Cup-winners UCC.

Na Piarasigh are another very young side, but they have an abundance of talent, and although they lost to Killeagh in last year's decider, it is obvious that if they can manage to keep their side together then they must be in the running for county honours in the not-too-distant future. Tomorrow they will probably be fancied to account for UCC, but the College girls are on the crest of a wave since their Ashbourne win and might well cause an upset. In any event it should be a game well worth watching.

In the final "County" game listed, Eire Og, always an excellent championship team, meet Aghabullogue, still trying to establish themselves in senior ranks.

The Ovens girls must be fancied here, for although Aghabullogue will play with great spirit and have excellent players in Eileen Noonan, Joan O'Riordan, Norma Delaney and Geraldine Barry Murphy, they will hardly have the experience to stop Eire Og who can call on Clare Kelleher, Noelle O'Driscoll, Eileen Dineen and Miriam Higgins, to lead them.

The Cork junior team play their first Munster Championship tie on June 23 next against Limerick and the selectors have announced the following panel to go into training for that game: Fiona McCarthy (Glen Rovers), Ann Collins (St. Finbarr's), Delores Duffy (do.), Evelyn Healy (Na Piarasigh), Elaine Buckley (Bishopstown), Liz O'Neill (do.), Niamh Coughlan (St. Finbarr's), Martha Henchion (do.), Clare Ronan (Blackrock), Mag Finn (Fr. O'Neills), Liz O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons), Deirdre Christie (St. Finbarr's), Colette O'Mahony (do.), Deirdre Enright (Bishopstown), Frances Hurley (Glen Rovers), Delores Joyce (Killeagh), June Flanagan (St. Catherine's).

Helena Barry (Brian Dillons), Clare Higgins (Watergrasshill), Mary Walsh (Cloughduv).

FIXTURES (All 7.30 p.m.)

Friday, May 24: SC: Glen Rovers v. Blackrock at Ballinlough. (Ref. Betty Joyce).

Saturday, May 25: SC: Eire Og v. Aghabullogue at Inniscarra (Ref. Eleanor Twomey); SC: Na Piarasigh v. UCC at the Mardyke (Ref. Annette O'Donovan).

Tuesday, May 28: All U-14 Leagues — Ballinora v. Grenagh at Grenagh (Ref. Ballinora); Inniscarra v. Cloughduv at Cloughduv (Ref. Inniscarra); Ballinacorney v. Aghabullogue at Ballinacorney (Ref. Aghabullogue); Churchtown v. Castlemagner at Middleton (Ref. Churchtown); Watergrasshill v. Cloyne at Cloyne (Ref. Watergrasshill); Glen Rovers v. Bishopstown "B" at Bishopstown (Ref. Glen); Blackrock v. Nemo Rangers at Blackrock (Ref. Nemo); Erins Own v. Brian Dillons at Erins Own (Ref. Brian Dillons); Na Piarasigh v. Sarsfields at Sarsfields (Ref. Na Piarasigh).

Wednesday, May 29: JAL: Cloughduv v. Ballinacorney at Ballinacorney (Ref. Ballinacorney); Inniscarra v. Nemo Rangers at Inniscarra (Ref. Aghabullogue); Fr. O'Neill's v. Killeagh at Fr. O'Neill's (Ref. Youghal); Under-14 L: St. Finbarr's v. Douglas at Douglas (Ref. St. Finbarr's).

Thursday, May 30: JAL: Bishopstown v. Douglas at Douglas (Ref. Blackrock).

AGHABULLOGUE ANNIHILATED

EIRE OG 17-18 AGHABULLOGUE 0-0

AGHABULLOGUE, who sought regrading to intermediate ranks this season, but were refused, fielded an almost entirely underage side for this first round Cork senior camogie championship tie against Eire Og at Ballyanley on Saturday evening.

And from the moment Aghabullogue took the field without their top senior players it was obvious that the game was finished as a contest and in fact the whole proceedings were pretty farcical.

Almost from the throw-in Eire Og scored and from there to the finish the Ovens girls were rampant with a constant flow of scores which the hapless youngsters from Aghabullogue were left reeling.

For the winners it was little more than target practice as no less than 11 of the side scored.

It was easy for Eire Og to shine in this game and Sarah Murphy, Noelle O'Driscoll, Mary Geaney, Marian Reck and Joan Shannon took full advantage of the freedom given them. For Aghabullogue Rena Kelleher, Pauline Buckley, Jane Lynch and Mairead Murphy deserve great credit for they way they battled against the odds.

Scorers (Eire Og): S. Murphy 5-2, N. O'Driscoll 3-6, M. Geaney 3-3, G. Mackey 2-2, M. Reck 1-1, M. Twomey, N. O'Driscoll and E. Dineen 1-0 each, J. Shannon 0-2, M. McCarthy and A. O'Leary 0-1 each.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Reck, M. Twomey, M. Higgins, J. Shannon, N. O'Driscoll, A. O'Leary, S. Murphy, G. Mackey, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney.

Aghabullogue: R. Kelleher, H. McSweeney, M. Finnegan, P. Buckley, C. Curtin, C. Buckley, E. Murphy, G. Noonan, M. Murphy, J. Lynch, C. Lynch, A. Murphy.

Referee: E. Twomey (St. Finbarr's).

The second first round tie listed for Saturday evening between Na Piarasigh and UCC was not played as the College girls could not field a side because of examinations.

Blackrock find going too tough

By JOAN MORLEY

GLEN ROVERS 4-14; BLACKROCK 0-2

LAST SEASON'S intermediate champions, Blackrock, found the going far too tough against a rampant Glen Rovers in this first round senior county championship game at Ballinlough last evening.

The young Blackrock 12 did put up a brave fight, particularly in the first half, but their enthusiasm was no match for the greater experience and craft of their opponents, who last won the county title two years ago.

Glen were without Deirdre Sutton, who has retired after an unbelievable 23 years in goal for the club; Martha Kearney, who is in America, and Denise Cotter, who is injured; from last year's line-up but on last evening's performance they must be regarded as a major force in this year's championship.

They are strong in all sectors, with Fiona McCarthy an excellent replacement for Deirdre Sutton, Marie Ryan playing better than ever at centreback, Sandy Fitzgibbon, excellent in the centre of the field and Clare McCarthy, Regina Scutts, Ger McCarthy and Val Fitzpatrick, always there to snap up the chances. In fact, a measure of Glen's strength last night was the fact that no fewer than seven of the team got their names on the scoresheet.

For the brave Blackrock side, Brigid O'Connor made some great saves in goal, while Ber Maher, Clare Ronan, Joan Hyde, Una O'Connor and Patricia O'Shea tried hard.

Scorers: Glen Rovers— C. McCarthy 2-0, M. Currid 0-5, V. Fitzpatrick 1-1, R. Scutts 0-4, J. Hamill 1-0, S. Fitzgibbon 0-3, G. McCarthy 0-1.

Blackrock — U Lyons 0-2

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, S. Fitzgibbon, M. Ring, A. O'Donovan, T. O'Callaghan, M. Ryan, J. Hamill, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, R. Scutts, M. Currid, C. McCarthy.

Blackrock: B. O'Connor, B. Maher, T. Aherne, N. O'Keefe, C. Ronan, J. Hyde, P. O'Shea, H. Jordan, U. O'Connor, C. Lyons, U. Lyons, T. Keane.

Referee: B. Joyce (Killeagh).

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BLACKROCK CAMOGIE CLUB



CORK COUNTY INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS
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Back—LtoR—Aileen Cashman, Terese Aherne, Judy Deasy, Geraldine Cashman, Dymphna Lordan, Helen Jordan, Chris Lyons, Ursula Lyons, Bridget O'Connor, Collette Murphy
Front—LtoR—Catherine Healy, Claire Ronan, Patricia O'Shea, Frances Deasy (capt), Una O'Connor, Bernadette Maher, Bernice Cashman. Inset—Joan Hyde

Bishopstown Girls' Camogie Win

The Bishopstown Camogie Club continued their high level of success on the playing fields when their u-16 team took the Pan-Celtic Festival title in Killarney.

On their way to the final, the Bishopstown side overcame the challenge of Salthill (Galway), Ballyagran (Limerick), and Woodville (Dublin). On the other side of the draw, St. Finbarr's (Cork) dismissed Killinane (Limerick), Convent of Mercy (Macroom) and St. Dominic's (Roscommon) to make it an all-Cork final.

A marvellous second-half performance gave the Bishopstown girls victory, winning by the narrowest of margins 2-4 to 2-3.

The stars of the Bishopstown success were Sheenagh Morley, who scored all Bishopstown's points in the final, Zena Riordan in defence, Nuala Hobbs and substitute Evelyn Mahon in mid-field, and Shirley Callanan and Theresa Geary in attack.

After the match, special tribute was paid to coach, Pat Murray, for helping the team on its way to this national success.

This victory follows the achievement of the Bishopstown girls in winning county championships at Junior 'B' and u-14 level last year.

The Bishopstown team was: Bernie Power, Zena O'Riordan, Mary Walsh, Aine Buckley, Karen Higgins, Leon Collins (capt.), Sheenagh Morley, Nuala Hobbs, Shirley Callanan, Brid Corcoran, Deirdre Carroll, Theresa Geary.

In every club there are highs and there are lows, and Blackrock Camogie club is no exception. There have been the great times – the Senior County Championships won – the glory days when it seemed that it would last forever, and there were the disasters, like in the 60's when the club was censured for playing football – then a forbidden game in the Association – which was played to raise funds for the Catholic Church which was burned to the ground in 1961. These were bad days – so many really fine players were lost to camogie for ever. The club was disbanded and it was a good decade before the club was reformed again in 1974. Of course the players of the 60's had retired by then and it was necessary to start from scratch. One thing was certainly not lacking in the new club – enthusiasm. People like Nore Norberg, Siobhan O'Keeffe, Francis McCarthy, Mary (Delea) O'Leary and Veronica Kennefick (who's father was the famed 'Gah' Aherne) set to with a will, and before long a flourishing under age team was training and playing in official County Board fixtures. By hard work, dedicated training, and no little skill the squad climbed the ladder of success, one step at a time. In 1978, 1979 and 1980, the Under 14 Championship was won, and this was followed by Under 16 League in 1981 and the Under 16 Championship in 1981. Success eluded the team, however, when they went out in the semi-final in 1978 and again were pipped by Woodvale of Dublin in the Final of Feile na nGael in 1979.

Entering the 'adult' stage, the team won the Junior B Championship in 1979. We were now a fully fledged Junior A Club and still the club was competing in all under age competitions, thus ensuring a steady flow of players into the club. In 1981, after a superb final in the Junior A Championship the club was defeated by St. Finbarrs by two points. Despite this defeat the team was promoted to Intermediate grade along with the winners. In 1982, having received a bye into the final of the Intermediate Championship the team lost out again to St. Finbarrs. In 1983, forced to field a very depleted team against Ballinora during the holiday period, the team lost

heavily, but reversed the decision later in the year when the Intermediate League was won, defeating Ballinora by a substantial margin. But there were no mistakes in 1984. The first game in the championship was against Eire Og and with 'home' advantage Blackrock scored a comfortable win. The final was played in Ballinlough and before a huge attendance Glen Rovers were defeated and this win heralded the return of the 'Rockies' to senior grade after a lapse of almost a quarter of a century. The team who did the club proud on that day was – Francis Deasy capt, Treas Aherne, Ber Maher, Ursula Lyons, Una O'Connor, Patricia O'Shea, Chris Lyons, Joan Hyde, Claire Ronan, Helen Jordan, Colette Murphy, Brigid O'Connor and substitute Dymphna Lordan.

Without doubt this is the youngest team ever to take part in the Cork County Senior Championship. Not one of the selection has yet reached her 22nd. birthday and with Kevin Cashman training and coaching the side, no doubt they will be a force to be reckoned with before too long. Some exceptional personal performances were shown by members of the club also during 1984. Una O'Connor was a member of the Cork Junior All-Ireland winning side and also annexed an Ashbourne Cup medal playing with UCC.

Patricia O'Shea was a member of the Cork Minor All-Ireland winning side and this young girl has a very bright future ahead of her in Cork Camogie circles.

Pan Celtic week-end tournament, played in Killarney each year, has always been a favourite time for the Club. Blackrock have been successful on two occasions in the Pan Celtic Competition, winning the A title in 1980 and the B title in 1982.

ANN HEALY.

All set for showdown

Dubs-Kilkenny final should be a thriller!

WILL Kilkenny catch up on Dublin in terms of National League titles or will Dublin continue to ride on the crest of the wave? These are the questions which will be answered at Parnell Park on Sunday when these two Leinster counties clash in a most attractive pairing in the final.

Dublin have three titles to date, one ahead of their worthy opponents. The Metropolitans have held the upper hand in meetings between the sides in recent years.

Kilkenny had high hopes of doing well in the 1984 championship. But a nightmare start against Dublin at the same venue put paid to their aspirations. Some weeks later, they showed something of their true form when they ran Dublin to three points in the Leinster Championship.

Dublin are the form team. They coasted through their section of the National League running up high scores in all games. With grammar coming to a close, their demanding local prothey are fitter than most at this time of the year.

There are three changes on the Dublin team from the side which took the field in the All-Ireland final. Two of these are in the defence. Anne Redmond, regular full-back for many seasons, was unavailable for the 1984 season. Marion Conroy filled in her absence but has had to give way now that Anne is ready to resume her position.

STRONG TRIO

Bernie Toner did not play in the early matches of the League. She has rejoined the panel but will remain on the bench at the start. The reorganised backline shows Germaine Noonan at centre-back flanked by Catherine Ledwidge and Grainne Burke. B & I Award winning goalkeeper Yvonne Redmond guards the net as usual.

The strong midfield trio of Una Crowley, Mary Mernagh and Barbara Carroll continue to form a dominant sector of the side. Captain Edel Murphy figures at centre-forward with her clubmate Joan Gormley on her right.

The ever improving Carmel O'Byrne fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Anne Colgan and Celtic's Marie Connell completes the team in the full-forward position.

The Kilkenny selectors await news of two doubtful starters before finalising their side. Angela Downey is fighting to shake off the lingering effects of flu, while tea captain Bridie McGarry has a broken finger but is very keen to play.

As these players are likely to play a significant role in Kilkenny's plans, the selectors are keeping their options open until the picture is more clear.

FIT, CONFIDENT

Kilkenny commenced training earlier than usual this season. A panel of 18, including all their re-

cognised senior players, has prepared diligently for this game.

Established performers like Anne Downey, Liz Neary, Breda Holmes, Margaret Farrell, Biddy O'Sullivan and Anne Holden are anxious to see Kilkenny get back on the winning trail.

Dublin are entitled to assume to role of favourites. They are fit and confident. However, there is an abundance of skill in this Kilkenny side. If they play to their full potential, it will be one great game.

Wexford and Westmeath meet at Turin in the Leinster minor and junior championships. The Model County has already disposed of Carlow with something in hand. Examinations have bit Westmeath who will line out short. Wexford should advance to face Meath in the semi-final.

The quarter-final of the National Junior League went to extra time before Galway emerged with one point to spare. The pairings for the semi-finals will be Donegal v Kildare and Galway v Derry. These games will be played on June 16.

Munster Colleges wound up their programme recently. St. Aloysius, Cork won the Intermediate A title by defeating Rathkeale Secondary School in the final.

SELECTIONS

DUBLIN — Y. Redmond, A. Redmond, C. Ledwidge, G. Noonan, G. Burke, U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Carroll, J. Gormley, E. Murphy (Capt), C. O'Byrne, M. O'Connell, Subst: T. O'Byrne, M. Conroy, B. Toner, J. Holden and P. Clinton.

KILKENNY — A. Downey, A. Holden, B. O'Sullivan, P. McGarry (Capt), D. Malone, A. Whelan, N. Whelan, L. Neary, B. Holmes, J. Dunne, A. Downey, M. Farrell, R. Wynne, A. Cahill, A. M. Brennan, S. Ryan, C. Cullen and M. Fitzpatrick.

FIXTURES

National Senior League Final
At Parnell Park 3.0 p.m. — Dublin v Kilkenny
Leinster Championships
A Turin — Westmeath v Wexford Minor 2.0; Junior 3.15.

Dublin's lucky escape

DUBLIN2-13
KILKENNY4-7

DUBLIN were lucky to force a draw in the final of the Senior National Camogie League played at Parnell Park yesterday.

The visitors set the pace from the throw-in when A. Downey opened the scoring with a point. And though E. Murphy equalised for Dublin, Miss Downey came back with another minor in the sixth minute.

Kilkenny continued to dominate and had a lead of 4-3 to 1-7 at the break.

The visitors maintained the offensive after the restart when M. Farrell and A. Downey added points each. But the home side returned to the attack and E. Murphy and C. O'Byrne added points before the latter scored a vital goal which left only one point between the sides. In an exciting finish E. Murphy equalised.

Scorers Dublin — E. Murphy (1-9), M. Connell (1-0), B. Redmond, C. O'Byrne (0-2 each); Kilkenny — M. Farrell (1-2), J. Dunne, B. Holmes (1-1 each), A. Whelan (1-0), A. Downey (0-3).



MARGARET FARRELL (left), the Kilkenny midfielder, and Una Crowley, on the right wing for Dublin in Sunday's National League Camogie Final.



Anne Holden (Kilkenny) takes a shot at goal during the senior camogie league final against Dublin, at Parnell Park, yesterday.

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KILKENNY bounced back into the limelight at Parnell Park last Sunday. In a very entertaining National Senior League final, they held fancied Dublin and threw the all-Ireland Championship wide open.

Eager and determined, Kilkenny raced into attack from the throw in and lead Dublin a merry dance in the first quarter. Although playing with a suspect finger, Bridie McGarry cleared her lines time and again and gave her forwards plenty of ball.

The first play of Kilkenny put Dublin off their usual game but even before half time one wondered if Kilkenny could last the fast pace which they had set themselves. A goal on the break and accurate shooting from Eden Murphy left

Dublin only four points in arrears on the changeover.

Excitement continued in the second half as the sides swapped score for score. The introduction of **Bernie Toner** for Dublin and signs of Kilkenny tiring swung the game in Dublin's favour.

Dublin exerted great pressure in the closing minutes and got the scores to level the game. Had the game continued for another five or 10 minutes, Dublin would have likely taken the Cup.

The goalkeeping position has proved to be a problem area for Kilkenny in recent times. The performance of young Marie Fitzpatrick on Sunday suggest that they may have found the answer. Maire will be remembered as the Feili Skills champion

in 1980. This match will have done her confidence a lot of good.

The bank holiday weekend caused many people to miss this game and the replay in Kilkenny on Saturday, June 22, should attract a huge crowd.

Marino set the scene for an intriguing Dublin Senior Championship when they demolished champions Celtic some weeks ago. Marino were unable to repeat their giant killing acts and dropped out of contention. UCD were installed as the new favourites and reached the final.

Crumlin provided the opposition in the decider and

what an historic occasion it was for them. Playing excellent camogie they were clearly superior to the students and won by 5-3 to 2-6.

The Redmond sisters, Anne, Barbara and Yvonne, Bernie Toner and Anna McManus, were instrumental in bringing the cup to Crumlin for the first time and opening the door to the all-Ireland Club Championship competition.

Eleven sides entered for the Cork Senior Championship. Already five have fallen by the wayside, Aghabullogue proved no match for Eire Og. St. Finbarr's who have been strengthened by Kilkenny's Margaret Farrell proved too strong for Sarsfields.

Neither Glen Rovers no

Na Pairsaigh were unduly troubled by Blackrock on UCC but Imokilly gave champions Killeagh a rare fright in the best game of the opening round.

Killelagh should be too strong and experienced for Ballinorea in the quarter final. Na Pairsaigh await the winners of this game. On the other side of the draw Eire Og will watch Glen Rovers play St. Finbarrs with more than passing interest. St. Finbarrs have several up and coming players to assist their own Cork senior. Clare Cronin but they may not be quite ready to dispose of the Glen.

The way is clear for the semi-finals of the Ulster Junior and Minor Championships.

A decorative initial letter 'C' in a Celtic knot style. The letter is formed by thick, black-outlined lines that interlace to create a complex, three-dimensional effect. The central part of the 'C' is a circular knot. The background of the letter is filled with a dense, cross-hatched pattern. The overall design is symmetrical and highly detailed, typical of traditional Celtic art.

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DUBLIN 2-1
KILKENNY 4

In the final of the National Senior League at Parnell Park yesterday outsiders Kilkenny forced favourites Dublin to a draw.

In a well contested game played in blistering heat the visitors dominated the opening half and made good use of their chances. They ran up a tally of 3-4 to 0-4 in the first 20 minutes.

However, Dublin rallied before the break and the score stood at Kilkenny 3-4, Dublin 1-7. On the restart, points by Kilkenny's Margaret Farrell and Angela Downey stretched the lead, but Dublin came back. Barbara Redmond pointed from far out and Edel Murphy shot three points from frees, while Carmel O'Byrne added 1-1.

There was only one point between the sides at that stage. Excitement ran high in the last five minutes when Murphy shot the equaliser for Dublin.

Scorers Dublin (E Murphy 1-4, M Connolly 1-0, B Redmond 0-2, C O'Brien 0-2).
Kilkenny (N Farrell 1-2, J Dunne 1-1, Holmes, 1-1 A Whelan 1-0, A Downey 0-3).

WEXFORD	75
WESTMEATH	64

WEXFORD had an easy victory over a depleted Westmeath side in the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship in Turin, Co. Westmeath. The visitors were dominant all over the field and were best served by Siobhán Cowman, Tish Dreebling, and Shelia Dunne. Best for the hosts were Annette Glynn, Linda Foran, and Helena Finlay.

Minor Championship — Won
ford 6-7, Westmeath 0-0.

Twenty-Four Teams Entered For Cork Feile na nGael Competitions

THERE has been a marvelous response in Cork to this season's Feile na nGael competition, with no less than 24 teams entering the Cork area competitions which begin tomorrow.

There will be two venues for Feile, St. Finbarr's and Ballincollig, and the 24 teams have been divided into six sections, with four teams in each. During the course of the day the competition will be decided to the quarter-final stage, with these being played at the two venues at 3 p.m.

There is always great interest in Feile, as this under-14 trophy is the first national competition in which players can participate and it is a great

honour for both player and club to qualify for the national finals which will be played in Wexford this year. The national Feile weekend is one of the biggest on the camogie calendar and the club which qualifies in Cork can look forward to a most exciting time.

But, of course, they have to get over tomorrow first and with 24 teams involved there will be plenty of excitement at both venues. Four teams will emerge from tomorrow's games and on Monday the semi-finals will be played at St. Finbarr's with the decider on Wednesday at the same venue. So there is a hectic time ahead for the under-14s.

There is only one other game fixed for tomorrow and that is a Junior 'B' League tie in which St. Catherine's meet Castle-magner at the former's venue, and on Sunday there are six games in the same competition. In these, Passage are at home to Crosshaven; Courcy Rovers meet Newcestown at Ballinspittle; Araglen travel to meet St. Fannahans, and Kilshannig play host to Bride Rovers; Sarsfields meet Bishopstown in Riverstown and Cloyne entertain Carrigtwohill.

On Thursday next the Senior County Championship continues when holders, Killeagh, meet Ballinora at Caherlag.

On the same evening, Glen Rovers will play host to Sarsfields in the Senior League, and here a win must be on the cards for the Blackpool girls.

FIXTURES

Saturday — Feile na nGael at St. Finbarr's and Ballincollig, 10 a.m. Quarter-finals at both venues 3 p.m. JBL, St. Catherine's v Castlemagner at St. Catherine's, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Bride Rovers).

Sunday — JBL (all 3 p.m.), Passage v Crosshaven at Passage (Ref. Douglas); Courcy Rovers v Newcestown at Ballinspittle (Ref. Newcestown).

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Uel junior pairing at Carndonagh

participated in the Dublin Championship with Marino and U.C.D. These will lend experience to the younger members of the side.

PROMISING

The Leaving Certificate will be on the minds of six of the Donegal side. One of those in this category is the very promising Mary Hirrell, of Carndonagh Community School.

Mary has performed very well in the League and will help Rosemary Gallagher, Margaret Curran, Margaret Rooney and Anne McGrath in their attempt to see Donegal through to the final.

Kildare came through their section of the League with their record untarnished. Several of the players which captured the provincial in 1981 are still

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available. Anna Dargan, Rose and Antoinette Meriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Miriam Malone and Marianne Johnson form the basis of a strong side which should do well if the long journey does not take too much out of them.

Galway were taken to extra time by Clare in the quarter-final. However, this tough game should have improved their side. They field a fast young team which could pose problems for Derry. Deirdre Lawless, Anne Ryan, Anne Kennedy, Sheila Coen, Margaret Reilly and Anne Fahy could swing it in favour of the Connacht side.

For Derry the 1985 season has so far been one of up and down. They surprisingly

dropped two points to Meath in the opening League game, but then accounted for Armagh, Offaly and Fermanagh. Subsequently, they have been knocked out of the Ulster Championship by Armagh. A top class display from Noeleen McKendry, Patsy Quinn, Pauline Robinson and Sarah Ann Quinn would put it up to Galway.

STRONG DUES

Dublin take two teams to Kilkenny on Sunday to play in the home county in the Leinster Junior and Minor championships. Holders of the title for the past two seasons, the Dublin Junior side is a very strong one. They can call on talented players like Jo Holden, Patricia Clinton, Toni O'Byrne, Anne Cooper, Bridget Reynolds and Suzanne Doyle.

Kilkenny have yet to

have their name inscribed on the trophy. Siobhan Ryan, Claire Cullen, Marie Fitzpatrick and Anne Malone are four fine players but the all round balance of their side may not match that of Dublin.

On Saturday, Leinster stage five matches in their under 14 championship. A home venue may not be sufficient advantage for Westmeath to ward off Dublin. Meath travel to Loingsford. Carlow, Laois and Offaly entertain Wicklow, Kildare and Kilkenny respectively.

ULSTER SEMIS

The semifinals of the Ulster Minor Championship are also listed for Sunday. No county has succeeded in monopolising this competition. The trophy has travelled over Down, Monaghan, Cavan and Antrim on more

than one occasion. Of the four teams remaining in this season's competition, the only side which has not previously won the trophy is Donegal.

Holders Antrim travel to Cavan where they will make it very difficult for the home side. Antrim have already accounted for Derry. Their side is well prepared by Rosina McManus and should qualify for the final. Down, with three minor titles behind them, may prove too experienced for Donegal.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

National Junior League semifinals — Donegal v Kildare, at Carndonagh (1.30), Derry v Galway at Greenlough (2.30).
Leinster Championships — At Kilkenny — Kilkenny v Dublin, Minor 2.00, Junior 3.15.
Ulster Minor Championship — At Redhills — Cavan v Antrim, 3.00.



Minister for Sport, Donal Creed, T.D., pictured with Aine Sheehy, general secretary, Camogie Association, at a reception yesterday to announce details of Cosport/Youth Sports Week, which takes place at venues throughout the country from June 24 to June 30.

KILLEAGH THROUGH

Killeagh 5-8 Ballinora 2-1

KILLEAGH didn't have everything their own way when predictably enough they defeated spirited Ballinora in the Cork County Senior camogie championship at Caherlag last evening. They enjoyed a half-time lead of 2-5 to 1-1, despite playing against a very strong wind, but on the turnover it took them a long while to get their remaining scores. The for-

wards were given a generous supply but poor shooting and a tendency to try too often for goals spoiled good approach work.

Scorers — Killeagh: M. Sweeney 2-0, P. Keniry 0-5, 0-3 frees, B. Costine 1-2, A. Leahy 1-1, P. Fitzgibbon 1-0.

Ballinora: M. Murphy 1-1, 0-1 free, K. O'Shea 1-0.

Killeagh: K. Costine, M. Costine, B. Landers, M. Spillane, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, P. Keniry, B. Costine, A. Leahy, M. Sweeney, P. Fitzgibbon.

Ballinora: A. Murphy, R. Bennett, C. O'Neill, C. Murphy, M. Murphy, K. Murphy, M. Hourigan, K. Murphy, M. Murphy, G. Murphy, M. Lane, K. O'Shea. Referee: B. Newman (Na Binnigh).

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Agnabullogue (top) who defeated Watergrasshill in the Feile, na nGael camogie final, Cork area at St. Finbarrs H & F Club. They now represent Cork in the national finals in Wexford. (Eddie O'Hare)



Fourteen years old Gillian Ryan, Brian Dillons camogie club who has emerged winner of the Cork Camogie Skills Competition for 1985. A pupil of St. Patrick's Secondary School, Gillian will represent the county in the national final at Wexford next Saturday. ("Echo")



St. Finbarr's defender Clare Cronin is too late to prevent Glen Rovers centre forward Val Fitzpatrick from cutting the ball into the goalmouth in the Cork Co. senior camogie championship at Caherlag.

Barr's best in thriller

St. Finbarr's 2-5
Glen Rovers 1-5

ST. FINBARR'S secured a narrow victory over Glen Rovers in a thrilling camogie final at Caherlag last night when the Barrs edged ahead in the final minutes of the match to lead 2-5 to 1-5.

Mary Curran had the sides level at one in the fourth minute of the second half but a point from Margaret Farrell three minutes later saw the Barrs edge ahead again. After each side posted the last ten minutes saw some tremendous pressure by the Glen only to see Ann Collins in goal making some fantastic clearances.

Three magnificent points by Colette O'Mahony, two from acute angle free, saw St. Finbarr's snatch a dramatic but deserved win. In the dying seconds Glen Rovers were forced again to a goal by the brilliance of Collins.

Scorers for the winners: C. O'Mahony 1-4, P. Carr 1-2, M. Breckon 1-0, M. Farrell 0-4. Glen Rovers: N. Scully 1-2, F. McCarthy 1-0, M. Curran 0-3, S. Fitzgerald, M. Mackey, V. Fitzpatrick 0-1 each.

St. Finbarr's: A. Collins, L. Conboy, M. O'Sullivan, M. Conboy, C. Cronin, G. Bennett, S. Carr, M. A. Ryan, M. Breckon, P. Carr, C. O'Mahony, M. O'Farrell.

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, T. O'Callaghan, M. Mackey (Capt.), A. Delaney (H'Donovan), S. Fitzgerald, C. Fitzgerald (Walsh), A. Hourigan, V. Fitzpatrick, B. Scully, M. Curran, F. Smith, M. Curran.

Referee: John Byrne (Killeshin).

Mary is Skills Winner

Mary Fitzhenry (Duffry Rovers) won the final of the Wexford Camogie Skills Competition held at Rathnure on Monday evening last and will represent the Model County in the National Camogie Skills Final

in Rathnure on Saturday next at 1 p.m. and we wish Mary the best of luck. Deirdre Byrne, Bunclody was runner up and Mary Bates St. Ibars was third in the County Skills.

Balmoral hat-trick

BALMORAL ladies have just topped Ulster's Inter-club 'B' table for the third year running. Nuala Havlin captained the side, and here she is (second left) with winning team-mates Pauline Gorman, Margaret Hobson and Marian McFetridge. And front, Angela Drumm.

Dublin in command

DUBLIN 3-10; KILKENNY 1-2
DUBLIN qualified for the semi final of the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship when they defeated Kilkenny by 3-10 to 1-2 at Ballyragget yesterday. The winners held the upper and right through the game and led in the break by 3-7 to 0-1.

Scorers: Dublin: D. O'Leary (3-3), A. Cooper (1-2), J. Holden (1-4), M. Donnelly (1-0), G. Deane (0-1), Kilkenny: S. Ryan (0-1), M. Fitzpatrick and C. Cullen (0-1 each).

Leinster M.C. - Dublin 1-2, Kilkenny 1-5, N.I.L. Semi final - Kildare 6-3, Donegal 2-2.



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Kilkenny and Dublin renew rivalry

THREE weeks ago Kilkenny went to Parnell Park to tackle the highly rated Dublin side in the final of the National Senior Camogie league. With skilful and determined play, the Kilkenny girls took command from the throw-in. They moved the ball with purpose and, at one stage led by three goals.

As the match wore on, the fitter Dublin team came more into the game and started to eat at the Kilkenny lead. Dublin finally

Untested

This left Kilkenny with a virtually untested team. A week before the League final, a challenge was arranged with Cork. This game showed up some problems in the team and left the selectors with plenty to think about.

That the selectors did their homework well was clearly seen in Parnell Park. Their first success was the placing of young Marie Fitzpatrick in goal. This position had been a problem area since the retirement of Teresa O'Neill. The St. Brigid's player performed excellently and, indeed, overshadowed her illustrious opponent, Yvonne Redmond.

With Marie covering the goal, Ann Downey was free to play her normal game. She advanced to the ball time and again cutting off the supply from the dangerous Marie Connell. Despite a strapped finger, Marie McGarry showed once more that she is one of the finest players in the game. The few extra weeks will have allowed her injury to heal fully.

Anne Holden and Biddy O'Sullivan hurled well on the wings. If this five can show the same commitment and concentrate for the full fifty minutes, Dublin will not get too many scores. However, any scope given to Edel Murphy, Carmel O'Byrne and Marie Connell will be punished.

Undoubtedly, Kilkenny will have gained from this hard game and should be able to last the pace better on Saturday. The midfield trio of Liz Neary, Deirdre Malone and Anna Whelan dominated the early exchange, but Barbara Redmond, Una Crowley and Mary Mernagh came on top as the Kilkenny girls tired.

Kilkenny scored 4/7 with all four forwards getting their name on the scoresheet. Angela Downey went into the drawn game not fully recovered from a recent illness. She will be stronger on Saturday and able to use her ability to the full. Jo Dunne, Breda Holmes and Margaret Farrell are all dangerous in possession and capable of picking off vital scores.

The University players on the Dublin team, Yvonne Redmond,

Germaine Noonan and Joan Gormley have planned a trip to the States which coincides with the replay. However, with substitutes like Marion Conroy, Bernie Toner, Jo Holden, and Toni O'Byrne in their squad, their sides will not be much weakened.

The National League Cup last rested in Kilkenny in 1982. Nine members of the present team were on the side. Anne Downey, Bridie McGarry, Anne Holden, Biddy O'Sullivan, Deirdre Malone, Anna Whelan, Angela Downey and Jo Dunne are league medal holders. Examinations kept Margaret Farrell off the team on that occasion.

Margaret and the two girls to come on the team since then, Breda Holmes and Marie Fitzpatrick would be delighted to add a League medal to their collection.

The absence of any hurling championship games on Saturday night should see a great crowd present to support the girls. The ability to win is there. If the side takes the field in the right frame of mind, the cup will be carried back to the dressingroom by captain Bridie McGarry.

Kilkenny: Marie Fitzpatrick (St. Brigid's), Anne Downey (St. Paul's), Anne Holden (St. Thomas, Galway), Bridie McGarry (St. Paul's, Captain), Biddy O'Sullivan (Tullagher), Liz Neary (St. Paul's), Deirdre



Corner-back Anna Holden put up a sparkling performance against Dublin in the drawn game.

Malone (St. Brigid's), Anna Whelan (Castlecumber), Margaret Farrell (St. Finbarr's, Cork), Angela Downey (St. Paul's), Jo Dunne (Carrickshock) and Breda Holmes (St. Brigid's).

Subs: Siobhan Ryan (Shamrocks), Anne Cahill (Shamrocks), Nora Whelan (Black & Whites), Rita Weymes (Bennettsbridge), Ann-Marie Brennan (Thomastown), Claire Cullen (Bennettsbridge), Catherine Dunphy (St. Brigid's).

DOUBLE DEFEAT FOR KILKENNY

KILKENNY under-14 county team beat Offaly in the first round of the Leinster championship on Saturday, by 1-1 to 0-2.

Scorers for Kilkenny were Geraldine Brennan (1-0), G. Ryan (0-1).

Best for Kilkenny were V. Wall in goal, E. Kennedy, S. Lennon, C. Ryan, G. Brennan.

Kilkenny team: V. Wall, S. O'Sullivan, C. Hickey, E. Kennedy, S. Lennon, G. Ryan, S. Carroll, L. Fogarty, C. Ryan, A. Moran, E. Kennedy, G. Brennan.

The minor and junior teams were beaten by Dublin in their Leinster championship games, in Lisdowney on Sunday. The minors were beaten by 2-3 to 1-4, and the juniors by 3-10 to 1-2.

The minor game was by far the best of the two games from the Kilkenny point of view as they were there with a chance up to the final whistle.

It was the best form the minors showed this year.

Their best player was Linda Butler who played very well. Others to play well were Ann Harrington, Joan Ryan, Frances Rothwell, Mary Teehan, Liz Whelan and E. Crowe.

Scorers for Kilkenny were — Marie Blanchfield (1-2), Mary Teehan and Marie Downey (0-1 each).

In the junior game Kilkenny were outclassed in the first half when Dublin scored 3-7 to Kilkenny's one point. In the second half Kilkenny got more into the game and held Dublin to three points.

The only feature of the game was the display of Marie Fitzpatrick in goal in the second half. Others to try hard were S. Ryan, G. Cullen, S. Ashe, N. Whelan, R. Wemyss.

Scorers for Kilkenny were S. Ryan (1-0), M. Fitzpatrick (0-1), C. Cullen & 1).

Results of Primary Schools North final, Kilmanagh 4-0, Freshford 3-1. They play the winners of Shamrocks / Mullinavat in the county final.



Jo Dunne . . . hoping to sparkle at corner forward for Kilkenny on Saturday.

caught Kilkenny in the closing minutes and the sides ended up all square.

At Nowlan Park on Saturday night, these teams renew rivalry. For the replay, it appears that the pendulum has swung in favour of Kilkenny. Guaranteed a big vocal backing, the team has had the benefit of extra training sessions under the watchful eye of Shamrock's Tom Ryan.

The advantage of a home venue and talk that Dublin will not have the services of their full panel add spice to the clash.

The Kilkenny panel got together earlier than usual this season. The fact that they have not taken a major trophy since 1982 concerned them. The more senior members felt that time was running out, and that they would make this season count.

Kilkenny found themselves in what was generally regarded as the weaker section of the League. They had runaway victories over Down, Louth and Antrim. But nobody would consider any of these as a serious contender for the All-Ireland championship. Indeed, only Galway gave Kilkenny a game.

Now for the double!

Kilkenny 4-7
Dublin 3-6
KILKENNY put up a blistering repeat performance to clinch the national senior camogie league crown, on Saturday.

In a rip roaring final replay which matched the fast and exciting exchanges in the drawn game, the Norersiders romped home to collect their third league title.

Even the chilly winds which blew around Nowlan Park could not cool the ardour of the winners who have been success-starved for the past two seasons, but now look set this year to make it a league and championship double.

The home side was an impressive combination of new and old faces, and it proved solid as a rock when a late Dublin challenge threatened to rob them of the spoils in the last quarter as in the drawn game.

Opportunist Liz Neary was a four goal hero for Kilkenny. She was very alert throughout and when moved to the forwards gave the attack plenty of bite.

Also a feature of the game was the return to form of Angela Downey who has been plagued for several months by injuries. She sparkled at intervals throughout the game and should be a major force, as usual, for the championship.

First blood

It was Kilkenny who drew first blood in this thriller with a classy goal from Liz Neary. She moved in from centrefield to end a melee in front of the goal and hit the back of the net with a low and hard shot.

Edel Murphy replied for Dublin with a good point but Liz again scored for Kilkenny when she slotted home a shot deflected



Liz Neary shooting Kilkenny's first goal against Dublin in the national camogie league final at Nowlan Park.

from the goalie's stick for her second goal.

From a free Edel Murphy made it 0-2 for Dublin to leave four points separating the sides, after 16 minutes.

Liz took advantage of yet another Dublin defensive error to slot home her third goal before half-time and aided by two marvellous points from Angela Downey and one at an

acute angle from Anna Whelan, Kilkenny notched up a strong lead at half time by 3-2 to 0-4.

Wind

Kilkenny looked poised to coast home to victory in the second half when aided by a strong wind, they scored first with a good point from full forward Breda Holmes. This was followed up by points from Anna Whelan and Angela Downey, with Dublin countering with two points to leave the score 3-6 to 0-6 in favour of Kilkenny with 11 minutes remaining.

Then Dublin struck. Carmel O'Byrne raised the green flag for the Liffesiders with a good goal in the 15th minute, followed four minutes later by a goal from Edel Murphy from a free, to leave only a goal separating the sides.

Kilkenny withstood this pressure admirably, however, with Angela Downey renewing the challenge for the winners with a point from a free, and Liz Neary completing her scoring with a goal from a classy move involving Breda Holmes and Angela Downey.

With the game running overtime Edel Murphy scored a consolation goal for the losers from a close-range free, to make the final score 4-7 to 3-6.

And, but for the large number of easy goaling opportunities missed by Kilkenny in the second half, the depleted Dublin side would have suffered a much heavier defeat.

Stars

Kilkenny captain Bridie McGarry was one of the stars of the game. The stylish defender was always on hand to clear the ball and ensured a good supply to the forward line.



Kilkenny senior camogie team which defeated Dublin in the national league final. They are (back row from left): Angela Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan, Jo Dunne, Breda Holmes, Liz Neary, Ann Downey. Front row (from left): Anna Whelan, Deirdre Malone, Marie Fitzpatrick, Bridie McGarry (capt.), Ann Holden, Margaret Farrell.

In the backs Ann Downey and Ann Holden impressed while forwards Angela Downey, Jo Dunne and Breda Holmes looked very dangerous. In goal Marie Fitzpatrick was sound.

For Dublin Edel Murphy and Una Crowley were most industrious.

Scorers

Kilkenny: L. Neary (4-0); Angela Downey (0-4); A. Whelan (0-2); B. Holmes (0-1).

Dublin: E. Murphy (2-4); C. O'Byrne (1-0); Una Crowley and B. Toner (0-1 each).

Teams

Kilkenny: Marie Fitzpatrick, Ann Downey, Anna Holden, Bridie McGarry (capt.), Biddy O'Sullivan, Liz Neary, Deirdre Malone, Anna Whelan, Margaret Farrell, Angela Downey, Jo Dunne, Breda Holmes. Sub: Siobhan Ryan for M. Farrell.

Dublin: T. O'Byrne, A. Redmond, C. Ledwich, B. Toner, G. Burke, Una Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond, A. Condon, E. Murphy, C. O'Byrne, J. Holden.



Bridie McGarry gets her shot away for Kilkenny under pressure in the national camogie league final at Nowlan Park.

[Photos: Tom Brett]

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Wexford Advance to Leinster Final

WEXFORD — 3-6
MEATH — 1-8

Wexford advanced to the final of the Leinster Junior Camogie Final after a hard earned victory over visitors, Meath, at Monamolin on Sunday last winning on a score of 3-6 to 1-8.

Wexford opened the scoring with a goal by Nora O'Leary after three minutes. Goals by Terry Butler in the tenth and Siobhan Dunne in the twelfth increased the lead for Wexford. Nora Carty with a goal opened the scoring for Meath and a point by Valerie Crean added to the tally. Points by Teresa Hobbs and Siobhan Dunne for Wexford and two points by Dolores Maguire for Meath left the score at the interval 3-2 to 1-3 in favour of Wexford.

Two points for Wexford by Teresa Hobbs and Siobhan Dunne increased the lead for Wexford in the opening five minutes. Three points by Valerie Crean for Meath and two points by Siobhan Dunne for Wexford completed the scoring of the second half.

Overall it was a good entertaining game with both teams playing excellent Camogie but on the day and helped by the good early start of three goals in the opening minutes, Wexford just managed to hold the Meath girls in the last quarter and advance to the decider.

Best for Wexford were Sinead Cowman, Tish Dreelan, Bernie Higgins, Rita Reddy, Susie Leacy and Siobhan Dunne.

Best for Meath were Patricia Grimes, Valerie Crean, Ann Gannon and Nora Carty.

TEAMS: Wexford - Sinead Cowman, Tish Dreelan, Rita Reddy, Bernie Higgins, Susie Leacy, Catherine Sinnott, Nora O'Leary (1-0), Ornagh O'Mahony, Mary Greene, Teresa Hobbs (0-2), Terry Butler (1-0), Siobhan Dunne (1-4). Subs. Ailish Kavanagh for Mary Greene; Also Imelda O'Leary, Kathleen Donohoe, Marie Barron, Bridget Howlin, Jean O'Leary, Mary Ryan, Jacinta Swaine.

Meath - Mary O'Connor, Patricia Grimes, Brid McIntyre, Anne Fennessy, Ann Gannon, G. Reilly, Valerie Creane (1-5), Frances Dunphy, D. Donnegan, Dolores Maguire (0-2), Maire Maguire, Nora Carty (1-0). Subs. Angela Barron for Marie Maguire; Also Margie Loughren, Maura O'Regan and Rhona Donnegan.

Ref: Mary Ryan, Dublin.

U-16 GAME

WEXFORD 5-5
MEATH 0-0

Wexford qualified for the Leinster U-16 Camogie Final with a good win over Meath in the semi final clash played at Monamolin on Sunday last, winning by 5-5 to 0-0.

Wexford opened the scoring after two minutes with a goal by Geraldine Codd. Points by Clare Cullen and Ann Marie O'Connor added to the tally. A goal by Clare Cullen after seven minutes and a point two minutes later increased the lead. Five minutes from half time a goal and point by Clare Cullen and a goal by Geraldine Codd left the score 4-4 to 0-0 in favour of the home team.

Midway through the second half a goal by Geraldine Codd opened the scoring of the half and a point by Clare Cullen in the closing minutes concluded the scoring of the game.

On reflection this was a good team performance by Wexford and but for the good goal keeping by the Meath goalkeeper Mary O'Connor, the score could have been more.

Best for Wexford were Ailish

Atkinson, Audrey O'Leary, Ann Lyndon, Kim Kavanagh and Clare Cullen.

Best for Meath were Mary O'Connor, Valerie Curtis, Maire O'Regan, Barbara Barry and Mary Tuite.

TEAMS: Wexford - Jannette Hanley, Ailish Atkinson, Deirdre Hearne, Audrey O'Leary, Ann Lyndon, Catherine Atkinson, Kim Kavanagh, Trisha Keane, Ann Marie O'Connor (0-1), Geraldine Codd (3-0), Marie Barron, Clare Cullen (2-4). Subs. Maddy Purcell for Marie Barron; Fiona Wildes for Catherine Atkinson; Linda McDonald for Ann Marie O'Connor; Also Jackie Carr, Kathleen Greene and Michelle Wickham.

Meath - Mary O'Connor, Cabriona Cunningham, Valerie Curtis, Rhona Donnegan, Concepta Smith, Cairiona Murphy, Maire O'Regan, Barbara Barry, Ann Donnelly, Maire Hetherington, Mary Tuite, Noeleen Smith. Subs. Vanessa Marley for Noeleen Smith; Also Mary Smith, Linda Andrews and Stephanie Fitzsimons.

Ref: Mary Ryan (Dublin).

Cork Youngsters Seek Title No. 10

THE young players of our Association take over the limelight this weekend, with Cork meeting Limerick in the Munster final on Sunday, and Feile na nGael being staged in Wexford over the coming weekend.

Cork will be chasing their tenth Munster minor title in twelve years when they meet Limerick on Sunday, and with the juniors out of the championship running, the minors will be very anxious to keep the chance of an All-Ireland double alive.

With strong Cork colleges, the minor selectors always have a pool of talented young players at their disposal and this year's Cork side is again an excellent one. They had it tough in their first round match against a very good Clare side, and were rather lucky to scrape home. But that was their first outing of the season and since then they have been training very hard and had a marvellous win over

Tipperary to put them on the right road.

Cork have most promising young players in the highly talented Jean Paula Kent, Paula Carey, Karen Mellerick, Brid Kelleher, Brid Walsh, Ina Leahy, and Aine Buckley and will be expected to take the title.

However, Limerick have the advantage of a home venue — always a big factor in this (under-16) grade, and they also have very good young players in Donna Rohan, Kate McHenry, Janice McCarthy, and Bridget O'Dwyer, and if they can get off to a good start then Cork could be up against it. But the Leesiders should have enough talent to win.

Cork Team: Brid Walsh (Cloughduv), Deirdre Ryan (St. Finbarr's), Aine Buckley (Bishopstown), Ina Leahy (Killeagh), Tracy O'Riordan (Glen Rovers), Karen Mellerick (Brian Dillons), Brid Kelleher (Aghabullogue), Aileen Barry (Brian Dillons), Carmel Currid (Glen Rovers), Paula Carey (St. Finbarr's), Jean Paula

Kent (Na Piarraigh), Ber Cashman (blackrock).

Subs: Bernie Power (Bishopstown), Betty Buckley (Watergrasshill), Loraine Kelly (Na Piarraigh), Helen O'Connor (Killeagh), Bernie Hayes (Bishopstown), Sheenagh Morley (do.), Deirdre Carroll (do.), Joy Nicholas (Erins Own).

Aghabullogue face an exciting weekend as they represent Cork in the Feile na nGael National finals in Wexford. Aghabullogue will be going to "Feile" for the first time and will be hosted by St. Ibar's, whom they will play in their first game tomorrow morning. Aghabullogue impressed in the Cork Feile and will travel to Wexford hoping that the Buckleys — Sinead, Clare and Eileen and Rena Kelleher can lead them to national honours.

But the top section, in which Cork will be participating, is full of talented sides, including Marino, Annacurra and Oran, so Aghabullogue will have no easy task on their hands. However, they will have a marvellous weekend, which these fourteen years olds will never forget.

Cork will be represented in the Feile Skills Competition by young Gillian Ryan, of Brian Dillons, who won the Cork area final.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday): Feile na nGael in Wexford: J."B" L., St. Fanahan's v. Castlemagner at St. Fanahan's, 7.30 p.m. (Referee Araglen).

Sunday — Feile na nGael in Wexford: M.M.C. final, Cork v. Limerick, at Kilmeedy, 3 p.m.

CORK GIRLS CHAMPS

BY JOAN MORLEY

Cork 1-5, Limerick 1-1

IN A highly exciting Munster minor camogie final at Kilmeedy yesterday, Cork, the All-Ireland champions, retained their Provincial title when they defeated Limerick.

Right from the throw-in the game was played at a cracking pace and both sides served up some marvellous camogie, with first-time pulling and fast committed tackling the order of the day.

Cork led from an early stage with a point from Paula Carey, and although they were never led thereafter, they had to play the game of their young lives to retain their crown. Time and time again Limerick came back at Cork and midway through the second half in particular, the losers looked as if they might knock the Cork girls off their pedestal.

The winners led at half-time 1-3 to 0-1 thanks to a rather lucky goal from

opportunistic Ber Cashman, and two points from Jean Paula Kent, in addition to Paula Carey's early minor. Limerick's only reply in this period was a point from Catherine Kiely.

But the second period was not too long in progress when Teresa Fitzgerald slammed home a great goal for Limerick and with only two points now separating the sides, the excitement was at fever pitch. Then the Cork selectors made a few telling changes, and Cork gradually came back on the offensive and won a number of vital "thirties" from which Paula Carey scored two invaluable points to give them victory.

Scorers — Cork: P. Carey 0-3, B. Cashman 1-0, J. P. Kent 0-2. Limerick: T. Fitzgerald 1-0, C. Kiely 0-1.

Cork: B. Walsh, D. Ryan, A. Buckley, I. Leahy, T. O'Riordan, K. Mellerick, B. Kelleher, A. Barry, C. Currid, P. Carey, J. P. Kent, B. Cashman. Sub: S. Morley for C. Currid.

Limerick: D. Rohan, U. Kennedy, M. O'Brien, A. McHenry, N. O'Keeffe, A. Lenihan, C. Kiely, M. Lynch, P. McKenna, T. Fitzgerald, J. McCarthy, M. Sheehan. Sub: J. Barrett for M. Sheehan.

On the brink of a breakthrough

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Galway girls seek first camogie league title

by LOUISE NÍ CHRIODÁIN

GALWAY Junior Camogie team bid to make history on Sunday when they take on Kildare in the National League Final at Bullaun. The Galway girls will be looking for their first league title having already beaten some of the best teams in the league on their way to the final.

This is the first time a Galway junior team have ever reached a League Final. During their campaign they have had easy wins over Louth, Down and Kilkenny in their group matches, beating Kilkenny by ten points. The quarter final against Clare was a tight match however with Galway claiming a one point victory after extra-time.

In the semi-final over three weeks ago Galway faced Derry at Greenlock, Co. Derry but the Galway girls turned on the style to win by 7-3 to 4-4.

Galway's line up for Sunday's final includes some polished performers. Full back Eileen Howley and sisters Claire Dolan and Theresa Raftery



HOPING FOR SUCCESS Galway team trainer John Harold pictured at a training session with (left to right) team captain, Ena Gannon, Deirdre Lawless and Ann Ryan.

Coen played at interprovincial level for Connacht last year.

The Galway team use the Rugby pitch in Loughrea for their training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and some members of the team who are still schoolgoers travel over 50 miles twice a week for training.

It was a wet and windy evening in Loughrea when team trainer John Harold and Sean Geraghty, County Board Secretary who are also team selectors along with Conal Duffy, talked of their hopes for the final.

"It's the first time ever for a Galway Junior team to get into a league final" said Sean Geraghty. "But they really are a good team and they've been training since February and they have already beaten the top teams in the league so



Deirdre Costello . . . great finisher.

they should win the final", he said.

Team trainer, Harold is also confident of his side's

prospects. "Kildare have played in a league final before and are older than our team. They rely on a direct brand of camogie," he said.

"We have a good chance" he said. "Our two most dangerous players will be Ann Ryan and Deirdre Costello, and if the half back line, who are good, but young, tighten up we should win", he added.

Galway: C. Divilly (St. Marys), E. Howley (Castlegar), C. Linnane (St. Thomas'), J. Glynn (Ahascragh), B. Stratford (Sarsfields), E. Gannon, captain (Kiltulla), T. Raftery (St. Marys), C. Dolan (St. Marys), D. Costello (Sarsfields), A. Fahy (Davitts), D. Lawless (Davitts), A. Ryan (Pearses). Subs: P. Mitchell (St. Marys), S. Coen (Pearses), M. Reilly (Davitts), M. Ryan (Castlegar).

are all accomplished players while much will be expected of forward Deirdre Costello who scored two goals against Clare and four against Derry in the semi-final.

Costello was also on the St. Raphaels team which won the senior All-Ireland Colleges cup this year when she linked up with Galway team-mate Bridge Stratford, Carmel Linnane and Ann Fahy.

Full forward Ann Ryan, holder of an All-Ireland Feile Skills Title and sister of Galway hurlers Peadar and John Ryan, is also expected to boost Galway's prospects on Sunday while little Ena Gannon will captain the team.

The Galway team though young are strong. The midfielders and forwards are particularly forceful and they will look to Deirdre Costello and Ann Ryan to provide the matchwinning scores.

The Galway defence is also tight while the half back line of Bridge Stratford, Carmel Linnane and Julie Glynn will be hoping to produce their best form on Sunday.

The Galway team boasts considerable experience. Goalie C. Divilly and midfielders Claire Dolan and Theresa Raftery won two county senior championships with St. Marys and defender Deirdre Lawless has won a senior league, a junior championship and two junior leagues with her club Davitts. Full forward Eileen Howley holds an All-Ireland minor medal while substitute Sheila



Full forward Eileen Howley hoping to snatch vital scores.



Claire Dolan . . . invaluable experience.

Junior stars step into the spotlight

CAMOGIE

safe goal. The efficient defence in completed with Melanie Treacy and Phyllis Bambury on the flanks.

BIG INFLUENCE

Wearing the No. 7 shirt will be Kildare's best known player, Miriam Malone. A regular choice for Leinster, Miriam may have a big influence on the outcome of the game. She forms a formidable midfield line with Kathleen Elliott and Marianne Johnson.

Patricia Keatley leads the attack from the centre-forward position. Oni Flanagan and Geraldine Downey are placed on the wings and Mary O'Neill on the edge of the square. All are capable of taking their chances if they get a plentiful supply of the ball.

Galway field a nice blend of youth and experience. Chris Divilly, the Glenamaddy keeper, guards the net. In front of her, is

the experienced Eileen Howley, who won an All-Ireland minor medal with Galway in 1977. Julie Glynn and the promising St. Raphael's pair, Brid Stratford and Carmel Linnane, complete a sound defence.

Galway look to Teresa Rafferty, Ena Cannon and Claire Dolan to give them the edge in the middle of the field. Deirdre Costello, star of the colleges senior final, is positioned at centre-forward with former Feile Skills Champion, Anne Ryan ahead of her. Eager to snap up the half chance will be Anne Fahy and Deirdre Lawless on the wings.

Both camps are confident of doing well. Given a dry sod, the game should produce some fine camogie. Kildare have their side together

for some years. This vital experience may see them through.

MUNSTER FINAL

Limerick and Cork meet in the Munster Senior Final. Friendly neighbours over the years, these counties have played some great games together. Yet Cork chase their thirty seventh Munster title while Limerick await their first. If Limerick show the commitment which their junior side did in despatching their Cork counterparts from the junior championship recently, a surprise could be on.

In Leinster the senior semi-finals are listed for decision. Kilkenny and Dublin meet for the third time in a few weeks. Once again, Dublin will be unable to call on their first twelve and Kilkenny may avail of the opportunity to take their sixth Leinster crown.

A double bill is listed for

Buncloody. The Wexford senior team should account for Louth but their minor squad will have their hands full with Dublin. On Saturday, Cavan, Dublin and Wexford, should record wins over Meath, Louth and Kildare in the Leinster Under-14 championship. The fourth quarter-final between Wicklow and Kilkenny will be a close affair.

Antrim travel to Down for the Ulster Minor final on Sunday. They were held to a draw by Cavan but won the replay 3-1 to 1-3. Down were superior to Donegal in the second semi-final and won comfortably by 2-5 to 0-1. Down have not won this competition since 1978 and will make the holders work hard to retain their title.

Despite the heavy inter-county programme, a good attendance is expected at Gormanston College for the annual National Coaching

Course. Running from Friday night to Sunday lunchtime, the course is always enjoyable and informative. It is a worthwhile experience for anyone interested in learning to coach.

The honours were well scattered in a very enjoyable Feile na nGael. A high scoring outfit from Mullagh (Galway) won the Premier Division. Carbury (Kildare) held off the strong challenge of Drumcullen (Offaly) to take Division II honours. The Rasharkin youngsters delighted their supporters by sailing through Division II.

FIXTURES

Sunday
National Junior League Final — At Bultoun (3.00) — Galway v Kildare.
Leinster Championships At Buncloody (2.00) — Minor — Wexford v Dublin 1.15 — Senior — Wexford v Louth. At Thomastown (2.00) — Senior — Kilkenny v Dublin.
Ulster Championship — At Down venue (3.00) — Minor —

Camogie Results

National Junior League Final — Galway 3-10; Kildare 1-3. Leinster S.S. Semi-final — Dublin 3-6; Kilkenny 2-7. Leinster Min. C.F. Wexford 6-3; Dublin 2-0. U-14 M.C. Dublin 10-7; Louth 0-0.

Cork And Limerick In Munster Final Clash

CORK will be chasing their second Munster Championship in a week when they meet Limerick in the Senior Provincial final on tomorrow (Saturday), having already taken the Minor crown on Sunday last.

The Senior County Championship has now reached the semi-final stages and these will be played on Wednesday and Friday of next week.

The Munster Senior Championship is no longer the qualifying stage for the All-Ireland, as the Senior competition is now an Open Draw, which has proved highly successful in the camogie world. However, the Munster Championship is still a coveted crown, which is played as a separate competition, and on tomorrow evening Cork and Limerick meet in what should be an excellent game. Cork have won the Munster title on many occasions and are the present holders, but Limerick have never won and it would be a marvellous boost for them.

However, with the All-Ireland campaign just around the corner the Leinsterers cannot afford to be complacent and will go out against Limerick with the sort of determination Cork teams are noted for.

The selectors have announced the Cork team for Sunday and no doubt this is the basis of the side for the All-Ireland campaign so each and everyone of them will be playing to keep their places.

Marian McCarthy is again in goal with Eileen Dineen at full-back. Catherine Landers at half-back and Miriam Higgins and Liz Dunphy on the wings. The centre-field trio is Sandy Fitzgibbon, Clare Cronin and Ann Marie Landers, who captains the side, while in the attack former minor Linda Mellerick, who has been playing so well this season, retains her place at corner forward with Mary O'Leary on the other wing. Val Fitzpatrick at centre forward and Mary Geaney back in favour at full forward.

Against all this Limerick have some very experienced players including Helen Sheehy, Margie Dore, Helen Collins, Brid Stokes and Pauline McCarthy and they will fight all the way for the honour of being the first Limerick team to bring Provincial honours to their county.

This season's Cork County championship has been a most exciting affair and is now down to the last four with any of that quartet capable of taking the title.

St. Finbarr's caused the major upset of the campaign when they defeated the fancied Glen Rovers and they now face Eire Og on Friday next (12th) in what should be a marvellous encounter.

But before that, Killeagh, the holders, will meet Na Piarsaigh in their semi, on Wednesday evening. Killeagh are probably fancied to take the title at this

stage, as they are strong in all departments with very good players in Catherine and Ann Marie Landers, Marie O'Donovan, Marian Sweeney and company. However, Na Piarsaigh put up a very good display against them in last season's final, and with a year's more experience behind them, they will expect to do better this time, especially if Clare Harris, Deirdre O'Shea, Irene O'Leary and Paula Goggins strike form. In any event the game should be yet another first class championship tie. The venue for the game is still in doubt, although it is most likely to be in Ballinlough.

FIXTURES (All at 7.30 p.m.)

Tomorrow (Saturday)

M.S.C. Final: Cork v Limerick, at Delany Park.
I.C.L.: Glen Rovers v Youghal, at Glen (ref. Blackrock).

J.A.L.: Inniscarra v Cloughduv, at Inniscarra (ref. Ballinora).
Fr. O'Neills v Na Piarsaigh, at Na Piarsaigh (ref. Glen).

J.B.L.: Sarsfields v Churchtown, at Sarsfields (ref. Erins Own); Passage v Fr. Matthews, at Passage (ref. Nemo Rangers); Crosshaven v Coursey Rovers, at Ballinspittle (ref. Crosshaven); Eire Og v Newcestown, at Newcestown (ref. Eire Og); St.

Catherines v Araglen, at Araglen (ref. St. Fana-hans); Bride Rovers v Castlemagner, at Castlemagner (ref. Kilshannig).

Monday

U16L: St. Finbarr's v Blackrock, at St. Finbarr's (ref. Bishopstown).

Tuesday

U14L: Cloughduv v Eire Og, at Eire Og (ref. Cloughduv); Newcestown v Grenagh, at Newcestown (ref. Grenagh); St. Catherines v Castlemartyr, at Castlemartyr (ref. St. Catherines); Killeagh v Watergrasshill, at Watergrasshill (ref. Killeagh); Bishopstown "A" v Kilshannig, at Kilshannig (ref. Bishopstown).

Wednesday

S.C. Semi Final: Killeagh v Na Piarsaigh, at venue to be decided (ref. Annette O'Donovan).

J.A.L.: Douglas v Inniscarra, at Douglas (ref. Blackrock).

Thursday

U18L: Killeagh v Bride Rovers, at Bride Rovers (ref. Watergrasshill); Erins Own v Kilshannig, at Erins Own (ref. Sarsfields); Douglas v Crosshaven, at Crosshaven (ref. Douglas); Glen Rovers v Blackrock, at Blackrock (ref. Nemo Rangers); Na Piarsaigh v Brian Dillons, at Brian Dillons (ref. Fr. Matthews); Cloughduv v Aghabullogue, at Cloughduv (ref. Eire Og).

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Cavan can take giant step on the road to

CAVAN made their first appearance in an All-Ireland Junior Final last September. They can take a giant step on the road back to Croke Park if they overcome Armagh in the Ulster Junior Final on Sunday.

Victory will not come easy for Armagh possess some fine players. Earlier in the year, they drew with the Down Senior side in the Maguire Cup. In the current competition, they ousted Derry and Donegal.

Margaret Moriarty, Denise McStay, Andrea McAlinden, Sally McCone, Patricia Daly and Bernie McNally will strive hard to bring Armagh their fifth provincial crown.

Cavan put paid to Antrim's ambitions in the first round and followed with a five goal win over

neighbours Monaghan. Their sound defence built around Margaret Hastings, Ita Brady, Lorraine O'Neill and Anne McKiernan will make scores difficult to come by.

Further afield, Olive Scorr, Pauline Smith, Rosita Brady and Noleen Kiernan will hope to pick off sufficient scores to see them through.

In Munster, the Junior Championship Final will be decided by Limerick and Clare. Limerick scored freely against Waterford in the opening round. Their full-forward, Tina Keyes was top scorer in their 3-5 to 1-2 win over holders, Cork.

Tina should pose problems for the Clare defence and she will receive good assistance from Rosie Fitzgerald, Marguerite Gulry,

CAMOGIE

Mary Lenihan and Mairead Treacy.

Clare have tried hard in recent seasons to win this competition but usually found Cork their stumbling yolk. With the Leesiders out of contention, Clare will be hopeful of doing well. They had an impressive win in the League including an eight point victory over Sunday's opponents.

Helen Cusack, Anne Murnane, Catriona O'Dea and Pauline O'Brien unite to form a strong rearguard. Tina O'Connell, Patricia O'Grady and Noleen Quinn should win a good supply of ball in the centre of the field.

Up front Teresa Naugh-

ton, Cora Fahy and Maura McNicholas have the ability to avail of what chances come their way.

SEVEN TITLES

Dublin top the honours list in the Leinster Junior Championship with seven titles to their credit. Their squad includes a number of players on the fringe of the county senior team... Jo Holden, Patricia Clinton, Denise O'Leary, Toni O'Byrne, Suzanne Doyle and Anne Cooper.

Kildare found the young Galway side too lively for them in the National Junior League Final on Sunday and finished on the wrong side of a 3-10 to 3-3 scoreline. They will find it hard to overcome that defeat in time for next Sunday and

may have to give way to Dublin.

The Ulster Minor Final finished all square. With the All-Ireland inor semi-finals listed for July 21, Antrim and Down will get no time to recover. They meet again tonight. This time Antrim will have the advantage of home venue and strong vocal support and should come through.

DOUBLE-DECKER

In a double-decker at Silver Park, Dublin will play Wexford in the Leinster Senior Final. The return of Germaine Noonan and Joan Gormley helped Dublin to get back on a winning course against Kilkenny. Wexford, on the other hand, enjoyed a comfortable win over Lough. Dublin should retain this title.

The surprise end was the Leinster minor final. Fielding a side, the Wexford clearly with five. They travel on Sunday.

Limerick sixes and opening of unster Se Saturday in goals is the the game defence was looked on.

Cork more to centre-back their experience progressed and re-set of the comfortable

LIMERICK FALTER AFTER DREAM START

By JOAN MORLEY
CORK 3-9, LIMERICK 2-2

LIMERICK made a dream start to the Munster senior championship final at Delany Rovers Park on Saturday evening with a two goal blitz in the opening minutes, but it was not enough to give them their first Munster senior crown, as holders Cork came back at the end to gain an impressive victory.

The losers looked very good in the first 20 minutes. They looked fitter and faster and those two quick goals from Liz O'Sullivan and Brid Stokes gave them a great boost.

Cork at this stage were very much at sixes and sevens and showed a lack of fitness — they have not yet begun their All-Ireland training.

But after those early scores Limerick could not capitalise any further, except for a point from Brid Stokes. Then Cork slowly began to find their momentum. The defence, after a disastrous opening quarter, gradually began to close the gaps with Marian McCarthy, Miriam Higgins and Clare Cronin moved to centreback to replace

the injured Catherine Landers, steady things.

Marian Sweeney, in at full centre for Clare Cronin, Ann Marie Landers and Sandy Fitzgibbon eventually dominated at centrefield, while Linda Mellerick again showed what a find she is at corner forward. And that crafty pair, Mary O'Leary and Mary Geaney, showed in the closing quarter what scoring is all about.

Limerick, who had excellent performers in Helen Sheehy, Margaret Treacy, Vera Mulcahy, Brid Stokes and Helen Collins, were ahead for most of the first half, with Cork only levelling things just before the break (1-4 to 2-1). But in the second period Cork added 1-9 to which the losers could only add a single point.

Scorers — Cork: M. O'Leary 1-6, V. Fitzpatrick and A. M. Landers 1-0. L. Mellerick 0-2, M. Geaney 0-1. Limerick: B. Stokes 1-1, L. O'Sullivan 1-0, P. McCarthy 0-1.

Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Cronin, L. Dunphy, S. Fitzgibbon, M. Sweeney, A. M. Landers, L. Mellerick, V. Fitzpatrick, M. O'Leary, M. Geaney.

Limerick: H. Sheehy, V. Mulcahy, B. O'Dea, E. O'Grady, H. Clifford, H. Collins, P. McCarthy, M. Treacy, T. Keyes, E. O'Sullivan, B. Stokes, M. Cassidy. Sub., M. Guiry for H. Clifford.

Mullagh set the tone with memorable feile victory

Mullagh (Galway) 4-5
Marino (Dublin) 1-1

MULLAGH under-14 Camogie team won the All Ireland Feile na nGael title and the Bean Ni Purcell trophy at Wexford Park on Sunday.

Played in ideal condition and watched by a capacity attendance, the Mullagh girls defeated Dublin champions Marino by 4-5 to 1-1 to take the National title to East Galway for the second time in three years. Sarsfields won it in 1983.

Having easily beaten host club Duffry Rovers by 7-3 to 3-0, Oran (Roscommon) 8-4 to 0-1 and Limerick side Ballingarry by 6-10 to 0-1 on Saturday. The Galway champions were made slight favourites for Sunday's showdown.

Within two minutes of the start Mullagh's outstanding forward Emer Hardiman had shot a classic goal past the helpless Dublin defence to give Mullagh a lead they were never to lose. Points from Alice Murphy and Ann Kelly put Mullagh further in front but in the 12th minute, Karen Bollard had a good goal for Marino.

Stung by this reverse, Mullagh again went into attack and Emer Hardiman had two more magnificent goals in the 7th and 8th minutes, followed by a marino point from Nuala Byrne. Points from Ann Kelly and Alice Murphy closed the first half scoring to leave Mullagh ahead by 3-4 to 1-1.

Marino had the advantage of a strong wind in the second half and they swung into attack from the

restart but Kathleen Coen, Sheila Reddin, Mary Connaughton, Helen Kelly and captain, Triona Dolphin were magnificent in defence for Mullagh.

In between the Marino attacks, Mullagh had another goal from wing forward Majella Kinsella and a point from Alice Murphy to close a low scoring second half of brilliant camogie from two fine teams with Mullagh marvels ahead by 4-5 to 1-1.

Mullagh laid the foundation for victory at midfield with great displays from Bridget Fahy, Eileen Smyth and sweet striking Carmel Duane, as well as substitute Edel Kelly did well.

Overall Mullagh were by far the best team and so continued the success story for Galway camogie at under age level which augers well for the future.

The President of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael Mary Lynch presented the Purcell Trophy to Mullagh captain, Trina Dolphin, after the game.

Mullagh: K. Coen, S. Reddin, M. Connaughton, H. Kelly, T. Dolphin (captain), B. Fahy, E. Smyth, C. Duane, A. Kelly, A. Murphy, M. Kinsella, E. Hardiman, E. Kelly, I. Daly, A. Cormican, D. Connolly.

Marino: A. Stedman, N. Power, S. Moylan, A. O'Brien, N. Sheeran, J. Farrell, N. Byrne, K. Bollard, A. Williams, F. Hall, M. McHugh, A. Hogan.

Referee: M. Ahearne

Junior crown for Limerick

LIMERICK 2-4
CLARE 1-6

Limerick captured the Munster Junior Camogie c/s hip title when they had a one point win over Clare in a most exciting contest at Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday.

Clare were particularly disappointed to lose as they had many good scoring opportunities, particularly in the final ten minutes.

scorers for Limerick: M. Treacy, T. Keyes, 1-1 each, R. Fitzgerald, M. Cassidy 0-1 each. Clare: M. McNicholas 1-4, Quinn and N. Comyns 0-1 each.

Limerick: D. Cleary, B. O'Dea, L. O'Grady, M. Carey, M. Barry, A. Sheehy, M. Treacy, R. Fitzgerald, M. Clifford, M. Cassidy, C. Dundon, T. Keyes.

Clare: P. O'Brien, H. Cusack, T. O'Connell, G. Morey, A. Murnane, N. Quinn, R. Shaughnessy, P. Ryan, C. Fahy, P. O'Grady, M. McNicholas, N. Comyns.

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Dublin lucky to keep title!

DUBLIN 2-9
WEXFORD 2-1

DUBLIN were somewhat lucky to retain the New Ireland trophy, when they defeated Wexford by four points in the final of the Leinster Senior Camogie championship played at Silver Park, Stillorgan, on Saturday. Due to heavy rain the start of the game was delayed, but the players mastered the conditions and gave a heart-warming display.

Points in the first and second minute by Una Crowley and Edel Murphy gave Dublin an early lead but Eileen Keogh and Ann Reddy levelled the scoring in the fifth and sixth minute. At the break the home side were ahead by 1-5 to 1-4.

Ten minutes into the second half Wexford led by 2-5 to 1-7, but the home side found their touch and rallied five minutes from the end when Edel Murphy, who was the star of the side, put them into the lead with a well-aimed goal from a neat fiddly angle. Two more points from Miss Murphy and Carmel O'Byrne followed without reply from the visitors.

SCORERS: Dublin — E. Murphy (1-4), C. O'Byrne (1-1), U. Crowley (0-2). Wexford — A. Reddy (1-4), G. O'Leary (1-0), E. Keogh (0-1).

DUBLIN 2-12
KILDARE 1-14

EXTRA-TIME was necessary to decide the issue in this well-contested and exciting semi-final of the Leinster Junior championship played at Silver Park, Stillorgan, yesterday. Dublin were trailing by 0-3 to 0-5 at the break and they did not find their touch until well into the last quarter, while Kildare were always dangerous.

The latter led by 0-3 to 0-4 15 minutes into the second half and in an exciting last ten minutes the sides drew level — Dublin 2-6, Kildare 0-12. In the 20 minutes extra-time the home side rallied and added 0-6 to Kildare's 1-2.

Jo Holden, Patricia Clinton and Patsy Murphy were best for the winners while Miriam Malone, who had a tally of 0-10, and Rose Merriman (goalie), were the stars of a good Kildare side.

SCORERS: Dublin — J. Holden (0-11), D. O'Leary (1-1), S. Doyle (1-0). Kildare — M. Malone (0-12), M. Johnson (1-3), P. Keaty (0-1).

OTHER RESULTS

Ulster Junior Final — Armagh 2-5; Cavan 1-1.
Leinster U-14 semi-final — Dublin 3-4; Cavan 0-0.

Barrs and Eire Og Set For A Classic

CAN St. Finbarr's reach their first ever Senior Co. Championship final, or will Eire Og put an end to their dreams? This is the question to be answered at Ballinora this evening when these sides meet in the Senior County semi-final.

Bishopstown will be hoping to do well this weekend also, as they represent Cork in the Munster Community Games finals to be played at Colaiste an Spairid Naomh, Bishopstown, tomorrow.

St. Finbarr's caused the shock of the championship so far this season when they defeated Glen Rovers, who were fancied to go a long way. Now they face Eire Og, always a very strong Co. Championship side, in the semi-final this evening and are hoping that they can carry on their victory march. Margaret Farrell, the Kilkenny senior player, has proved a major asset to St. Finbarr's this season, and together with Cork senior player, Clare Cronin, has added vital experience to an otherwise very young side.

Against the Glen, St. Finbarr's played with tremendous enthusiasm, obviously determined to prove that they are ready for the big time, and they are bound to take the field with the same keenness this evening.

They have promising young players in Colette O'Mahony, Stephanie Curtin and Cork minor Paula Carey and if they can continue to mingle experi-

ence and youth successfully then they must have a good chance this evening.

However, Eire Og are always strong in the championship. They are a far more experienced side than Barrs. They play a hard, uncompromising game and will certainly not give up until the final whistle.

They have Cork senior stars Marian McCarthy, Miriam Higgins, Eileen Dineen, and Mary Geaney in their side and they have other excellent players in Sarah Murphy, and Noelle O'Driscoll. However, this season they have lost the services of former Cork senior Clare Kelleher, who has decided to retire from the game because of pressure of business, and Clare will be a loss. But they can still field a very strong side indeed.

Bishopstown, who have a marvellous record in Cork Community Games, will once again be battling for a place in the National finals in Mosney, when they represent Cork in the Munster finals tomorrow. The games will be held in Scoil an Spairid Naomh, with the proceedings beginning at 12 noon. Bishopstown meet the Tipperary champions in their first game and the Cork girls panel for the games is: Moira Harrington (capt.), Aisling O'Leary, Edel Kearney, Elaine O'Connor, Edel Ryan, Louise O'Mullane, Shirley Kelleher, Eithne Duggan, Orla Higgins, Judy Walsh, Blathin Keating.

Sinead White, Siobhan Barry, Cora McCarthy, Cecilia Crowley, Clare Murphy.

Fixtures (all 7.30 p.m. except where otherwise stated).

This evening — S.C. semi-final: Eire Og v St. Finbarr's at Ballinora, 7.30 p.m. (referee Betty Joyce).

Tomorrow — J.B.L.: Passage v Courcy Rovers, at Passage (referee Courcy Rovers); Crosshaven v Fr. Mathews at Crosshaven (referee Fr. Mathews); St. Catherine's v Kilshanning at St. Catherine's (Referee Bride Rovers); Munster Community Games finals at Scoil an Spairid Naomh, Bishopstown, 12 noon.

Sunday — M.J.C. final: Clare v Limerick at Roslevin, Co. Clare, 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday — I.L.: Eire Og v Aghabullogue at Ovens (referee Cloughduv); Glen Rovers v St. Finbarr's at Glen (Referee Na Piarasigh); U16L: Ballincollig v Cloughduv at Ballincollig (Referee Ballinora); Grenagh v Inniscarra at Grenagh (Referee Inniscarra); Watergrasshill v Fr. O'Neill's at Watergrasshill (Referee Killeagh); Sarsfields v Erins Own at Sarsfields (Referee Castlemartyr); Churchtown v Killeagh at Killeagh (Referee St. Catherine's); Crosshaven v Douglas at Douglas (Referee Blackrock); Na Piarasigh v Kilshanning at Kilshanning (Referee Na Piarasigh); Bishopstown "A" v Brian Dillons at Bishopstown (Referee Ballincollig).

Wednesday — J.A.L.: Douglas v Bishopstown at Douglas (Referee Passage); St. Catherine's v Na Piarasigh at St. Catherine's (Referee Kilshanning); Fr. O'Neill's v Brian Dillons at Fr. O'Neill's (Referee Killeagh); U18L: St. Finbarr's v Crosshaven at St. Finbarr's (Referee Glen Rovers).

ÉIRE ÓG TOO CRAFTY

Eire Og 5-7
St. Finbarr's 1-12

IN an uncompromising but most exciting tussle, Eire Og defeated St. Finbarr's in the semi-final of the Cork County senior camogie championship at Ballinora last evening and qualified to meet old rivals Killeagh, the holders, in the decider.

The game was much closer than the scoreline suggests with St. Finbarr's playing in only their third senior season, staying with their more experienced opponents until well in the second half.

In fact, the Barrs looked very good indeed in the first half and were level with their opponents on three occasions and in front at one stage midway through the half.

For most of the second period Barrs were well in the game, but gradually the tougher and cuter Eire Og girls wore them down and emerged victorious at the end by an impressive 5-7 to 1-12.

Eire Og's trump card was Marian McCarthy, who was in magnificent form in goal, while another winning stroke was the playing of Cork full-back Eileen Dineen at corner-forward, where she scored two great goals. Marian Reck worked hard to contain St. Finbarr's Kilkenny star Margaret Farrell, while Noelle O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney were others to impress for the winners.

St. Finbarr's had their stars too, particularly in the youthful Colette O'Mahony who scored 1-8 of her side's tally. Clare Cronin worked tirelessly throughout while others to play well were Stephanie Curtin and Gay Desmond.

Scorers — Eire Og: M. Geaney 2-2, E. Dineen 2-1, N. O'Driscoll 1-2, G. Mackey and S. Murphy 0-1 each; St. Finbarr's: C. O'Mahony 1-8, M. Farrell 0-3, P. Carey 0-1. Eire Og — M. McCarthy, J. Shannon, M. Higgins, M. Twomey, M. Reck, G. Mackey, A. O'Leary, N. O'Donovan, N. O'Driscoll, S. Murphy, M. Geaney, E. Dineen. St. Finbarr's — A. Collins, L. Cosgrave, M. O'Sullivan, N. Crowley, C. Cronin, M. A. Horgan, S. Curtin, G. Desmond, M. Farrell, M. Henchion, P. Carey, C. O'Mahony. Subs.: V. O'Mahony for M. A. Horgan, M. Walsh for M. Henchion, C. O'Leary for M. O'Donovan. Referee: B. Joyce (Killeagh).

Killeagh girls are pushed

By JOAN MORLEY

KILLEAGH 2-6
NA PIARSAIGH 1-5

CORK County champions Killeagh are through to this year's final but they made hard work of it against a young Na Piarasigh side at Ballinlough last evening.

The champions opened in fine style and for most of the first half looked as if they were going to run away with it. But they missed many chances and although they were ahead at the interval 2-3 to 0-3 they still left the door open for a Na Piarasigh revival.

And Na Piarasigh were a different side in the second half. A great goal from a marvellous solo effort by Cork minor Jean Paula Kent put Na Piarasigh within a goal of the champions and when the same player added a further point and Paula Morgan a

similar score only a single point separated the sides.

At this stage Na Piarasigh looked as if they might cause another major upset but they too missed excellent chances and their obvious immaturity around goal cost them scores that might have put the game beyond the reach of the holders.

Killeagh got three vital points — two from Patsy Keniry and one from Marian Sweeney — to put them safely into the decider.

Scorers — Killeagh: B. Costine 1-1, P. Keniry 0-4, P. Fitzgibbon 1-0, M. Sweeney 0-1. Na Piarasigh: J. P. Kent 1-1, I. O'Leary 0-3, P. Morgan 0-1.

Killeagh: K. Costine, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, B. Landers, C. Landers, S. Spillane, A. McLanders, P. Keniry, A. Leahy, M. Sweeney, P. Fitzgibbon, B. Costine.

Na Piarasigh: D. O'Shea, P. Martin, J. Cronin, C. Hanfin, P. Goggins, E. Healy, J. P. Kent, A. O'Donovan, I. O'Leary, P. Morgan, C. O'Connell, S. O'Sullivan.

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KILKENNY SERVE NOTICE FOR ALL-IRELAND TITLE RACE

Kilkenny for the All-Ireland open-draw camogie title this year? It may appear a little early yet to start talking in terms of the title for any single team as the championship will not get under way until the end of the month, but recent happenings would suggest that Kilkenny are on the right track at just the right time.

They did well to return home from Parnell Park, Dublin, early in June with a draw against All-Ireland champions Dublin in the National League final. In the replay at Nolan Park some weeks later, the Noresiders stepped up on their earlier form to forge out a well-merited 4-7 to 3-6 win.

It would probably be unwise to read too much into that success as Dublin were short four key players — all All-Ireland medalists — because of holidays and injuries. Even so, the fact that Kilkenny were good enough to have earned a division of the spoils against the All-Ireland champions in a thrilling match the first day, and then to take the title augurs well for the up-coming championship bid.

Angela Downey is one of the best match-winners in the game. She is a tireless worker and an excellent score-getter.

Liz Neary, however, captured the scoring limelight in the League final replay in a big way by scoring all of her team's four goals.

Kilkenny's defence, with Ann Downey, Ann Holden and new goalkeeper Marie Fitzpatrick outstanding links, showed up particularly well in the League final replay, and is sure to present a solid barrier to the best the other counties have to offer. At mid-field, too, Kilkenny are well served.



Yvonne Redmond (Dublin).

The Noresiders' confidence is bound to gain a worth-while boost as a result of a win that gave Kilkenny the League for the third time, and the odds must be on a good run for the side in the All-Ireland campaign.

At the same time, one cannot lightly dismiss Dublin. They have most of last year's title winning side again available, and they showed good form over the National League campaign. It was a tremendous achievement in fact to get so close to the coveted championship and League double.

Edel Murphy is this year's captain, and she is playing really well. In the two games against Kilkenny she scored a majestic 3-13, and is without doubt a player capable of the magic to exercise a decisive influence on any match, and steer a winning course.

Yvonne Redmond, the B+I Line G.A.A. Camogie Player of the Year for 1984, is a goalkeeper of exceptional ability, and Germaine Noonan is another dynamic defensive star. Joan Gormley and Carmel O'Byrne in the attack are among other players who may do much to burnish the bid for a successful defence of the crown.

If Dublin and Kilkenny are to renew League rivalry in the All-Ireland series it will be for the top prize, as they are in separate halves of the draw.

The only really serious danger to Dublin in their section would appear to be Cork. The Metropolitans travelled to Cork for the first round of the National League last March, and had a good win.

But Cork are invariably a strong power in the championship and their prospects cannot be easily dismissed.

STRONG OPPOSITION

Kilkenny have strong opposition in their section. Tipperary, who were runners-up for the All-Ireland crown last year, Wexford and Limerick are all in this group, as well as the Noresiders, and all will quietly fancy their chances — especially the Premier County.

The promise is there, then, of some exciting contests in the build up to

the All-Ireland final. As for the probable winners — much can happen between now and September, but on their steady improvement over the National League campaign this season, Kilkenny appear the team they all have to beat.

The championship will get under way on July 28 with three games — Kilkenny at home to Clare; Dublin at home to Antrim, and Limerick entertaining Wexford.

That programme alone is one that should cast a long enough shadow on the likely outcome of the chase for the title.

But before the All-Ireland campaign gets under way, one of the season's top events will be decided — Gradam Tailte, camogie's day of sporting competition involving the player of the year from such county.

The competition will be decided at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, on July 20, and the big news is that Angela Downey, who brought the title to the Noreside last year for the first time with a great showing, will be defending her title.

The brilliant Kilkenny forward is such a great competitor that she must be favourite to become the first to make a successful defence of the trophy. Nevertheless, the other contenders are unlikely to be overawed by the task ahead, and competition as a result should be keen to ensure an interesting day's sport for enthusiasts.



Angela Downey (Kilkenny).

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Cork Minors Take On Wexford

Tomorrow will be a big day for Cork's minors as they face Wexford in the All-Ireland Championship semi-final at Killeagh. Cork, holders of the title for the last two years, will be hoping to go a step nearer to their hat-trick of crowns tomorrow but they will be up against a very strong side in the Leinster champions.

There is a long list of fixtures for the coming week, all in the leagues, with many interesting pairings listed.

Cork have won the All-Ireland title seven times in its 11 years' history and are the present holders. In this year's campaign so far they had a very narrow win over a strong Clare side in the first round, then had an easy win over a disappointing Tipperary side, before meeting Limerick in the Munster final. Here again Cork had to fight all the way to retain their provincial crown, but on that day it was felt that many of their players did not strike top form and followers will be hoping that tomorrow will see the young Cork stars at their best.

The Cork selectors have not yet named their side as they have injury and sickness problems in the panel. Definitely out is Aine Buckley of Bishopstown, who has played so well since coming in as a substitute in the Clare game. Aine is out through illness and her position at corner-back will be difficult to fill. It could mean a switching around of play-

ers, which is always a problem at this stage of a competition.

One of Cork's big stars, Jean Paula Kent of Na Piarraigh, is also a very doubtful starter as she suffered an ankle injury in a recent game. Jean, playing in her third minor campaign, is one of the side's most seasoned campaigners and her scoring prowess is a vital part of the team. But the selectors are hopeful that Jean may still field so they are not naming the side until just before the game.

Again if Jean is not available it will mean a reshuffling of the forwards and possibly the team.

The Cork side have been unlucky with injuries this season as in addition to Aine and Jean Paula the Cork side lost Bernie Hayes of Bishopstown after the Clare game, again through illness, and Karen Mellerick was out for the Tipperary game, because of a broken thumb, but she did return for the Munster final.

But Cork still have some very fine young players to call on including Brid Walsh, who is having a marvellous season in goal; Ina Leahy, Brid Kelleher and Tracy O'Riordan who are grand defenders; Aileen Barry and Karen Mellerick, who are excellent centre-fielders, and

Paul Carey and Ber Cashman who are very good forwards.

What of their opponents? Well, their team was not available either at the time of writing but reports are that they are a very big strong side who had a most impressive win over fancied Dublin in the Leinster final. Wexford have never won the All-Ireland title and now that they have come out of Leinster again this year they are determined to reach the decider.

So Cork can expect the toughest of games tomorrow but if they can produce their best form, and with the advantage of a home venue, then they must be there with a chance. And if Jean Paula Kent is fit then that chance will surely be greater. In any event it should be a game well worth watching.

Cork Panel — Brid Walsh (Cloughduv), Deirdre Ryan (St. Finbarrs), Tracy O'Riordan (Glen Rovers), Ina Leahy (Killeagh), Karen Mellerick (Brian Dillons), Aileen Barry (do.), Brid Kelleher (Aghabullogue), Paula Carey (St. Finbarrs), Carmel Currid (Glen Rovers), Jean Paul Kent (Na Piarraigh), Ber Cashman (Blackrock), Sheenagh Morley (Bishopstown), Bernie Power (do.), Deirdre Carroll

(do.), Joy Nicholl (Erin's Own), Betty Buckley (Watergrasshill), Helen O'Connor (Killeagh), Loraine Kelly (Na Piarraigh).

FIXTURES

(All 7.30 p.m.)

Tonight

Under-18 League — Watergrasshill v. Erin's Own at Watergrasshill (referee Churchtown); Kilshannig v. Bride Rovers at Kilshannig (Castlemagner); Glen Rovers v. Na Piarraigh at Na Piarraigh (St. Finbarrs); Blackrock v. Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons (Sarsfields); Cloughduv v. Eire Og at Ovens (Inniscarra).

Tomorrow

JBL '85 — Courcey Rovers v. Newcestown at Courcey Rovers (Newcestown); Eire Og v. Crosshaven at Crosshaven (Eire Og); Araglen v. Kilshannig at Kilshannig (Castlemagner).
Minor All-Ireland Semi-final — Cork v. Wexford at Killeagh, 3 p.m. (Limerick).

Tuesday

Under-18 League — Glen Rovers v. Na Piarraigh at Glen Rovers (St. Finbarrs); Brian Dillons v.

Blackrock at Brian Dillons (Sarsfields); Killeagh v. Kilshannig at Killeagh (Youghal); Bride Rovers v. Watergrasshill at Bride Rovers (Erin's Own); Bishopstown v. Crosshaven at Crosshaven (Passage).

Under-14 League — Inniscarra v. Ballincollig at Ballincollig (Inniscarra); Eire Og v. Newcestown at Ovens (Newcestown).

Under-16 League — Churchtown v. Fr. O'Neills at Midleton (Cloyne); Blackrock v. Douglas at Blackrock (Nemo Rangers).

Wednesday

Under-16 League — Inniscarra v. Cloughduv at Inniscarra (Ballincollig); Aghabullogue v. Grenagh at Coachford (Eire Og).

Thursday

Under-16 League — Eire Og v. Ballincollig at Ballincollig (Inniscarra); Watergrasshill v. Erin's Own at Erin's Own (Sarsfields); Na Piarraigh v. Bishopstown "A" at Na Piarraigh (Glen Rovers); Brian Dillons v. Kilshannig at Brian Dillons (Fr. Matthews); Killeagh v. Sarsfields at Riverstown (Brian Dillons).

Date to note: Friday, July 26, Cork County Final, Eire Og v. Killeagh, at venue to be arranged (Annette O'Donovan, Glen Rovers).

Who will challenge supesrtar Angela?

may have upset her training programme.

However, Angela's sprinting ability, superb stickwork, agility, ball control and above all competitiveness will make her the target to match for any would-be contender of the title.

Each player comes as champion of her own county. Angela's county team-mates however, stood aside to permit her to defend her title in her native county. The opposition includes well-known players and others new to the national scene.

Antrim send their full-back Mary McMullen who will be having her first go at this competition. Patsy Quinn (Derry) and Siobhan McKeogh (Fermanagh) are interprovincial players. Young Noreen McCusker (Donegal) makes her third attempt. She has always been in the top half dozen.

CAMOGIE

Jo Holen, sister of footballer Mick, represents Dublin. Kildare goalkeeper, Rose Merriman, Wexford forward Jackie Codd Wicklow defender Kay Barry and Nancy Scally of Westmeath are among the Leinster entrants.

Clare Jones who led Clare to All-Ireland success in 1981, will carry the hopes of the Banner County. Wearing the Limerick colours will be Marguerite Guiry, daughter of former Munster stalwart Buntie Guiry.

A newcomer to the inter-county scene, Margaret Finn, of Ballymacoda, will wear the red and white of Cork.

Still in the minor ranks, young Deirdre Costello has been the focus of attention on more than one occasion. She captained St. Raphaels,

Loughrea to win All-Ireland junior and senior colleges titles in successive years.

A gifted camogie player it will be interesting to see how she shapes up in a competition like Gradam Tailte. Could she be the one to put pressure on Angela?

The minor championship has produced some great matches. The pairings for the semi-finals this weekend are very attractive. At Killeagh on Saturday, Cork face Wexford. On Sunday, Galway will be at home to Down.

Wexford are the only county of the semi-finalists who have won the All-Ireland in this grade. Their previous success in the Leinster championship was in 1979. It is coincidental that they met Cork in the semi-final also in that year.

Wexford have really impressed in their Leinster campaign. They amassed the

huge total of twenty-six goals, eighteen points in dispatching Carlow, Westmeath, Meath and Dublin. A big strong side, they have excellent players in Ailish Atkinson, Audrey O'Leary, Ann Lyndon, Kim Kavanagh and Clare Cullen.

Cork struggled to win their tenth minor title. They were hard pressed by both Clare and Limerick but won comfortably against Tipperary. A county with a great record in this grade, they will be hoping that good performances from Brid Kelleher, Ina Leahy, Brid Walsh, Jean Paul Kent, Tracy O'Riordan and Paula Carey will see them to another final.

Down won the first All-Ireland minor championship in 1974 but have not come out of Ulster since 1978. It took two games to separate them from Antrim in the Ulster final.

In Donna Greeran they

have an outstanding full-back. She gets great assistance from Mairead Mussen, Monica McCartan, and Joanne Walsh.

YOUNG TALENT

So as this season the National Junior League, All-Ireland Colleges, senior and junior and the premier division of Feile na nGael have gone to Galway. The county has a great pool of young talent.

Many fancy Galway to take the minor title. When their team includes such players as Angela Cooney, Brid Stratford, Deirdre Costello, Carmel Coyne, Nora O'Rourke, Patricia Connors, Patie Flannerty and Siobhan Maher, it is easy to understand why.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY — St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny (11.00) — Gradam Tailte, At Killeagh, Co. Cork (3.30). — All-Ireland Minor semi-final Cork v. Wexford.
SUNDAY — At Duggan Park, Ballinasloe (3.00) — All-Ireland Minor semi-final, Galway v. Down.

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Some of the hopefuls in Camogie Superstars final



Rita Cribbin of Roscommon is a member of St. Anne's club, Castlerea. A member of the junior county team, she plays senior club camogie.



Deirdre Costello who represents Galway is expected to be one of the front runners in this competition. A member of Sarsfields club, she has won five all-Ireland medals at college and junior level.



Mary McMullan is representing Antrim. A member of Shamrocks, Loughgiel, club, she is Antrim senior team captain and can boast of many proud achievements in camogie.



Jackie Codd who is representing Wexford, is a P.E. student at Thomond college, Limerick. She plays at centre forward for the Wexford senior camogie team. A member of Rathnure club, she is also very talented at hockey and was on an Irish schools team.



Margaret Finn, Cork, is a member of Ballymacoda club, Cork. She is a junior inter-county player and is one of the brightest prospects in Cork.



Charmaine Gibson of Carlow is one of the county's most talented players. She has chosen the outdoor obstacle course and basketball as her optional events.



Bernadette Fitzpatrick is the pretty representative from Laois. A young player, she is displaying great potential for future honours.

ANGELA SET TO RETAIN HER CROWN

THE search to find Camogie's Superstar of 1985 gets underway at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, on Saturday. Top class camogie players from all over the country each the champion of her own county, will compete for the prized Gradam Tailte Award for the best camogie player in Ireland.

One of the most attractive developments within the Camogie Association in recent years was the innovation of Gradam Tailte. The idea which was first mooted by Kilkenny girl, Jo Golden, caught on immediately and was warmly welcomed by players.

The aims of Gradam Tailte are to give recognition to camogie. The aims of Gradam Tailte are to give recognition to camogie players, to provide an opportunity for the best player from each county to display her skills, to promote camogie and to find a superstar.

Chosen for proficiency in the skills of the game, sportsmanship and commitment, a star is chosen within each county. These fine athletes then go forward to the big national test.

Camogie players tend to play within their own grades. Senior players play in senior competition and junior performers

operate within their own level. Gradam Tailte provides an opportunity for junior players to shape up against the established senior stars.

The events are chosen to test the competitors in endurance, co-ordination, speed, agility and ball control. The 100 metres spring, indoor obstacle and camogie skills are compulsory for all. Each competitor may choose two additional events from basketball, gym tests, 800 metres and outdoor obstacle.

This is the fourth year of Gradam Tailte. To date the winners have been senior players. But the juniors have not been far behind. Jo McClements, a fine centre-back from Loughgiel in North Antrim won the inaugural event in 1982. Cork winger, Clare Cronin held off the extremely strong challenge of Angela Downey to take the 1983 title.

Last year competitors and spectators alike acclaimed Angela Downey as a real superstar at the close of a one-girl show. She totally outclassed all other rivals amassing a staggering 52 points out of a possible 60. She scored five firsts and a fourth place leaving her nearest rival out of contention at 24 points adrift.

Superbly fit and keenly competitive, Angela proved what a great all-round athlete she was. She earned top marks in the 100 metres, basketball, indoor obstacle and the two camogie skill events. She ran in fourth in the 800 metres.

Daughter of All-Ireland hurler, Shem Downey, Angela has been one of Kilkenny's top sports stars of the past decade. Holder of four All-Ireland senior medals, she has won all the honours in the game including a B & I Award, Gael Linn, National League and Club Championship medals.

Such was the quality of her performances last year, that her team-mates nominated her to go forward in the Kilkenny colours to defend her title without a local contest. Now the question must be asked "Who can challenge Angela?"

Ulster sends the Antrim full back Mary McMullen who impressed in her local qualifying competition. Donegal's Noreen McCusker has tried before and has not been too far behind. Siobhan McKeough (Fermanagh) and Patsy Quinn (Derry) are two interprovincials who should do well.

Army cadet, Claire Jones (Clare) is strong and fit.



Queen of Camogie Angela Downey of Kilkenny who is expected to retain her Gradam Tailte title. A member of St. Paul's club, she has won three all-Ireland senior camogie titles and a host of other honours.

Limerick will be represented by Marguerite Guiry, daughter of former Munster defender, Bunt Guiry. Cork will have their junior midfielder, Margaret Finn in action.

Jo Holden, sister of footballer Mick, will carry Dublin's hopes. Kildare's goalkeeper, Rose Mer-

riman, Wexford's wing forward Jackie Codd, Nancy Scally (Westmeath), Kay Barry (Wicklow) and Nora Carty (Meath) will provide the main opposition from Leinster.

Perhaps the main danger may come from one of the youngest competitors in the field. Deirdre Costello is still in the minor ranks with Galway. Those who have watched her win Feile na nGael and All-Ireland Colleges Championships have recognised rare talent. She may not be ready yet to dethrone Angela but seems destined to follow her example in many ways.

KILKENNY under-14 county team had a good victory over Kildare at Shipton in the Leinster semi-final.

Those who played well for Kilkenny were V. Wall who had some great saves in goal. D. Lennon and E. Kennedy impressed in the backs while L. Fogarty and S. Carroll played well at centre-field. In the forwards G. Ryan, G. Brennan and P. Cleere

ALL THE CONTESTANTS

Antrim: Mary McMullen.
Carlow: Charmaine Gibson.
Kilkenny: Angela Downey.
Kildare: Rose Merriman.
Wicklow: Kay Barry.
Cork: Margaret Finn.
Derry: Patsy Quinn.
Donegal: Noreen McCusker.
Fermanagh: Siobhan McKeough.
Galway: Deirdre Costello.

Westmeath: Nancy Scally.
Laois: Bernadette Fitzpatrick.
Wexford: Jackie Codd.
Limerick: Marguerite Guiry.
Meath: Nora Carty.
Monaghan: Marie Flanagan.
Roscommon: Dymphna Hughes.
Tyrone: Catherine Daly.
Offaly: Esther Redmond.
Dublin: Jo Holden.
Clare: Claire Jones.

VICTORY FOR KILKENNY

when they are on the half played well. There will be a 2 p.m. for the under-14 panel.

The senior championship has now reached the stages where St. Paul's (Ballyhale) play St. Paul's (Ballyhale) will also be playing this week.

Leinster under-14 championship semi-final - Kilkenny 5-6; Kildare 1-1. Scorers for Kilkenny - Geraldine Brennan (3-0), P. Cleere (1-0), Frances Aylward (1-0), C. Ryan (0-2), A. Moran (0-2), G. Kennedy (0-1), L. Fogarty (0-1). Kilkenny are now in the Leinster final in two weeks time.

Camogie star is second in Gradam Tailte

GALWAY'S camogie superstar, 15-years-old Deirdre Costello, put up a tremendous performance to finish joint second in the National Superstars Gradam Tailte competition held at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, on Sunday.

The event was won by the holder, Kilkenny senior player, Angela Downey, and the Galway girl, who was the youngest competitor, tied with Dublin's Josephine Holden and Wicklow's Kay Barry for second place. Deirdre Costello, who plays camogie with her school, St. Raphael's College, Loughrea, and with the Sarsfields club, New Inn, gave a great exhibition in the Skills Section to win it over 31 competitors including the overall champion, Angela Downey.

In the process Deirdre emerged as THE most talented young player in all Ireland and appears certain to become one of the best the game has produced.

Within 24 hours of her appearance in Kilkenny, Deirdre Costello was back home to assist the Galway minors in beating Down in the All-Ireland semi-final at Oranmore. That in itself would have been a notable achievement but, taken in conjunction with her extraordinarily busy schedule, it was nothing short of remarkable. Before playing with Galway at Oranmore, she had won her heat in the 100 metres sprint in the Galway Community Games. After the camogie match she dashed back to Galway for the 100 metres final only to find that the event had been run off in her absence, a hour earlier than it had been timed for.

Undaunted but understandably disappointed, Deirdre then travelled Hyde Park, Roscommon, on Monday for the Connacht junior final against Roscommon.

Galway girls outclass Down and book All-Ireland place

GALWAY 7-1

DOWN 0-2

GALWAY Minor Camogie team had a facile victory over Ulster champions, Down in the All-Ireland Minor semi-final at Oranmore on Sunday. The Galway girls have now reached the All-Ireland Final for the second year in a row and face Cork in the decider at a Cork venue on August 4.

As in the Connacht Final, Galway looked a team of all talents, but so poor were the opposition that it is difficult to know how good this Galway team really is. On Sunday the home side went in front in the second minute from a Deirdre Costello free and from then to the end it was all one way traffic.

Galway piled on score after score with forwards, Deirdre Costello, Patricia Connors, Imelda Hobbins and new star Mary Treacy all getting in on the act.

The Galway defence was again rock solid with captain and full back, Angela Cooney, giving another brilliant display, marking danger forward Ber Hanna out of the game.

Brid Stratford had a magnificent outing and was always in control at entre back. Patty Finnerty and Mullagh's Mary Dolphin playing her first game with the Galway Minors were very impressive.

The home side were completely in control at midfield with Siobhan Maher, Geraldine Kilkelly and Dymphna Connell superb. Local girl Nora O'Rourke had an easy day in goal but dealt capably with anything that came her way. Substitutes, Pauline Linnane, Carmel Coyne and another Oranmore girl, Regina Furey emphasised Galways in depth strength when they were introduced at half time at which stage Galway led by 5-9 to 0-0.

Down were best served by Darena Browne, Cris O'Hare, Mary Mac Aleenann and Susan Walshe.

Galway: N. O'Rourke, A. Cooney (captain), P. Finnerty, M. Dolphin, B. Stratford, S. Maher, G. Kilkelly, D. Connell, D. Costello 1-5, I. Hobbins 0-3, M. Treacy 2-1, P. Connors 4-2. Subs: P. Linnane, C. Coyne, R. Furey.

Down: M. Mussey, M. Smyth, V. Browne, D. Greenan, O. McAleavy, M. McCartan, D. Browne 0-1, S. Walsh, M. Mac Aleenann 0-1, G. Carr, C. O'Hare, B. Hanna.

Referee: M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).

Cork for another final

Cork 5-4
Wexford 1-4

CORK QUALIFIED for their third successive All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship final with a deserved victory over a stronger Wexford side, at Burgess, Killeagh, on Saturday. Judging by their display, they could well make it a hat-trick of victories.

Cork, opened in fine style and after 12 minutes were 2-1 ahead, before Wexford's Claire Cullen nipped inside their defence to lash a low ball into the corner of the net.

After Wexford's goal Cork came storming back and Bernie Cashman added another goal.

Jean Paula Kent was brilliant in this half and picked off three points to leave Cork 3-3 to 1-1 ahead at the break.

Aided by a stiff breeze Wexford mounted several attacks but found a magnificent defence difficult to pass. Despite being in control for the opening ten minutes of this half, they could only muster a point.

Cork had two more goals and a point, while Claire Cullen (from frees) saw Wexford end 1-4, while Cork moved on to the final. Best for Cork were, Brid Walsh, Brid Kelleher, Deirdre Ryan, Ina Leahy, Aine Barry and Jean Paula Kent, while Wexford were best served by Deirdre Hearn; Ailish Atkinson; Claire Cullen; Anne Marie O'Connor.

Scorers: Cork — J. P. Kent 1-4; P. Carey 2-0; C. Currid 1-0; B. Cashman 1-0.

Wexford: C. Cullen 0-4 (frees); C. Cullen 1-0.

Cork: B. Walsh; B. Kelleher; D. Ryan; T. O'Riordan; I. Leahy; C. Mellerick; S. Morley; A. Barry; J. P. Kent; P. Carey; B. Cashman; C. Currid.

Wexford: J. Hanley; D. Hearn; A. Atkinson; A. O'Leary; A. Lyndon; T. Keane; K. Cavanagh; K. Atkinson; A. M. O'Connor; C. Cullen; G. Codd; M. Barron. Subs.: J. Curran for A. Atkinson; F. Willis for K. Cavanagh.

Referee: Helen Sheehy, Limerick.

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Miriam Higgins of Eire Og and Marian Sweeney of Killeagh, two of the key players in tonight's Cork County Camogie championship final.

EIRE ÓG CAN COLLECT

CAMOGIE enthusiasts from all over the county will converge on Riverstown tonight in what is expected to be a classic confrontation between champions Killeagh and their arch rivals Eire Og, in the final of the Cork Senior Championship.

These two sides have dominated the Championship in the last 10 years with Eire Og winning three and Killeagh four titles. Between them they make up 11 of the current Cork Senior panel while others such as Nancy O'Driscoll and Marie Costine have captained winning Cork teams in the past.

Killeagh, as champions and League holders, will start as favourites. They have an exceptionally strong panel and while their team won't be announced until shortly

before the game, there is unlikely to be room for Betty Joyce the former Cork Junior captain and Pat Linehan, captain of the Cork Seniors in 1982, neither of whom have played in the current campaign. They will, however, be able to call on such fine players as Marie Costine, a holder of a record number of "counties" with Imokilly and Killeagh, Catherine Landers, Marian Sweeney, Kathleen Costine, Mary Spillane and Ann Leahy, all of whom have won titles in the past.

Killeagh's path to the final has been steady rather than spectacular. They were hard pressed by Imokilly in the preliminary round but disposed of Ballinora with ease in the first round proper. In the semi-final they showed signs of being vulnerable, having only four points to

spare over a youthful Na Piarasigh team.

Eire Og, meanwhile, have never been far from the top in Championship fare — and have won three "counties" in a row in the years 1977/78 to '79/80 inclusive. They are hungry for success and many neutral observers feel this may be their year. They had a facile win over Aghabullogue in the first round when their Mid-Cork neighbours failed to field their senior players, but showed their determination to succeed by accounting for a tough St. Finbarr's side in unfavourable conditions at Ballinora in the semi-final.

In that game Marian McCarthy showed just why she is the Cork senior goalkeeper and holder of nine All-Ireland medals, while, in the forward line, the twin threat of Mary

Geaney, the scorer of so many spectacular goals in the past, and Cork full back Eileen Dineen must surely have worried the Killeagh mentors.

The Mid-Cork side will also be hoping for good displays from their other experienced players such as Noelle O'Driscoll, who captains the side; Miriam Higgins, the Cork corner back; Marian Roch, such a spirited and whole-hearted player and Nancy O'Driscoll, who has returned after a number of years absence and who has already made such a considerable difference to the side.

These two clubs have given us plenty of excitement in the past, so all is set for what should be a great game. Killeagh have the stronger panel but Eire Og appear to have more de-

termination this year and may well snatch the title from the East Cork girls.

FIXTURES

Tonight: Senior Championship final, Eire Og v Killeagh, at Riverstown, 7.30, referee Annette O'Donovan.

Tomorrow: Under 14 League, Killeagh v St. Catherines, at Killeagh, 7.30, referee St. Catherines Junior "B" League (all 7.30): Sarsfields v Carrigtwohill, referee Castlemartyr; Bishopstown v Blackrock, referee Douglas; Churchtown v Cloyne, referee Killeagh; Passage v Newcestown, referee Kilshannig; Castleknock v Castleknock, referee St. Finbarr's; Araglen v Bride Rovers, referee, St. Catherines. Second named teams have home advantage.

Sunday: All-Ireland Senior Championship, preliminary round, Kilkenny v Clare, at St. John's Park, Kilkenny, 2.00 p.m.; Limerick v Wexford, at Kilmee, Co. Limerick, 2.00 p.m.; Dublin v Antrim, at Silverpark, Leopardstown, 2.00 p.m.

Will Eire Og Dethrone Champions Killeagh?

WILL Eire Og dethrone champions Killeagh in the final of The Cork Senior championship at Riverstown tonight (Friday) 7.30 p.m.? That is the question most neutrals are asking.

One thing is certain the game will attract a large attendance for this most attractive pairing which was on the cards from the night the championship draw was made.

Killeagh are the holders having defeated Na Piarasigh in the final last year but Eire Og, always a great championship team were the ones who put an end to Killeagh's three years run in 1983 only to lose the final to Glen Rovers. They have not, however, tasted ultimate success since the halcyon days of the late seventies when they won three counties in a row.

In the meantime Killeagh have won four championships in five years and will be determined to retain their crown. The East Cork girls have had the harder path to the final. They were hard pressed by divisional side Imokilly in the preliminary round, showed their true form by accounting for Ballinora in the first round and survived some anxious moments before overcoming a youthful Na Piarasigh side by four points in the semi-final.

They have a vastly experienced team which includes Marie Costine at full back, Catherine Landers, one of the strongest centre-backs in the country, Ann

Marie Landers, the present Cork captain, and Marian Sweeney, a prolific goalscorer. Their team has not yet been announced but there appears to be no room for Betty Joyce, former Cork junior captain, or Pat Linehan, a former Cork senior captain recently returned from the missions, neither of whom have played in this year's campaign, but it is this strength in depth that makes this side so formidable.

Eire Og had a facile win over Mid-Cork neighbours Aghabullogue in the first round, but it was in the semi-final that they showed their determination to win when they accounted for a very fast and strong St. Finbarr's side in unfavourable ground conditions at Ballinora. They too have a strong side, from Marian McCarthy in goal, who played so magnificently in the semi-final to Mary Geaney, one of their most experienced players at full forward.

Nancy O'Driscoll returns to the side after a number of years absence and her experience will surely be an asset to the side. Eileen Dineen on the other hand may revert to her usual role at full back from her successful position in the forwards. Miriam Higgins, their Cork defender and holder of five Dublin championship medals will be hoping for her first Cork Championship trophy while Joan Shannon and Margo Twomey will be hoping to

catch the eye of the Cork selectors by putting in a good display.

The game is certain to be a thriller with the outcome in doubt until the final whistle. Killeagh certainly look the stronger side, but on this occasion Eire Og look to be more determined and may well lift their first title in six years.

There is a full list of fixtures for the coming week with the fixtures secretary concentrating on the underage competitions while on the national front the first of the senior championship games are down for decision with wins expected for Kilkenny over Clare, Dublin over Antrim and Wexford over Limerick.

Friday, July 26: Senior Championship final — Eire Og v Killeagh at Riverstown, 7.30. (Referee Annette O'Donovan).

Saturday, July 27: Under 14 League — Killeagh v St. Catherines at Killeagh, 7.30. (Referee St. Catherines).

Junior "B" League — all 7.30: Sarsfields v Carrigtwohill (Referee Castlemartyr); Bishopstown v Blackrock (Referee Douglas); Churchtown v Cloyne (Referee Killeagh); Passage v Newcestown (Referee Passage); Kilshannig v Castleknock (Referee St. Finbarr's); Araglen v Bride Rovers (Referee St. Catherines).

All second named teams have home advantage.

Sunday, July 28: All-Ireland Senior Championship preliminary rounds:

Kilkenny v. Clare at St. John's Park, Kilkenny, 3.00 p.m. (Referee Miriam Higgins, Cork).

Limerick v. Wexford at Kilmee, Co. Limerick, 3.00 p.m. (Referee Kathleen Quinn, Galway).

Dublin v. Antrim at Silverpark, Leopardstown, 3.00 p.m. (Referee Belle O'Loughlin, Down).

Tuesday, July 30: Under 14 League — St. Catherines v. Watergrasshill at St. Catherines, 7.30 (Referee Watergrasshill).

Under 16 League — St. Finbarr's v. Bishopstown 'B' at Bishopstown, 7.30. (Referee Na Piarasighs). Glen Rovers v. Kilshannig at Kilshannig, 7.30. (Referee Castleknock).

Under 18 League — Erins Own v. Bride Rovers at Erins Own, 7.30. (Referee Watergrasshill).

Wednesday, July 31: Junior "A" League — Inniscarra v. Cloughduv at Inniscarra, 7.30. (Referee Aghabullogue). Killeagh v. Na Piarasigh at Na Piarasigh, 7.30. (Referee Glen Rovers).

Thursday, August 1: Intermediate League — Watergrasshill v. Aghabullogue at Coachford, 7.30. (Referee Cloughduv).

Junior A League — Bishopstown v Ballincollig at Ballincollig, 7.30. (Referee Ballinora).

Under 18 League — St. Finbarr's v. Douglas at St. Finbarr's, 7.30. (Referee Blackrock). Glen Rovers v. Brian Dillons at Glen Rovers, 7.30. (Referee Na Piarasigh).

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ÉIRE ÓG REGAIN COUNTY TITLE

Éire Óg 3-7, Killeagh 1-8

ÉIRE ÓG regained the Cork County title after a lapse of six years at Riverstown last evening when they defeated the holders Killeagh in a hard fought game.

The match did not produce top class camogie, but was always interesting as no more than three points separated the sides until two minutes from the finish when the winners had their third goal.

Éire Óg played with the wind in the openin period, but found it hard to get scores against a tough Killeagh defence which gave their forwards little scope. When they turned over with a two point lead 1-4 to 0-5 it did not look enough as the holders would have the advantage of the wind in the second period.

LOOKED BAD

When Killeagh scored a goal four minutes into the second half to gain the lead it looked bad for Éire Óg, but the East Cork team were not able to capitalise on a good supply of the ball from midfield and as the game wore on Éire Óg came more into it.

It took Éire Óg fifteen minutes to open their account in the second half as they had to wait until ten minutes from time for Ann O'Leary to cut Killeagh's lead to two points.

Killeagh scored again shortly afterwards and looked set for victory, but Éire Óg hit a purple patch in the final seven minutes which gave them a well deserved victory. Captain Noelle O'Driscoll was on hand to score a vital goal and minutes later had a point to give her side a two point cushion.

Killeagh continued to press, but some fine clearances from Éire Óg keeper Marion McCarthy put the Killeagh defence under fierce pressure and a minute and a half from time Mary Geaney shot home to put the issue beyond doubt.

BRILLIANT GAME

Marion McCarthy had a brilliant game for the winners and could not be faulted for the Killeagh goal. Joan Shanahan did a great job in harassing Killeagh's most dangerous player Marion Sweeney while Miriam Higgins had a fine game at centre half-back. Ann O'Leary was the pick of the centrefield players, while Noelle O'Driscoll had an excellent game at centre half-forward. Mary Geaney found the going tough against Marie O'Donovan until the last ten minutes when she really came out on top.

For Killeagh, Marie O'Donovan had a great game at full back, while

Mary Spillane and Breda Landers played well in the half back line.

Ann Mary Landers and Patsy Keniry worked hard at midfield, while Bernie Costine was the pick of the half forwards. Marion Sweeney had an excellent game at full forward, but

was given little scope by a hard tackling defence.

Scorers for Éire Óg: Noelle O'Driscoll 2-2 (0-1 frees), Mary Geaney 1-2, A. O'Leary 0-2, Eileen Dinneen 0-1. Killeagh: Patsy Keniry 0-6 (0-5 frees, 0-1 (30)), Patricia Fitzgibbon 0-2, Bernie Costine 1-0.

Killeagh: Kathleen Costine, Marie O'Donovan, Mary Spillane, Catherine Landers, Bridie Landers, Ann Marie Landers, Shelly

Spillane, Patsy Keniry, Bernie Costine, Monica Motherway, Pat Fitzgibbon, Marion Sweeney.

Éire Óg: Marion McCarthy, Joan Shanahan, Margo Twomey, Miriam Higgins, Marion Beck, Grainne Mackey, Ann O'Leary, Nancy O'Donovan, Eileen Dinneen, Noelle O'Driscoll, Sarah Murphy, Mary Geaney. Subs: Mary O'Donovan for Sarah Murphy.

Referee: Annette O'Donovan (Glen Rovers).



Éire Óg forward Ann O'Leary racing goalwards, having rounded a Killeagh defender, during the Co. Final at Riverstown last night. —("Examiner").



A fine clearance by Marie O'Donovan of Killeagh to end an Éire Óg attack led by Sarah Murphy during the Co. Camogie Final at Riverstown last night.



Ann Marie Landers



Mary Geaney



ST FINBARRS — Cork Under 18 Champions—**BACK**—Ina Collins, Colette Carey, Deirdre Ryam, Deirdre Christie, Marie O'Sullivan, Dolores Duffy, Toinette Santry, Fiona O'Donovan. **MIDDLE**—Joan Barrett, Orla O'Malley, Ann Collins, Paula Carey, Colette Cronin, Yvonne O'Neill, Aileen Morris. **FRONT**—Fiona Harte, Niamh O'Sullivan, Colette O'Mahony, Fiona O'Sullivan, Mary Barry, Angela Goulding.



BRIAN DILLONS—Cork Under 18 Championship Runners-Up— **Back**—Elaine Woods, Pauline O'Callaghan, Vivienne O'Brien, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Karen Mellerick, Mary Rose, Caroline O'Brien, Linda Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan, Mary Murphy. **FRONT**—Claire Barry, Gail Fleming, Catherine Murphy, Aileen Barry, Lisa O'Brien, Helena Barry, Mary Mulcahy
Photo—Mary Moran



THE GLEN ROVERS FEILE TEAM — Photo Mary Moran



CASTLEMARTYR FEILE TEAM — Photo — Mary Moran



AGHABULLOGUE — CORK FEILE CHAMPIONS 1985 — Photo—Mary Moran



THE FR. O'NEILLS TEAM WHO TOOK PART IN CORK FEILE — Photo—Mary Moran

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Antrim come down to face uphill task

THE 15 All-Ireland Senior Championship gets under way on Sunday with three preliminary round matches. Played on the Open Draw system, three Leinster counties are paired with Munster and Ulster opponents in attractive ties.

Each county will take the field with high hopes of a good championship run. But, by Sunday evening, the inter-country season will have come to an end for the players of three counties.

Dublin, who regained the All-Ireland Championship last September after an absence of 11 years, set out in defence of their title. Led by Edel Murphy, they are most anxious to extend their winning sequence. Their assignment on Sunday appears to be well within their scope.

Antrim travel to Dublin to tackle the champions.

Their record in the championship has been poor since winning their sixth title in 17. Since then they have lost key players like Joe McClements, Mairead McGill, and Carol McAllister. Their replacements are young and inexperienced and unlikely to cause an upset.

WON SECTION

Dublin won their section of the National League in impressive fashion. Short four prominent players, they faltered to Kilkenny in the replay of the League Final. They have since reversed that decision with the aid of some of the missing players in the Leinster Championship.

Marie Connelliss till o ut of action with an ankle injury and goalkeeper, Yvonne Redmond, is in America. Such is the strength and depth of the Dublin squad that they are expected to advance without trouble. He combined

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efforts of Germaine Noonan, Una Crowley, Carmel O'Byrne, Bernice O'Byrne, Barbara Redmond and del Murphy should see them through.

Antrim had a poor record in the League. Currently in the process of rebuilding their side, they finished without a point. While good individual displays are to be expected from Mary McMullan, Mary Lundy, Siobhan Henry, Bridget McAteer and Anne McGarry, it would be a major surprise if they lowered the colours of the champions.

Clare travel to Kilkenny to face the National League champions in the second tie. The performance of the Banner side in the League and Munster Championship suggests victory for the home team. As Clare have lost interest in the junior

championship, they may decide to promote some of the better players to the first twelve.

UPHILL TASK

Maureen Davoren, Liz Condon, Clare Jones, Mary Howard and Veronica Casey will battle away for Clare but it will be an uphill task against an in-form Kilkenny side. With Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Anne Downey, Anna Whelan and Marie Fitzpatrick showing such good form in the Nowlan Park replay, Kilkenny seem set to advance.

The most intriguing tie of the preliminary round would seem to be the meeting of Limerick and Wexford. Limerick had the edge over Wexford in their League clash but the championship is a different ball game. Limerick have won the Munster Junior Championship which presents a problem for their selectors.

During the League campaign, they used some

players which are still eligible to play junior championship camogie. Whether to hold the junior side together or to promote certain individuals is the question. Limerick have fine players in Vera Mulcahy, Pauline McCarthy, Brid Stokes, Helen Sheehy and Bernice O'Dea but need a few of the junior side to complete their team.

Wexford ran Tipperary to a replay in last year's semi-final. They showed good form against Dublin in the recent Leinster championship. Despite the loss of Elsie Cody, who is unavailable at the moment, Wexford have outstanding players in Tina Fitzhenry, Kathleen Tonks, Jackie Codd, Gertrude O'Leary and Caroline Farrington and may advance to the first round proper.

BREATH TAKING

Angela Downey gave a breath-taking performance in retaining her Graham

Bishopstown book passage

BY TOM HIGGINS

Bishopstown 7-0
Granagh-Ballingarry
(Limerick) 2-1

BISHOPSTOWN booked their passage to the Community Games finals at Mosney, Co. Meath in September when they defeated Limerick champions Granagh-Ballingarry in the Munster camogie final at Mallow on Saturday.

The losers got off to a good start with a point after ninety seconds but they had to wait until three minutes for the end for their second score, a goal by Bernie O'Brien, with Joanne Treacy having another just before the end to put a more respectable look on the score sheet.

Eithne Duggan, put the Cork side in front with a goal after four minutes and they never looked back. They had a second from Elaine O'Connor two minutes later and a third from Cora McCarthy in the 13th minute after Edel Ryan's effort from a "30" came back off the post.

Bishopstown continued to dominate to the interval but poor shooting proved costly and they failed to add to their total.

Bishopstown wrapped up the game six minutes after the break when Edel Kearney had the first of her four goals.

Aisling O'Leary had a fine game in goal for the winners and got excellent cover from Myra Harrington, Shirley Kelleher and Judy Walsh. Elaine O'Connor and Edel Ryan stood out at centrefield while up front Eithne Duggan, Sinead White and Edel Kearney were prominent. For the losers, Alice Moran had a fine game at full-back while in a hard pressed defence, Vera Sheehan and Catriona O'Gorman played well. Bernie O'Brien was their best player at midfield while Sinead Hartnett and Joanne Treacy tried hard up front.

Scorers—Bishopstown: Edel Kearney 4-0, Eithne Duggan 1-0, Elaine O'Connor 1-0, and Cora McCarthy 1-0. Granagh-Ballingarry: Bernie O'Brien 1-1, Joanne Treacy 1-0.

Bishopstown—A. O'Leary, M. Harrington, J. Walsh, B. Keating, Shirley Kelleher, E. Ryan, E. O'Connor, C. Murphy, E. Duggan, S. White, E. Kearney, C. McCarthy. Subs: L. O'Mullane for C. McCarthy, S. Barry for C. Murphy, O. Higgins for S. White. Granagh-Ballingarry—N. Biggane, A. Moran, C. O'Gorman, K. Sheehan, V. Sheehan, B. O'Brien, E. McKenna, P. McAuliffe, S. Hartnett, J. Treacy, M. Sheehan, K. Horgan. Subs: H. Roche for K. Sheehan, N. O'Brien for C. O'Gorman, B. O'Grady for S. Hartnett. Referee: E. O'Neill.

Feast of camogie in prospect in county final double bill

THE County Senior and Junior Camogie finals will be staged at Oranmore on Sunday. The Junior final has a 2.30 p.m. start between near neighbours Gort and surprise packets St. Thomas'.

Gort have been very impressive in route to the decider and with players like the Kilkelly sisters, Geraldine and Mary, the Linnane sisters, Bernie and Bridget, Dara Hennelly, Ann Murray, Carmel Burke and Patricia Connors they will be difficult to beat.

St. Thomas' also have good players in Kilkenny Senior star, Ann Kelly, Junior County player, Carmel Linnane, Rose Murray, Geraldine Geoghegan and Louise Carty have the ability to make this a great final.

The Senior game has a 3.30 p.m. start with Athenry, shock winners over champions, St. Marys meeting one of the county's newest clubs, Pearces, in what should be a great final.

Athenry have experienced players in Breda Coady, Noreen Treacy, Cris Silke, Madge Hobbins, Una Jordan, Ann Morris and Teresa Kavanagh. But Pearces have trained very hard under former County trainer, Michael Kennedy and with such talented young players as County Junior panelists, Ann Kennedy, Ann Ryan, Sheila Coen, UCD Camogie player of 1985, Breda Kenny, along with Angela Laheen, Maura Kennedy and Margaret Carrig, Pearces could take the title but it should be a thriller.

TITLE RETAINED

SIXMILEBRIDGE (holders) . 4-6
WOLFE TONES (Shannon) .. 0-4

CRUCIAL GOALS, one on the stroke of half-time and another two minutes after the changeover, put the stronger Sixmilebridge side well on the road to their third on-the-trot county senior camogie title at rain-lashed Cusack Park on Wednesday evening.

These scores sounded the deathknell for Shannon's bold bid and effectively killed off their title chances. However, it was the ability of the 'Bridge forwards to cash in on the chances that came their way which put a dividing margin between the sides that was as decisive as it was deserving.

In stark contrast, however, the Shannon forwards failed to breach a firm and solid 'Bridge rearguard and evidence of this fact was that only one of their forwards got on the scoresheet.

The winners defence was in excellent form with Noleen Quinn, Claire Cooney, Marian Lynch, Mary Ann and Yvonne McInerney contributing handsomely to this success.

For Shannon Caroline O'Meara, Susan Justice, Mary Fitzgibbon, Rosie O'Shaughnessy, Liz Condon, Claire Jones and Therese Naughton were prominent.

After the game the cup was presented to the 'Bridge captain

Kathleen Murphy by Eddie McNicholas of the Clare Camogie Board.

Sixmilebridge: Lesle O'Brien, Dolores Murphy, Geraldine Morey, Siobhan Bailey, Kathleen Murphy, Noleen Quinn (2-2), Claire Cooney, Olive O'Reilly, Yvonne McInerney (2-1), Marian Lynch (1-2), Margaret Murphy and Mary Ann McInerney (1-1). Sub.: Mairead Toomey. In goal: Murphy.

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All-Ireland Open Draw, Senior:
Dublin 4-13, Antrim 0-2; Kilkenny 5-13, Clare 0-1.
Galway County Finals—Senior:
Athenry, 1-5; Pearces, 0-2. Junior:
Gort, 2-3; St. Thomas', 0-2.

LIMERICK LOSE TO WEXFORD

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Limerick seniors were defeated by Wexford on Sunday last in Kilmee in the open championship.

Limerick, playing with only 6 of their regular team, the others being reserved for the junior team who will contest the All-Ireland semi-final in two weeks time, fought bravely. They were the first to score and for a while in the first half it appeared as if they would give Wexford a good run. Pauline McCarthy was on target on two more occasions. By half time Wexford led by 2-4 to Limerick 3 points.

Wexford settled well in the second half and with the wind on their side they quickly took advantage of this weakened team to chalk up a further 4-6.

Limerick team: H. Sheehy, B. O'Dea, T. Ahern, P. Scanlan, H. Collins, P. McCarthy, B. McKenna, E. O'Grady, B. Stokes, M. Gilbourne, N. Noonan, M. Ahern.

Ballygran 4-2
Drumcollogher 1-6

Ballygran, having been dormant for a number of years, are back in the limelight again. In a very exciting and close match they beat Drumcollogher in the junior championship final. Helen Moynihan opened the scoring with a goal followed by a point from a free. This was added to by Maisie Clifford with a well taken goal. Drumcollogher were slow to settle and brought back the lead point by point to leave the half time score at Ballygran 2-1 to Drumcollogher 0-4.

In the second half, Drumcollogher continued to close the gap. Mary Lenihan was again on target for a point. Then Eileen Geary got 2 quick goals for Ballygran, but Drumcollogher kept fighting back. Ann Lenihan doubled on a shot in the air to score a fine goal, and followed this up with a point. M. Clifford replied with a point to leave the full time score at 4-2 for Ballygran to 1-6 for Drumcollogher.

Ballygran: M. Cagney, B. Murphy, C. Cunningham, M. Kelleher, M. Fitzgerald, J. O'Keefe, C. Fitzgerald, H. Cagney, M. Clifford, Eileen Geary, M. Moynihan.

Drumcollogher team: G. Barrett, E. O'Callaghan, Liz Stack, P. Noonan, M. Flynn, M. Lenihan, K. Noonan, C. Flynn, A. Lenihan, D. Mulcahy, M. Roche, B. O'Leary.



Antrim's Mary Lundy keeps ahead of Dublin during their All-Ireland Open Draw Senior Camogie Championship tie at Silver Park, Dublin, yesterday

DUBLIN ARE FANCIED

With the Dublin seniors having successfully surmounted the challenge of Ulster rivals Antrim in the open draw championship last Sunday, focus of attention this weekend will be on the juniors who have to travel to Rathnure tomorrow to meet Wexford in the provincial decider.

Following their magnificent victory over Kildare in a pulsating semi-final this metropolitan outfit will travel with confidence to the south eastern venue. However, just as was the case with the seniors last weekend the selectors have been thwarted this week by holidays and injuries.

Dublin should be able to

field a team more or less along the lines as that which commenced the game against the Lily Whites. Cathy Hickey has certainly benefited from her two outings with the seniors and with patsy Murphy and Carmel Gray playing very soundly in front of her in the defence Wexford will need to be on top of their form to get scorers.

Captain Jo Holden, who had a brilliant game last time out will again provide the inspiration to those around her, with her tireless energy.

If Wexford have any aspirations of advancing to the All-Ireland semi-final they will also have to curb the enthusiasm of the young Cuala player.

In the forward line the young Marino duo, Denise O'Leary and Sharon Mullen along with Geraldine Dunne should get enough of the ball to notch the vital scores.

Next Wednesday evening in Drumcar, newly crowned county champions Crumlin will oppose the Louth champions St. Annes in the Leinster club championship.

FIXTURES TOMORROW

Leinster Junior Final: Wexford v Dublin, Rathnure (3.00).

Wednesday August 7: Leinster Club Championship: St. Annes (South) v Crumlin (Dublin) Drumcar (7.30).

First outing results in easy win

KILKENNY senior camogie team had an easy victory over Clare in the open draw all-Ireland championship on Sunday.

They emerged winners by 5-13 to 0-3. Scorers for Kilkenny were Angela Downey (2-6), Joe Dunne (2-3), Breda Holmes (1-1), Margaret Farrell (0-2), Anna Whelan (0-1).

Kilkenny under-14 team had a hard-earned victory over Dublin by 2-3 to 2-2 in the Leinster final on Saturday. It was anyone's game up to the final whistle.

This is Kilkenny's second time to win this competition, the last time being 1982.

Scorers for Kilkenny were Angela Moran (1-0), Liz Fogarty (1-0), Geraldine Ryan and Carmel Ryan (0-1 each). Others to play well were V. Wall in goal, S. O'Sullivan, D. Lannon, S. Carroll, Geraldine Brennan.

Team: V. Wall, S. O'Sullivan, C. Hickey, E. Kennedy, D. Lannon, L. Fogarty, G. Ryan, S. Carroll, P. Cleere, C. Ryan, G. Brennan, F. Aylward.

The senior county final will be played in Callan on Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. between St. Paul's and St. Brigid's, Ballycallan.

This should be one of the best finals for some time as there has been very little between the sides any time they met.

In the county final two years ago it was a last minute goal that gave St. Paul's victory. Both sides have a number of county players of senior grade and also juniors and minor rank.

Minor specialists' show down!

MINOR specialists, Cork and Galway hold between them nine of the eleven All Ireland titles decided to date. At St. Finbarr's Grounds, Cork on Sunday, these counties will meet to determine the destination of the 1985 All Ireland Minor Championship.

Cork chase their eighth crown and their second hat-trick. Winners in 1977 and 1981, Galway hope to chalk up number three. At Loughrea last season, these sides met in the final.

Galway appeared to have had the match sewn up by half time. But Cork fought their way back into the game and eventually won by 2-12 to 5-0.

On paper Galway look very impressive. The success of Sarsifields (Feile na nGael) New Inn (Community Games) and St. Raphael's (Colleges in recent years is reflected in the team.

Galway met with no serious challenge in Connacught and thrashed Ulster champions. Down in the semi final.

Nora O'Rourke has not really been tested in the Galway goal but may have a busier time on Sunday afternoon. Team captain, Angela Cooney fields at full back. Angela is one of the survivors from last year's side and is a sister of Galway hurler, Jimmy.

Brid Stratford who collected a National Junior League medal recently, figures at centre back and is flanked by Patie Finnerty and Mary Dolphin. Mary captained St. Raphael's junior side to win the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship in March and returned to the field moments later to take a senior medal also.

STRONG

Geraldine Kilkenny, Siobhan Maher and Dymphna Connell form a very strong midfield line. The skilful Deirdre Costello who finished joint second in Gramdam Tailte features at centre forward where she will present problems for the Cork defence.

Galway do not depend on Deirdre alone when it comes to taking scores. She gets plenty of assistance in this regard from Mary Treacy, Imelda Hobbs and Patricia Connors.

Eight of the Cork team which started in last season's final are overage and have been replaced. One of those bidding for a second medal is goalkeeper, Brid Walsh, sister of Cork senior hurler Denis.

Deirdre Ryan at full back is a newcomer. The St. Finbarr's player is a daughter of former Tipperary hurler, Mick Ryan.

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Ina Leahy from Killeagh leads the defence. Completing the half back line are Brid Kelleher of Aghabullogue and Tracy O'Riordan of Glen Rovers. Two St. Patrick's School players, Aileen Barry and Karen Mellerick are positioned on the wings.

Young Sheenah Morley played her first full game in the semi final and deservedly retains her place. She is a daughter of former Cork and Munster defender Joan Morley (Clancy).

Both team captain, Paula Carey and Jean Paula Kent are in line for their third minor medal. Left forward, Carmel Currid is a sister of former Cork minors, Anne and Marv. Bernice Cashman, cousin of Cork hurler, Tom, completes the side at full forward.

STEPPED UP

Cork did not have a smooth path to the final. They were nearly caught by Clare in their first outing. A weak Tipperary defence enabled Cork to reach the Munster final where Limeric presented all sorts of problems before conceding victory. Cork stepped up their performance to score a four

goal win over Wexford in the semi final.

Anyone who witnessed the thrilling exhibition served up by these counties in Loughrea last August will want to see the repeat showing on Sunday. Minor finals reach a very high standard of skill, commitment and excitement and are always most entertaining.

Galway feel that they let the title slip away from them on the last occasion and will be highly motivated to make amends.

The final of the Leinster Junior Championship will be staged at Rathnure on Sunday. Holders Dublin travel to take on the home side Dublin have a good

record in this grade. With players of the calibre of Jo HKOLDEN, Denise O'Leary, Tony O'Byrne, Patricia Clinton and Anne Cooper they will take beating.

Wexford have accounted for Carlow, Westmeath and Meath to date. Tish Dreehan, Bernie Higgins, Sinean Cowman, Rkta Reddy and Nora O'Leary will fight hard for a home victory. However, Dublin's experience and craft may pull them through.

Killeagh, who won four out of the last five Cork Championships, relinquished their crown to Eire Og at the weekend. Goalkeeper,

Marion McCarthy, Mary Geaney, Miriam Higgins, Eileen Dineen and Nancy O'Driscoll played major roles in bringing the cup to mid-Cork for the first time since 1979.

ONE SIDED

The three preliminary round matches in the Open Draw proved to be very one-sided affairs and highlighted the yawning gap between the top teams and other contenders. Limerick, Antrim and Clare were at the receiving end of heavy defeats. Wexford, Dublin and Kilkenny advance to meet Tipperary Down and Louth respectively in the next round.

Galway — N. O'Rourke, A. Cooney (Capt), P. Finnerty, B. Stratford, M. Dolphin, G. Kilkenny, Siobhan Magher, D. Connell, M. Treacy, D. Costello, L. Hobbs and P. Connors.

CORK — B. Walsh, D. Ryan, B. Kelleher, I. Leahy, T. O'Riordan, A. Barry, S. Morley, K. Mellerick, J. P. Kent, P. Carey (Capt), C. Currid and B. Cashman.

FIXTURES

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All Ireland Minor Final — At St. Finbarr's, Cork 2.0, Cork v Galway.

Leinster Junior Championship Final — At Rathnure 3.0 Wexford v Dublin.

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Cork Is Set For Camogie At Its Best

THE cream of the country's minor camogie talent will be in action on Sunday next at St. Finbarrs grounds when the All-Ireland minor championship final between Cork and Galway will be played, in what should be a most exciting afternoon of camogie.

Cork have won the minor title a record seven times and are going for their third in a row on Sunday. Galway have taken the title on two occasions, in 1977 and 1981, and no Cork follower will forget the All-Ireland decider of last season when the Connacht champions went so close to depriving the Leesiders of their crown.

In that meeting of the sides, Galway were ahead at one stage by a staggering four goals and looked all set for their third title. However, Cork battled back to gain the narrowest of victories.

With five of that Galway side in the line-up for Sunday, including Deirdre Costello, who scored a tremendous five goals against Cork in last year's decider; Brid Stratford, who along with Deirdre won junior national league medals this season; Angela Cooney, Pattie Finnerty and Imelda Hobbins, available the Connacht champions have the nucleus of a very good side indeed.

In recent years, Galway have been very strong in under age and colleges competitions and Community Games, Feile na nGael and All-Ireland senior and junior titles have all gone west. They were bitterly disappointed at last year's dramatic defeat and are determined to prove that they are the top young side in the country. And what better way to do it than by defeating Cork in their own ground, in an All-Ireland decider.

But, of course, the Cork girls will have other ideas and if they can play as well as they did against the fancied Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final, then they must be there with a very good chance.

The holders had a tougher journey to the final than their opponents, who had little trouble in winning out in Connacht

and defeated Down in their semi-final by 7-11 to 0-2. For their part, Cork had a single point win over an excellent Clare side in their first round Munster tie. They did have a comparatively easy win over a disappointing Tipperary side, but how they had to battle against Limerick in the Munster decider before emerging victorious by 3-9 to 2-2.

They then faced a fancied Wexford side — who had hammered Dublin, and scored a marvellous 18 goals in their championship campaign — two weeks ago and in this semi-final they produced their best form as they went straight into the game from the throw-in and put the star-studded Wexford side out of their stride. Cork had to battle all the way to the finish of the game but thoroughly deserved their win.

And the selectors were obviously satisfied too because they have retained the side en bloc. This means that Brid Walsh, who is having such an outstanding championship is again in goal, with Deirdre Ryan at full-back, and Brid Kelleher, Ina Leahy and Tracy O'Riordan making up the half-line. These four have had many testing moments, but they have handled everything that has come their way so far and were particularly effective against the strong Wexford attack.

Karen Mellerick and Aileen Barry were members of last year's early panels and Karen came into the final team when Deirdre Christie had to cry off through injury. So these too are experienced minors and they will be at wing centre, where they will be joined by new minor Sheenagh Morley, who came in as a reserve in the second-half of the Munster final, and retained her place in the Wexford game. This trio played very well in their last outing and a repeat performance on Sunday is vital.

In attack Cork have their two most experienced performers in the brilliant Paula Carey and Jean Paula Kent. These two are chasing their third succes-



● Brid Kelleher (Aghabullogue)



● Brid Walsh (Cloughduv)



● Jean Paula Kent (Na Piarasigh)



● Karen Mellerick (Brian Dillons)

sive All-Ireland medals — no mean feat at their tender age — and if they strike top form then Cork will be hard to stop. Both are capable of being matchwinners in their own right and on Sunday they will be joined in the forwards by Ber Cashman and Carmel Currid, both of whom have scored valuable goals during the campaign.

Many followers will fancy Galway in this tie. They are certain to be strong and difficult to contain and if Deirdre Costello and Brid Stratford are not held in check, then Cork will be in big trouble.

But Cork teams down through the years have revelled in the "underdog" tag. They have a great tradition behind them and if they can reproduce the form which saw them account for Wexford, and in front of a home following, then they could make it a hat-trick of titles.

Cork: Brid Walsh (Cloughduv), Deirdre Ryan (St. Finbarrs), Brid Kelleher (Aghabullogue), Ina

Leahy (Killeagh), Gracy O'Riordan (Glen Rovers), Aileen Barry (Brian Dillons), Sheenagh Morley (Bishopstown), Karen Mellerick (Brian Dillons), Jean Paula Kent (Na Piarasigh), Paula Carey (St. Finbarrs, captain), Carmel Currid (Glen Rovers), Ber Cashman (Blackrock). Subs: Joy Nicholl (Erins Own), Helen O'Connor (Killeagh), Loraine Kelly (Na Piarasigh), Aine Buckley (Bishopstown), Bernie Power (Bishopstown), Deirdre Carroll (Bishopstown), Betty Buckley (Watergrasshill).

Galway: Nora O'Rourke, Angela Cooney (Captain), Pattie Finnerty, Brid Stratford, Mary Dolphin, Geraldine Kennedy, Siobhan Maher, Dymphna Connell, Mary Treacy, Deirdre Costello, Imelda Hobbins, Patricia Connors.

FIXTURES

Sunday: All Ireland M-final: Cork v Galway at St. Finbarrs, 2 p.m.



Deirdre Ryan (St. Finbarrs) and Ina Leahy (Killeagh) who will be lining out for Cork on Sunday.

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CORK, the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Champions, 1985 (from left): **BACK:** Brid Walsh, Aine Buckley, Joy Nicholls, Deirdre Ryan, Sheenagh Morley, Aileen Barry, Betty Buckley, Ina Leahy, Bernie Power, Karen Mellerick and Helen O'Connor. **FRONT:** Deirdre Carroll, Brid Kelleher, Tracy O'Riordan, Jean Paula Kent, Carmel Currid, Paula Carey (capt.), Bernie Cashman and Lorraine Kelly.

—(Picture by Art O'Callaghan)

Further high scoring likely

HIGH scoring has been a feature of the 1985 All-Ireland Senior Championship to date. The winning sides in the three first round matches notched a cumulative total of 15-36. This trend is likely to continue in at least two of the quarter-final games to be decided on Sunday.

Kilkenny effortlessly ran up a high score against luckless Clare in their opening game. The National League champions are at home to Louth and seem set for another comfortable win.

The Noreiders are playing well at the moment and are fancied by many to reach Croke Park in September. They comprehensively defeated Louth in the League, with Liz Neary, Anna Whelan, Margaret Farrell, Angela Downey and Bridie McGarry in form. It would be a major surprise if Louth were to end their championship hopes.

While nothing may be taken for granted in the championship, Dublin, who registered 17 scores against Antrim, should have the measure of Down with

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something to spare. The combined play of Germaine Noonan, Bernie Toner, Mary Mernagh, Una Crowley and Barbara Redmond should provide sufficient openings for the inside girls, Edel Murphy, Carmel O'Byrne and Joan Gormley to mount a winning tally.

The Wexford v Tipperary clash is an interesting one. It took two games to separate these sides last season. Wexford have the advantage of a championship outing. They registered an easy win over Limerick, but would not want to read too much into it. Limerick fielded six newcomers to championship camogie and they allowed Wexford an unrealistic amount of time and space.

HOLIDAYING

Tipperary will be without Deirdre Lane, who is holidaying in the States. They have not had a competitive match for almost two months and this may tell against them. Mary

Sheedy, Maura Hackett, Margaret Madden, Rosie Ryan, Jenny English and Anne Gleeson have plenty of ability and will test Wexford.

Wexford have a strong defence built around Kathleen Tonks, Tina Fitzhenry and Geraldine Wynne. Further afield Anne Reddy, Stella Sinnott, Jackie Codd, Eileen Kehoe and Dorothy Kenny can take their scores. This game could go either way and there should be little between them at the finish.

Galway host Cork in the fourth tie. National Junior League champions, they have qualified for an All-Ireland Junior semi-final with Dublin on Sunday week and may not wish to use any of excellent prospects they have on that panel. Available to their selectors will be Chris Silke, Una Jordan, Breda Kenny, Madge Robbins, Noreen Treacy and Anne Briscoe.

Cork took a hammering from Dublin at Ballincollig last March and have been out of the limelight ever since. The majority of their

1983 All-Ireland winning team is still available including Marion McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Cathy Landers, Clare Cronin, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Mary O'Leary. Cork are anxious to do well in this one and qualify for another tilt against Dublin in the semi-final.

The Cork minors extended their marvellous record in this grade by taking their eighth All-Ireland title in 12 years. With Tracy O'Riordan policing Galway's danger girl, Deirdre Costello, Cork never let their visitors play their usual free scoring game. Splendid performances were given by Jean Paula Kent, surely a senior player of the future, Ina Leahy, Brid Kelleher, Brid Walsh, Aileen Barry and Karen Mellerick for the winners.

FIXTURES

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINALS
At Ardahan (2.0) — Galway v Cork.
At Leitrim (3.0) — Down v Dublin.
At Rathnure (3.0) — Wexford v Tipperary.
At Lisdowney (3.0) — Kilkenny v Louth.

Galway open camogie campaign

THE Galway Senior Camogie team play their first game in this year's Championship when they entertain old rivals, Cork on Sunday at Ardahan at 2 p.m.

In this year's National League the seniors had big wins over Antrim, Louth and Down and their only defeat was at the hands of eventual league winners Kilkenny.

While Cork will start favourites, Galway will pose many problems and a home win is very much a possibility. The Galway team is not yet selected but is sure to contain Mary Kelly, Madge Hobbins, Carmel and Ann Briscoe, Una Jordan, Ann Morris, Noreen Treacy, Cris Silke, Mary Keane, Breda Kenny, Mairead Coyle and Kitty Hoey.

A big crowd is expected at Ardahan for the game. The organising committee are Gort Camogie Club, winners of the County Junior title.

Cork and Wexford in

CORK 3-10, GALWAY 1-4

CORK were presented with a very easily-earned ticket into the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-finals, when accounting for a rather disappointing Galway side at rain-soaked Ardahan yesterday.

SCORERS — Cork L. Meelick (1-3), M. Greaney (1-1), M. O'Leary (0-3), P. Kenvig (1-1), L. Dunphy (0-1), Anne Marie Landers (0-1). Galway — K. Hoey (0-4), B. Kenny (1-0).

**WEXFORD 3-4
TIPPERARY 3-3**

WEXFORD also booked a place in the semi-finals but had to battle hard for the privilege. It was a tense, see-saw struggle played on a very muddy pitch at Rathnure with the Wexford girls surviving by the closest of margins — a mere point.

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Cork Bid To Regain The Senior Crown

CORK begin their efforts to regain the All-Ireland Senior Championship crown on Sunday next when they meet Galway in one of the four quarter-finals listed for that day. Cork last held the title in 1983 and are very keen to take it back from arch-rivals Dublin, who narrowly defeated the Leesiders in last season's campaign.

Holders Dublin will meet Down on Sunday in their quarter final, and should have little difficulty in advancing and if Cork can account for Galway the sides will then be paired in the semi-final.

In the other quarter-finals Kilkenny will be expected to account for Louth, while the pick of the four games should be that between Wexford and Tipperary who played two great games when they met in last season's competition, before the Munster side emerged victorious.

After a lot of "chopping and changing" throughout the League campaign the Cork selectors have opted for most of the "old guard" for Sunday's tie against Galway. This means that Marian McCarthy, superb for Eire Og in the county championship final is again in goal, with that solid fullback Eileen Dineen in front of her. At centreback will be the uncompromising but stylish Catherine Landers, who will be flanked by the sound Miriam Higgins and Liz Dunphy, who has been given the problem of corner back spot.

Clare Cronin, always such a committed and effi-

cient player is at full centre where she will be partnered by the non-stop Sandy Fitzgibbon and team captain Ann Marie Landers.

Mary Geaney, another who played such a major role for Eire Og this season is back in favour at full-forward, while that experienced duo of Mary O'Leary and Val Fitzpatrick will be at right and centre forward respectively. Linda Mellerick, who came into senior reckoning this season, after being a highly successful minor and junior player, retains the left corner forward spot where she has played impressively for the county during the league campaign.

Can Cork win on Sunday? Well they should, but they would want to remember the hurlers last Sunday — and not be complacent about their chances.

Galway would appear to be concentrating on their junior team this year. They have a very good side already through to the all-Ireland junior semi-final and talk is that they will not disrupt that team for the sake of their seniors, whom they do not rate serious challengers for honours. However, Galway have a number of top class seniors who are almost certain to be in their side, including, goalie Breda Coady, Breda Kenny, Una Jordan, Noreen Treacy and Madge Hobbins, so Cork would need to travel to Galway with respect for the side.

But it will be a big surprise if Cork don't win. A second Munster team

will be challenging for a place in the semi-finals on Sunday, when Tipperary meet Wexford at Rathnure. These sides played two most exciting games in last year's campaign with the Munster side emerging victorious, and another thriller would seem to be on the cards here.

Holders Dublin will not be expected to have too much trouble from Down in their quarter-final clash in Leitrim, while it could be one-way traffic too for Kilkenny when they meet Louth at Lisdowney.

There are no local fixtures for the coming weekend, but there are plenty of Under-14 and Under-16 games listed for Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Finally, congratulations to Cork's victorious minors who brought the first All-Ireland title of the season to Cork on Sunday last. In the decider, played at St. Finbarr's grounds, they defeated a highly-fancied Galway side by an impressive 3-8 to 2-3.

The Cork girls were being led at the interval by two points but after the break they crashed in two marvellous goals and from then on looked really good. What a day it was for Paula Carey of St. Finbarr's and Jean Paula Kent of Na Piarasigh, who both won their third successive All-Ireland medals at this grade, with Jean scoring 1-6 of the tally and Paula captaining the side.

There must be a special bouquet too for young Brid Kelleher of Aghabullogue

who had the onerous task of policing Galway star Deirdre Costello (who scored five goals against Cork last season) and what a marvellous job she did, confining the "shooting" star to 1-1. But basically this was a team effort and everyone involved, including selectors Betty Joyce, Angela Higgins, Mary Maher, Louise Cosgrove and Eleanor Twomey, deserve full credit for a job well done.

FIXTURES

Sunday: All-Ireland S.C. Quarter Finals:

At Ardahan (Co. Galway), Galway v Cork, 2 p.m.

At Lisdowney (Co. Kilkenny), Kilkenny v Louth 3 p.m.

At Rathnure (Co. Wexford), Wexford v Tipperary 3 p.m.

At Leitrim (Co. Down), Down v Dublin 3 p.m.

Wednesday, (all 7.30 p.m.)

U-14L, Ballincollig v Ballinora at Ballincollig (Ref. Ballinora).

Eire Og v Aghabullogue at Coachford (Ref. Eire Og).

Na Piarasigh v Bishopstown "A" at Bishopstown (Ref. Na Piarasigh).

Thursday (all 7.30 p.m.)

U-16L, Inniscarra v Ballinora at Ballinora (Ref. Ballincollig).

Cloughduv v Aghabullogue at Cloughduv (Ref. Eire Og).

Grenagh v Ballincollig at Grenagh (Ref. Ballincollig).

Watergrasshill v Killeagh at Watergrasshill (Ref. Bride Rovers).

Fr. O'Neills v Erin's Own at Fr. O'Neills (Ref. Killeagh).

Churchtown v Sarsfields at Sarsfields (Ref. Erin's Own).

Bishopstown "B" v Blackrock at Bishopstown (Ref. Blackrock).

St. Finbarr's v Crosshaven at Crosshaven (Ref. St. Finbarr's).

CORK GIRLS MAKE NO MISTAKE

Cork 3-10
Galway 1-4

CORK, obviously conscious of the fate of the Cork hurlers against the same opposition on Sunday last, faced Galway yesterday full of determination and from the very beginning took the game to the Westerners in this All-Ireland senior quarter-final clash played in Ardahan.

The underfoot conditions were treacherous for the tie although the sun shone throughout the game.

New senior Linda Mellerick was in brilliant form scoring Cork's first goal and a point to set the Leesiders on their way to victory. The Cork defence were particularly solid too, with Marian McCarthy again outstanding in goal and Eileen Dineen, Miriam Higgins and Liz Dunphy coping competently with any problems, while in the attack Mary Geaney also impressed.

Galway tried hard throughout this game and had outstanding performances from Kitty Hoey, Chris Silke, goalie Carmel Briscoe and Mary Kelly, but at the end of the day they had to admit defeat to a superior Cork side.

The winners were ahead at the interval by 2-5 to 0-3 and before the end Cork had added a further 1-3 to which Galway could only reply with 1-1.

Cork now go on to meet arch rivals and All-Ireland champions, Dublin in the semi-final on August 25.

Cork: L. Mellerick 1-3, P. Keniry and M. Geaney 1-1 each, M. O'Leary 0-3, L. Dunphy and A. M. Landers 0-1 each.

Galway: K. Hoey 0-4, B. Kenny 1-0.

Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, L. Dunphy, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, A. M. Landers, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, L. Mellerick, M. Geaney. Subs: M. Sweeney for A. M. Landers, P. Keniry for V. Fitzpatrick.

Galway: C. Briscoe, N. Treacy, C. Silke, K. Hoey, B. Holland, M. Kelly, A. Briscoe, M. Keane, M. Hobbins, B. Kenny, A. Morris, M. Freaney.

Referee: Brid Stokes, Limerick.

Depleted Galway's championship run ended

CORK 3-10
GALWAY 1-5

CORK senior camogie team won their way to the All-Ireland semi-final against Dublin with a convincing victory over Galway in this quarter-final game played in Ardahan G.A.A. Park on Sunday.

Galway were a much depleted team on Sunday. They had to line out minus two of their most experienced stalwarts, Ann Gallagher and Una Jordan. The home side did not selected any of the county's promising junior panel so it was a very much understrength side that took to the field.

Under the circumstances Galway played well enough and with a little more penetration up front could have been much nearer the Leesiders at the call of time. At the interval Cork held a five point lead 1-5 to 0-3 having played with a slight wind in this first half.

Galway's Kitty Hoey had scored all of the homesides points from frees in the first half. She gave a great display of shooting. In the early minutes of the second half, Brenda Kenny had a great Galway goal to put the Westerners within striking distance of Cork who, sensing the danger got their game together and L. Meelick, Mary Greaney and Mary O'Leary got the vital scores to seal victory for the visitors.

Galway had a sound goalkeeper in Carmel Briscoe who could not be faulted for the shots that beat her. Noreen Treacy, Chris Silke and Kitty Hoey defended well. Mary Kelly and Ann Briscoe did well at midfield while the pick of the forwards were Madge Hobbins, Ann Briscoe and Breda Kenny.

Walk-over from Louth

THE Kilkenny senior team got a walk-over from Louth on Sunday, and go through to the all-Ireland semi-final. Here they will play Wexford and this will not be easy.

The venue will be decided on a toss, because both counties had home venues for their last games. The date will be August 25.

The Camogie Board are at present running a raffle. All

clubs have received tickets. It is vital that all clubs sell their allocation.

This weekend St. Paul's play Dublin champions, Crumlin in the Leinster club championship at a Kilkenny venue. In the south minor championship, Shamrocks beat Mullinavat by 3-3 to nil. In the North minor championship, St. Brigid's (Ballycallan) beat Clara/Castlewarren in the Under-18 Championship.



Tina Fitzhenry, Captain of the victorious Duffry Rovers Camogie Team, receives the Lett Cup from Mrs. Betty Codd, wife of local Lett's representative, Mark Codd, after Duffry Rovers emerged victorious over Buffers Alley in the final of the Duffry Rovers Camogie League.

All-Ireland senior Camogie Championships

Wexford face Tipp at Rathnure

Wexford face Tipperary in the Quarter final of the open draw All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championships in Rathnure, on Sunday next at 3 p.m.

For Wexford it is a repeat of last year's semi-final when after being held to a draw at Monamolin 1-4 to 7 points were defeated in the replay 1-10 to 1-4. Wexford also lost to Tipp in this year's National League 1-5 to 0-3 so the home team will be even more determined to avenge these defeats for a place in the semi-final.

Wexford were impressive in the defeat of Limerick in the opening round 6-10 to 0-3 and will be hoping for good performances from Ann Butler, Geraldine Wynn, Rita Reddy, Eileen Kehoe, Catherine Murphy and Dorothy Kenny.

Wexford Panel: Kathleen Tonks, Ann Butler, Stella Sinnott, Geraldine Wynn, Fiona Cousins, Dorothy Kenny, Caroline Farrington, Gertrude O'Leary, Ailish Kavanagh, (Buffs Alley), Tina Fitzhenry (Duffry Rovers), Jackie Codd, Ann Reddy (Rathnure), Eileen Kehoe, Catherine Murphy, (Cloughbawn), Ann O'Leary (St. Ibar's), Marita O'Neill, Deirdre Guinan (Ferns).

Wexford take second Leinster title

Wexford defeated Dublin, the pre-match favourites in the Leinster junior Camogie final on a scoreline of 3-1 to 1-5 played at Rathnure, on Sunday last to bring the second Leinster title to the Model County with the minors having won the title recently.

Wexford got off to a dream start with a goal in the opening minutes by Nora O'Leary. Dublin opened the account with a point by Jo Holden, sister of County Dublin, Footballer Mick, in the tenth minute and two minutes later the same player added a second point from a free to reduce the arrears to a single point. Dublin took the lead with a goal by Sharon Mullen, after some slack defensive play.

Points by Jo Holden and Joan Sheils left the score 1-4 to 1-0 in favour

of visitors.

Wexford, playing with wind advantage started the second half with a more determined attitude and reduced the lead to a single point with a goal by Teresa Hobbs after two minutes. Five minutes later a second goal by Teresa Hobbs put Wexford into the lead. Midway through the half a point by Jo Holden reduced the lead to a single point. With five minutes remaining a point by Teresa Hobbs for Wexford was the final score of the game with the home side holding out for a memorable victory.

Best for Wexford were Tish Dreelan, Susie Leacy, Catherine Sinnott, Nora O'Leary and Teresa Hobbs.

Best for Dublin were Jo Holden, Denise O'Leary, Carmel Gray, Noreen Hayes, and Patricia Clin-

ton.

Wexford team—Sinead Cowman, Rita Reddy, Tish Dreelan, Susie Leacy, Bernie Higgins, Ornagh O'Mahony (Capt.), Nora O'Leary, 1-0, Catherine Sinnott, Siobhan Dunne, Terry Butler, Bridget Howlin, Teresa Hobbs 2-1. Subs. Mary Greene, for Ornagh O'Mahony. Also Marie Barron, Kathleen Donohoe, Imelda O'Leary, Mary Ryan, Ailish Kavanagh, Jacinta Swaine, Joan Roche, Jean O'Leary.

After the game Leinster chairperson Phylis Breslin, presented the Cup to the victorious Wexford Captain Ornagh O'Mahony, who complimented Dublin for the good game and the Rathnure Club for the Pitch and catering facilities. Jo Holden captain of the Dublin team congratulated Wexford on

their victory and wished them well against Galway in the All-Ireland Semi-final.

A special word for team selectors Kathleen Tonks, Margaret Sheils, and Packy Kelly for their dedication and commitment both during the national league and championships. By virtue of the victory on Sunday, Marie Barron, Rathnure



Wexford oust Tipp. in quarter finals

WEXFORD — 3-4
TIPPERARY — 3-3

Wexford are through to the semi-final stages of the All-Ireland Open Draw Camogie competition following their victory over quarter final opponents Tipperary, in Rathnure on Saturday.

The home county dominated from the start but tired in the later stages and were almost overwhelmed by a late effort from Tipperary. It was a goal by Wexford's Dorothy Kenny that saved the issue. Jackie Codd set up the score by going on a blistering run from centrefield, as the Tipperary full-back ran out to meet her, she flicked the ball through to Dorothy who scored easily.

Playing against the wind in the first half the home team found themselves in the driving seat in the early stages. Anne Reddy opened the scoring with two fine points only to have Tipperary swarm back with a goal from play. Stella Sinnott provided the Wexford reply when she broke

through the Tipperary defence to put Wexford into the lead by one goal and two points to Tipperary's single goal.

Wexford faced top class opposition from the Tipperary star

Jenny English who created major problems for the Wexford defence early on. Jenny's point was the last Tipperary score in a half which saw Eileen Kehoe of Wexford find the Tipperary net

Juniors Fancied

The Wexford Junior Camogie squad are strongly fancied to earn themselves a place in the All-Ireland finals when they take on Galway in Galway on Sunday next.

Galway are a particularly strong side and the task facing the Wexford girls is a daunting one. However, their defeat of another impressive side, Dublin, recently, proves that the team are a force to be reckoned with.

The team features a total of five players from the Rathnure club, including the Higgins sisters Bernie, Trish and Bridget. Also well worth watching are Nora O'Leary and Mary Brennan (Cloughbawn).

A bus to the match will leave Enniscorthy on Sunday next at 8.00. Some places are available and those interested should contact their local Camogie Club. Good luck to the Wexford girls.

and put Wexford ahead by one goal and a point at half time.

Despite playing against the wind in the second half Wexford managed to maintain the pressure on their opponents, slowly drawing clear with points from Jackie Codd and Anne Reddy.

However, with six minutes to go the Wexford effort flagged as tiredness crept into the Wexford squad. Tipperary seized their last chance of the match and two goals from Jenny English put them back in the game. They followed this with points from Kitty McCluskey and Siobhan McDonald with four minutes to go and seemed set to snatch a semi-final placing from Wexford.

With the time ticking slowly away, Wexford's Jackie Codd embarked on the solo run which was to ensure Wexford's place in the finals against Kilkenny.

Playing exceptionally well on the day were Tina Fitzhenry, Fiona Cousins, Stella Sinnott, Anne Reddy and Jackie Codd.

Galway girls finish best against brave Roscommon

GALWAY 5-1
ROSCOMMON 3-2

GALWAY'S Junior Camogie team won the Connacht Junior Championship final at Dr. Hyde Park, Roscommon last week with fourteen points to spare.

Yet Galway had to endure anxious moments before the title was secured. Roscommon began in dynamic fashion and points from Elsie Lee and Jackie Rodgers kept the home side three points in front in the early stages.

Ann Fahy replied with a goal for Galway but from a free Roscommon went in front with a point from Mary Gannon. Points from Ann Fahy, Clara Dolan and three superb goals from substitute Sheila Gannon put Galway in front again before Jackie Rodgers had a Roscommon goal to leave the sides level at half time 1-4 each.

Early in the second half Eileen Dervan restored Roscommon's lead with a point. Then Galway's Deirdre Costello scored a brilliant goal and Roscommon never recovered from this blow. Points from Clara Dolan and the deadly accuracy of Ann Fahy and three superb goals from substitute Sheila Gannon finished a brave Roscommon challenge. Jackie Rodgers hit consolation goal for Roscommon.

The newest addition to the Galway wing back Angela Cooney made a splendid display which justified her call up to the team. Dolan has a marvellous goalkeeping record and was always dangerous.

Brid Stratford controlled the back line as well as putting her name on the scoresheet. Roscommon's great players in Elsie Lee, Jackie Rodgers, B. A. Dervan and Mary Gannon.

Galway: C. Drilly, E. Healy, Glynn, A. Cooney, B. Stratford, Raftery, C. Dolan, E. Gannon, Costello, D. Lawlor, A. Fahy, Ryan.

Subs: S. Goen, C. Linnane, B. Ryan, B. Linnane, C. Roche, Mitchell, I. McGee, C. Roche, C. Roche.

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Armagh quietly confident

IT IS 12 years since Armagh appeared in an All-Ireland championship semi-final. At Derrymacash on Sunday, they take the field against Limerick who have not reached this stage since 1977. Galway and Wexford, who last met in the 1976 semi-final, contest the second semi-final.

A search of the record books reveal that Limerick and Armagh have never met on the camogie field. Both counties are in the dark about the style of play, strengths and weaknesses of the other. The novel visitors should attract a large crowd to the Armagh venue.

Armagh took four Ulster

titles in succession from 1970 to 1973. They narrowly failed to Dublin in their only final appearance. Armagh won the inaugural National Junior League in 1980 and were runners-up in 1984.

This season, they dispatched Derry, Donegal and Cavan to collect their fifth Ulster crown. Their side contains a number of experienced players who have worn the provincial colours. The county is quietly confident of coming out on top on Sunday.

Rita McGuigan is a sound goalkeeper who receives good cover from Patricia Daly. Wing backs Andrea McAlinden and Sheila Raf-

ferty will afford little scope to their Limerick opponents. Gael-Linn medalist, Margaret Moriarty is a class player and should dominate at centre-back.

Another Ulster inter-provincial, Denise McStay is placed in the centre of the field from where she should send a steady supply of ball to her forwards. Helping her in this job will be wingers Fionnuala O'Connor and Paula Brown. Up front Sally McCone, Ursula McGivern, Pauline O'Hare and Mary Donnelly will give the Limerick defence plenty to concentrate on.

All-Ireland Junior Champions in 1977, Limerick won their fifth Munster Junior

title by defeating Waterford, Cork and Clare. Goalkeeper Debbie Cleary is still a minor although big for her age.

Liz O'Grady leads the defence and is surrounded by Marguerite Guiry, who displayed her fitness and stamina in the gym at Gradam Tailte. Bernie O'Dea and Margaret Barry.

In the centre of the field will be Mairead Treacy who played a star role in Granagh-Ballingarry's sensational success in the Limerick Senior Championship. She will be flanked by Rosie Fitzgerald, who captained Croagh-Kilfinny to win the 1978 Feile na nGael and former

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MARQUERITE GUIRY... key defensive role for Limerick in their semi-final clash with Armagh.

against novel visitors

Scoil Pol colleges player Agnes Sheehy.

The Limerick half-forward line of Cindy Dundon, Mary Clifford and Margo Cassidy will need watching. On the edge of the square will be Tina Keyes, who is coach at Thomond College. Tina has played a number of League matches with the senior side notching several goals in the process.

Wexford won their sixth Leinster Junior Championship title with two points to spare over Dublin last Sunday week. All-Ireland finalists in 1972, 1976 and 1977, the Model County has yet to take the title. In their four games en route to the semi-final, they ac-

counted for Carlow, Westmeath, Meath and Dublin.

Sinead Cowman, the Wexford goalkeeper, played her part in those victories as did reliable full-back Tish Dreehan. Wexford have a strong half-back line in Rita Reddy, 8Bernie Higgins and Susie Leacy. This defence has only conceded two goals in four championship outings.

Nora O'Leary, who captained Buffer's Alley in the Club Championship last autumn, wears number seven. Catherine Sinnott, sister of senior Stella, and Ornagh O'Mahony complete midfield. Teresa Hobbs, Siobhan Dunne, Mary Greene and Maria Barron form a fine forward divi-

sion. Wexford are strong up the centre of the field and are hungry for success.

All-Ireland semi-finals are nothing new to Galway. This is their tenth successive year to reach that stage. All-Ireland Junior Champions in 1972 and 1979, the current National Junior Champions have plenty of experience and will be hard to stop.

Those who attended the League Final against Kildare were very impressed with this Galway side. The defence of Chris Divilly, Eileen Howley, Julie Glynn, Brid Stratford and Carmel Linnane gives little away. Captain Ena Gannon, Teresa Rafferty and Claire Dolan

are a formidable midfield trio.

Forwards Anne Fahy, Deirdre Costello, Deirdre Lawless and Anne Ryan can capitalise on any chances afforded. This Galway team has been training together since February. They have defeated some top sides in the league. The side contains a nice blend of youth and experience and before their own supporters should do well.

FIXTURES SUNDAY

All-Ireland Junior Semi-finals — at Bullaun (3.00) — Galway v Wexford. At Derrymacash (3.00) — Armagh v Limerick.

ARMAGH AND WEXFORD HOPEFUL

Two of the four counties involved in next Sunday's All-Ireland Junior Camogie Semi-finals have yet to win this competition. Armagh and Wexford are hopeful of a breakthrough in this grade. The Northern county entertain Limerick, while Wexford travel to Galway.

Ulster champions from 1970 to 1973, Armagh contested the 1970 All-Ireland final when they were pipped by two points by Dublin. In 1980, they collected their first national trophy, the National Junior League.

To qualify for Sunday's game, Armagh overcame Derry, Donegal and Cavan. Their style of play is very different to that of Limerick. In fact these counties have never met in a competitive match at any grade which makes the forthcoming clash all the more interesting.

Margaret Moriarty, sister of footballer Paddy, is the key to their defence. A fine player, she will be surrounded by capable defenders in Rita

McGuigan, Patricia Daly, Andrea McAlinden and Sheila Rafferty. Armagh are strong across the middle of the field where Fionnuala O'Connor, Denise McStay and Paula Brown feature.

Ulster player, Sally McCone is positioned at centre-forward and will have good support from Pauline O'Hare, Ursula McGivern and Mary Donnelly in her attacking efforts. The advantage of home venue will make Limerick's task of defeating Armagh all the more difficult.

Advantage

All-Ireland champions in 1977, Limerick recently captured their fifth Munster title. They overcame Waterford, Cork and Clare on their way to this match.

Debbie Cleary in goal is also their minor keeper. The defence, which has played well so far, is made up of Marguerite Guiry, who represented

her county at Gradam Tailte, Liz O'Grady, Bernie O'Dea and Margaret Barry.

Mairead Treacy, who helped Granagh-Ballingarry to an unexpected win in the Limerick Senior championship, is flanked by the Croagh-Kilfinny pair, Rosie Fitzgerald and Agnes Sheehy in the middle of the field. The half forward line of Cindy Dundon, Mary Clifford and Margo Cassidy have been nothing the scores. In front of goal, Tina Keyes has proved very dangerous and will need careful attention.

Impressive

National Junior League champions, Galway, have been impressive all through the sea-

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son. They have qualified for the semi-final each year since 1975, but have only taken one All-Ireland title in that period. The present squad contains a good mixture of youth and experience and should do well.

The back five of Chris Divilly, Eileen Howley, Julie Glynn, Brid Stratford and Carmel Linnane conceded little in the league or Connacht championship. Captain Ena Gannon, Teresa Rafferty and Claire Dolan form a fast midfield line.

All the forwards are capable of scoring when the opportunity presents itself. Deirdre Costello, Anne Fahy, Deirdre Lawless and Anne Ryan are four skilful players who combine nicely. On their showing this season, Galway will be hard to stop.

Wexford came through Elmsler recording victories over Carlow, Westmeath, Meath and Dublin en route. All-Ireland finalists in 1972, 1976 and 1977, they have six Leinster titles to their credit.

The fact that only two goals were scored in four championship matches speaks volumes for the Wexford defence. Sinead Cowman, sisters Tish Dreehan and Bernie Higgins, Rita Reddy and Susie Leacy have built up a good understanding and cover well for one another.

Cover well

Nora O'Leary, Catherine Sinnott and Ornagh O'Mahony have plenty of skill across the centre of the field, while Teresa Hobbs and Siobhan Dunne are two fine scoring forwards. They are well supported by Mary Greene and Maria Barron. While Galway may be favourites, Wexford will not give in easily.

The line-up for the senior semi-finals on Sunday week will be Cork v. Dublin and Wexford v. Kilkenny. The weak teams have fallen by the wayside at this stage and the serious business of finding the 1985 champions lies ahead.

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Galway girls to book place in junior final

By Louise Ni Chriodain

GALWAY Junior Camogie team will be bidding to reach their second major final on Sunday when they meet Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final at Bullaun. The Galway girls have already won the National League title beating Kildare in the final.

Galway won their way to the semi-final after a 5-10 to 2-5 win over Roscommon in the Connacht final. And the team have been training under coach John Harold at the Bullaun grounds where they play Sunday's game (3 p.m.)

Since the League Final there has been only one addition to the team. Angela Cooney, captain of the Galway Minor team and sister of Joe Cooney, senior Galway hurler, will join the back-line. Cooney should strengthen the defence which has been a source of worry to the Galway mentors.

"Now there's no weak links on the team", said County Board Secretary Sean Geraghty, who is extremely happy with the teams progress to-date. "We will be depending on the forwards although", he added.

A lot is always expected from forwards Deirdre Costello, Ann Ryan and Ann Fahy and with the

experience of a National League title behind them they are in a winning mood.

"Playing the semi-final in Bullaun is a distinct advantage. They have won the League there and train there," said Secretary Geraghty.

The only cause for concern in the Galway camp is the lack of knowledge of their opponents. Dublin were favourites to win the Leinster final but lost to Wexford 3-1 to 1-5.

Despite that, the Galway girls with home advantage look good enough to reach the All-Ireland final.

Galway (panel): C. Divilly (St. Marys), E. Howley (Castlegar), J. Glynn (Ahascragh), A. Cooney (Sarsfields), B. Stratford (Sarsfields), E. Gannon capt. (Kiltulla), T. Raftery (St. Marys), C. Dolan (St. Marys), D. Costello (Sarsfields), A. Fahy (Davitt's), D. Lawless (Davitt's), A. Ryan (Pearses), C. Linnane (St. Thomas), S. Coen (Pearses), M. O'Reilly (Davitt's), M. Kilkelly (Gort), B. Linnane (Gort), I. McGee (Salthill), M. Ryan (Castlegar), N. Carmichael (Davitt's), C. Stratford (Sarsfields), P. Mitchell (St. Marys), C. Ryan (Castlegar), A. Kennedy (Pearses).

Galway girls in line for camogie double

GALWAY 3-11

WEXFORD 1-3

A BRILLIANT first half display earned the Galway Junior Camogie team a place in the All-Ireland final at the expense of Wexford at St. Brendan's Park, Loughrea on Sunday. The young Galway side who won the National Junior League title earlier this year will have Armagh as opponents in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on September 22.

In the first half of Sunday's semi-final, Galway were in superb form giving a delightful display of camogie which left Wexford helpless. The display of the Galway forwards was a treat to watch as they scored some delightful points.

From as early as the second minute when Ann Ryan had a magnificent goal, Galway tore the Wexford defence apart with their clever combination and deadly accuracy playnig with the benefit of a strong wind, Galway scored almost at will with Deirdre Lawless, Deirdre Costello, Ann Ryan, Ann Fahy and Ena Cannon picking off great points. Ann Ryan and Deirdre Costello also had further home goals to leave the Galway girls ahead 3-8 to 0-2 at half time.

Wexford, favoured with the second half wind, could never come to grips with the Galway backs in which Angela Cooney gave a great display. Cooney's close marking and lengthy clearances were outstanding. Eileen Howley, Julia Glynn and Brid Stratford were also rock solid and they confronted a great goalie in Cris Divilly who brought off some fine saves.

Ena Cannon had a great game at midfield and shot two first half points while Teresa Raftery and Clair Dolan combined to give the home side control at midfield.

Wexford's only reward in the second half was a scrambled goal finished to the net by full forward Brigid Howlin and only some great saves from the visitors goalkeeper Eilish Kavanagh saved Wexford from a bigger defeat. Siobhan Dunne was the only Wexford forward to pose any threat to Galway.

On this display Galway will be difficult to stop in the final. They have a nice blend of youth and experience but Armagh's challenge will be much stiffer than that provided by Wexford on Sunday.

The depth of talent in the Galway side can be gauged by the great displays of substitutes Sheila Coen, Mairead Coyle and Mary Kilkelly when introduced in the second half of Sunday's game.

Galway: C. Divilly, E. Howley, J. Glynn, B. Stratford, A. Cooney, E. Cannon 0-2, T. Raftery, C. Dolan, D. Costello 1-2, D. Lawless 0-1, A. Fahy 0-3, A. Ryan 2-2. Subs: S. Coen, M. Coyle 0-1, M. Kilkelly.

Wexford: E. Kavanagh, P. Dreehan, R. Reddy, B. Higgins, S. Leary, N. O'Neill 0-3, C. Sinnott, O. O'Mahoney, M. Green, S. Dunne, T. Hobbs, B. Howlin 1-0.

Referee: M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).

Galway and Armagh to meet in junior final

GALWAY 3-11, WEXFORD 1-3

GALWAY qualified to meet Armagh in the final of the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship when they defeated Wexford by 3-11 to 1-3 yesterday. The visitors had the advantage of the strong wind in the opening half and had a comfortable lead of 3-8 to 0-2 at the break.

Wexford certainly came more into the picture in the second period but failed to exploit all the scoring opportunities which came their way and Galway run out derving winners.

Scorers — Galway: A. Ryan, 2-2, D. Costelloe 1-2, A. Fahy 0-3, E. Gannon 0-2, MN. Cosgrave, D. Lawless 0-1 each. WEXFORD: B. Howlan 1-0, N. O'Neill 0-3.

ARMAGH 5-7, LIMERICK 1-2

IN THE other semi-final Armagh strolled majestically to their final spot by virtue of an emphatic win over Limerick at Derrymacash, Lurgan. On a sodden surface, Armagh took command from the outset and within the first 20 minutes had scored 2-3 without reply.

Apart from a brief spell in the early stages of the second half Limerick were never in the hunt and Armagh's scoring avalanche was led by a Mary Donnelly who helped herself to 3-3 and emerged as the outstanding player of the match.

Other Armagh scorers were Ursula McGivern (1-3) and Sally McCone (1-1). For Limerick, Margo Cassidy scored a goal and Tina Keyes had two points.



● ANNE FAHY . . . will line out at centre-forward for Galway against Wexford.

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All-Ireland Gold For The Morleys

By MICHAEL ELLARD

AT long last one of Cork's most renowned sports families, the Morleys from Bishopstown, have struck All-Ireland gold.

The precious nugget was unearthed by the youngest of the family, 15 years old Sheenagh, who played a major role in Cork's minor camogie All-Ireland triumph.

In years gone by, both Sheenagh's parents, Jackie and Joan, strove valiantly yet unsuccessfully for the ultimate honour in their respective codes.

Joan, a most accomplished camogie player, won numerous honours both with her club, Old Ais, and Munster but the big one has always eluded her.

She played in two successive All-Ireland senior finals, 1955-'56, but sadly on both occasions Cork bit the dust when confronted by Dublin and Antrim.

In the '56 decider, Cork were overwhelming favourites to take the title. According to "Miss Camogie", Mary Moran, it was a case of "just going on the field and taking home the cup."

As events transpired, Antrim had a telling lesson in store for Cork. Joan Morley retired from the game she had enriched with her hurling brilliance without ever achieving the ultimate honour.

Jackie Morley was one of the finest defenders Cork has given to soccer. In an illustrious career spanning decades, he wore the colours of Evergreen United, West Ham United, Cork Hibernians and Waterford with distinction.

In a marvellous career, Jackie won four League of Ireland medals, four Shield



medals, four Top-Four mementoes and numerous other honours. But the cup medal he always dearly wanted, agonisingly eluded him.

He played in four FAI Cup finals and was always on the losing side. In 1960 and again in 1963, Shelbourne defeated a Morley-powered Cork Hibs team. In 1968, now donning the blue strip of Waterford, Jackie saw yet another dream go up in smoke when Shamrock Rovers trimmed the high-flying sails of the Blues.

Ironically, it was Cork Hibs who finally denied Jackie his greatest sporting ambition. In the Cup final of 1972, a great perso-

nal friend of his, Miah Dennehy, pounced with an electrifying hat-trick to seal both Waterford's and Jackie Morley's fate.

Joan and Jackie Morley were never destined to win the great sports accolade awarded in their respective codes.

But all the heartbreaks they experienced in glittering playing careers were forgotten in the heat of one glorious moment when the baby of the family, Sheenagh, brought home the one medal they always craved.

● Sheenagh's brother, Pat, scored a hat-trick for Limerick City against Newcastle United last Thursday.



Mr. Michael Sheehan, Ballinbrittig, Carrigtwohill, with his bride Miss Angela Higgins, Tinegeragh, Watergrasshill, who were married at Watergrasshill Church.

Alley retain title

Buffers Alley the current county, Leinster and All-Ireland club champions, retained the county senior camogie title with a decisive victory over a gallant St. Ibar's on a scoreline of 1-9 to 0-3 played at Piercestown, on Tuesday last.

The Alley opened the scoring with a point for a free by Nora O'Leary and later added a second point again from a free. Midway through the half a point from a free by Bernie Darcy opened the scoring for St. Ibar's.

Nora O'Leary with a point from a free opened the scoring of the second half after four minutes. The play swung from end to end and following a free taken by Geraldine Wynn, landed in the square and Caroline Farrington was on hand to steer the ball into the St. Ibar's net in the tenth minute. Points by Nora O'Leary increased the lead for Buffers Alley. Points by Bernie Darcy from a free for St. Ibar's and Nora O'Leary also from a free in the dying minutes of the half. Concluded the scoring of the game and left Buffers Alley worthy winners who now face Myshall in the club championships competition.

After the game county chairman John Furlong complemented both teams for the good game, wished Buffers Alley the best of luck in the club championships presented the cup to their captain Stella Sinnott, who thanked St. Ibar's for the sporting game, Bernie Darcy, St. Ibar's captain, congratulated Buffers Alley and also thanked the large number of supporters who travelled to the game.



The Buffers Alley Captain receives the cup after her sides splendid victory.

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FEILE NA nGAEL WINNERS

Camogie provided many highlights yet again of Feile na nGael, the annual youth festival of hurling, camogie and handball, at Wexford, when teams from all provinces competed, and the over-all standard was very good.

The Division 1 title was won by Mullagh, from County Galway.



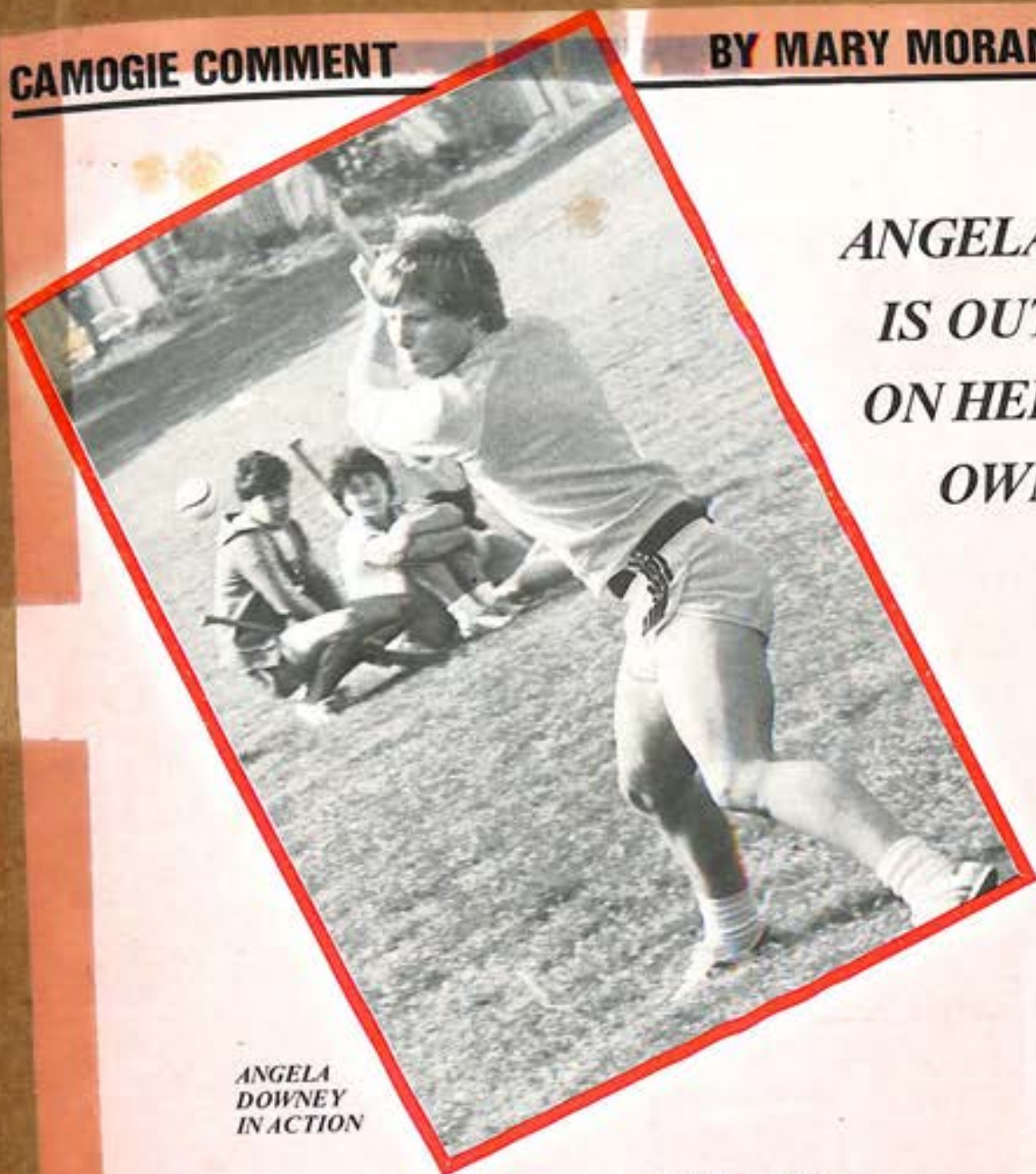
Mullagh, Galway . . . Feile na nGael Division I champions.



Rasharkin, Co. Antrim — winners of the Feile na nGael, Division III

CAMOGIE COMMENT

BY MARY MORAN



ANGELA
DOWNEY
IN ACTION

ANGELA IS OUT ON HER OWN

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THE wide gulf in standard between the winner, Angela Downey and the remainder of the competitors must raise questions for the future of Gradam Tailte. Angela drew widespread acclaim with her performance in Drumcondra in 1984. But she improved on that showing

reaching a staggering 64 points out of a possible 70.

The other entrants came nowhere near her standard. From early in the day it was obvious that she was on course to retain her title. So great was the difference that the competitive element surrounded the minor placings

only.

The question must be asked is the difference between Angela and all other camogie players so marked? Is it that the best are not coming through from the counties? Are counties gearing

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future Gradam Tailte events or handicapping players of top class ability. Neither course would be desirable. Why should someone be penalised because the others do not come up to standard?

A camogie player's career is a short one. The competition must remain open to all comers with each starting at the same level. The future of the competition lies with players and county boards coming to grips with the situation and planning local competitions in good time. It will then be up to the girls who come through to put in the necessary effort to challenge the best.

Spectators in Kilkenny saw Angela take maximum points in basketball, 100 metres sprint, indoor and outdoor obstacle races and camogie scoring competitions. She finished second in the remaining camogie events.

Noreen McCuskar (Donegal) strided clear of the field in the 800 metres and Jo Holden (Dublin) proved her endurance and stamina in the gym tests. Galway's Deirdre Costello scored ten points in the camogie skills and the long puck was won by Catherine Daly of Tyrone. Three players finished in a tie for second place, Deirdre Costello, Jo Holden and Wicklow's Kay Barry.

As the inter-county season draws to a close, the majority of

honours have gone to the established counties. With the leagues and Provincial Championships complete, no new force has emerged.

Over the years, making a breakthrough in camogie has always proved difficult. Junior counties are promised now and then but end away from the limelight. The same names are repeated year after year and again on the list of winners.

Widare came close this season. They won their way to the National Junior League final and Leinster Junior final but failed to make either. Clare juniors were another side out of luck.

Of the semi-finalists in the All-Ireland junior and minor championship this year, six — Galway, Limerick and Dublin in the junior and Down, Galway and Cork in the minor — are previous winners of the title. Armagh won out in Ulster. They have come this far before but the ultimate honours have to date eluded them. Wexford were surprise winners of the Leinster Minor Championship but were unable to make further progress.

One of the main reasons why other counties are not making progress is the neglect of skill training. Once a player masters the skills of the game, she can perform at a much higher level. The performance of Liz Neary and Bridie McGarry in the National Senior League replay underlines the value of the highly skilled player.

The county with the greatest store of young talent at the moment must surely be Galway. The youngsters of Mullagh were most impressive at Feile na nGael. Add the players of All-Ireland Colleges Champions, St. Raphaels, Loughrea and the minor and junior county squads. The result is the raw material necessary to win an All-Ireland senior title. The proper guidance and coaching can get them there.

RACQUETBALL

Bridin's gold in Canada

IRISH RACQUETBALL made a further breakthrough at the World Masters Racquetball Tournament in Montreal last week when Bridin Uí Mhaolgain took the Gold Medal.

In the final Uí Mhaolgain mastered the previously unbeaten USA Champion and Golden Masters favourite Janet Kettman 31-27 and became not alone the first Irish player but also the first European to win a major title outside Europe.

Mary Quigley and Peggy O'Brien were outclassed in the over 35 competition but Christine Greenan from Oldtown made it to the final of the plate. In the Men's Competition 72-year-old J. J. Jennings was beaten in the semi-final of the plate but Aidan Mulligan was beaten in the first round.



Bridin Uí Mhaolgain, who won the Masters Racquetball gold medal in Montreal.

All-Ireland Camogie

Wexford Face Kilkenny in Semi - Final

Wexford face Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior open draw Championships Semi-Final in Rathnure on Sunday next with a starting time of 3.00 p.m.

Wexford reached the same stage in last years championships and seemed to be heading for the final, leading Tipperary by

three points in Monamolin, but a goal in the last minute for the visitors forced the game into a replay which Tipp. easily won.

Wexford made amends for this defeat by accounting for Tipperary in the quarter final 3-4 to 3-3 thanks to a late goal by

Dorothy Kenny. Wexfords opponents on Sun-

day, Kilkenny, the new National League Champions, will provide stiff opposition and with Angela Downey in such good goal scoring form, must start the game as favourites.

Wexford team for Sunday shows just one change with Caroline Farrington, replacing Deirdre Guinan from Ferns who is unavailable for the game, with the team showing some positional changes from the victory over Tipperary in the quarter final.

Buffers Alley, the current County Champions, have seven players in the team. With the entire rearguard filled by Alley girls, Kathleen Tonks in goal, sidelined by a knee injury for most of the National League, is in good form at the moment and will be tested to the limit on Sunday. Ann Butler at full back is playing extremely well and together with Geraldine Wynne, the Wexford Captain and Stella Sinnott make up a solid full back line.

Tina Fitzhenry, Duffry Rovers, at centre back played extremely well in last years Campaign and is playing the same standard in this years championships.

Midfield holds the key to Sundays victory, Ann Reddy from Rathnure, Catherine Murphy, Cloughbawn and Fiona Cousins from Buffers alley are all good camogie players and each can score from outfield if the opportunity arises. Also if this midfield trio can give the right supply of play to the forward line, there is a good chance of defeating Kilkenny.

Centre forward Jackie Codd from Rathnure is quick to react to any scoring opportunity and will provide a problem for the Kilkenny defence. Full forward Dorothy Kenny, Buffers Alley together with her club mate Caroline Farrington and Cloughbawns Eileen Kehoe have shown throughout the League and Championships they can take their scores and make scores for each other.

On reflection the game will be a tough Kilkenny/Wexford clash with the home team determined for a place in the final and a great crowd is expected to Rathnure to cheer on the home team.

JUNIOR SEMI-FINAL:

Wexford Go Under To Galway

Wexford - 1-3
Galway - 3-11

Ann Ryan and Deirdre Costello and points by Ann Fahy and Eileen Gannon to leave the score 3-8 to 0-2 in favour of the home team with Nora O'Leary scoring the two points for Wexford.

The second half saw Wexford with wind advantage, set about reducing the score but the only scores a goal by Bridget Howlin and a point by Nora O'Leary, left Galway worthy winners and a place in the All Ireland against Armagh.

Best for Wexford were Rita Reddy, Ailish Kavanagh, Nora O'Leary and Mary Greene.

Best for Galway were Ann Ryan, Deirdre Costello, Ann Fahy and Eileen Gannon.

Wexford team:- Ailish Kavanagh, Tish Dreelan, Rita Reddy, Susie Leacy, Bernie Higgins, Catherine Sinnott, Ornagh O'Mahony (Capt), Nora O'Leary (0-3), Mary Greene, Teresa Hobbs, Siobhan Dunne, Bridget Howlin (1-0).

Subs: Imelda O'Leary for Ber-

nie Higgins, Terry Butler for Siobhan Dunne, Jean O'Leary for Ornagh O'Mahony; Also for Sinead Cowman, Jacinta Swaine, Joan Roche, Mary Ryan, Marie Barron, Kathleen Donohoe.

County Board Meeting. Monday next 26th August in Murphy Flood's Hotel, Enniscorthy at 8 p.m. sharp. All clubs please note and have delegates present at this meeting.

Cork beware-Dublin are in confident mood

DUBLIN and Cork have met in the championship at some stage or other in each of the past five years. At Cork on Sunday, they renew acquaintance for the sixteenth successive season. Cork had the better of things in the early years of those pairings — Dublin turned the tables last season and proceeded to take the All-Ireland title.

Naturally, Dublin gained in confidence from that victory. When these sides met in the National League early in March, Dublin hammered their rivals and looked a class apart. Cork won their remaining League matches without reaching any great heights, while Dublin completed their section with full points but lost to Kilkenny in the replay of the League Final with a depleted side.

These players have met frequently and have a good knowledge of each other's capabilities. Few changes in personnel have taken place over the past few seasons and form on the day will play a vital part in the outcome of this clash.

Yvonne Redmond is back from the States and should resume duty in the Dublin goal. Marion Conroy returned to the full back slot during the League Final and has been performing very well in this role.

While the side is not finalised at time of writing, Bernie Toner, Bernmain Noonan and Catherine Ledwidge should occupy the remaining places in a tight defence.

Una Crowley, Mary McNagh and Barbara Redmond work well together at midfield, winning good ball for their attack. Captain Edel Murphy, Joan Gormley, Carmel O'Byrne and Marie Connell should fill the forward positions, where they will cause problems for their opposite numbers.

Marion McCarthy takes her place in the Cork goal

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for the eighth championship. Her clubmates Eileen Dineen and Miriam Higgins will play in front of her. Theremaining defensive positions should go to 'Cathy Landers and Liz dunphy.

When the Cork selectors finalise their side, it is likely that Sandie Fitzgibbon, Clare Cronin and captain, Ann Marie Landers will be pencilled in for the centre of the field. Regulars Mary O'Leary, Val Fitzpatrick and Mary Geaney should be joined by newcomer, Linda Mellerick in the forward line. Linda featured on last season's junior side and played during the colleges season with St. Patricks.

Dublin have had two outings in the championship but were untroubled by either Antrim or Down. Cork overcame a Galway side which could have posed problems if they were better prepared. Both sides will be very keen to win this game. While it could go either way, the champions will not relinquish their crown easily.



JACKIE CODD . . . right forward for Wexford in their All-Ireland semi-final clash with Kilkenny.

Kilkenny and Wexford lineout in the second semi-final at Rathnure. These neighbouring counties have met four times in the championship since 1974. Kilkenny came out on top on three occasions and will be the fancy of many to reach next month's final.

Wexford had an easy win over Limerick in their first outing but had to reply on a last minute goal to see them through against Tipperary. Their experienced defence of Kathleen Tonks, Anne Butler captain Geraldine Wynne, Deirdre Guinan and Tina Fitzhenry gave little away.

Fiona Cousins, Catherine Murphy, Caroline Farrington and Anne Reddy will be fighting for places in midfield and up front Stella Sinnott, Eileen Kehoe, Jackie Codd and Dorothea Kenny will need to avail of every opportunity against a competent Kilkenny defence.

Kilkenny were flying in June when they won the National Senior League. Dublin scored a Leinster Championship victory over them since then. The failure of Louth to fulfil their championship commitment deprived Kilkenny of match practice.

Marie Fitzpatrick will guard the Kilkenny net. She will be well covered by Anne Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan, Bridie McGarry and Anne Holden. Anna Whelan, Margaret Farrell and Deirdre Malone are well able to keep the ball moving from midfield. Liz Neary who scored four goals in the League final, Jo Dunne, Breda Holmes and Angela Downey will give the Wexford defence a busy hour.

FIGURES SUNDAY

All-Ireland Senior semi-finals
At Rathnure — Wexford v Kilkenny, 3.0.
At St. Finbarrs, Cork — Cork v Dublin, 3.0.

One goal decider U. 10 Camogie title

Sarsfields captured the under ten County Camogie Championship by defeating Davitts by 1-0 to 0-0 in the final played at St. Brendans Park, Loughrea on Sunday.

Both teams deserve great credit for some fine camogie served up despite their inexperience. The only goal of the game was scored by Edel Mitchell for Sarsfields.

Cork Take On The Dubs

SINCE 1981 Cork and Dublin have met in many an exciting clash and on Sunday they are in opposition yet again, this time in the All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final at St. Finbarr's. And Cork will be carrying the only Provincial colours outside of Leinster as the other semi-final is between Kilkenny and Wexford and this will also be played on Sunday.

In 1981 followers will remember Cork's famous victory in St. Finbarr's when, ten points down at half time the Leesiders came back to snatch victory, in the all-Ireland semi-final. Unfortunately Cork had to admit defeat to Kilkenny after a final replay. But the Leesiders came back with a bang the next season and they again accounted for Dublin, but this time in the final. The following year it was the same story as again the narrowest of scores separated the sides.

Dublin gained revenge, however, last season when in yet another thrilling semi-final, Dublin proved superior, but only by a gift goal scored by Joan Gormley in injury time. Dublin went on to win the title and are determined that after their long wait for the return of All-Ireland honours to the county, they are going to hold onto the coveted O'Duffy Cup.

For Sunday's game they are back at full strength. Marie Connell, who was out with a broken ankle is back, Yvonne Redmond, who has spent the summer in America returned on Friday last and Barbara Redmond, who has been suffering from a sore throat is also expected to be fit.

This means that Cork will be facing the best of Dublin, and although the actual team was not available at the time of writing, it is likely to be along usual lines. This means that Yvonne Redmond will be in goal with Marian Conroy at full-back. The half-line is likely to be made up of Germaine Noonan, Bernie Toner and Ann Redmond, or maybe Catherine Ledwidge. Una Crowley, Mary Mernagh and Barbara Redmond are almost certain to form the midfield trio while Carmel O'Byrne, Edel Murphy, Joan Gormley and Marie Connell are the likely front line.

The Cork selectors were more definite about their side as they named their team during the week. It is



Cork's newest recruit to the attack Linda Mellerick.

basically along the usual lines but they have made one surprise omission, by leaving out regular centre-forward, Val Fitzpatrick, in favour of Killeagh's Patsy Keniry. Val has played many fine games for Cork and her greater experience would surely have been an asset against the crafty Dubliners. But the selectors have obviously been influenced by Patsy's marvellous performance for her club in the County Final and have given her the place.

The rest of the team is as expected with Marian McCarthy, playing better than ever in goal, the unflappable Eileen Dineen at full-back, the solid Miriam Higgins and Liz Dunphy on the wings and the stylish Catherine Landers at centre-back.

The midfield trio is also unchanged with the hard-running and efficient Sandy Fitzgibbon, Clare Cronin and Ann Marie Landers making up this sector, while joining Patsy Keniry in attack will be stalwarts Mary O'Leary and Mary Geaney, both capable of winning games on their own, and Linda Mellerick the former minor who is getting better with

In the second semi-final it will be close too, between Kilkenny who got a walk over from Louth in the quarter-final and Wexford who only defeated Tipperary in the closing moments of their exciting quarter-final clash.

There is a long list of fixtures locally for the coming week with the Junior "A" Championship beginning on Wednesday next.

FIXTURES

Friday 23, U18 L. all 7.30 p.m.—Killeagh v Watergrasshill at Killeagh (Ref. Fr. O'Neills); Bride Rovers v Kilshannig at Kilshannig (Ref. Mourne Abbey); Bishopstown v Douglas at Bishopstown (Ref. St. Finbarrs).

Saturday, U16 L.—Brian Dillons v Glen Rovers at Glen (Ref. Na Phiasaigh); J.B.L. Sarsfields v Cloyne at Cloyne (Ref. Castlemartyr); Bishopstown v Carrigtwohill at Bishopstown (Ref. Glen Rovers); Blackrock v Churchtown at Middleton (Ref. Killeagh); Fr. Matthews v Newcestown at Fr. Matthews (Ref. Douglas); Castlemagner v Mourneabbey at Mourneabbey (Ref. Kilshannig); St. Fanahans v St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's (Ref. Youghal).

Sunday 25, All-Ireland S.C. semi-finals—Cork v Dublin at St. Finbarrs 3 p.m. (Ref. Kathleen Quinn, Galway); Kilkenny v Wexford at Rathnure 3 p.m. I.C. Youghal v Aghabullogue at Youghal 3 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh).

Tuesday 27, U16 L.—Aghabullogue v Ballincollig at Coachford (Ref. Inniscarra); Fr. O'Neills v Killeagh at Killeagh (Ref. St. Catherine's); Erins Own v Churchtown at Erins Own (Ref. Sarsfields); St. Finbarrs v Bishopstown "B" at Bishopstown (Ref. St. Finbarrs); U18 L. Watergrasshill v Kilshannig at Kilshannig (Ref. Watergrasshill).

Wednesday, J.A.C.—Brian Dillons v Douglas at Brian Dillons (Ref. Eleanor Twomey); Fr. O'Neills v Ballincollig at Fr. O'Neills (Ref. Betty Joyce); Inniscarra v Na Piasaigh at Inniscarra (Ref. Miriam Higgins).

Thursday, U16 L.—Ballinora v Eire Og at Ovens (Ref. Ballincollig); Mourneabbey v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons (Ref. Glen Rovers); Inniscarra v Aghabullogue at Inniscarra (Ref. Cloughduv).

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- 2 GERALDINE WYNN
(Buffers Alley Capt.)
- 6 ANN REDDY
(Rathnure)
- 10 CAROLINE FARRINGTON
(Buffers Alley)

1 KATHLEEN TONKS
(Buffers Alley)

3 ANN BUTLER
(Buffers Alley)

5 TINA FITZHENRY
(Duffry Rovers)

7 CATHERINE MURPHY
(Cloughbawn)

9 JACKIE CODD
(Rathnure)

11 DOROTHY KENNY
(Buffers Alley)

4 STELLA SINNOTT
(Buffers Alley)

8 FIONA COUSINS
(Buffers Alley)

12 EILEEN KEHOE
(Cloughbawn)

15 GERTRUDE O'LEARY (Buffers Alley)
16 MARITA O'NEILL (Ferns)
17 NORA O'LEARY (Buffers Alley)

SUBS:

13 AILISH KAVANAGH (Buffers Alley)
14 ANN O'LEARY (St. Ibars)



• Eileen Dinneen (Cork)

CAMOGIE

Cork bow out again

By JOAN MORLEY

DUBLIN 1-10 CORK 3-1

CORK, Munster's last remaining representative, are out of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship. For the second successive year, they bowed out at the hands of Dublin, this time in the semi-final, played at St. Finbarr's grounds yesterday.

On the day, Dublin the All-Ireland champions, were the better side, but Cork will certainly rue their many chances missed, particularly in the second half. The home side were never more than a goal behind, but they kept trying to "walk" the ball into the net and failed to capitalise on numerous glorious opportunities.

The holders, although they too missed chances, concentrated on building up their points tally and, while they only scored one goal to Cork's three, they notched seven points in the first period and added three after the interval to ensure their place in the All-Ireland decider next month.

ARCH RIVALS

Once again there was no lack of excitement in this meeting between the arch rivals, as victory was always in doubt. But, on the day, Dublin looked the fitter side, played more as a team and were generally sharper.

Carmel O'Byrne at centre-back and Bridie Toner at left-back were brilliant in the Dublin defence, Edel Murphy was most accurate with frees and Anna McManus was always creating openings on the right corner. But, overall, this win was a great team effort from the All-Ireland champions.

Cork never really played with the determination and skill we have come to expect from them. In fact, the biggest disappointment was that players we have come to expect most from were well below par and it was the younger brigade of Linda Mellerick, Liz Lynch, and Patsy Keniry who enhanced their reputations with excellent performances. Marian McCarthy in goal was also in superb form along with Sandy Fitzgibbon in midfield.

Dublin opened the scoring after two minutes, but almost immediately, Linda Mellerick crashed home a great Cork goal. Edel Murphy replied soon after with a point but then Mary Geaney, left completely unmarked in front of goal, shot Cork in front again with a splendid goal.



Cork forward Mary O'Leary (No 9) flicking the ball towards the Dublin goal during the All-Ireland Camogie semi-final at Toghher yesterday. (Examiner)

Edel Murphy added three further points for the winners midway through the half before Joan Gormley got a fine opportunist goal to put Dublin back in the lead. Further points from Gormley, and Marie Connell gave Dublin a four points interval lead, 2-0 to 1-7.

DRAMATIC START

Cork had a dramatic start to the second half. Mary O'Leary hit over a point before Marian McCarthy's free from inside her own half was deflected to the net for Cork's third goal to leave the sides level after only three minutes.

From then on it was a close struggle, but while Cork missed many chances in this period, Dublin scored three further points from Edel Murphy (2), and substitute Denise O'Leary, and this was sufficient to ensure victory.

Scorers: Dublin—E. Murphy 0-7, J. Gormley 1-1, M. Connell and L. O'Leary 0-1 each. Cork—L. Mellerick, M. McCarthy and M. Geaney 1-0 each, L. Mellerick 0-1.

DUBLIN—Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, C. O'Byrne, B. Toner, U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond, E. Murphy, J. Gormley, A. McManus, M. Connell. Subs: D. O'Leary for M. Connell, J. Golden for M. Mernagh.

CORK—M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, L. Lynch, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, A. M. Landers, L. Mellerick, P. Keniry, M. O'Leary, M. Geaney. Subs: V. Fitzpatrick for A. M. Landers, M. Sweeney for M. Geaney.

Referee: Kathleen Quinn, Galway.

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Kilkenny reach decider

KILKENNY 2-6
WEXFORD 2-5

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Wexford: K. Tonks, A. Butler, S. Sinnott, G. Wynn, T. Fitzgibbon, A. Reddy, C. Murphy, F. Cousins, J. Codd, C. Farrington, E. Kehoe, D. Kenny. Sub: N. O'Leary for S. Cousins.

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The Norrishers had great players in Ann Holden, Brenda Holmes and Joe Dunne in addition to Angela Downey while Wexford's best were Geraldine Wynn, Tina Fitzgerald, Catherine Murphy and Jackie Codd.

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Dublin 1-10, Cork 1-1

DUBLIN had a goal to spare over Cork in this keenly contested All-Ireland semi-final played at St. Finbarr's ground yesterday. The winners took advantage of the strong wind in the opening half to score 1-7 to 2-0.

It was level pegging five minutes after the break and the home side looked set for victory. But while they had the advantage on the field they failed to find the target, Dublin will now meet Kilkenny in the final at Croke Park on September 15.

Scorers: Dublin—E. Murphy (0-7), J. Gormley (1-1), M. Connell (0-1), Cork—L. Mellerick, M. McCarthy (1-0 each), M. O'Leary (0-1).



Joe Dunne . . . scored the match-winning goal.



Ann Holden . . . played a starring rôle.

Kilkenny or Galway could make history

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THE NEW DATE for the All-Ireland Camogie Finals is Sunday, September 15. In a direct swap with the football final, the camogie games go ahead one week earlier. The Croke Park programme will feature Galway and Armagh in the junior decider and Dublin and Kilkenny, in the senior final.

For the fourth successive year, Dublin have reached the senior final. However, the Dublin mentors had some anxious moments before the Cork challenge was disposed of. Indeed had Cork converted half the chances which went abegging in front of goal, it might have been another story. But they failed to do so and must watch the final from the stand.

Kilkenny did not have it all their own way at Rathnure. Wexford led for much of the game but the Noreiders came back in the second half to finish two points in front.

No county has won the All-Ireland Championship and National League in the same season. Now both Kilkenny and Galway are poised for an attempt on that record. However, at this stage it seems that both finals are wide open.

The referees for the finals have been named. Miriam Higgins, the Cork right back, will be in charge of the senior final. Holder of three All-Ireland senior medals, she previously handled a junior final. Sheila Wallace (Dublin) will officiate at the Galway v Armagh game.

CLOSING STAGES

The provincial club championships are nearing the closing stages. In Leinster,

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newly crowned Dublin champions, Crumlin recorded a four point win over St. Pauls, Kilkenny in the first semi-final.

At Myshall on Friday night, the home side takes on club championship specialists, Buffer's Alley. Myshall have been champions of Carlow since 1979 and in fact have represented Carlow in the National Junior League. Their side includes Nuala Smithers, Breda Foley, Geraldine Doran, Sadie O'Brien and Bridget Doran all of whom have plenty of experience.

Their task is a daunting one as Buffer's Alley have won four of the last five All-Ireland Club Championships. The Alley are strong in all departments, know each other's game and have tradition behind them. Such well known names as Kathleen Tonks, Anne Butler, Geraldine Wynne, Dorothy Kenny, Fiona Cousins and Stella Sinnott will be on their team sheet.

In Munster, the Waterford champions are due to play Portroe (Tipperary). However, their final has yet to be played. Whether the Munster Council is prepared to wait for them or not will be decided at a meeting this week. Limerick's new champions, Granagh-Ballingarry are standing by awaiting the winners.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL

The second semi-final will be played at Ovens on Saturday night. The Cork representatives Eire Og meet Sixmilebridge (Clare). Eire

Og regained the Cork title which they last held in 1979 recently. While they have competed in the Munster Club Championship before, they have not managed to lift the title.

Eire Og have a strong defence. Marion McCarthy, Miriam Higgins, Joan Shannon, and Margo Twomey will give little away. Further afield will be Nancy O'Driscoll, Eileen Dineen, Mary Geaney and Noelle O'Driscoll.

Sixmilebridge won their third Clare championship on the trot last month. The stars include Noleen Quinn, Geraldine Morey, Claire Cooney, Marian Lynch, Mary Ann McInerney and her sister Yvonne, who won the Feile Skills title in 1984. The greater experience of the Eire Og girls should carry them through.

Ulster plan their Club Championship semi-finals for Sunday afternoon. Holders, Leitrim (Down) will be at home to Eglis (Tyrone). On last season's form they should qualify for the final. Monaghan champions, Killaney journey to Swatragh to take on the local club. However, the Derry girls should come through.

FIXTURES

FRIDAY

Leinster Club Championship Semi-final
At Myshall—Myshall (Carlow) v Buffer's Alley (Wexford), 7.30.

SATURDAY

Munster Club Championship Semi-final
At Ovens—Eire Og (Cork) v Sixmilebridge (Clare), 7.30.

SUNDAY

Ulster Club Championship Semi-finals
At Swatragh—Swatragh (Derry) v Killaney (Monaghan), 3.0.
At Leitrim—Leitrim (Down) v Eglis (Tyrone), 5.30.

Angela competes for 'Supergirl' title

A YOUNG Kilkenny lady will be among the top Irish sportswomen competing for the Opel Supergirl '85 award next week.

Angela Downey who has just been named Camogie Player of the Year, will face such stars as golfer Lilian Behan, tennis player Jennifer Thornton and swimmer Michelle Smith in the prestigious event at Trabolgan holiday centre on Tuesday and Wednesday next.

Now living at Ardnore in Kilkenny, Angela is daughter of former Kilkenny hurling star, Shem Downey and his wife Bridget of Ballyragget.

The Supergirls is a highly competitive event, where the contestants attack eight out of ten disciplines on the programme.



These include hockey, swimming, 10 Pin Bowling, Assault Course, Car Driving Test, Football, Gym Tests,

Running, Basketball and Cycling.

RTE will be televising the Competition for transmission in the Autumn.

The contestants are:

Athletics: Brid Hallissey, Waterford; **Basketball:** Carol Chubb, Seville Place, Dublin 7; **Camogie:** Angela Downey, Kilkenny; **Canoeing:** Sheila O'Byrne, Ballincollig, Cork; **Cycling:** Susan O'Mara, Sutton, Dublin 13; **Fencing:** Judy Anne Hobbs, Ballybrack;

Golf: Lilian Behan, Curragh, Kildare; **Karate:** Jackie O'Shea, Leixlip, Kildare; **Rowing:** Nicole Ryan, Manor St., Dublin 7; **Soccer:** Linda Gorman, Clondalkin; **Swimming:** Michelle Smith, Rathcoole; **Tennis:** Jennifer Thornton, Sutton.

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CAMOGIE PHOTO CALL

Mary Lynch, President of the Camogie Association presenting Corn Tailteann to Paula Carey following Cork's victory in the All-Ireland Minor Final against Galway at St. Finbarr's Grounds



Cork Senior Team—Munster Champions 1985

*Back—L to R—Ann Marie Landers capt, Eileen Dineen, Miriam Higgins, Mary Geaney, Mary O'Leary, Marion McCarthy
Front—Linda Mellerick, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Cathy Landers, Val Fitzpatrick, Clare Cronin, Liz Dunphy.*

They play Dublin in the All-Ireland Semi-Final at St. Finbarrs Grounds on Sunday August 25th.

Cork Minor Camogie Captain, Paula Carey leads her team in the pre-match parade. She is followed by Brid Walsh, Brid Kelleher, Deirdre Ryan, Ina Leahy and Tracey O'Riordan



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Armagh and Galway meet in what should be an intriguing junior final. A win would be a wonderful boost to either county. One thing is certain. Neither county

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Bishopstown under-14 camogie team which represents Cork and Munster in the All-Ireland Community Games at Mosney. Included are team mentors Cllr. Pat Murray, Pat and Breda Ryan and Sheila Harrington. (Echo)

Bishopstown Girls On The Medals Trail

THE Bishopstown Community Games under 14 camogie team travel to Mosney, Co. Meath, this weekend as Cork and Munster champions to contest the All-Ireland Community Games Finals.

In the semi-final, Bishopstown will face the Ulster champions, Knockbride from Cavan whilst Oran (Roscommon) oppose Freshford (Kilkenny) in the other semi-final.

Bishopstown beat Mayfield in a closely contested Cork final and were very impressive in defeating Roscrea (Tipperary), Ballyduff (Waterford) and Granagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) in the Munster campaign. The girls have prepared well for the All-Ireland finals with their coach, Councillor Pat Murray and hope to be amongst the medals. Bishopstown previously won the Munster title in 1981 and 1983 and, subsequently, were bronze medallists at Mosney.

Thanks to the effort of people such as Sheila Harrington, Pat and Breda Ryan, Margaret and Joe O'Hara, Elaine Buckley and Irene Higgins, as well as coach Pat Murray, Bishopstown will be well prepared to be worthy representatives of Cork and Munster over the weekend. The players would like to thank the people and firms in Bishopstown for their tremendous support for recent fundraising ventures.

The Bishopstown panel is: Moira Harrington (captain), Elaine O'Connor, Orla Higgins, Cara McCarthy, Louise O'Mullane, Siobhan Barry, Sinead White, Blaithe Keating, Edel Ryan, Aisling O'Leary, Edel Kearney, Judy Walsh, Cecilia Crowley, Shirley Kelleher, Clare Murphy and Eithne Duggan.

The hopes of all camogie followers in Cork go with this young Bishopstown team in their quest to bring an All-Ireland title to Cork.

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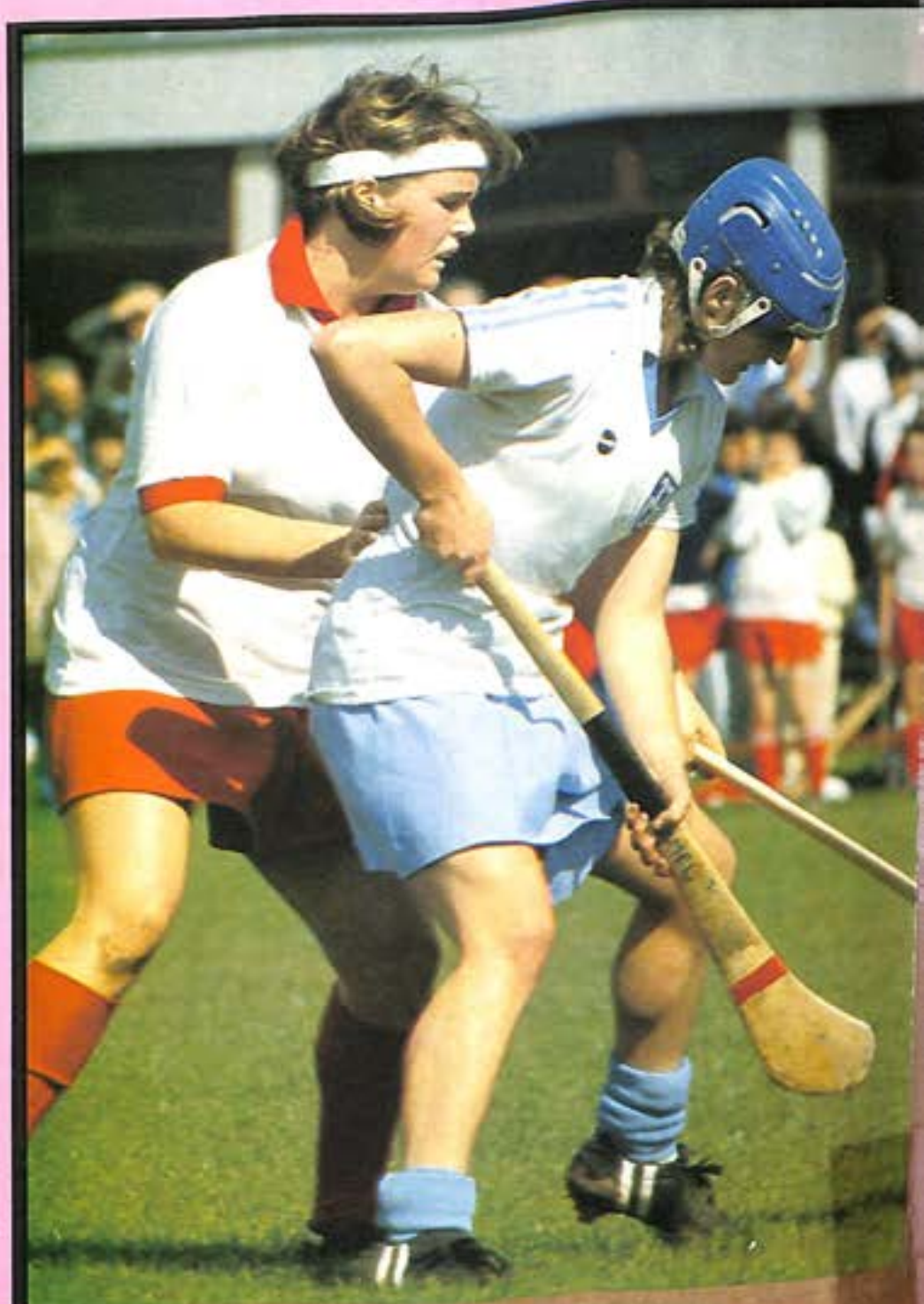
Kilkenny are back in Croke Park and Dublin will have to fight to defend themselves against a team which includes some of the finest players in the country. But the team from the capital are sure to have some tricks up their sleeves. Maol Muire Tynan, from the Irish Press, previews this most important date in the camogie calendar and looks at the history of the game of 'the little hurley' to date.

On the afternoon of the 15th of September, ecstatic cliques of camogie faithfuls, mostly women and children, will shrill from the Hogan and Cusack Stands at Croke Park. The expected audience of up to 10,000 will rally for the sake of Kilkenny and Dublin. Regarded by many — who have never attended such a mardi gras — as the annual ritual of the sickly sibling of the GAA, the Camogie All-Ireland Day is an exhibition of those qualities that make this one of the most vital women's team games ever devised. Despite the attractions of the day, all but a few thousand supporters of Camogie Camogaiochta na nGael mysteriously desert it. A handful of politicians show their quasi-interest by turning up in the VIP box, and RTE carry the highlights that night. But, for the world at large, the Senior All-Ireland Camogie Final passes blithely by, receiving the minimum of attention. More's the pity this year since some of the finest players in the country are back in Croke Park.

THE TEAMS

The extraordinary Angela Downey, Kilkenny's scoring powerhouse, must sway this game in their favour, giving them their first senior title in four years. By any standards, she is a superb athlete and there is no hurler in the country who can compare with her scoring abilities. Deceptively diminutive, her speed and power make her virtually unstoppable; Angela is undoubtedly Kilkenny's greatest asset. A colleague says of her, 'A lot of players can do great things — from time to time. She is consistently brilliant. She never seems to fail. Reliability to score is

BILLY STICKLAND



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her hallmark; she must be Kilkenny's greatest comfort and the opposition's biggest fear.

On the eve of Camogie All-Ireland day, a seven-a-side tournament is held in Dublin for those clubs from counties not participating in the final. Each match lasts twenty minutes. Angela Downey scored ten goals for her club, St Paul's, during one such match. As one awe-struck American tourist remarked that day, 'It would take a gun to stop her.'

So far, high scoring has been a feature of the Championship. The winners of the first three rounds scored a total of 15 goals, 36 points, and the trend is likely to continue through the final. And Kilkenny have enjoyed an almost effortless run. They have been training up to four nights a week at St. Kieran's College grounds and are reputedly in fine physical shape. Anna Whelan, Liz Neary, Angela Downey at corner

forward and her sister Ann at full-back, Margaret Farrell and Bridie McGarry (possibly the most stylish player on the team) have been together for many years; they operate like clock-work and form a very smooth-running machine.

Most of this side were together when they beat Wexford in 1977 — the end of their wonderful run of that decade. But then, a certain amount of apathy seemed to creep into the side, possibly due to the fact that they were still a young team but had won all there was to win. This seems to be their second coming.

Despite their unrivalled ability, Kilkenny were — according to sources long attached to the county — 'stuck to the ground in their semi-final against Wexford.'

They appeared untypically nervous and tense in that game which they only managed to secure by two points. But conditions were blustery; it was difficult

to run against the wind and Kilkenny fans who were hoping for a rout are clinging to the notion that less adverse weather will bring about a better performance on the 15th of September.

Dublin survived some tensions in the camp earlier this season and defied their critics by snatching victory at the last moment from a fancied Cork side in the semi-final. No mean achievement on Cork's home territory.

Yvonne Redmond, fresh back from the US, is playing a sure, efficient game as usual and she is extremely well supported by defender Marian Conroy at full-back. Yvonne's sister, Barbra, is playing very well at centrefield.

Dublin's management have moved young Carmel O'Byrne to centre-back but many are of the opinion that she is a natural forward and should have been left in attack. She is young and lithe and moves about the wing with great ease.

Bernie Toner has gone to wing-back in the Dublin reshuffle; she was a very experienced centre-back but will do well, as will Germaine Noonan whom Tipperary remember only too well from their debacle in the 1984 final.

Dublin have wonderful style; they concentrate, too, on physical fitness and their combination of speed and class should help dismantle Kilkenny's confidence to a large degree.

Their captain and centre-forward, Edel Murphy, scored a total of eight points against Cork last month, making her an obvious source of worry for Kilkenny in the final. She is also a fine striker.

Forwards Joan Gormley and Anna Condon are opportunistic players and if Marie Connell's hurt ankle is better by Final Day, they should cause more than the occasional flurry in the Kilkenny defence.

THE GAME

When one reaches the All-Ireland Final, actual camogie skills are taken for granted. Five of the nine teams which competed in the Senior Championship were capable of winning the title and each of these was a county familiar with hurling success.

For former President of the Association, Mary Fennelly, the Camogie Final is a happy day, a proud occasion that is inexplicably treated with benign neglect.

'We are not really happy with the attendance but a lot of the responsibility rests with the counties themselves. They should do more to promote the game and ensure a good following in Croke Park. Attendance figures sound ridiculous when compared to those of hurling and football finals, but this seems to be true of all women's sports,' she says.

Camogie, despite its artful qualities, its demands on the body, and the



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intelligence it requires, has never won the admiration it deserves at any level in its own country. Meanwhile, in America, clubs are snatching the limelight in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago.

THE FINANCE

Eighty-one years since the inception of the game, with the Government paying its by now customary lip service to sport, the Camogie Association is in receipt of £13,000 in State Aid to help it through 1985. It is a sad enough gesture towards an organisation that claims to rally up to 65,000 females into an active and regular team game.

According to sources within the Association, rising costs and decreasing purchasing power are causing repeated headaches, especially in a body that actually aspires towards the honourable notion of being able to function without grants and subsidies.

In 1981, the total expenditure of the Association hit a humble £19,000 — not exactly breaking the bank. It was efficiently covered by a total of £18,000 in Government grants and sponsorship though the Association itself only managed to yield a worrying £6,000. Since one can wander into many camogie matches in rural Ireland without digging into one's pocket, it is easy to understand the wondrously meagre sum.

The financial brains of the organisation were 'disturbed' by the time Annual Congress assembled in the Spring of this year. Expenditure had increased by more than 63 per cent since '81; income, not considering outside aid, had gone up by a mere £3,000.

The consequences of discontinued sponsorship or Government assistance would be to leave camogie far from being mistress of her own destiny and Association chiefs urged a financial plan that would 'safeguard against an uncertain economic environment.'

Mary Fennelly, snapped out her views. 'Even gate receipts returns are appalling to say the least. If any enterprise is to be run along business-like lines, there must be realistic planning for the future. I would appeal to you (county delegates) to view our Association as a whole not from the isolated club or county standpoint and to take the necessary steps towards ensuring the continuing progress of what is a tremendous organisation.'

It was a cry from the heart; Ms Fennelly is regarded as a pragmatic leader, and a Fundraising Committee was launched. Now the organisation ticks over, avoiding real financial losses but frustrated by lack of funds that stunt development in an age in which sport must be glamorous to attract young fans.



Dublin have wonderful style, concentrating on physical fitness and speed.

Mary Moran, Public Relations Officer, is afraid that development is slow 'in some ways' though far more girls are playing camogie now and at a younger age, than ever before.

'The problem seems to start as girls progress into teens. Many fall off by the wayside either because they have not reached a sufficient level of skill or they simply lack motivation. It is not an easy game to master; it takes time, lots of time,' she says.

Mary muses over the undeniable and tragic fact — as far as the Association is concerned — that so many of its members 'clamour' for tickets for the hurling and football All-Irelands and other attractive sporting fixtures but never muster the inclination to support the very game they themselves play!

A striking phenomenon indeed, and one which Ms Moran cannot explain with logic. Perhaps the Titan struggle of getting Irishwomen to support one another is even evident in the country's indigenous games!

THE PUBLIC IMAGE

But, Aine Sheehy, who started working in the Association's HQ in Croke Park as General Secretary cum Development Officer in December '83 announces some reservations about the game's image. Aine, a woman of slight stature, claims that people still say 'Do you play camogie? But, you don't look at all muscular'.

'People, rightly or wrongly, associate camogie with something that is robust, even maybe hick. Sport reflects society and camogie is no exception. A lot of men do not take it seriously and a lot of men in the media have the idea that women must be glamorous; the notion of a woman gritting her teeth and chasing a ball is not attractive in their estimation. They decide it must be attractive for their readers but their ideas may not necessarily be true', she declares.

So those in the media — almost

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exclusively male — who may think that golf is the only *really* stimulating occupation worth indulging in, do not see a need to give camogie much of a show. They may think it does not merit coverage, that the public don't want to know. They may think it is hurling's poor relation played by a bunch of women who could never measure up to their male counterparts. They may think it is played by perspiring aggressive-looking women who don't make titillating pictures.

Either way, Aine is sure that camogie has developed at a different pace from hurling, because of a variety of sociological reasons and because of our cultural patterns. Though camogie has churned out 'super accomplished female athletes who would have been superstars in any international sport,' the game just never received the status it deserved.

'It is only in the last two years that we are getting any real publicity at all,' she says. 'But camogie has just one big day in the year — the All-Ireland Final — and that is not enough to win big media attention.'

Last year, at about this time, the *RTE Guide* and the national newspapers carried previews of what was to be live coverage of the Senior Final on the second Sunday in September. The powers that be in Montrose evidently had a change of heart along the line, however, and viewers were treated to an old movie in the afternoon while only highlights on



Bridie McGarry, possibly the most stylish player on the Kilkenny team.

the game between Tipperary and Dublin featured on Sunday Sport that night.

A veteran Tipperary player who played her first Senior inter-county game at the age of fifteen expresses the anger felt by many women in the organisation over what they see as 'lack of assertiveness' displayed by the Association in the face of poor treatment from the station.

She feels their acceptance of a slot in the evening schedule is typical of their willingness to play second fiddle in so many situations. The organisation is not

aggressive enough in promoting itself and that is true enough throughout every aspect of the Association.

Perhaps it is a trait of Irish women, this passiveness. Maybe it is due to the fact that many women who play the game have constantly, throughout their careers, depended on the generosity of the local GAA clubs to allow them the use of their facilities. Unconsciously, they have come to believe, because of their existence in the shadow of hurling, that their game is not quite as important' she says.

However, Aine Sheehy, in her address to Congress, described last year's coverage of the organisation's final as 'our biggest breakthrough this year'. Despite the mass audience out there, Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael seems glad of any little attentions.

THE ORIGINS

Camogie, a totally new game, was born in 1904, into a world where women and sport were intended to have little in common. Painful birthpangs were inevitable.

With hair piled up, long-skirted Dublin women swept surreptitiously to practise their new occupation in Drumcondra Park — now under bricks and mortar — with their camogie sticks hidden under their dust coats, for fear of ridicule.

Archbishop McQuaid would later caution players about the pitfalls of their pastime. Bare ankles, a potential source of sin, were not a pretty sight on the



Ann Downey, twin sister of Kilkenny's powerhouse, Angela Downey.



Angela Downey, Kilkenny's greatest asset

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Rita Wemyss, Kilkenny



Lis Neary, Kilkenny

green fields of Erin and listed among the fouls in the organisation's early rulebook was the deliberate stopping of the ball with ankle-length skirts. The physical restrictions imposed on the embryonic game, in themselves, made it an uncomfortable hobby.

Apart from social attitudes to women, problems arose from the fact that a strictly 'national' game was introduced to a political situation not conducive to its development.

Camogie, organised on lines very similar to the GAA, was to come to hold a unique position in Irish sport. It is the only indigenous field game for women here and is the largest female sporting organisation in the country. Through its growth depends exclusively on voluntary help from members (the organisation has only one full-time paid official), and despite the obvious attractions of other sports, camogie is played through 500 clubs dotted around the country by growing numbers of women.

A modified form of hurling, camogie is played by teams of twelve-a-side on a pitch 95-100 metres long and 60-70 metres wide. The boundaries are lined or cut out of the turf and the corners are indicated by small flags.

In the centre of each goal-line stand the goal-posts, 4-5 metres apart and 6 metres high with a crossbar two metres from the ground that forms a goal space. A goal is scored when the ball is driven under the crossbar and a single point is awarded when it goes over the crossbar and between the two uprights.

Three points equal one goal and, predictably, the team with the highest

score wins at the end of the 50-minute game which is divided into two halves with a 10-minute intervals.

Four defenders front the goalkeeper and each of these is marked by the forward of the opposing team. Three players operate as centre-fielders and there are four forwards. Three substitutes are allowed on each side.

In the modern game players do not rigidly adhere to their positions. They move about constantly, to create space in front of the goals and open play is recognised as being the hallmark of successful sides.

After the initial burst of enthusiasm over the new game that was, ironically, invented and named by men, interest began to wane. An insidious apathy crept into the game and it was set to slide into the mists of time as another female fad.

In 1911, the first real attempt to relaunch the game in a nationwide context was made by one Mayo-born Sean O'Duffy, the Don Quixote of the game and later dubbed 'Mr Camogie'. Elanor, Dowager Countess of Fingal, one of the most progressive women of her time, was elected President and, by the time the next annual convention came around, the game had cropped up again in ten counties outside Dublin.

Later, after the 1916 rebellion, camogie was listed as an 'illegal assembly' but the women defied the order and played on — especially in Dublin. Within five years a Central Council was organised to cope with the 'phenomenal growth' that followed. Some of the mushrooming clubs were

observing the Association rules and other played along hurling lines. In 1934, a special convention was held to tidy up loose ends and the modern body was delivered into Irish society.

Since then, antipathy towards female involvement in sport has diminished. Participation tends to still fall off with marriage and arrival of babies but younger women are discovering it to be a dynamic sport when mastered.

And, it is among the young that the Association's lifeline hangs.

'I have stated on many occasions that the colleges are the life-blood of the Association. I feel that the Association has neglected to keep tabs on our teachers departing from our third level colleges. This important aspect should be our first priority. We must give them all the support and encouragement we can to ensure that their services are fully availed of,' said President Fennelly at this year's Annual Congress.

Nineteen third-level colleges and more than 350 primary schools are playing the game. Some of the latter play competitively, others play friendlies. It does not matter as far as the organisation is concerned; they are concentrating on the skills, weapons for the future.

As observed by one official at Congress, 'We feel that we have really got to the "grass-roots" in the past year and hope to continue on a larger scale in the coming year.'

What the game of 'the little hurley' needs is a wholesome injection of funds and someone to convince the world that this is a game for the talented female athlete.

Kilkenny back on glory trail

By JOHN BRENNAN

It will be a case of 'many happy returns' for the girls of Kilkenny when they take on Dublin in next Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final.

During the '70's, Kilkenny were the top team in the sport and appeared in four finals and again in 1981. But since then they have come up against the top teams in the early rounds of the 'Open Draw' championship and always came off the worst.

"It isn't that we've spent the intervening years re-building our team", said centre-back and captain Bridie McGarry, "but just that we've come up against the top teams early on and lost out by a point or two each time".

One of the reasons for Kilkenny's improvement this year, according to Bridie, is their new trainer Tom Ryan. "Tom coached the Shamrocks club to win the All-Ireland hurling title and has made each of us work so hard on our personal fitness, our skills and improved team tactics", she says.

Leading scorer for Kilkenny this year is veteran centre-forward Angela Downey who already has four All-Ireland and three national league medals to her credit. She recently finished second in the National Supergirl contest to athlete Brid Hallisey.

Lucky

Along with Anne Downey, Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary, Angela is completing her thirteenth season in top-flight camogie. "We will only know on Sunday whether or not it is lucky for us", she adds.

Dublin named their team yesterday and it contains no surprises. As expected Barbara Redmond, who returns to the country from Canada just a few hours before the start of the match, hasn't been named in either the team or the substitutes and her midfield skill will be sadly missed.

One man that does figure in the four replacements is that of Jo Holden, sister of Dublin footballer, Mick, a skilful young forward who may be brought on at some stage on Sunday.

To replace the absent Redmond, Dublin have moved their captain Edel Murphy to midfield from the attack, with Carmel O'Byrne coming into the forward line.

Fought

The junior final will be fought out by the unusual pairing of Galway and Armagh, who last met in the championship in a 1972 semi-final when they produced twelve goals between them on the day.

Galway won this year's National Junior League and have been the favourites for this event for quite a while. The good work done promoting the game at under-age levels is beginning to pay off in the West.

Armagh will be strengthened though by the return of goalkeeper Bernie McNally who missed the county's last two matches in the championship. The junior match starts at (2.00) with the senior game at (3.30).

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ARMAGH: B. McNally, P. Daly, S. Kelly, M. Morris.



Margaret Moriarty, the Armagh captain.



Liz Neary, wing centre for Kilkenny.

McAlinden, F. O'Connor, D. McStay, P. Brown, S. McCone, U. McGivern, P. O'Hare, M. Donnelly.

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DUBLIN: Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, B. Toner, A. Redmond, U. Crowley, E. Murphy, A. Condon, J. Gormley, M. Mernagh, C. O'Byrne, M. Connell. Subs: D. O'Leary, P. Clinton, G. Burke, J. Holden.



• DUBLIN TRIO . . . Joan Gormley, the captain Edel Murphy and Una Crowley who will be in action on Sunday.



• In action for Kilkenny will be from right, Anna Whelan, the left winger and centre back and captain Bridie McGarry.



• The Galway captain Ena Gannon with right back Julie Glynn.

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CAMOGIE HOPEFULS . . . In action in Sunday's Junior and Senior All-Ireland final (from left) Paula Brown (Armagh), Margaret Farrell (Kilkenny), Biddy O'Sullivan (Kilkenny), Anne Downes (Kilkenny), Mary Mernagh (Dublin), and Bernie Toner (Dublin).

Dublin won't be pushovers

DUBLIN AND Kilkenny, the two sides which have dominated the 1985 season, meet in the showpiece of the year, the All-Ireland Senior Championship Final at Croke Park on Sunday. The junior decider between Armagh and Galway should play an entertaining supporting role.

The senior finalists have already met three times this season. The table reads a win, a defeat and a draw to each. Four points has been the widest margin to separate the sides, but, it must be said, that Dublin were short regulars on that occasion.

Therefore, the scene is set for a ding dong struggle before the destination of the O'Duffy Cup for the next twelve months will be

known. Dublin are, of course, the champions. The breakthrough took so long for them, that they will be in no mood to relinquish it easily.

Only Marie Fitzpatrick and Breda Holmes on the Kilkenny side chase their first senior medal. Four of the side, Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Angela and Anne Downey were around when Kilkenny won their initial All-Ireland title in 1974. Eleven years and three All-Ireland later, these girls know that they stand an excellent chance of adding to their collection.

Kilkenny have worked hard this season and are well prepared. They have decided to ignore a lacklustre semi-final performance and have named the same

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team to do duty on Sunday.

It will be a big occasion for young Marie Fitzpatrick in the Kilkenny goal. She had done well since joining the team and will have the experienced Anne Downey in front of her. Team captain, Bridie McGarry is the pivot of the defence. If she is on her game, Kilkenny will be moving forward. Assisting her will be the close-marking Anne Holden and the strong Biddy O'Sullivan.

Liz Neary, one of the best all-round players in the game, is placed at right wing. She forms an effective midfield line with Deirdre Malone and Anne Whelan.

Up front Kilkenny have the super competitive and skilful Angela Downey. Margaret Farrell, Jo Dunne and Breda Holmes, who can make and take scores, join Angela in what is a very strong sector of the team.

The four finalists were requested to announce their teams in time for the printing of the programme and the writing of match previews. Kilkenny, Galway and Armagh eagerly obliged but a flat refusal from the Dublin camp showed contempt for the readers of this column. Their lack of co-operation is to be deplored.

When the side is announced regular goalkeeper Yvonne Redmond is sure to be named. Marion Conroy has maintained a high stan-

dard since returning to the full-back spot in the league replay. Several combinations are possible for the half-back line. Germaine Noonan and Bernie Toner should get the nod, but the third position rests between Carmel O'Byrne, Catherine Ledwidge and Anne Redmond.

UNCLEAR

The composition of the midfield line is unclear. Una Crowley should start in her usual wing position. Barbara Redmond is due back from Canada hours before the game. The selectors may feel that this is insufficient time to recover from an arduous journey and name a replacement.

Junior captain Joe Holden may be called up. Another possibility is to place team

captain, Edel Murphy at midfield and return Carmel O'Byrne to attack. Mary Mernagh should get the third midfield spot.

Anna McManus looked fit and eager in the semi-final. She and goal-poaching Joan Gormley should be pencilled in. Marie Connell had not recovered from her ankle injury in the Cork game, but the intervening weeks may have put it right. Without actual knowledge of the Dublin line-out, it is not practical to assess the side and predict the outcome.

Many regular spectators to All-Ireland Day hold that the Junior final provides greater entertainment than the Senior game. Certainly, next Sunday's pairing of Armagh and Galway has all the ingredients of a classic. In the 1972 semi-final meeting of these counties, 12 goals were produced. The standard of the forwards on duty today could even tip that total.

From early in the year Galway have been earmarked to go places. They have not disappointed their fans. They brought home the National Junior League trophy for the first time, retained the Connacht title and reached the All-Ireland final.

YOUNGSTERS

The most talked about section of the Galway team is undoubtedly their forward line. Here they place four talented youngsters. Anne Fahy, Deirdre Costello, Deirdre Lawless and Anne Ryan who combine to play delightful camogie.

The are fed by a hard working midfield trio comprising of team captain, Ena Cannon, Teresa Raftery and Clare Dolan. Galway half-back line of Illie Glynn, Brida Stratford and Angela Cooney are apt at clearing their lines and setting their attack in motion. The experienced Eileen Howley is placed on the edge of the square fronting goalkeeper Chris Divilly to complete a very useful side.

Fifteen years ago Armagh came to Croke Park to contest their first All-Ireland final. They were pipped by Dublin with only two points in the difference. Many disappointments were endured before a second chance presented itself. Armagh will not lack motivation and are determined to come out on top on this occasion.

Derry, Donegal, Gavan and Limerick have fallen at their hands. Their selectors make one change from the side which played in the semi-final. Regular goalkeeper, Bernie McNally resumes at the expense of the unlucky Rita McGuigan. Team captain, Margaret Moriarty controls the defence from the centre-back position. The back line consists of Patricia Leahy, Mary Raftery and Andrea McAlinden.

Armagh are very strong across the middle of the field where Finnoia O'Connor, Denise McStay and Paula Brown figure. Mary Donnelly, who notched 3-3 in the Limerick game, leads an effective attack. She is joined by Sally McCone, Ursula McGivern and Pauline O'Hare all of whom are capable of inflicting chances.

Croke Park nerves can be a deciding factor in this game. Assuming that both teams dispense with this influence in the early minutes, they should settle down to give an outstanding exhibition of camogie with little between the sides at the finish.

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 Senior — Dublin v. Armagh