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**Cill Chainnigh v.  
Tiobraid Árann**

*MAINISTIR NA CROICHE,  
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26 Iúil, 1992, ag 3.30 i.n.



# Foireann Thiobraid Árann

(Mar a d'eirigh leo go dtí seo)

**Michelle Bulfin (Cashel):** Boinn faoi-aois. She plays senior camogie with her club. Has won underage titles. Munster Minor Championship medal.

**Sile Ní Chadhain (Burgess):** Munster and All-Ireland Colleges medals. Munster Minor Championship medal.

**Eibhlín Ní Dhubhshláine (Toomevara):** County Championship medal. Munster Minor Championship medal.

**Siobhán Ní Cheallaigh (Toomevara):** Club medals and Féile na nGael medal. Munster Minor Championship medal.

**Siobhán Ní Óráin (Knockavilla Donaskeigh):** Tá a athair mar Cathaoirleach ar Chlub Knockavilla. Is imreoir idir-mheánach lena Club í. Munster Minor Championship medal.

**Alsún Ní Leathlobhair (Portroe):** Munster and All-Ireland Junior Colleges medals. All-Ireland 7-a-side and Munster Senior Colleges medals.

**Treasa Ní Bhróithe (Burgess):** Imríonn sí ar foireann Scoil Mhuire. Bhí sí ar phanéal Thiobraid Árann anuraidh agus do bhain sí ait amach ar an bhfoireann i mbliana. Munster Minor Championship medal.

**Caitríona de Búrca (Shannon Rovers):** Munster Minor Championship medal.

**Máire Ní Riain (Toomevara):** Boinn Comórtas Féile na nGael. Munster Minor Championship medal.

**Ciara Ní Bhroin (Burgess) Captaen:** Club medals and Féile na nGael medals. Boinn Craobh Comórtas na nÉireann (Mionúir). Boinn Mionúir na Mumhan. Iníonn le Micky Burns a d'imir ar Foireann Thoibread Árann. Munster Minor Championship medal.

**Mandy Ní Choigligh (Roscrea):** Boinn Comórtas Féile na nGael. Munster Minor Championship medal. Niece of Mona Quigley who played senior camogie for Thiobraid Árann.

**Ciara Nic Fhionnbhairr (Kilruane):** Senior League and Junior All-Ireland and Munster medals. Daughter of Len Gaynor.

**Siobhán Kinally (Kilruane McDonaghs):** Senior League and Junior All-Ireland and Munster medals.

**Clodagh Ní Dhuinn (Gortnahoe-Glen-goole):** Bhí sí ar an bpanéal anuraidh. Ghlac sí part ar son Thiobraid Árann i gComórtas Scileanna Féile na nGael.

**Áine de Barra (Cashel):** Boinn faoi-aois. Munster Minor Championship medal.

**Cearúilín Ní Bhuachalla (Knockavilla Donaskeigh):** Tá suim aici i sport i gcoitinne. Boinn i luathchleasanna.



## TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Conor Ó Riain (Roghnóir), Siobhán Ní Óráin, Áine de Barra, Siobhán Ní Cheallaigh, Mandy Ní Choigligh, Michelle de Chadhain, Máire Uí Ghreatháin (Roghnóir).  
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Alsún Ní Leathlobhair, Máire Maxwell, Michelle Bulfin, Ciara Nic Fhionnbhairr, Ciara Ní Bhroin (Captaen), Eibhlín Ní Dhubhshláine, Máire Ní Riain, Edel Ní Chadhain, Treasa Ní Bhróithe.



# Foireann Chill Chainnigh

(Mar a d'eirigh leo go dtí seo)

**Cáit Ní Riain** (*Freshford*): Leinster Minor Championship, Leinster Colleges Minor and 7-a-side medals. Féile na nGael medals.

**Proinséas Shore** (*Castlecomer*): Boinn na Mionúr. Cúige Laighean.

**Niamh Ní Fhaoláin** (*Clara*): Leinster and All-Ireland Minor medals. Leinster Colleges Minor and Community Games medals.

**Sinéad Nic Coisteala** (*Freshford*): Captaen. Boinn faoi 14 agus na Mionúr, Cúige Laighean, Craobhchomórtas na hÉireann sa Mionúr agus Féile na nGael. Leinster Colleges 7-a-side and Leinster Vocational School Junior medals.

**Córa Ní Mhaca** (*Lisdowney*): Leinster Minor Championship medal, Leinster Colleges and Vocational Schools Junior medals.

**Sandra Ní Ghliasaín** (*Castlecomer*): Boinn na Mionúr Craobhchomórtas, Cúige Laighean.

**Caitríona de Buitléir** (*Mullinavat*): Leinster Minor Championship medal.

**Áine Ní Ící** (*Clara*): Boinn na Mionúr Craobhchomórtas, Cúige Laighean.

**Caitríona Ní Chiara** (*Clara*): Boinn na Mionúr Craobhchomórtas, Cúige Laighean.

**Mairéad Ní Chaomhánaigh** (*Freshford*): Boinn faoi 14 agus na Mionúr, Cúige Laighean agus i gCraobhchomórtas na hÉireann agus Féile na nGael. Leinster Colleges Senior B and 7-a-side medals.

**Labhaoise Ní Shléibhín** (*Castlecomer*): Boinn na Mionúr, Cúige Laighean agus boinn Choláistí, Mionúr, Cúige Laighean.

**Michelle Ní Fhionnalaigh** (*Carrickshock*): Leinster and All-Ireland Minor Championship medals and Leinster Colleges 7-a-side medal.

**Fiona Ní Chonaire** (*Freshford*): Leinster Minor Championship medal and Leinster Minor and 7-a-side medals.

**Póilín Ní Ógáin** (*Dicksboro*): Leinster Minor Championship medal and Leinster Minor Colleges and 7-a-side medals.

**Deirdre Ní Shuilleabháin** (*Graigie-Ballycallan*): Leinster Minor Championship medal.

**Deirdre Ní Fhaoláin** (*James Stephens*): Boinn na Mionúr, Cúige Laighean. Leinster Colleges 7-a-side medal.



## CILL CHAINNIGH

*Ar chúl (ó chlé):* Evan Ní Dhuálaing, Póilín Ní Ógáin, Sinéad Nic Coisteala (Captaen), Mairéad Ní Chomhánaigh, Niamh Ní Fhaoláin, Proinséas Shore, Labhaoise Ní Shléibhín, Michelle Ní Fhionnalaigh, Aisling Ní Bhroin, Deirdre Ní Shuilleabháin, Cearúilín Nic Aidicín, Fiona Ní Chonaire.

*Chun tosaigh (ó chlé):* Sandra Ní Ghliasaín, Córa Ní Mhaca, Áine Ní Ící, Caitríona Ní Chiara, Caitríona de Buitléir, Denise Ní Dhuálaing, Cáit Ní Riain, Áine Sunderland, Deirdre Ní Fhaoláin, Áine Máire Trait.



# Tiobraid Árann

Dathanna: Gorm agus Ór

## 1 MICHELLE BULFIN

Michelle Bulfin  
(Cashel)

## 2 SÍLE NÍ CHADHAIN

Sheila Coyne  
(Burgess)

## 3. EIBHLÍN NÍ DHUBHSHLÁINE

Aileen Delaney  
(Toomevara)

## 4. SIOBHÁN NÍ CHEALLAIGH

Suzanne Kelly  
(Toomevara)

## 5. SIOBHÁN NÍ ÓRÁIN

Joanne Horgan  
(Knockavilla Donaskeigh)

## 6. ALSÚN NÍ LEATHLOBHAI

Alison Lawlor  
(Portroe)

## 7. TREASA NÍ BHRÓITHE

Theresa Brophy  
(Burgess)

## 8. CAITRÍONA DE BÚRCA

Catherine Bourke  
(Shannon Rovers)

## 9. MÁIRE NÍ RIAIN

Marie Ryan  
(Toomevara)

## 10. CIARA NÍ BHROIN

Ciara Burns - Captaen  
(Burgess)

## 11. MANDY NÍ CHOIGLIGH

Mandy Quigley  
(Roscrea)

## 12. CIARA NÍ CHIONNBHAIR

Ciara Gaynor  
(Kilruane)

Ionadaithe: 13. Slobhán Kinally (Susan Kinally) Kilruane McDonaghs; 14. Clodagh Ní Dhuinn (Clodagh Dunne) Gortnahoe-Glengoole; 15. Áine de Barra (Ann Barry) Cashel; 16. Cearúllín Ní Bhuachalla (Caroline Buckley) Knockavilla Donaskeigh.

# Cill Chainnigh

Dathanna: Dubh agus Ómra

## 1 CAIT NÍ RIAIN

Kathleen Ryan  
(Freshford)

## 2 FROINSÉAS SHORE

Fran Shore  
(Castlecomer)

## 3. NIAMH NÍ FHOULÁIN

Niamh Phelan  
(Clara)

## 4. SINÉAD NÍ COSTEALA

Sinéad Costelloe-Captaen  
(Freshford)

## 5. CÓRA NÍ MHACA

Cora Mackey  
(Lisdowney)

## 6. SANDRA NÍ GHLIASÁIN

Sandra Gleeson  
(Castlecomer)

## 7. CAITRÍONA DE BUITLÉIR

Catherine Butler  
(Mullinaveil)

## 8. ÁINE NÍ ÍCI

Ann Hickey  
(Clara)

## 9. CAITRÍONA NÍ CHAIARA

Cairiona Carey  
(Clara)

## 10. MAIRÉAD NÍ CHAMHÁNAIGH

Margaret Kavanagh  
(Freshford)

## 11. LABHAOISE NÍ SHLEIBHIN

Louise Slewin  
(Castlecomer)

## 12. MICHELLE NÍ FIONNALAIGH

Michelle Fenelly  
(Carrickshock)

Ionadaithe: 13. Fiona Ní Chonair (Fiona Conery) Freshford; 14. Póilín Ní Ógáin (Pauline Hogan) Dicksboro; 15. Deirdre Ní Shuilleabháin (Deirdre O'Sullivan) Graigue-Ballycallan; 16. Deirdre Ní Phéilín (Deirdre Phelan) James Stephens.



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## Ciara stars for Tipp

Tipperary 4-9  
Kilkenny 1-3

A FIVE-STAR performance from midfielder Ciara Burns, daughter of former Tipperary star, Mick Burns, was a key factor in Tipp's victory over holders Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Minor Camogie final at Holyross yesterday.

Apart from scoring 1-6 of her side's tally, Burns worked like a beaver to keep her colleagues going and in the second-half, in particular, as Kilkenny fought with great spirit to get back into the game with the wind at their backs, she was an inspiration with her fine striking and her ability to carry the ball from defence.

Tipperary had the wind behind them in the first-half and got an ideal start with a Marie Ryan goal after six minutes. Ciara Burns added a second in the 21st minute as Tipp went on to lead 2-5 to 0-1 at the interval.

Margaret Kavanagh raised Kilkenny's hopes with a 12th minute goal in the second-half, but great defending by Tipperary prevented them from adding to their tally and when Marie Ryan got through for her second goal for Tipp in the 21st minute, to open a 3-8 to 1-3 lead, Tipp were the champions.

Mandy Quigley's goal five minutes later was just the icing on the cake.

Scorers for Tipperary: C. Burns 1-6, M. Ryan 2-0, M. Quigley 1-3.

Kilkenny: M. Kavanagh 1-0, M. Fennelly 0-3.

TIPPERARY: M. Bultin; S. Coyne, A. Delaney, S. Kelly, J. Horgan, A. Lawlor, T. Brophy, C. Burke, M. Ryan, C. Burns, M. Quigley, C. Gaynor. Sub. A. Barry for Lawlor.

KILKENNY: K. Ryan; F. Shore, N. Phelan, S. Costello, C. Mackey, S. Gleeson, C. Butler, A. Hickey, C. Carey, M. Kavanagh, L. Slevin, M. Fennelly. Subs. F. Connery for Slevin, P. Hogan for Butler.

**C**ILL CHAINNIGH agus Tiobraid Árann are to-day meeting in an all-Ireland Minor Championship final for the third time. Cill Chainnigh won the Corn Tailteann for the first time in 1988, and retained it in 1989 at Tiobraid Árann's expense. The next year the tables were turned and Tiobraid Árann secured their minor title. They also met in last year's semi-final when Cill Chainnigh went on to win the title for the third time.

Today's final is sure to be a close affair. Both All-Ireland semi-final matches ended in draws. In the replays, Cill Chainnigh recorded a 9-05 to 1-02 victory over Aontroim in Nowlan Park, while Tiobraid Árann had a 7-09 to 4-03 win over An Ghaillimh in Thurles.

They have each played five matches on their paths to today's final. Tiobraid Árann have won three Munster titles in the last five years. On the path to the final they have accounted for An Clár, Luimneach, and Corcaigh in the Munster final. Captained by Ciara Burns, daughter of Mick Burns, former Tiobraid Árann hurler. Ciara is the only eligible member of the victorious team of 1990. Ciara Gaynor, daughter of hurler Len, Marie Ryan, Mandy Quigley and Anne Barry have all been instrumental in their county's victories.

## Cill Chainnigh agus Tiobraid Árann

Cill Chainnigh have carved their name on the Leinster Minor Championship Cup for the last five years. On their path to the Final, they accounted for Uíbh Fháighe, An Mhíde, and Áth Cliath in the Leinster final. Today they are fielding five of last year's squad - Michelle Fennelly, cousin of the famous Fennelly brothers, Niamh Phelan, Margaret Kavanagh, Sinéad Costelloe (captain) and Caitríona Carey, under 14 star. Caitríona is sister to hurlers D.J. and Martin Carey. All five have played a major role in their team's victories to date.

Táimid ag tnúth le sár-chluiche idir an dá fhoireann seo. Tá scileanna na Camógaíochta ar a dtóil acu uilig. Go n-éirí go geal leo.

## KILKENNY TAKE ON TIPP IN MINOR CAMOGIE FINAL

# Cats set to throw down gauntlet

ON Sunday next the All Ireland minor camogie champions, Kilkenny, throw down the gauntlet to Tipperary in the All Ireland minor camogie championship final at Thurles. This will be the third time for those two counties to meet in an All Ireland final at this grade in the last four years.

Kilkenny won the Corn Tailteann for the first time in 1988 and retained it in 1989 by defeating Tipperary. In 1990 Tipperary turned the tables and took their first minor title. The sides met again in the All Ireland semi-final last year when Kilkenny advanced to defeat Galway in the final. This is sure to be a close affair, as both All Ireland semi-finals ended in draws.

In the replays, Kilkenny recorded a 9-5 to 1-2 victory over Antrim, while Tipperary had a 7-9 to 4-3 win over Galway. Kilkenny will be fielding five of last year's victorious squad, Michelle Fennelly, cousin of the famous Fennelly brothers, Niamh Phelan, Sinéad Costello, captain, Margaret Kavanagh, Caitríona Carey, sisters to county hurlers, Martin and D.J., all have played a major role in their team's victory to date.

Tipperary are captained by Ciara Byrne, the only eligible member of the victorious All Ireland team of 1990. Chiara is daughter of Mick, former Tipperary hurler.

Ciara Gaynor, daughter of hurler Len, Mandy Quigley, Marie Ryan

and Ann Barryd have been instrumental in their county's victories.

Tipperary have a good squad and Kilkenny will have to produce top form to hold on to their title.

Also on Sunday, the inaugural game in the All Ireland intermediate championship takes place when Dublin travel to take on Kildare at Clane, time to be arranged. This competition caters for teams who are knocked out in the first round of the senior championship. When the sides met in the national league, Dublin had a convincing win 7-4 to 1-2 and may prove too strong for the lilywhites.

Munster junior championship

final takes place this Saturday evening; Old rivals, Limerick and holders, Tipperary come face to face. Limerick are the newly crowned National League champions and have prominent players in Pauline McCarthy, Patricia Twomey, Bernie Boawke and Noreen Noonan.

Tipperary have their fair share of stars in Deirdre Hughes, Triona Bonner, Govita Delaney and May Stokes. This one should go all the way to the wire.

SATURDAY - Munster junior championship final at Mary I College, Limerick; Limerick v Tipperary 7.0 pm. Sunday; All Ireland minor championship final at Holy Cross, Thurles; Tipperary v Kilkenny 3.30 pm. Intermediate championship quarter-final at Clane; Kildare v Dublin, (time to be arranged).



# Brilliant Ryan could even halt Tipp

Tipperary..... 4-9  
Kilkenny..... 1-3

**K**ILKENNY were completely out-classed by Tipperary in the All-Ireland minor camogie final at Holycross on Sunday.

The final score just about reflected the dominance of the winners. The defeat would have been even more comprehensive but for Kilkenny goalkeeper Kathleen Ryan, who brought off a string of top-class saves.

Tipperary had the advantage of the strong wind in the first half. Kilkenny were first to break away and Caitriona Carey finished the opening move with a ground shot which went wide.

Tipperary's first free was well cleared by the losers' defence. The scoring was opened by Marie Ryan when her speculative shot deceived Kathleen Ryan and dribbled into the net. Mandy Quigley added a point and Tipp were on their way.

Catherine Bourke did well at midfield for Tipperary while Sandra Gleeson and Catherine Butler tried their best for Kilkenny. Sinéad Costelloe also came more into the game but the signs were ominous despite Michelle Fennelly's opening point for the losers.

Tipp captain Ciara Burns proceeded to dominate the game. She brought a great save from Kilkenny's Kath-

leen Ryan, who blocked the ball over the bar for a point. Ciara followed with a wide before sending an unstoppable shot to the net after she brilliantly caught a great clearance from Theresa Brophy.

Tipp's Ciara Gaynor added a point in the 24th minutes following another great save from Ryan. Ciara Burns added another point from a free in the 30th minutes. Mandy Quigley struck a lovely point to leave the half-time score Tipperary 2-5; Kilkenny 0-1.

## No advantage

The second half opened with an immediate attack by Kilkenny which Tipp goalie Michelle Bulfin repulsed. She was in action again after five minutes and saved well again. Catherine Butler took two nicely-struck line balls for Kilkenny, but the forwards were unable to take advantage.

Sinéad Costelloe carried the ball forward from the centre-back position, but again Tipp held firm. After seven minutes Michelle Fennelly scored Kilkenny's second point from a free. Ciara Burns answered

with a pointed free for Tipp. Clara's Ann Hickey made a great run upfield for Kilkenny and, after a goalmouth scramble, Margaret Kavanagh crashed the ball to the net to bring the Kilkenny supporters to life. Ciara Burns silenced them again with a well-struck free from 50 metres for a Tipp point.

Kathleen Ryan brought off another outstanding save and blocked the ball over the bar for another Tipp point from a Mandy Quigley strike. Michelle Fennelly had Kilkenny's third point from a free. Marie Ryan answered with a well-struck goal.

Mandy Quigley scored Tipp's fourth goal in the 26th minute. Ciara Burns closed the scoring with a point in the 28th minute following another wonder save by Kathleen Ryan.

The game ended with Kathleen in action again. She scooped the ball out for a "30" which was not converted.

Tipperary dominated from the throw-in. From goalkeeper Michelle Bulfin to Ciara Gaynor at full-forward all were on their game. Their stars were a rampant half-forward line of Marie Ryan, Ciara Burns and Mandy Quigley.

To Kilkenny's credit, they never gave up. Kathleen Ryan player. Niamh Costelloe and tried hard to was the top Tipp forwards. Phelan, Sinéad Butler and San-Cora Mackey had their mo- contain the Tipp defence.

Catherine Bourke up front dra Gleeson, Kavanagh and Margaret Fennelly tried to Michelle Fennelly tried to prise open the Tipp defence.

Scorers: C. Burns (1-5, three points free), M. Quigley (1-3), M. Ryan (2-0), C. Gaynor (0-1), Kilkenny - M. Fennelly (1-0), M. Fennelly (0-3, free).

Teams: Tipperary - Michelle Bulfin, Aileen Delaney, Joanne Horgan, Suzanne Kelly, Theresa Brophy, Alison Lawlor, Marie Ryan, Catherine Bourke (captain), Mandy Quigley, Ciara Gaynor. Sub: Ann Barry.

Kilkenny - Kathleen Ryan, Niamh Phelan, Sinéad Costelloe (captain), Cora Mackey, Sandra Gleeson, Catherine Butler, Ann Hickey, Caitriona Carey, Margaret Kavanagh, Louise Steven, Michelle Fennelly.

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# Tipperary minors hammer Champions

(By Michael Dundon)

Tipperary..... 4-9  
Kilkenny..... 1-3

**A**ll-Ireland champions Kilkenny were hammered into submission by a fiercely determined and very skillful Tipperary side in the All-Ireland minor camogie final at Holycross on Sunday. In capturing their second title in the grade, and repeating the 1990 win over Kilkenny, Tipperary showed beyond a shadow of doubt that they are the best team in the land at this level and their victory presages a bright future for the Premier County in the code.

Kilkenny were figuring in their fifth consecutive All-Ireland final at this level and having suffered only one defeat in that sequence went into Sunday's final in a very confident mood. However, against a very competitive Tipperary side

they were never allowed settle, as the home county dictated play from start to finish and would not have been flattered to win by a bigger margin.

All round Tipperary were the better balanced side and in addition, they had that bit of extra individual flair which was inspirational to colleagues. Ciara Burns, daughter of former Tipperary defender Mick Burns of Nenagh, personified this flair and both as an attacker taking scores, and falling back to midfield to defend against the breeze in the second half, she produced an exceptional performance.

She was not alone, however, and the work-rate of Catherine Bourke, Joanne Horgan, Aileen Delaney and Mandy Quigley was also a key factor in Tipperary's success.

Tipperary stamped their authority on the game from the start. Backed by the breeze they pounded the Kilkenny goal but six minutes elapsed before Marie Ryan gave Tipperary the boost they needed, a goal, her shot being allowed into the net by the Kilkenny goalkeeper who thought it was going wide.

The score may have been fortunate but there was nothing lucky about Tipperary's second goal of the

half scored by Ciara Burns from a delivery by Theresa Brophy. With Catherine Bourke doing tremendous work in midfield and Joanne Horgan shining in defence, Tipperary were well in control and were not flattered to lead 2-5 to 0-1 at the interval.

Indeed the lead should have been greater but an excellent Kathleen Ryan in the Kilkenny goal twice denied Ciara Gaynor goals and a Ciara Burns shot went screaming past the post with goal written all over it.

Kilkenny needed to step up their game in the second half and this they did but Tipperary now showed their ability to defend and in the first minute Michelle Bulfin, the Tipperary goalie saved well from Margaret Kavanagh. Kilkenny kept pushing forward but there was no way through until the 12th minute when Margaret Kavanagh netted for Kilkenny after Michelle Bulfin had saved her first effort at goal only for the ball to rebound kindly into the path of the Kilkenny girl.

Trailing 1-3 to 2-8 one felt that if Kilkenny were to win their supreme effort had to come at this stage. However, it was as the Tipperary girls who rose magnificently to the challenge. Mandy Quigley fired in a powerful

shot which was turned over the bar by the Kilkenny keeper in the 17th minute but four minutes later Marie Ryan grabbed her second goal after Ciara Burns headed created the opening.

Kilkenny were now in disarray and Tipperary pushed home their advantage in the concluding stages. Mandy Quigley and Ciara Burns adding further goals to round off a memorable occasion for the Tipperary team, selectors and officials.

There was no disputing the merit of this win which hopefully will set a headline for other Tipperary teams this year. The team and entire panel were a credit to themselves and the county and fully deserved the praise heaped on them after this win.

Kilkenny contributed their share to a fine game but just did not have the power of their rivals. Kathleen Ryan, Niamh Phelan, Sinéad Costelloe, Margaret Kavanagh and Michelle Fennelly were their best players.

Tipperary scorers - Burns 1-6; M. Quigley 1-3; M. Ryan 2-0.

Kilkenny scorers - Kavanagh 1-0; M. Fennelly 0-3.

Tipperary - Michelle Bulfin (Cashel); Joanne Horgan (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh); Alison Lawlor (Portroe); Theresa Brophy (Burgess); Catherine Bourke (Shannon Rovers); Marie Ryan (Toomevara); Ciara Burns (Burgess); Mandy Quigley (Roscrea); Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane). Substitute - Ann Barry

(Cashel) for Lawlor. Kilkenny - K. Ryan, F. Shore, N. Phelan, S. Costelloe, C. Mackey, S. Gleeson, C. Butler, A. Hickey, C. Carey, M. Kavanagh, L. Slevin, M. Fennelly.

Substitutes - F. Connery for Slevin; P. Hogan for Butler.

Referee - S. A. Derham, Dublin.



# Kilkenny no match for superb Tipperary

KILKENNY were not good enough for Tipperary in the All-Ireland Minor camogie championship final at Thurles on Sunday last.

Kilkenny, the holders were outclassed. Two goals by Tipperary in the early stages gave them a great boost, and Kilkenny trailed by 2-5 to 0-1 at halftime.

In the second half, Margaret Kavanagh had a well taken goal and it looked as if her team was going to fight back but Tipperary's Marie Ryan blasted two goals for Tipp.

Despite a magnificent display by Kilkenny centre back Sinead Costello and centre field player Catherine Butler, Tipperary were more the sharper side and ran out easy winners on a score of 4-9 to 1-3.

**Scorers: Tipperary** - C. Byrnes 1-5, M. Ryan 2-0, M. Quigley 1-3, C. Gaynor 0-1. **Kilkenny** - M. Kavanagh 1-0, M. Fennelly 0-3.

There are great celebrations in Louth after their squad brought

## CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

By PJ Fulham

the Leinster U.14 Roinn B title to the county, beating Westmeath 4-2 to 3-4.

The girls who made that bit of history for the Wee County are Dervla Connor, Orla Ryan, Sinead McElroy, Voureen Quigley, Donna Curran, Dara Ryan, Marie Lawless, Mary Johnston, Olivia Matthews, Margaret

McCormack, Martha McArdle, Mary Regan, Orla Begley, Toni Murray, Caroline Lynch, Emma Kiernan, Michelle Hoey, Noeleen Matthews, Cheryl McElroy.

There are no fixtures this weekend because of the Bank Holiday. We now take a look at how the Leinster counties are faring in the All Ireland championships.

In seniors, Kilkenny and Wexford are through to the All-Ireland semi-finals, and they are away to Cork and Galway respec-

# Two goal blitz secures title for Kilkenny.

KILKENNY took their first Leinster Junior title in 22 years when they defeated Carlow in the final played at Nowlan Park on Sunday last.

This was a thrilling encounter with little separating the sides at any time. The teams were level on four occasions during the first half and Carlow held a slender lead of 0-6 to 0-5 at half time.

Two minutes into the second half Valerie Crean stretched their lead by two points. Kilkenny's Imelda Kennedy replied with a similar score.

Then disaster struck Carlow when Kilkenny landed the ball twice in the net inside of three minutes, great goals by Imelda Kennedy and Sinead Costello.

The Noreiders went four points into the lead but Carlow whittled away and with ten minutes to go were trailing by one point.

They missed many scoring chances in the closing stages while Kilkenny finished the sharper to

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By P J FULHAM.

run out winners on a score of 2-10 to 0-12.

**SCORERS** - Kilkenny - I Kennedy 1-5, S Costello 1-1, M McGrath 0-2, M Maher, A M Hughes 0-1 each. Carlow - V Crean 0-8, M Smith 0-2, M Sheehan, K Welsh 0-1 each. Referee: John Pender (Kildare).

On Sunday next the All-Ireland senior championships semi-finals take place. The All-Ireland champions Kilkenny travel to take on Cork. They will face a torrid test of character.

The League champions Cork have defeated the Noreiders twice this season. Last year Cork also had a victory over Kilkenny in the League but when it came to the championship Kilkenny turned the tables and they are quite capable of a repeat performance on Sunday.

The fielding strength of Anne Downey, Sinead and Tracey Mil-

lea, Gillian Dillon and Brigid Mulally should be decisive.

Wexford are away to Galway in the other semi-final. This should be another thriller.

Wexford beaten National League finalists this year and beaten All-Ireland finalists last year. They are hoping to go one step further. They will meet with stiff opposition from a well drilled young Galway squad.

Wexford have the experience that may see them through fielding players such as Stella Sinnott, Catherine Murphy, Tina Fitzhenry, Paula Rankin and Angie Hearn. A Leinster double on Sunday will make it a repeat of last years all Ireland final.

Also on Sunday the semi finals of the All Ireland Intermediate championship new competition takes place.

Dublin are Leinster's only hope in this competition when they show

their hospitality to Antrim.

When the counties met in the National League Dublin had a 5-6 to 1-1 victory and with their recent win over Kildare in the quarter-final they will carry too much strength for Antrim with prominent players in Cathy Walsh, Mary Duane, Geraldine Dunne, Cheryl Whittaker, Louise Lynch, and Veronica Trehey.

Drumcullen Offaly are through to the finals of the Leinster Junior club championship when they had an easy victory over Kilkenny Louth, on a score of 4-13 to 2-2.

**SCORERS** - Drumcullen G Mahon 2-8, M Lynch 1-2, C Guinan 1-1, F Darcy, G Gath 0-1 each. Kilkenny - V Quigley 2-2.

**FIXTURES** (Sunday 16th) - All-Ireland Senior championships semi-finals - At Ballinacorney - Cork v Kilkenny, 2.30; At Loughrea - Galway v Wexford 2.30; All-Ireland Intermediate Championship semi-final - At Portmarnock - Dublin v Antrim 3.00; Leinster club championship semi-final - At Avoca - Avoca Wicklow v Slievebloom, Laois 6.00.

## Tipp take London by storm

**TIPPERARY**.....1-13 **LONDON**.....2-3  
DOUGHTY Tipperary's greater experience and all-round better craftsmanship steered them through this well-contested All-Ireland Junior camogie quarter-final at Ruislip where the visitors eventually gained the upper hand and ran out deserved winners.

London had the advantage of a very strong wind during the first half and were full value for their half time lead of 1-2 to 0-4. While they were level twice inside 10 minutes after the resumption, Tipperary took control entering the final quarter and never released their grip.

**SCORERS** - Tipperary: J Delaney 0-5, T Bonner and S Nealon 0-3, D Hughes 1-0, J Tobin and M. Stokes 0-1 each. London: M Gartland and D Daffy 1-0, D Daly 0-2, M O'Connor 0-1.

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Leinster JC final: Kilkenny 2-10; Carlow 0-12. All-Ireland JC quarter-final: Tipperary 1-11; London 2-3. Leinster Club C semi-final: Drumcullen (Offaly) 4-13; Kilkenny (Louth) 2-2.

# CORK, KILKENNY TO SERVE UP CAMOGIE THRILLER

THIS weekend is a busy one on the Camogie scene, with All-Ireland senior championship semi-finals, and All-Ireland Intermediate championship semi-finals down for decision.

In the senior, old rivals, National Senior League champions, Cork, and All Ireland champions, Kilkenny, clash at Ballinlough.

When there two counties meet, you are sure to see the best of camogie, and, when a

place in the All Ireland final is at stake, it is sure to be a thriller.

In the second semi-final, Wexford travel to Galway. This should be another entertaining tussle. Wexford are the beaten All Ireland finalists of last year.

They will meet with stiff opposition from a young Galway squad who have star players in Deirdre Costello, Sharon Glenn, Ann Ryan, and Triona Dolphin.

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**FIXTURES**  
**SUNDAY**  
All Ireland senior championships semi-finals  
At Ballinlough: Cork v Kilkenny (2.30).  
At Loughrea: Galway v Wexford (2.30).  
All Ireland Intermediate semi-finals  
At Portmarnock: Dublin v Antrim (3.00).  
At Shannon: Clare v Down (12 noon).



# It could be Cork's turn

ON Sunday at Ballinlough, the Cork senior camogie team will be hoping for a place in the All-Ireland final when they take on arch-rivals Kilkenny in a semi-final clash that is scheduled for 2.30.

There is no doubting that Kilkenny have been Cork's bogey team of the past decade. The Kilkenny girls will be chasing their eighth title in a row while Cork have not won a senior title since 1983.

Certainly all involved with this present Cork panel are very conscious of the fact that nine years is far too long to be without a senior title and hopefully on Sunday the Cork girls will go out eager and hungry for success.

Preparations for this game have gone very well and with players like Therese O'Callaghan and Breda Kenny now fully recovered from injury the selectors were able to choose from a full-strength panel.

The Cork team will see Killeagh's Kathleen Costine between the posts with Na Piarsaigh's Irene O'Leary surprisingly named at full-back. Paula Goggins is named at right corner-back with Liz Towler in the left corner and Breda Kenny at centre-back.

Colette O'Mahony, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Therese

O'Callaghan complete the centre-field line.

Liz O'Neill will be at centre-forward with Denise Cronin taking on a new role at full-forward. Lynda Mellerick and Fiona O'Driscoll fill the wing forward positions.

At the time of writing the Kilkenny team was not available but it is certain to include regulars Biddu O'Sullivan, Bridie McGarry, Marino Downey, Gillian Dillon, Marie Fitzpatrick, Ann Downey and Breda Holmes.

Angela Downey has not played in the Kilkenny colours since last year's All-Ireland final but will almost definitely be among the starting side for Sunday's clash.

There is no doubting that Kilkenny will go into this game as favourites but Cork have already defeated Kilkenny on two occasions in the past six months in the National League and must have gained some confidence from these victories.

However, in the past Kilkenny have proved that the championship is really their goal and it will take a mighty effort from the Cork girls if they hope to qualify for this year's All-Ireland final.

The winners of this game will play the winners of the Wexford and Galway semi-final which will also be played on Sunday.

Fixtures: Monday, August 17, Junior 'A' League: Watergrass-hill v Douglas at 7.30; Ballinora v Bishopstown at 7.30.

Under-16 'A' League: Glen Rovers v Brian Dillons at 7.30; Bishopstown v St. Vincents at 7.30; Ballygarvan v Newcestown at 7.30; Ballinacorney v Delanys at 7.30; Eire Og v Cloughduv at 7.30; Inniscarra v Aghabullogue at 7.30; Killeagh v Fr. O'Neills at 7.30.

Tuesday, August 18, Junior 'B' League 92: Cobh v Sarsfields at 7.30; Gleann Na Laoi v Midleton at 7.30; Fermoy v Delanys at 7.30; Newcestown v Tracton at 7.30; Castlemagner v Kilbrittain at 7.30.

Under-16 'A' League: St. Finbarrs v Na Piarsaigh at 7.30.

Wednesday, August 19, Junior 'A' League: St. Finbarrs v Inniscarra at 7.30.

Junior 'A' Championship: Douglas v St. Catherines at 7.30.

Under-16 'B' League: Fermoy v Cloyne at 7.30; Mayfield v Glen Rovers at 7.30.

Junior 'B' League: Ballyroe v Valley Rovers at 7.30; Courcy Rovers v Bandon at 7.30.

Thursday, August 20, Under-16 'B' League: Bandon v Valley Rovers at 7.30; Ballinure v Douglas at 7.30.

Junior 'A' League: Glen Rovers v Douglas at 7.30.



Breda Kenny of Sarsfields arriving for training with the Cork Senior Camogie team; right: Linda Mellerick, Glen Rovers displaying her skills. —(Pic: Eddie O'Hare)





Cork camogie players (from left): Liz O'Neill (Bishopstown), Paula Goggins (Na Piarasigh) and Linda Mellerick (Glen Rovers).



Preparing for this weekend's All-Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny at Ballinlough (from left): Irene O'Keeffe (Inniscarra), Sheenagh Morley (Bishopstown) and Colette O'Mahony (St. Finbarrs).

# MUM'S THE WORD FROM KILKENNY

## ...but Cork are ready and waiting

By EOIN EDWARDS

MUM'S the word in Kilkenny about whether star player Angela Downey, will be playing against Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final at Ballinlough on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs Angela Brown gave birth to a baby eight weeks ago and word is she'll be lining out, possibly at full-forward, for the most successful camogie team in the country.

That's not good news for Cork, but what's worse is that her offspring is a girl, and the talk is she's already been given a hurley! Super-fit Angela, along with Claire Jones, recently returned from the Lebanon, will be very welcome additions to a side which includes Anne Downey and Breda Holmes.

Kilkenny are going for eight All Ireland titles in a row, but Cork who beat them in the National League Final will be anxious to maintain the upper hand. Joe McGarth is coach again this year, with the tenacious Sandy Fitzgibbon as captain, and you couldn't get a more courageous one. She, no doubt, will be a great inspiration to Cork on Sunday, who have home advantage.

The omens are good for Cork, because the last time the sides met in the All-Ireland semi-final, it was 1982 in

Cork, the Leesiders emerged victorious after the game went to extra time. Cork went on to win the All-Ireland that year.

But they haven't won the ultimate prize since 1983. Sandy Fitzgibbon played in that side. Over the last few years Cork have reached the final only to be pipped by the side they now face again on Sunday.

Cork will once again be looking to players like Sandy, who played a starring role for the Glen recently in their county championship title, Colette O'Mahony, Paula Goggins and Kathleen Costine. 'We're hungry for a victory', selector Miriam Higgins told *Echo Sport*. 'hopefully we can finally bury the Kilkenny hoodoo and head for Croke Park on September 27'.

Miriam's fellow selectors, Marion Sweeney and Marie Mackey urged the public to support the girls on Sunday and hopefully we'll have another 'double' again this year!



Goalkeeper on the Cork camogie team for the All-Ireland semi-final: Kathleen Costine (Killeagh). (Pics.: Eddie O'Hare)



At Ballinlough last night also were (from left): Rose Desmond (Bishopstown), Liz Towler (Bishopstown) and Claire McCarthy (Glen Rovers).



Captain, Sandy Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers), with Margaret Finn (Fr. O'Neills) and Jean Kelly (Na Piarasigh).



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The Kilkenny senior camogie panel who will meet Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final on Sunday. Back (from left) - Marie Fitzpatrick, Gillian Dillon, Deirdre Malone, Biddy O'Sullivan, Ann Downey, Breda Holmes, Sinéad Millea. Front - Bridget Barnaville, Bridget Mullally, Bridie McGarry, Marina Downey, Tracey Millea and Una Murphy. (Photo: Michael Brophy)



Leinster champions... Kilkenny junior camogie team who beat Carlow in the Leinster final on Sunday. Front (from left) - Elizabeth Dowling, Helen McGrath, Paula Dowling, Siobhan Dooley (captain), Anne Marie Hughes, Esther Kennedy and Imelda Kennedy. Back - Janet Sweeney, Hilda Butler, Mary McGrath, Marie Maher, Sinéad Costello, Joan Aylward, Margaret Comerford, Kay Dunphy, Maura Costello, Dolores Lanigan and Sheila Dowling (trainer). Missing from photo is Margaret Hickey. (Photo: Michael Brophy)



# Champs step into lion's den

ALL-IRELAND champions Kilkenny will put their title on the line when they literally step into the lion's den and take on Cork in the senior camogie championship semi-final on Sunday.

For the draw has deemed that the champions of the past seven years, Kilkenny, must tackle beaten finalists of 1991, Cork, in their own backyard at Ballinlough (2 p.m.) on Sunday.

Coping with Cork at any time is no easy task and most certainly not in Ballinlough. The champions will have it all to do to get through this one.

Kilkenny trainer Tom Ryan will be hoping for better things from his charges this

time. Two months ago Mr. Ryan and his fellow selectors watched helplessly as their charges wasted chance after chance against the Leesiders, and paid the penalty. Cork finished their league programme with full points.

## Work cut out

Kilkenny delayed naming a team for Sunday while they awaited a fitness report on the dynamic Clare Jones. She has been included in the team, which must be a big boost to the visitors.

A lot could depend on how the experienced Deirdre Malone marshals her defence against the potentially devastating Cork attack that in-

cludes Liz O'Neill, Irene O'Keeffe, Collette O'Mahony and Fiona McCarthy.

The midfield trio will have their work cut out too. The forwards know this time that they cannot squander chances as they did in the league.

After her magnificent display against Clare, and the role she played for Ballycallan in county games, Sinead Millea appears to be the forward in form. Her opposite number, hopefully, will be in for a busy time.

Bridget Mullally at full-forward against Clare proved again she is capable of outwitting and out-thinking the best of defenders. Her promptings in this direction could make chances for those

around her.

Last year's championship result still irks Cork. That fact alone will make them more hungry for success this time. With Cork playing on their own terrain they could be given a vote of confidence.

This is Kilkenny's fourth successive year to play a semi-final away from home. It will be nothing new to them. The only question in the Kilkenny camp is the placing of the team. There is great versatility in the side.

The majority of the players can perform up to standard in several positions. Nothing but total concentration and commitment will suffice against Cork. With real determination and will to succeed Kilkenny can survive and advance to another All-Ireland final.

Panel: B. O'Sullivan, M. Fitzpatrick, S. Millea, T. Millea, M. Downey, D. Malone (captain), C. Jones, J. Dillon, A. Downey, B. Barnaville, F. Rothwell, B. Mullally, B. Holmes, U. Murphy, B. McGarry.

## Juniors win after 23 years wait

KILKENNY..... 2-10  
CARLOW..... 0-12

THE Kilkenny camogie team created a bit of history when they won the Leinster junior championship for the first time in 32 years.

The Noreiders won the inaugural junior championship in 1959. Incidentally, that was the county's first camogie win. They retained the title the following year, but did not win it since, although they reached the final in 1977, 1983 and 1991.

The small attendance at Nowlan park on Sunday witnessed an exciting and skilful game.

Kilkenny, having elected to play against the breeze in the first half, got off to a sluggish start. They went in at the interval trailing by 0-6 to 0-5.

The winners had difficulties dealing with Carlow's strongest line in midfield, where the accuracy of Valerie Crean from frees was an influential factor. The best score of the half came from the same player, when she floated the sliotar over the bar from a sideline cut 30m. from the end line.

Shortly after the restart, Kilkenny got more into the game. They levelled with a point from a free. Carlow were then rocked by two goals within a few minutes, but recovered by virtue of their excellent free taking to come back within a point of Kilkenny.

For some time afterwards the game remained delicately poised. The sides exchanged a point each, until Kilkenny eventually drew clear with

three unanswered scores which gave them a comfortable cushion during the closing stages.

Eight of Carlow's 12 points came from frees, which is testimony to the free-taking skill of Valerie Crean, and of the number of fouls committed by the opposition.

Carlow's best players were experienced centrefielders Valerie Crean, Mary Smyth and Nuala Quirke.

However, the fact that nine of Carlow's scores came from placed balls, and that the midfielders contributed 11, highlights their inadequacies.

As for Kilkenny, Helen McGrath dealt effectively with the little that came her way.

The game marked a welcome return to form for Paula Dowling and Margaret Hickey. Esther Kennedy and Joan Aylward performed efficiently. Sinead Costelloe was excellent at all times, and earned the unique distinction of being the first Kilkenny camogie player to win junior and minor Leinster medals the same year.

Kay Dunphy and Marie Maher had their hands full dealing with more experienced opponents, but they coped admirably.

Mary McGrath contributed two points, and laid off one beautiful pass to Imelda Kennedy, who unfortunately hand passed wide. Imelda finished top scorer with 1-5 to her credit. She displayed skilful touches.

Although Margaret Comerford did not get her name on the scoreboard, she worked hard to break the ball for

others. Ann-Marie Hughes came on as a substitute and scored a delightful point.

The Evergreen Maura Costelloe, one of the rare number of player-managers in camogie, displayed a hunger and determination which her younger compatriots would do well to emulate. She had the unusual distinction of winning her third Provincial medal, 20 years after winning her second!

The semi-final opponents in the All-Ireland series will be Tipperary. This game will probably be played in Ballyragget on Sunday, August 23 (3 p.m.)

Kilkenny: Helen McGrath, Paula Dowling, Esther Kennedy, Sinead Costelloe (0-1) (all Freshford); Joan Aylward (Glenmore); Margaret Hickey (Freshford); Kay Dunphy (Graigie/Ballycallan); Marie Maher (0-1) (Tullaroan); Mary McGrath (0-2) (Graigie - Ballycallan); Imelda Kennedy (1-5, four points); frees - one 30m. free (Freshford); Ann-Marie Hughes (0-1) (Lisdowney); Siobhán Dooley (captain) (Dicksboro); Janet Sweeney (Tullaroan); Hilda Butler (Freshford); Elizabeth Dowling (Clara); Dolores Lanigan (Tullagher).

## Ballinlough's battle royal

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Fixtures: Sunday - All Ireland Senior Championship semi-finals. At Ballinlough - Cork v Kilkenny 2.30; At Loughrea - Galway v Wexford 2.30; All Ireland Intermediate Semi-finals. At Portmarnock - Dublin v Antrim 3.0; At Shannon - Clare v Down 12.0.



# Can Cork dethrone Kilkenny?

CAN Cork break Kilkenny's dominance at senior camogie level for the past eight years? This question will be answered on Sunday next when both these sides meet in what is an eagerly-awaited All-Ireland senior championship semi-final clash at Ballinlough at 2.30 p.m.

While Cork have beaten Kilkenny on a number of occasions in the past decade in the National League and this includes victory in last year's final, as well as two occasions this season before they defeated Wexford in the final, they have failed to overcome their great rivals in the championship in the past eight years. The nearest Cork came to defeating Kilkenny girls was in the 1990 semi-final which was also played at Ballinlough. On that occasion very little separated the sides at the final whistle, so, this time out, Cork, favoured again with a home venue, will be

hoping to come out on top.

## Fixtures

### MONDAY, AUGUST 17

**Junior 'A' League:** Watergrasshill v. Douglas at Douglas at 7.30 (ref.: Na Piaras); Ballinora v. Bishopstown at Ballinora at 7.30 (ref.: Ballincollig).

**Under-16 'A' League:** Glen Rovers v. Brian Dillon at Glen Rovers at 7.30 (ref.: Brian Dillon); Bishopstown v. St. Vincents at Bishopstown at 7.30 (ref.: St. Vincents); Ballygarvan v. Newcestown at Ballygarvan at 7.30 (ref.: Newcestown); Ballinhassig v. Kilbrittain at Ballinhassig at 7.30 (ref.: Kilbrittain); Ballincollig v. Delany at Delany at 7.30 (ref.: Ballincollig); Eire Og v. Cloughduv at Eire Og at 7.30 (ref.: Cloughduv); Inniscarra v. Aghabullogue at Inniscarra at 7.30 (ref.: Aghabullogue); Kilkenny v. Fr. O'Neills at Kilkenny at 7.30 (ref.: Fr. O'Neills).

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

**Junior 'B' League '92:** Cobh v. Sarsfields at Cobh at 7.30 (ref.: Watergrasshill); Gleann Na Laoi v. Mallow at Gleann Na Laoi at 7.30 (ref.: Ballincollig); Fermoy v. Delany at Fermoy at 7.30 (ref.: Ballincollig).

**Castlemagner:** Newcestown v. Tracton at Newcestown at 7.30 (ref.: Bandon); Castlemagner v. Kilbrittain at Castlemagner at 7.30 (ref.: Grouagh).

**Under-16 'A' League:** St. Finbarrs v. Na Piaras at St. Finbarrs at 7.30 (ref.: Na Piaras).

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

**Junior 'A' League:** St. Finbarrs v. Inniscarra at St. Finbarrs at 7.30 (ref.: Delany).

**Junior 'A' Championship:** Douglas v. St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's at 7.30 (ref.: Kilkenny).

**Under-16 'B' League:** Fermoy v. Cloyne at Fermoy at 7.30 (ref.: Cloyne); Mayfield v. Glen Rovers at Mayfield at 7.30 (ref.: Glen Rovers).

**Junior 'B' League:** Barryroe v. Valley Rovers at Barryroe at 7.30 (ref.: Valley Rovers); Courcy Rovers v. Bandon at Courcy Rovers at 7.30 (ref.: Newcestown).

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

**Under-16 'B' League:** Bandon v. Valley Rovers at Bandon at 7.30 (ref.: Valley Rovers); Ballinure v. Douglas at Ballinure at 7.30 (ref.: Douglas).

**Junior 'A' League:** Glen Rovers v. Douglas at Glen Rovers at 7.30 (ref.: Brian Dillon).

## CORK CAMOGIE STARS



On the Cork camogie panel for the All-Ireland semi-final are Therese O'Callaghan, Glen Rovers; Liz Dunphy, Sarsfields and Irene O'Leary, Na Piaras.

—(Pic: Eddie O'Hare)

## KILKENNY SHOCKED

CORK 2-11 KILKENNY 1-8

KILKENNY, the All-Ireland senior camogie champions for the past seven years, relinquished their crown in a tension-filled semi-final against Cork at Ballinlough, Cork, yesterday.

Both sides found it difficult to settle with the holders having much the better of the opening 15 minutes. However, once the home side got to grips with the game they picked off some nice points to turn over leading 0-6 to 0-4 at the break.

Kilkenny made a determined effort in the opening ten minutes of the second half and drew level in the 43rd minute when Brigid Mulhally pointed a free. When they went in front two minutes later they looked as if they were getting control, but almost from the puck-out Cork got their first goal and finished the stronger for a well deserved win.

**SCORERS: CORK:** C O'Mahony (1-4, 1-2 frees, 0-2 30s), I O'Keefe (1-0), S Fitzgibbon (0-3), F O'Driscoll (0-3), T O'Callaghan (0-1).

**KILKENNY:** B Mulhally (0-6, frees), B Holmes (1-0), G Dillon (0-1), B Millea (0-1, free).

**Referee:** J Beatty (Galway).

WEXFORD 2-11 GALWAY 1-11

WEXFORD booked their ticket to the All Ireland senior camogie championship final when they overcame a strong challenge from Galway in this semi final at Loughrea yesterday.

Galway led 1-5 to 1-3 at the interval. A goal by Anne Reddy early in the second half gave Wexford the lead which they never lost despite some great play by the young Galway side.

**SCORERS: WEXFORD:** A O'Connor (1-2), G O'Donnell (0-5), A Reddy (1-1), S Synnott (0-2), C Cullen (0-1).

**GALWAY:** S Glynn (0-7), J Hobbins (1-1), S Cone (0-2), J Maher (0-1).



Members of the Cork Senior Camogie panel for the All-Ireland semi-final tomorrow against Kilkenny at Ballinlough, with coach Joe McGrath.

—(Picture: Eddie O'Hare)



# Plucky Cork come good

**KILKENNY'S** seven year reign as All-Ireland senior camogie champions came to an end at Ballinlough, yesterday when they were beaten by Cork in a tension filled game.

The visitors were always Cork's bogey side and by winning Cork broke a championship hoodoo which has lasted a long time. They can now concentrate on winning the crown that has eluded them so often.

They were favourites to beat Kilkenny in last year's decider but on the day they never showed their true form and were well beaten.

Yesterday's game was always interesting but was not helped by some puzzling decisions by referee Jane Beatty from Galway which did not help either side as both made a very nervous start.

Kilkenny settled the better and should have

By Tom Higgins  
**CORK 2-11; KILKENNY 1-8**

been further ahead than 0-3 to 0-1 after 11 minutes as they missed some very scorable frees. But once Cork settled, with the help of a brilliant display from full-back Breda Kenny, they began to get more into the game and although they also missed a number of frees they turned over leading by 0-6 to 0-4.

Kilkenny played their best camogie in the opening 15 minutes of the second-half and with Cork conceding frees, drew level in the 45th minute when Bridget Mullally was on target. Although Cork regained the lead a minute later, Kilkenny looked as if they might take control once more when Breda Holmes got through for a goal in the 47th minute. But, from the puck out came the turning point

as Cork scored their opening goal. Marie Fitzpatrick could only parry a Denise Cronin shot and Irene O'Keefe was on hand to bat home the rebound.

Spurred on, Cork put the Kilkenny defence under severe pressure and after Fiona O'Driscoll and captain Sandie Fitzgibbon had added points, Cork were awarded a penalty when Marie Fitzpatrick picked the ball off the ground in a melee in the Kilkenny goal and Colette O'Mahony shot hard and high into the roof of the net. So, with five minutes left Cork had a cushion of six points.

Although Kilkenny made an valiant effort to come back in the closing minutes they could not breach a solid Cork defence.

In addition to Breda

Kenny, Therese O'Callaghan had one of her best games for Cork while Sandie Fitzgibbon did trojan work in her duel with one of Kilkenny's best players, Ann Downey. Fiona O'Driscoll picked off some nice points while Colette O'Mahony and Liz O'Neill were also prominent up front.

Scorers for Cork: C. O'Mahony 1-4 (1-2 frees, 0-2 "30's"), I. O'Keefe 1-0, S. Fitzgibbon 0-3, F. O'Driscoll 0-3, T. O'Callaghan 0-1.

Kilkenny: B. Mullally 0-6 (frees), B. Holmes 1-0, J. Dillon 0-1, B. Millea 0-1 (free).

CORK: K. Costine; B. Kenny; P. Gaggins; T. O'Callaghan; L. Towler; L. Mellerick; S. Fitzgibbon; D. Cronin; F. O'Driscoll; I. O'Leary; C. O'Mahony; L. O'Neill; Sub. I. O'Keefe for I. O'Leary (35th minute).

KILKENNY: M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan; U. Murphy; B. McGarry; D. Malone; T. Millea; Ann Downey; J. Dillon; M. Downey; B. Holmes; S. Millea; B. Mullally; Subs. Angela Downey for M. Downey (26th minute); C. Jones for T. Millea (36th minute). Referee: Jane Beatty (Galway).

## Cork shock All-Ireland kingpins

**CORK.....2-11**  
**KILKENNY.....1-8**

**GALLANT** Cork scuppered Kilkenny's chances of eight All-Ireland titles in a row when they gave a superb performance against the champions in this All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Ballinlough yesterday.

After a close and entertaining first half a single point separated the sides at halftime Cork 0-5, Kilkenny 0-4.

The second half opened up with the champions looking as if they would contest another All-Ireland.

However, two well-taken goals by Colette O'Mahony gave Cork the tonic they needed. Kilkenny fought hard to get back into the game but Cork ran out worthy winners.

## Wexford book berth

**WEXFORD.....2-11**  
**GALWAY.....1-11**

**WEXFORD** booked their ticket to the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final when they overcame a strong challenge from Galway in this All-Ireland Championship semi-final at Loughrea yesterday.

Galway led 1-5 to 1-3 at the interval. A goal by Ann Reddy early in the second half gave Wexford the lead which they never lost despite some great play by the young Galway side.

**SCORERS** — Wexford: A. Reddy 1-2; G. Codd 0-5; A. Reddy 1-1; S. Synott 0-2; C. Cullen 0-1. Galway: S. Glynn 0-7; J. Hobbins 1-1; S. Cone 0-2; I. Maher 0-1.

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Cork players Linda Mellerick and Sandy Fitzgibbon celebrate after bringing Kilkenny's seven-year reign as All-Ireland champions to an end at Ballinlough, Cork. (Picture: Des Barry)



# GLORY GIRLS

By Eoin Edwards

'IF she had been a man, she'd have been more famous than Christy Ring and we didn't want to beat them without her playing'.

The words of Cork Senior Camogie selector, Marion Sweeney speaking to *Echo Sport* on the morning after Cork finally buried the Kilkenny bogey beating them 2-11 to 1-8 in the All-Ireland semi-final at Ballinlough.

She was referring of course to Angela Downey, who only eight weeks ago gave birth to a baby girl, and who, when she came on yesterday as a substitute, immediately lifted her team. But it was all to no avail as on the day Cork produced a performance which merited a place in the All-Ireland Final against Wexford on the last Sunday in September.

'It was almost as if they expected us to beat them', said Marion after the game, and there's no doubt about it but that we deserved to do so. Coach Joe McGrath echoed those sentiments and added a few of his own. 'They were a credit to camogie and Cork', he said.

## A Shame

'It's a crying shame that they don't get the recognition they deserve, from both sponsors and the

public. Don't forget, women make up 50 per cent of the firepower of the city and 90 per cent of the buying power. Tie that in with their 50 per cent of attendance support and they pack a powerful punch. We tend to forget that', he said.

'Remember the Cork

camogie team were the only team in an All-Ireland Final last year and hopefully we can join the hurlers and bring back another double this year', he said.

'But we have a lot of work to do, improvements must be made if we're to repeat our National

League Final win over Wexford, who by the way were missing one of their best players for that game. It is an amazing statistic that not since 1983 has Cork won an All-Ireland title - an unbelievable nine year gap', said Joe. Beating Kilkenny was no easy task, but Wexford, a

strong physical side, will be equally as tough'.

We've 6 weeks to prepare and with part two of our three part plan accomplished, we must ready ourselves to complete the story in September'.



The victorious Cork camogie team



Cork's Linda Mellerick wins possession from Kilkenny midfielder Gillian Dillon in the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Ballinlough, Cork.

(Picture: Des Barry)



Cork forward Irene O'Leary at full stretch as she tries to stop a clear from Kilkenny defender Bridie McCarthy during the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Ballinlough, Cork.



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# Glorious champs step down with applause ringing in their ears

Kilkenny ..... 1-8

Cork ..... 2-11

**K**ILKENNY'S seven year reign as All-Ireland senior camogie champions was finally brought to an end by Cork, in Ballinlough on Sunday.

Although the defeat may have surprised many, the players and mentors knew that this year, more than ever, Kilkenny were really facing an uphill struggle.

Cork had already beaten them twice during the National League and Kilkenny's preparations had been severely hampered by a number of factors. The fears gained credence during the game when balls which would normally have been controlled with ease were fumbled.

However, for the opening quarter Kilkenny were on top. They were unable to translate this dominance into scores. With the not inconsiderable benefit of hindsight, it was during this period that the match was lost as many chances of scores were spurned.

Unfortunately, by the time Angela Downey was introduced, Cork had gradually settled and the number of scoring chances had diminished. Instead of deservedly being ahead, Kilkenny turned over at half-time trailing by 0-6 to 0-4.

Despite Kilkenny's best efforts, and the introduction of Kilkenny's second substitute (Claire Jones) Cork, who at this stage were playing with the strong breeze, maintained this two point margin until 10 minutes from time when Kilkenny goal.

## Hopes dashed

The hopes of Kilkenny supporters were cruelly dashed almost before that begun to rise. Cork replied in kind from the puck-out. This goal demoralised Kilkenny, and many felt afterwards that if only Cork could have been denied for a few minutes longer, then the outcome might have been different.

Cork scored another point, and then fate intervened again. As Kilkenny struggled to get the equaliser, Cork were awarded a 15m free. Against all logic, the free-taker opted to go for a goal, and the ball ended up in the net.

Now facing a six points deficit, and with time running out, Kilkenny were unable to recover, although they struggled valiantly until the final whistle.

Many variables contributed to Kilkenny's defeat. The fact that Angela Downey had insufficient time to recover after the birth of her baby; injury to Claire Jones; the restricted preparations. But Kilkenny could still have snatched victory had the chances been converted into scores. Ultimately, the better side on the day won.

The team, although obviously disappointed, accepted defeat with the same dignity and graciousness as they had accepted victory on so many occasions. In a fitting and appropriate gesture, the defeated champions were applauded off the pitch by both sets of supporters.

Unfortunately for any successful team, the news of their defeat will invariably travel

further than the news of their victories ever did. But, maybe in the future, their victories will be more widely appreciated.

The one consolation from a Kilkenny point of view is that, on the basis of this display, not even the oldest players on the team need consider retirement. Everyone on the team gave their all.

The fact that they did not succeed, is attributable to outside factors rather than to the deficiency on the part of the players, or management. In a year when most factors mitigated against them, the team came within two scores of the best team Cork could produce. It will surely be possible next year to reclaim the title.

The end of an era? Not really, merely the end of a glorious run of success, and a temporary setback for a magnificent team.

**Kilkenny:** Marie Fitzpatrick (Graigue-Ballycallan); Biddy O'Sullivan (Tullagher); Una Murphy (Tullagher); Bridie McGarry (Dicksboro); Deirdre Malone (Graigue-Ballycallan); Capt.; Tracey Millea (Graigue-Ballycallan); Ann Downey (Lisdowney); Jillian Dillon (0-1) (Freshford); Marina Downey (Lisdowney); Brenda Holmes (1-0) (Tullaroan); Sinead Millea (Graigue-Ballycallan); Brigid Mulally (0-7, six frees) (Glenmore). Subs: Claire Jones (Lisdowney); Brigid Barnaville (Lisdowney); Frances Rothwell (Graigue Ballycallan); Angela Downey (Lisdowney).



## Camogie Round-Up - Wexford seniors secure place in All-Ireland final

The long journey to Loughrea was not in vain for the seniors on Sunday last as they beat a young speedy Galway side to book a place in Cork Park for the second time in three years. This time their opponents in the final will not be the Kilkenny side that has dominated Camogie for so long, but Cork, who drubbed Wexford in the National League Final earlier this year. Galway were somewhat of an unknown quantity as far as Wexford were concerned, and as their team is built around the famous St. Raphael's College camogie team, they were expected to be fast and fit. Inside the first two minutes they showed how fast and fit they were by going a goal and a point ahead, and seemed to be all over Wexford. Were it not for the magnificent defending of Joan O'Leary and Tina Fitzhenry, they might have been even further ahead in this short time. Ann Marie O'Connor brought Wexford into the game with a bang in the sixth minute with a blistering ground shot to the back of the net from all

of twenty-five yards. Maura Codd had carried the ball from midfield and hand passed across to the waiting Geraldine Codd, only to see the goalies sweep the sliotar clear. Ann Marie pounced and from that score it was nip and tuck for the rest of the first half. Galway were next to score, a point from a thirty and Geraldine Codd soon narrowed their lead with a point from play. Galway had soon stretched their lead to 1-4 to 1-1 and at times opened up the Wexford defence all too easily. Sofia Sinnott and Geraldine Codd both added a point each to the Wexford score before half time, leaving them 1-3 to 1-5 behind Galway. Throughout the first half, Wexford had been squandering chances, with the full forward line playing too far out. Three frees had been sent harmlessly wide, and even these would have been enough to give Wexford the lead. Galway were in front and rightly so, and probably felt that they deserved to be much further ahead at the interval.

Tina Fitzhenry was the Wexford heroine who had suppressed almost all of the dangerous chances that Galway had manufactured for themselves and the whole of the full back line had hardly put a foot astray all through the first half. Whatever was said to me team at half time had a dramatic effect and after the resumption, Geraldine Codd pointed two free first two minutes to level the sides. Galway soon were a point ahead once more, but just as they were settling after this score, Ann Marie O'Connor hit the ball to the back of the net giving Wexford the lead for the first time. Four points over the next ten minutes, two from play and two from frees, with only a minor reply from Galway, had them 2-10 to 1-7 ahead half way through the second half. From the score sheet it looked as if they were dominating but their grip on the game was at best tenuous even at this time. Joan O'Leary was playing fantastic camogie at corner back and Ann Marie O'Connor was mirroring her work at corner

forward, but midfield were struggling to control the Galway backline. Ann Reddy was being so well shepherded that apart from her goal, she never managed another score and Catherine Murphy's knee injury was hampering her at times. In the fifteenth minute Galway showed how dangerous they could yet be, with midfield and forwards running off the ball to open up the Wexford defence for a point. They were probably anticipating a goal, with Terrie Butler forced off her line to meet up the charging Imelda Hobbs. By timing her challenge so perfectly, Terrie forced her to take a point when a goal looked a certainty. A point from a free and another from a 30 brought Galway within a goal of Wexford and Geraldine Codd converted a 30 for security with eight minutes to go. Tina Fitzhenry was forced to call on all her guile and williness a minute later as Galway floated a free across the goalmouth probing the chinks in the Wexford defence in search of a

second goal. The game was still up for grabs and with three minutes remaining, Sharon Glynn narrowed the lead to a single goal. A high lobbing ball came towards her at corner forward, and she and Joan O'Leary both pulled on the sliotar in the air, and it soared skywards and over the bar, leaving Wexford's lead very vulnerable. But following the advice of the old saying that attack is the best defence, Wexford piled on the pressure, and in the end ran out winners by a single goal. The team showed a great improvement over their performance against Cork in the League Final, but still has not reached the peaks it is capable of. Tina Fitzhenry showed a very welcome return to form, playing one of her best ever games since the All-Ireland two years ago and with Joan O'Leary was the backbone of the Wexford defence. Deirdre Hearne did not seem to have as good a game as other days, but the player who was marking scored 4-5 against Kildare, and nothing against Wexford.

Ann Marie O'Connor had a very good game also, especially her second half performance and Geraldine Codd also put in a creditable display. The girls must know however that once they were six points up with fifteen minutes remaining, they should not have let Galway back into the game. They have met Cork, the dethroners of the mighty Kilkenny twice already this year, winning once and losing the other. Their first meeting in the league saw Wexford produce a fantastic display, and the second meeting, in the League Final was one that Wexford still wish to forget. The third meeting, the All-Ireland final should be a cracker. Wexford: Terrie Butler, Tina Fitzhenry, Deirdre Hearne, Catherine Murphy (0-1), Joan O'Leary, Maura Codd, Sofia Sinnott (0-2), Paula Reekin, Ann Marie O'Connor (1-2), Ann Reddy (1-0), Claire Cullen, Geraldine Codd (0-6). Subs: Angela Hearne, Geraldine Wynne, Paula Sinnott, Marion O'Leary, Mary Hayden and Tina Farrell.



# CAMOGIE SCENE

## Cork stalwart Marion McCarthy calls it a day

By Mary Moran



• Marion McCarthy

**C**ORK and Limerick brought the National League titles to Munster. Is this a true indication of where the strength of the game lies? Will the All-Ireland trophies follow to the southern province.

Counties which make the early running in a season often run out of steam by the time the championship comes around. Kilkenny are, of course, an obvious exception to this rule. But for many, the exertions of winning the League title leaves little in reserve for the knockout competition.

This has already proved to be the case with Limerick. Under the guidance of noted hurling coach, Phil Bennis, Limerick made an excellent start to the season and coasted their way to the final of the National Junior League. Fired by their re-action to the clash of fixtures with the Munster Hurling final, the Limerick girls reached great heights to send the reigning All-Ireland Junior champions, Down reeling.

Limerick came crashing back to earth when they met a well prepared Tipperary side in the Munster Junior Championship final. Disappointed at losing the last two All-Ireland Junior titles, Tipperary have a winning look about them this season. The younger members of the team, Sinead Nealon, Jovita Delaney, Deirdre Hughes, Orla Hogan and Helen O'Leary are developing into fine exponents of the game and are in no mood to let the All-Ireland title slip by this time.

Cork looked a team of stars in the National Senior League final against

Wexford. Watching the game, it was difficult to believe that Wexford had deservedly taken both points when the sides met earlier in the competition.

For the first time since 1970, Cork commenced the season without the familiar figure of Marion McCarthy. In a glorious career, she delighted fans with her brilliant stickwork and versatility. Honoured with a B&I Award, her huge collection of trophies includes eight All-Ireland senior, twenty Munster senior championships and three Gael-Linn. She is now leaving it to young brother, Sean, the Cork hurling midfielder, to keep the family flag flying.

Marion's shoes have been filled by Kathleen Costine, sister of Cork's great full-back of the 'seventies, Marie. Fiona O'Driscoll, a physical education student in Thomond College, Denise Cronin and Irene O'Keeffe were given an opportunity to establish themselves in the League campaign. A new role was found for Breda Kenny who settled in quickly to the full-back position.

Before getting carried away with their League success, Cork would do well to remember that they were in a similar position at this stage last season. It is obvious that All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny do not treat the National League seriously nowadays. In an hour against Cork in the League, a disinterested Kilkenny side put six points on the board. A week later, they ran up 6-18 against Dublin in the Leinster Senior Championship. Cork beware.

Tipperary proved to be worthy winners of the 1992 All-Ireland Minor Championship. They overcame Clare, Limerick, Cork, Galway and Kilkenny to record their second success in this championship. The only hiccup was provided by Galway who held the new champions to a draw but Tipperary pulled away to win by five goals in the replay.

Captain Ciara Burns won her second All-Ireland medal of the season. She had earlier starred for St. Mary's, Nenagh in the All-Ireland Junior Colleges series. Tipperary fielded many newcomers this season. Of these Joanne Horgan, Mandy Cosgrove and Teresa Brophy caught the eye. This success reflects the excellent work which is being put into the game at underage level throughout the county.

The grading of the senior counties in the opening round of the Senior Championship to facilitate the new Intermediate Championship proved accurate. The top four Kilkenny, Cork, Wexford and Galway came through with something to spare leaving Clare, Antrim, Dublin and Kildare to join the 1991 All-Ireland Junior Champions in the inaugural Intermediate Championship.

The margin of defeat suffered by Clare and Antrim against Kilkenny and Cork respectively were substantial. Hopefully, they will find their own level in the new competition. A win for either would be a great fillip for their players and officials. However, at this stage it looks as if Dublin, leaders in the Senior Championship for so long, may emerge from the new grouping.

## Intermediate semi-final stalemate

By Tom Higgins  
Brian Dillons 1-7,  
Eire Og 2-4

**KILBRITTAIN** must wait to find out who their opponents will be in this year's Cork Intermediate camogie championship final as Eire Og and Brian Dillons finished level in a most disappointing semi-final at Ballincollig, Co. Cork, yesterday.

Eire Og played with the aid of a strong wind in the opening half and looked in trouble when they were level 1-2 each after 20 minutes. However, an excellent goal from Clare O'Regan, following a mix-up in the Dillons defence and a point from a 50 metres free by veteran Marion McCarthy gave them hope for the second-half when they went in leading 2-3 to 1-3 at half-time.

Dillons were expected to pull clear in the second-half but they never got to grips with the game and had to wait until the 14th minute for their first score. This score settled the side and a point from a free by Liz O'Sullivan (43rd minute) and another a minute later by Aileen Barry brought them level.

Dillons went ahead four minutes from time through a Niamh O'Regan point, but Marion McCarthy once more came to her side's rescue with a point from a 25 metre free two minutes from time.

Scorers for Brian Dillons: J Ryan 1-1; L O'Sullivan 0-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 '30); N O'Regan 0-2; A Barry 0-1.

Eire Og: C O'Regan 2-1 (1-0 free); M McCarthy 0-2 (free); C Murphy 0-1.

Brian Dillons: C Barrett; K Mellerick; A Dilworth; S Fahy; J Hannon; C O'Mahony; G Fleming; L Fleming; J Ryan; V O'Mahony; A Barry; L O'Sullivan. Subs: L Hurley for L Fleming (half-time); N O'Regan for C O'Mahony (half-time); L Fleming for A Dilworth (45 mins).

Eire Og: S O'Brien; M McCarthy; T Lordan; H Walsh; C O'Callaghan; M Kenny; E Dorgan; N Spillane; C Murphy; N O'Leary; A O'Leary; C O'Regan. Subs: G Farrell for A O'Leary (13 mins); N O'Driscoll for E Dorgan (45 mins); E O'Leary for C Murphy (50 mins).

## Tipp and Armagh get vote

**THIS** week-end the All Ireland junior camogie championships are down for decision. Last year's beaten finalists, Tipperary take on the newly crowned Leinster champions Kilkenny in what should be an interesting affair.

Tipperary had a decisive win over London in the quarter-finals. They produced great form that day and looked like a team that would take a lot of beating. Cora

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Kennedy, Clare Madden, Regina O'Meara, Ann Marie Fitzgerald are a stonewall defence. Sinead Nealon, Kaillie Moloney and May Stokes make a good centre field trio. Their attack is fairly sharp in Imelda Kennedy, Margaret Comerford, Maura Costello, and Mary McGrath. They will

have to fight hard for whatever they get.

The premier county should about take this one in a close finish.

In the second semifinal, Galway are at home to Armagh. This should be another sparkling encounter. The sides met in the All Ireland junior final in '85 when Galway were victorious 8-7 to Armagh's 3-7. Galway are the more experienced side with players from St Raphael's College and some of the victorious All Ireland minor squad of '87.

Armagh have put together a very useful squad and it looks as if they could sneak this one from the Connacht champions.

**FIXTURES:** Sunday — All Ireland junior camogie championship semifinals. At Ballyragget: Kilkenny v Tipperary (3.0). At Loughrea: Galway v Armagh (2.0).

**DUBLIN.....3-13**  
**ANTRIM.....1-12.**  
**DUBLIN** are through to the final of the All Ireland Intermediate Championship when they defeated Antrim in this semi-final played at Na Fianna Dublin yesterday.

This was a thrilling encounter which on occasions looked as if it could go either way. Dublin led 1-6 to 0-6 at the break.

**SCORERS:** Dublin — G Dunne 0-8, G O'Neill, L Lynch and C Lester 1-0 each. M Duane 0-3, J Courtney and C Walsh 0-1 each. Antrim — G McFadden and D O'Moyle 0-4 each, A McKee 1-0, M McIntyre 0-2, J Armstrong and B McCarty 0-1 each.



# CAMOGES TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



■ **Deirdre Stars:** Sue Cashman, Nancy Murray, Kathleen McManus and Ita Sheridan



■ **St Malachy's:** A smiling St Malachy's group, Eileen Collins, Marion Kearns, Nuala Havlin and Maeve Gilroy



■ **Antrim All Ireland Medal Holders:** who once again graced the camogie pitch at Cushendall



■ **St. Teresa's:** Lily Spence, Mairead Carabine, Margo Kane and Maeve Toner



## Dublin to take first Inter title

ON Sunday next the final of the first-ever All Ireland Intermediate Camogie championship takes place, when Down and Dublin face each other at Ballygalget.

The Intermediate championship caters for teams knocked out in the first round of the All Ireland Senior championship.

Dublin gained entry when they lost to Wexford 1-9 to 0-4. Down will be contriving to add another first to their record, when the All Ireland Junior championship was introduced in 1968 they laid their plans and became the first holders of the New Ireland Cup by defeating Cork 2-3 to 1-1.

In 1974 when the All Ireland Minor Championship was inaugurated Down was the first name to be inscribed on the Corn Talteann by again defeating Cork 3-0 to 1-0.

Maureen McAleenan, Teresa Allen, Veronica McCreevy and Pauline Hynes are very experienced Down players, showing great form in all their games this year. Dublin have a great record in the open draw senior championship down the years and were the first name inscribed in the O'Duffy Cup back in 1932 when they defeated Galway 3-2 to 0-2.

They won this competition 26 times in all. They will be endeavouring to equal Down's record of firsts. They won the All Ireland Junior championship 3 times, 1970, 71 and 75 when they defeated Down on a score of 5-0 to 0-3. The teams also met in 1948 Senior All Ireland final which Dublin won 11-4 to 4-2. In the inaugural match of this competition Dublin recorded a 4-7 to 1-5 victory over Kildare. In the semi final last Sunday they had a 3-13 to 1-12 victory over Antrim.

Mary Dwane, Cathy Walsh, Geraldine Dunne and Louise Lynch have been instrumental in their team's success this year.

Dublin look to be the more experienced, but little should separate the sides at the final whistle.

DOWN: L. Smith, A. Coyle, D. Greeran, T. Allen (capt), D. Smith, E. Magorrian, N. McCartan, B. Kelly, P. Hynes, M. McAleenan, I. Oakes, V. McCreevy. Subs: B. Cronkey, N. Dackey, F. Rice, D. Savage.  
DUBLIN: L. Curry, C. Murphy, C. Boyle, C. Walsh (capt), M. Mulligan, R. Lyons, M. Dwane, G. Dunne, L. Lynch, C. Lester, P. Finneran, G. O'Neill, Subs: R. Birmingham, J. Courtney, C. McCabe, C. Dunne, A. Maguire, P. Carroll.  
FIXTURE: SUNDAY — All Ireland Intermediate championship final at Ballygalget: Down v Dublin (2.0).

## Tipp sparkle

TIPPERARY.....4-7  
KILKENNY.....1-7.

TIPPERARY were in sparkling form when they booked their passage to the All Ireland Junior Camogie final by defeating Kilkenny in this semi-final played at Ballyraggett yesterday. Two easy goals in the first half by Deirdre Hughes and Jovite Delaney put paid to any hope the Leinster county might have had.

SCORERS: Tipperary — D. Hughes 2-1, J. Delaney 1-3, M. Stokes 1-1, S. Nealon and J. Tobin 0-1 each. Kilkenny — M. Costello 1-1, I. Kennedy 0-4, M. McGrath and K. Dunphy 0-1 each.

## Dubs make it a first in All-Ireland 'Inter' final

the Saints holding on to a single point lead at the end.

### LEINSTER CAMOGIE

Broadford, Kildare senior champions for the last ten years, lost their unbeaten record to St. Laurences, 2-3 TO 1-5, in the Kildare final. St. Laurences, from the Athy area, are a young team who show great promise. It was an excellent match with little separating the sides at any time with

But great credit must go to the Dublin girls who kept on fighting despite trailing 0-10 to 4-3. Louise Lynch slammed home two goal in as many minutes and teammate Geraldine Dunne had another brace of goals to give her county the first ever Intermediate title.

SCORERS: Dublin — G. Dunne (2-7), L. Lynch (2-1), P. Finneran (0-3). Down — V. McCreevy (1-3), M. McAleenan (1-1), I. Oakes, B. Kelly (1-0 each).

DUBLIN made history by taking the inaugural Intermediate Championship when they defeated Down 4-11 to 4-4 at Ballygalget on Sunday, writes P.J. Fulham.

Down, despite playing against the wind, led 2-2 to 0-6 at half time. In the second half they were coasting to victory when they added a further two goals.

## Late blitz clinches honours for Dublin

DUBLIN.....4-11 DOWN.....4-4.  
DUBLIN snatched victory from the jaws of defeat when the blistering final six minutes of the inaugural All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie final yielded four goals and enthralled a crowd of 1500 at Ballygalget yesterday.

Dublin undoubtedly owe their victory to a string of magnificent saves from goalie Louise Curry (who has the distinction of lifting four All-Ireland medals this year) and Geraldine Dunne and Louise Lynch who grabbed two goals apiece in that hectic and frantic final six minutes.

Down, despite playing against the wind, led by 2-2 to 0-6 at half time. The goals came from Bonnie McGreevy and Isobel Oakes and with Anne Coyle supremely confident at the centre of the Down defence a shock result seemed a distinct possibility.

An early second half goal from Mairin McAleenan seemed to reinforce that idea and when Bernadette Kelly added another Down looked set for victory entering the final six minutes leading 4-3 to 0-10.

But then Louise Lynch struck twice for goals and Geraldine Dunne, Dublin's top scorer crashed home two more past a totally dumbfounded home defence and victory was assured as Captain Cathy Walsh stepped forward to receive the All Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship Cup from Uachtaran Brigin Uí Mhaolagáin.

SCORERS — Dublin: G. Dunne 2-7, L. Lynch 2-1, P. Finneran 0-3, Down: B. McGreevy 1-3, M. McAleenan 1-1, I. Oakes 1-0, B. Kelly 1-0.

DUBLIN — L. Curry, C. Murphy, C. Boyle, C. Walsh, M. Mulligan, R. Lyons, M. Dwane, G. Dunne, L. Lynch, C. Lyster, P. Finneran, G. O'Neill, Subs: K. McCabe for C. Lyster.

DOWN — L. Smith, A. Coyle, D. Greeran, T. Allen, D. Smith, B. Kelly, N. McCartan, E. Magorrian, I. Oakes, M. McAleenan, C. Hynes, B. McGreevy. Sub: N. Oprey for E. Magorrian.

REF — M. Connors (Louth).

## Dubs capture All-Ireland 'Inter' glory

trailed at the interval by two points, and they had to face the wind on the resumption. The second half was full of splendid play, and Down, the defending All-Ireland Junior champions, showed telling promise.

Dubs goalie, Louise Curry, made several remarkable saves, and Captain Courageous, Cathy Walsh, was an inspiration to her colleagues. It was looking bleak for Dub-

lin as the close neared, but three goals in four minutes made the triumph possible.

Ger Dunne was again in excellent form, scoring two goals and seven points, while Louise Lynch pounced for the two other goals.

"As far as we are concerned this is a wonderful honour for the county. After all, it is an All-Ireland, and I feel this achievement will bring camogie alive again in Dublin.

"This is the right start to getting back to the top, and I am so proud of the girls. They worked so hard during the past two months for this and they never gave up.

DUBLIN are back in the winners' enclosure after last weekend's inaugural All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final where they scored a 4-11 to 4-4 victory over Down.

It was certainly a step in the right direction as Dublin bid to regain their stature of former years, and trainer, Judy Doyle, one of the legends of Dublin's golden era, was delighted with the success.

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## Community Games

### CAMOGIE

U14 — First: Ardara, Galway 2-8; Castlebridge/Crossbeg, Wexford 0-1; Play-Off: Teemore, Fermanagh 1-4; Knockanorey, Cork 1-2.



# Laois camogie has lost its Bloom

ONE of only two adult camogie clubs in County Laois has been decimated by a three-year ban and a £400 fine after abusing a referee in the Leinster Club championship.

Laois champions, Slieve Bloom were fined and banned from the Leinster championships at a three-hour meeting of the Leinster Camogie Council in Mullingar two nights ago.

The club had received warning of a £200 fine after the first drawn game.

But the unusually heavy ban

BY CLIONA FOLEY

came after the second game to which the gardai were called to protect the referee.

He umpired both matches on August 23 and 30 between the club and Avoca, Co Wicklow, which Avoca won eventually 2-6 to 1-6.

In his match reports he alleged verbal and physical abuse by club mentors and supporters.

Amongst these was an allegation that he was forced to break a red traffic light after being blocked by angry fans leaving the second game in Portlaoise.

He claims he was then followed

and blocked on a back road by three other vehicles forcing him to stop and lock himself inside his car after they tried to take his keys.

The heavy punishment may now see the end of the club, which fields one senior (junior standard) and two underage teams.

"Both myself and the club treasurer are also players," said an obviously distraught suspended club Chairwoman Tessie Fogarty.

"Apart from missing playing, without officers who will help raise the fine, we have no money as it is," she said.

"In no way do we condone the actions of our supporters," Fogarty added. "But how can you possibly

control all your fans, especially if you are playing in the match yourself."

"I don't know yet if we will bother appealing," she said of the club's right to appeal to the Central Camogie Council.

In the meantime a club official may be in further hot water. He has been individually called to attend the next Leinster Council meeting in early October.

"In no way is this incident a reflection on Laois camogie or indeed the members of this club," a Leinster spokesman said. "These were the actions of a minority, but we feel that this type of behaviour cannot be condoned."

## Gardai called to protect junior camogie referee

THE Gardai were called to O'Moore Park, Portlaoise, at the close of Sunday evening's Leinster Junior Camogie Inter-club game in which Avoca Wicklow defeated Slieve Bloom, Laois, by 2-6 to 1-6.

Following the game, Slieve Bloom supporters took exception to some of the decisions by the Wexford referee. They attempted to encroach on the pitch, from which the referee had to be escorted. The doors leading to the dressing-rooms at the rear of the stand were locked and the official remained in his room until the gardai arrived. The tyres on his car were also interfered with.

When the teams met the weekend before last at Avoca the game ended in a draw. Initially Slieve Bloom travelled to Avoca, but the game was not played because of the absence of the appointed referee.

## Spotlight on the under-14s

BIG game on the camogie front this coming weekend will be the final of the under-14 B league which will see St. Fannahan's and Courcy Rovers in opposition at Ballincollig tomorrow at 3.45. The curtain raiser to this game will be the clash of St. Finbarr's and Newcestown in the Junior 'A' Championship. Also tomorrow the Junior B Championship gets off to a start with no fewer than six first round games down for decision while in the only other game listed Bishopstown play Na Piaras in the under-14 A League semi-final tonight at Mayfield.

No doubt this week there is plenty of excitement around Mitchelstown and Ballinaspittal because tomorrow Courcy Rovers and St. Fannahan's will contest the county final of the under-14 B league. This is the first time ever that these clubs contested a final at this level so, no doubt, we should have a cracking contest in store.

In the lead up to the final Courcy Rovers recorded some very impressive victories in their section and on this form will probably start as slight favourites but at this level anything can happen and if St. Fannahan's find their form on Sunday it could be neck and neck to the final whistle. Courcy Rovers who are coached by Teddy Harrington will look to play like captain of the side Niamh Downing, Clare Murphy, Emer Brennan, Mary O'Leary, Siobhan Harrington and Cora Murphy to carry them through while St. Fannahan's will be pinning their hopes on their captain Grainne O'Grady, Deirdre Coughlan, Siobhan O'Donovan, Jenny O'Meara, Aine Moher and Lisa Higgins.

### CLOSE

In the preceding game we should have another close game in store when Newcestown and St. Finbarr's clash in the Junior A Championship and here Newcestown will probably

start as slight favourites. They are a strong all-round side, powered by players like the Kenneally sisters Hilda and Eleanor, Antoinette O'Connell, Niamh Crowley, Cliona Long and Yvonne O'Callaghan. If these girls play to form they could trouble a Barr's side that will be looking to players like Deirdre Clarke, Roisin O'Donovan, Toinette Santry, Mary O'Regan, Janice Duffy and Fiona O'Sullivan to carry them through.

### JUNIOR B

In the Junior B Championship Delany's, Barryroe, Bandon, Aghabullogue, Cobh and Fermoy will all be expected to advance while in the under-14 A league semi-final. Bishopstown should prove too strong for Na Piaras.

### FIXTURES

Saturday, September 19

Under-14 A League semi-final: Na Piaras v Bishopstown at Mayfield at 5.30. Ref.

## Togher community festival camogie

ON Thursday night next, September 17, St. Finbarr's and Ballinhassig camogie teams will play in an u-16 tournament final at St. Finbarr's, at 6.30 p.m., organised in conjunction with the Togher Festival.

Ballinhassig will be spearheaded by Lynda O'Sullivan, a member of this year's Cork minor panel and who was also Cork Feile na nGael skills winner in 1990. Other players expected to be in their line out will be Clare Healy, Lisa Finn, Lorna Rice, Orla Flemming, Therese Finn, Elaine Barry and Teresa Lombard.

The Barrs team will be chosen from the following panel: Lynda McKeown, (capt.), Carol Santry, Clare Kirby, Colette Kirby, Tara Galvin, Laura Kelleher, Mary Kelleher, Niamh Clarke, Rosalie Brosnan, Joanne Browne, Una White, Camilla Hegarty, Teresa Murphy, Deirdre Harrington, Katie Lynch, Natasha Nash, Barbara Ann Corcoran.

The St. Finbarrs team are very much part of the Togher community, as they cater for six teams — u-14, u-16, u-18, junior, junior 'B' and senior, and most of these girls are from the Togher parish.

Our senior team

reached the County final this year but were beaten by a very experienced Glen Rovers side.

Preparations for next year's championship will shortly get underway and hopefully we will have the senior championship cup in Togher for the first time ever. Two of these girls are on the Cork panel who play Wexford in the All-Ireland camogie final on Sunday, September 27, in Croke Park. Colette O'Mahony is a regular on the Cork team and Brid Kelleher a sub. Brid is a teacher in the Togher girls school and is well known in the community.

St. Finbarrs would like to remind their younger members that underage training will re-commence on Saturday, September 19, at 2.30 p.m. As in previous years Street League competitions will be organised over the coming weeks. New members wishing to take part in these competitions will be very welcome and should come along to the club on September 19, or hand in their name to the club any night, or contact Marian McCarthy at 542138; Marie Santry at 317166; Colette O'Mahony at 962515; Catherine O'Brien at 542138.

AUGUST 1992



## Leinster crown for Rathnure

RATHNURE.....4-9  
MARINO.....0-8

WEXFORD senior county camogie champions Rathnure proved too strong for the Dublin champions Marino in this Leinster Senior Club championship

### CAMOGIE

semi final played at St. Vincents Park yesterday.

Their encounter did not live up to expectations. Marino's display on the day was disappointing. The winners led 2-4 to 0-4 at the break.

SCORERS — Rathnure: G Codd 2-7; A Reddy 2-1; B Higgins 0-1. Marino: M Coyle 0-6; L Lynch and P Clinton 0-1 each.

REF — J Pender (Kildare)

## Leinster first for Drumcullen

DRUMCULLEN of Offaly took their first ever Leinster Junior Club Championship title when they defeated Avoca, Wicklow 4-5 to 0-4 in the final at Rath, Offaly on Sunday.

Kilkenny's Lisdowney proved too strong for the Kildare champions St Laurences in the Senior Club Championship quarter-final at Athy.

St Laurences could not cope with the experience of the Kilkenny club, which is backed by the Downey sisters Anne and Angela, Marina Downey, Claire Jones and Brigid Barniville, all members of the Kilkenny seniors.

The Kilkenny champions led 3-5 to 0 at half time and continued their dominance in the second half ending on a score of 5-13 to 0-0.

### CAMOGIE

The Leinster Senior Club Championship semi-final takes place on Sunday next when the clash of the Wexford champions Rathnure and the Dublin champions Marino should draw a great interest.

Rathnure are the county champions for the second year in succession. They were beaten in the Leinster final last year by the then Dublin champions Celtic. Marino were county champions in 1990 and were defeated in the Leinster final by St Pauls Kilkenny.

The Dublin champions have star players in Brid Power, Andrea McGowran, Patsy Murphy, Denise O'Leary and Patricia Clinton.

Rathnure will be fielding players who are on the Wexford team for the All-Ireland, Anne Reddy, Catherine Murphy and Geraldine Codd. They will be ably assisted by Bernie Higgins and Patricia Dreehan.

In the other semi-final Lisdowney and Drumcullen come face to face.

### FIXTURES

Leinster Club C'ship semi-finals — at St Vincents GAA Ground: Marino v Rathnure, 4.0; ref: J Pender (Kildare). At Ballyraggett: Lisdowney v Drumcullen, 1.0. ● An emergency meeting of Leinster Council takes place on this evening at the Greville Arms Hotel, Mullingar at 8.0 in deal with referees report concerning the behaviour of Slievebloom Supporters after two Leinster Club Championship matches, Avoca v Slievebloom at Arklow on August 23 and after the replay at Portlaoise on August 30.

## Admirable performance from Drumcullen girls

ing win over Marino, in this semi final played at St. Vincent's Park on Sunday. Marino never really got going.

Rathnure showed great determination and made better use of their chances. Fielding three members of the Wexford All-Ireland Senior team Geraldine Codd, Ann Reddy and Catherine Murphy the win was a great boost to the club. They got great support especially from Bernie Higgins and Patricia Dreehan.

After an entertaining first half Rathnure led 2-4 to 0-4 at the interval. In the second half the pattern of play was much the same. Marino goalie Mary Regan cannot be blamed for four that

### LEINSTER CAMOGIE By P.J. FULHAM

score on the final whistle. Final score Lisdowney 2-13, Drumcullen 2-12.

Scorers: Lisdowney — Angela Downey 2-2, M. Downey 0-7, L. Fogarty 0-2, Ann Downey and A.M. Hughes 0-1 each.

Drumcullen: G. Gath, M. Lynch 1-2 each, G. Mahon 0-5, C. Guinan, E. Kinsella, H. Kinsella 0-1 each.

Wexford champions Rathnure will be Lisdowney's opponents in the Leinster Senior Club championship final. They had a convincing

to a great start in the second half and reeled off 1-3 within five minutes to put the sides level for the first time. From there on it was a ding dong battle with the teams level on three occasions. With less than five minutes to go and the sides locked together Margaret Lynch sent a sizzling ball to the net to put Drumcullen a goal in front.

Spectators were about to witness what would be the biggest shock in camogie for some time. Lisdowney replied with a point when the game looked to be all over. Angela Downey broke through for her second goal to snatch victory by the minimum

Not many would have given the Offaly side much of a chance against their opponents who carried a number of county players. But Drumcullen played with great conviction and took the game to their opponents from the start and after an exciting first half the Offaly side led 1-9 to 0-6.

However, Lisdowney got off

## Marino overwhelmed by Rathnure in Leinster semi-final

### CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

they displayed an accuracy in front of the posts that Marino just couldn't match.

Marino were never able to display their renowned brand of stylish camogie, and the visitors rarely came second best out of any challenges.

Rathnure's full-back, Catherine Murphy, again proved her class as one of the best in the game, defending with security and moving upfield with grace and strength.

WEXFORD'S Rathnure were in brilliant form to completely overwhelm Marino in the Leinster Club Championship semi-final at Paire Naomh Uinsionn last Sunday afternoon.

They dominated the hour's play, never letting the home team into their stride, and they were certainly worth their comfortable 4-9 to 0-8 success.

They were stronger and more menacing all over the field, and

eight points, all but one of Coyle's scores coming from the placed ball.

Patricia Clinton recorded the other Marino point, and she gave the Dubliners a slim glimmer of hope when she moved out of her defensive position.

Rathnure, excellently kited out, led at half-time by 2-4 to 0-4, Bridget Howlin and Ann Reddy registering their goals.

Codd scored two goals on the resumption, bringing her total to 2-6, with the other Rathnure points coming from Bernie Higgins (0-2), with Reddy also knocking over a point.

The Wexford girls more than made up for their defeat to Dublin's Celtic in the Leinster Final last season, and on this performance, it's going to take a mighty effort to stop their journey.



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# SOUTHSIDER OF THE YEAR!



● Mr. Liam Ryan, Super Valu and Lord Mayor, Cllr. Micheál Martin, presenting a cheque for £300 to Mrs. Marie Santry, "Southside Person of the Year" at the Barrs Club

## Marie is tops in community contest

CORK'S Southside person of the year is mother of four, Mrs. Marie Santry.

By **TOMMY BARKER**

She won the honour in the wrap-up of the Togher Community Festival on Sunday night for her work in the Meals on Wheels, for her trojan work for camogie in the Barrs and for her involvement in the Togher Church Altar Committee.

Appropriately, her victory was announced on 'home turf', in the Barrs club last night when, MC for the evening, Cllr. Dino Cregan interviewed the 15 contenders who made it through to the final.

Although open to nominees right across the city's Southside, the Super Valu sponsored award drew most of its dozens of entries from the Togher/Ballyphehane community.

Mrs. Santry, who husband Paddy is a builder, has two sons Alan and Pat, and two daughters Antoinette and Carol. Domestic tasks, however, are just the tip of her large iceberg: as Meals on

Wheels cook, she last year helped account for some 7,000 hot dinners!

Mrs. Santry was 'unavailable for comment' on her honorary win this morning - she was out and about again. "You'll never get her at home," the Echo was told, "she never stands still."

● Among the other deserving nominees was returned Corkwoman Hannah Broderick, who left her Dagenham home of 45 years to look after her ill sister Ellen in Cork.

She was so impressed with the Deerpark Day Care Centre, which helped Ellen before her return, that she now helps out there herself two days a week.

Asked what she'd do if she won the £300 prize-money, Hannah last night said with a laugh that she'd buy a new carpet for her bedroom.

As a consolation 'prize,' Christys Carpet shop man Pat Martin, who was at the Barrs' night, and who was taken by Hannah's dedication, this morning promised to take the ground out from under her feet - and replace it with something soft, warm and wall to wall.

## Marino defend Kilmacud Crokes 'Sevens' crown

### CAMOGIE

THE 19th E.S.B. Kilmacud Crokes Seven-A-Side tournament takes place next Saturday and it promises to be the biggest so far, writes **NIALL SCULLY**.

This is the first time the E.S.B. are sponsoring the event which will be played at the Glanabyn and Silver Park venues, beginning at 10.30 with the final in Glanabyn at 6.0.

Dublin's Marino are the holders and the Metropolitan representatives of Celtic, Crumlin, Na Fianna, St. Monicas, Ballyboden, and the hosts, Crokes, are expected to do well.

Kilmacud have never won the honour but they are full of confidence after their Shield victory in Birmingham last season.

Tara of London, who gave a fine showing last year, are also among the favourites, as are the renowned Buffers Alley from Wexford and St. Brigid's of Kilkenny.

There are beautiful trophies to be

won and Eithne Fitzgerald, a former camogie player and now a Local County Councillor, will throw in the sliothar for the final.

The competition has been divided into two groups with 24 clubs in the Division 1 section, while the Shield tournament has 20 teams. The top team from the Shield will qualify for the play-offs for the Division 1 crown.

**DIV 1 - A:** Marino, St. Munns, Fire Og, Grenagh/Ballingarry, B: Celtic, Shinnone, Clanna Gael, Ardkeen, C: Tara, Myshall, Crumlin, Deirdre, D: Buffers Alley, Kilmacud Crokes, Mullagh Leishbridge, E: Na Fianna, Fr. O'Neills, Clane, St. Brigid's, F: St. Monicas, Ballyboden, St. Dominics, Leitrim Fontenays.

**DIV 2 - G:** Tullagher, Glencaly, Ardoyne, H: Birr, Castletara, St. Endas/D/Cash, I: Avoca, Laragh, Cusla, Clann Eireann, J: St. Marks, St. Brendas, Oulart, K: Butlerstown, Aghaderg, Croagh Kilfinney, O'Donovan Rossa, L: St. Annes, Newtown S/Drum, Ballycran.



## Sports Personalities of the Month

**IRENE O'KEEFFE - Camogie.**



Irene O'Keeffe, a staff member of AIB Kanturk since 1990, is this month's female sports personality of the month. A member of Inniscarra camogie club Irene won Munster medals at U16, minor & junior level with Cork camogie teams, and won Inter Provincial medals with Munster junior teams in 1989 and 1990. Irene made her debut with Cork senior team in 1991 and won two National senior league medals in 1991 and 1992. A member of the Cork team that lost in last year's All Ireland final against Kilkenny, Irene again represented the Cork team that beat Kilkenny in this year's semi-final and now go on the meet Wexford in the All Ireland final in September. Irene is also a skillful soccer player. She joined the Cork soccer squad in 1990, and this year was a member of the team which won the Cork inter firm division 2 shield. She has also represented area south in the Inter Bank ladies soccer competition. In her free time Irene enjoys playing pitch 'n putt, and she won the ladies captains prize in 1991. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Irene every success in the All Ireland final.

## G.A.A. McNamee Awards

The 1991 McNamee Awards Winners have been announced by the Gaelic Athletic Association. The awards are National Communication Awards presented annually by the GAA in recognition of members of the Association who are making a significant contribution in the communications area.

These are the 15th Annual Awards to be presented and are called after Padraig McNamee who was President of the Association from 1938-1943 (the only man in modern times to hold that position for more than 3 years) and after whom the McNamee Commission was called. The presentations were made by Peter Quinn, President of the GAA in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin on Saturday, June 20th.



The winners in the various categories are:  
**Best Co. History** - Sighle Nic an Ulltaigh, An Durn;  
**Best Co. Board Publication** - Barrie Hennriques, Kilkenny;  
**Best Club Production** - Sean Kierse, Killaloe (History of Smith O'Brien GAA);  
**Best Co. Final Programme** - Pat Murphy, Wexford;  
**Best Co. Secretary Report** - Tomas O'Morain, Liatroim;  
**Best Club Notes in a Provincial Paper** - Níolas Mac Craith, Port Lairge;  
**Best GAA Video** - Padraig Henlthy, Clonal;  
**Hall of Fame** - Mr. Geny McCarthy.



# Tipperary Girls Chase All-Ireland Glory

**T**IPPERARY junior camogie team don't want to know about sporting nightmares! They have had more than their fair share of despondency as they endeavour to bring the first all-Ireland title in this grade to the Premier County. The defeat by Kildare in '90 was put down as a learning process, but the disaster of '91 will never be forgotten. With victory snatched from them with the last puck of the match their dressing-room on that autumn evening was a mortuary of physical and mental devastation. The minutes, hours, days, and months, have passed however, and the ladies in blue and gold have shown that they are made of sterner stuff. They head for Croke Park on Sunday next and carry the good wishes of all Tipperary gals as they hope to make amends with a victory over Galway.

So down in the dumps were they after full-forward Veronica "Bonnie" McCreevey crashed home the winning goal in the dying seconds of last year's final, just when it seemed they had won by a point, that it would have taken an eternal optimist to forecast that Tipperary would recover to qualify for another decider. Tears flowed freely from some girls, while others were simply stunned in disbelief that their hard work in pulling back a nine point lead to gain a single score advantage had come to nothing.

Time is a great healer, however, and taking time out to refect on their general

## Fierce Determination

So, it's once more into the breach for the Tipperary girls, and if ever a side deserves an all-Ireland honour they fit

By  
**JOHN  
GUITON**

into the category. County camogie board secretary, Marion Graham, is very hopeful, without wishing to be over-confident, that this time "they will get it right." She told me last week after a

## Lucky Breaks

Such dedication needs to be highlighted. We hear a lot from the hurlers and footballers about the time they put into the game, but let's give due recognition now to the ladies. Marion knows, however, that the ultimate reward for such effort will be the all-Ireland trophy, and while the preparations have gone well much will depend on what happens on the day.

"We need to get the lucky breaks this time. I would say that the side is bound to be more experienced now, and they seem to be in a better frame of mind going into the game. But of course all-Irelands throw up all sorts of possibilities and they will need to be fully tuned in from the very start," she said.

Marion points out that when the team lost to Kildare in '90 the majority of the players were only teenagers. If age means maturity on the field of play then they should be ready and able by now, with the greater experience garnered on the way. Concerning the Galway challenge, Marion has no doubt that they will be hard to beat. "You need only think of the great work undertaken at colleges level, and sides like Athenry, and Loughrea, and it's easy to see what we are facing," she said. Galway beat Armagh in the semi-final and under the guidance of former hurling coach Cyril Farrell they are bound to pose a tough obstacle. Having won the crown in '89 they will be anxious to restore supremacy and will not in the least be over-awed by the occasion.

The Tipperary team and officials are grateful for the support given to them throughout the championship and look forward to an even bigger following at Croke Park, on Sunday. Marion



Something's cooking in the kitchen! - County camogie board secretary Marian Graham prepares some refreshments for the Tipperary junior camogie players after a recent training session.

## TIPPERARY TEAM

The Tipperary team to play Galway in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final is:

Ailish Delenay (Templemore)		
Anne Marie Fitzgerald (Cashel)		
Claire Madden (Portroe)	Cora Kennedy (Toomevara)	Regina O' Meara (do.)
Kaiffe Moloney (Cashel)	Triona Bonnar (Cashel) (capt)	Maeve Stokes (Kilsheelan)
Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara)	Joan Tobin (St. Enda's, Derrymacash, Armagh)	Sinead Nealon (Burgess)
Jovita Delaney (Cashel)		

Substitutes: Helen O'Leary (Cashel), Ann Gleeson (Thurles), Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara), Anne Gleeson (Toomevara), Michelle Kennedy (Clonmel), Slobhan Cusack (Toomevara), Orla Hogan (Burgess), Marita Tobin (Cashel), Angela Ryan (Cashel).

performance on that day they came to the definite conclusion that if they were good

team training session that the one most encouraging aspect is that, despite last year's

Graham is warm in her praise of their main sponsor, Mr Tom Egan of the Horse and Jockey Inn, and would welcome financial assistance from any quarters which would help alleviate the costs involved in bringing the team to an all-Ireland, for the third successive year.

The team party will travel to Dublin by train on Sunday morning after assembling at the earlier time of 8.30 a.m. outside Hayes' Hotel. On arrival at Hueston Station they will travel to the Hollybrook Hotel in Clontarf for refreshments, before going for a puckaround at the nearby Fairview Park. The match is timed for 1.45 p.m., and after the senior final which follows the junior game, Tipperary will travel to the Grand Hotel, Malahide, for the reception for the teams. A function will follow on Sunday night.

## Homecoming

Win, lose or draw, the team will return on Monday evening by bus from Dublin, arriving at the Horse and Jockey Inn, at approximately 8.30 p.m. The Sean Treacy Pipe Band will parade the side, hopefully in victory, into the Horse and Jockey, and a big crowd is expected to turn out for their arrival. A reception will follow in the Horse and Jockey Inn.

So, all is in readiness for the big day, without any injury worries reported. The game has prospered in the county in recent years and it would be a fitting reward for very many people, not least, the girls themselves, if they were to attain all-Ireland honours. Fingers crossed that it will not be another of disappointment, but instead, it will be a triumph of sorts. The girls' physical superiority over their opponents was at all times apparent, while in attack they were particularly prominent. Sean McEnroe, who was ranked Hickey, midfielder, and David Ryan and Mike, David Ryan and Mike, of defenders Tom and spirited displays from the back of the defence were especially decisive and, as a result, were the skillful. Their physical superiority over their opponents was at all times apparent, while in attack they were particularly prominent. Sean McEnroe, who was ranked Hickey, midfielder, and David Ryan and Mike, David Ryan and Mike, of defenders Tom and spirited displays from the back of the defence were especially decisive and, as a result, were the skillful.



Tipperary, in the All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park, on Sunday. Marion



# CORK UNDER NO ILLUSIONS

**FOR** Camogie enthusiasts all roads will lead to Croke Park on Sunday next where we will see Cork and Wexford contest the final of this year's All-Ireland Senior Championship.

Cork have not won an All-Ireland senior title since 1983 while the title has eluded Wexford since 1975 so no doubt both counties will be eagerly awaiting Sunday's game which should result in a cracking contest.

Kilkenny have been the dominant team at this level for the past number of years having won eight All-Ireland titles in a row, but this season Cork upset their record with a well deserved victory over their arch rivals in the semi-final. Because of this Cork will go into this game as favourites but all involved with this present panel are certainly under no illusions as to the strength of their opposition and will



Mr. Ray Doherty, a representative of the Cork camogie team's sponsors, presenting team jerseys to Sandy Fitzgibbon, captain for Sunday's All-Ireland final. Also included are Nora Newman, president of the Cork Camogie Board; Joe McGrath, coach, and Sheila Golden, chairperson, Cork Camogie Board. (Pic, Des Barry, Echo)

be treating their opponents with every respect.

Earlier this season Cork defeated Wexford in the National League final. On that occasion Wexford showed that they are a very determined bunch and while on the day Cork were on top for most of the game, they fought to the very end and certainly looked like a side capable of better things. On that game Sunday's clash between these two sides

promises to be a wide open affair.

The Cork selectors have decided to pass a vote of confidence in the side that finished so well against Kilkenny in the semi-final. This means that Irene O'Keeffe who came on as a substitute in that game retains her place to the exclusion of Na Piarasigh's Irene O'Leary. The remainder of the side will see Kathleen Costine between the posts. Breda

Kenny will be at full back with Paula Goggins and Liz Towler filling the corner back positions. Therese O'Callaghan is named at centre back with the midfield positions Lynda Mellerick, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Denise Cronin. Liz O'Neill will be at centre forward with Colette O'Mahony, Fiona O'Driscoll and Irene O'Keeffe completing the full-forward line.

Cork's captain on Sun-

day will be Sandy Fitzgibbon. Sandy has given outstanding service to the county in the past decade and was a member of Cork's last winning side in 1983. A player of marvellous ability, Sandy is a very unassuming player and is most worthy of the honour.

For Sunday's game a special train will leave Cork on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock and return at 5 o'clock from Dublin.

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## CAMOGIE SENIOR FINAL PREVIEW

# Cork are tipped!

THE pressure is building up on the two senior teams involved playing at Croke Park tomorrow. It is the last big day of the Championship season and it is time for the women to step it out in the Camogie finals.

This year the senior line-up features Wexford and Cork, traditional favourites Kilkenny having been knocked out by the latter at the semi-final stages.

Cork have therefore been bestowed with the favourites title, and

REPORT BY:  
**Yvonne Judge**



deservedly so according to the experts in Wexford. "Cork would have to be favourites after beating Kilkenny," says Wexford manager, Elsie Cody, "and they already beat us this year in the League final" she adds.

Elsie has worked hard with Wexford camogie and

is now seeing the fruits of her labour. She is not happy, however, with her team's last performance and is looking for a raising of standards tomorrow.

"I wouldn't be confident with our form against Galway in the semi-final, although we beat them," says Elsie. "We barely scraped through and we'll have to improve on that. I'm just being realistic really, I know we are facing a very hard match tomorrow."

Elsie thinks her key players are those who were

in the final in 1990.

Captain Catherine Murphy, Tina Fitzhenry, Stella Synnott and Anne Reddy are the ones she sees as being the linchpins. As for Cork, it is the Leesiders' defence which she regards as the crux.

"They really have excellent backs and they were well able to put them over the bar in the League final as well."

Stella Fitzgibbon, Breda Kenny and Irene O'Keefe are some of the Cork players she picks that the Wexford manager thinks

could be particularly dangerous.

Sheila Golden, the Cork County chairwoman, is conscious of the favourite's tag, but doesn't take too much notice of it.

"We're quite nervous actually" says Sheila.

"We've played Wexford on a number of occasions and we are conscious that they are a very good side."

The Camogie finals are tomorrow afternoon at Croke Park, starting at 2pm and a good crowd would be welcomed by both teams.



THE Cork selectors have made just one change from the team that beat Kilkenny in the semi-final, for tomorrow's All-Ireland senior camogie final against Wexford at Croke Park. Inniscarra's Irene O'Keefe, who came on as a second half sub for Irelen O'Leary, keeps her place as the county bids to bridge an eight year gap and regain the O'Duffy Cup.

Having beaten their 'bogey' side, Kilkenny — winners of the title for the last eight years — in the semi-final last month Cork feel that this could be their year. However, they are taking nothing for granted.

#### TOM HIGGINS REPORTS

They went to Croke Park a year ago in a confident mood having beaten Kilkenny in the League final but found, to their cost, that the Championship is a totally different affair and on a day on which nothing went right for them they had to give best by 3-8 to 0-10.

The team shows four changes in personnel, and several positional switches, from the side that lined out in the final last year. Gone are Marion McCarthy, who announced her retirement after last year's final, Liz Dunphy who is now on the subs bench, Ger McCarthy has also retired, and Irene O'Leary is also named as a sub.

Kathleen Costine takes over between the posts, while Breda Kenny moves from centre-back to full-back. The wing backs, Paula Goggins and Liz Towler are the same as last year while Therese O'Callaghan slots into Kenny's position in the middle. Last year's midfield pairing was Colette O'Mahony, Therese O'Callaghan and Sandy Fitzgibbon. This year it is Linda Mellerick, Sandy Fitzgibbon and newcomer Denise Cronin. Liz O'Neill moves from the left into the centre to take Ger McCarthy's place, while Colette O'Mahony is now on the left — the position O'Neill occupied last year. Fiona O'Driscoll is the new full-forward in place of Irene O'Leary.

The panel has trained very hard under the guidance of Joe McGrath and with no injury worries they are extremely fit and looking forward to the contest.

Captain Sandie Fitzgibbon said: "We have beaten Wexford in the League final but they beat us earlier in Killeagh when we had an off day. We will take nothing for granted as we know they are a good side and we won't want to make the the same mistakes again. We had a good win in the League final and we will want to show the same determination if we are to come out on top."

Trainer Joe McGrath has really instilled the will to win into the Cork girls and they have trained hard for him. As regards fitness they won't be found wanting, but an All-Ireland final is always a 50-50 game.

Wexford have very experienced players in the likes of Catherine Murphy, Ann Reddy, Clare Cullen, Geraldine Codd and Paula Rankin and will not give in easily. Having been beaten by Kilkenny in the 1990 final they are no strangers to Croke Park and if the can hit their best form they will make things tough for the Cork girls.

Captain Catherine Murphy was their star player in the League final and her long clearances will put the Cork defence under pressure. Ann Reddy is one of the best forwards in the country and if she gets any leeway she will punish Cork. It has the makings



Cork captain — Sandie Fitzgibbon.

# O'Leary keeps Cork place



Members of the Cork camogie team, striding out during training for the All-Ireland final against Wexford tomorrow. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

last three years, it could be Cork's turn to stage a victory parade.

McGrath says that the real strength of the Cork team is in the panel. "There are only 12 players in a team, but we have had a panel of 26. Because of

on the full panel and, they have never let us down. "I have trained these girls as hard as any group of men I have worked with. They are a fantastic bunch, every bit as dedicated. They certainly deserve an All-Ireland after what they have been through."



# Cork girls going for gold

**TOM HIGGINS** visits the Cork training camp as they complete their preparations for next Sunday's All-Ireland Senior Camogie final against Wexford.



Members of the Cork senior camogie team, with coach Joe McGrath, pictured before training at Ballinlough this week. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare).

THE Cork players were in determined mood as they went through their paces, under the watchful eye of trainer Joe McGrath, at Ballinlough the other night, and they are really intent on bringing the O'Duffy Cup back to Leaside.

As half forward Liz O'Neill said "This is the one we want to win. We have been unlucky in the last two year's when Kilkenny beat us in the semi-final and the final. Now that they are out of the way, we are determined to beat Wexford".

With McGrath dictating the play, one could see the hunger among the players in training. Every ball was fought for with great vigour during a practice match.

Following the game, completed in near darkness, McGrath put his charges through a very vigorous short sprint session. Although the girls were undoubtedly tired, they never complained and, watched by the selection committee of Mariam Higgins, Marie Mackey and Marion Sweeney, they took to their task with gusto.

"I have worked the girls as hard as any men's team I have trained and they have never complained", said Joe McGrath. "I am proud of each and every one of them".

"In 1990 I was with the girls for three months. We met Kilkenny here and we were really gunning for them. We were two goals ahead with seven minutes to go but two stupid goals went in and we lost by a point. However, I thought the girls made great progress in that three months.

"Last year, I was with them for eight months. We did some weight training in the winter to build up a bit of stamina and then concentrated on speed training, stamina training, and hurling. Our target was to capture the National League and then go on to win an All-Ireland. We won the League and got to the All-Ireland final. We had the chances to win it but did not take them.

"This year, we worked over a similar period of time and our target was to retain the National League and get to an All-Ireland final. We knew that we would have to get past Kilkenny, if we were lucky enough to get through the preliminary stage, in the semi-final. We have done that, so every target we have set has been accomplished", stated McGrath.

"This year we have the best selectors I have had the pleasure of working with in the past three years. All the girls I have worked with have been very good, but, collectively, I would have to say that these three are as experienced and as good selectors as one could wish for. They have played the game and they know exactly what is needed in the forwards.

"I hope that the great promise the girls have shown this year will be fulfilled by winning this All-Ireland. They have the skill, the physical fitness and the teamwork to do it, and their attitude is as good as I have ever seen.

"The girls are confident in their own ability but will be going out knowing it will be the toughest match they ever had in an All-Ireland".



# Putting you in Picture

**KATHLEEN COSTINE** (Killeagh). Occupation, Assembly Operative. Honours won with club include one co. junior medal, 3 co. senior and 2 Munster senior medals. Honours won with the county include 2 minor All-Ireland, one junior All-Ireland and one senior National League medals.

**BREDA KENNY** (Sarsfields). Occupation, Physiotherapist. Honours won include minor All-Ireland medal with galway; 2 Ashbourne Cup medals with UCC, and one National League medal, 1992.

**SANDIE FITZGIBBON** (Glen Rovers). Occupation, Food Analyst Assistant. Honours won with club include six county medals, 4 Munster club and 2 All-Ireland club medals. Honours with the county include 3 minor All-Ireland, 2 senior All-Ireland, 3 National League and one senior interprovincial medals.

**MARY SPILLANE** (Killeagh). Occupation, Secretary. Honours won with club include five senior county, five Munster club, one All-Ireland club medals and numerous under-age awards. Honours won with the county include one Munster minor, one junior All-Ireland, and one senior All-Ireland, National League medals.

**THERESA O'CALLAGHAN** (Glen Rovers). Occupation, Civil Servant. Honours won with club include, one junior county, one senior county with Na Fianna (Dublin), five senior county with Glen, 4 Munster club, 2 All-Ireland club, one senior All-Ireland seniors. Honours won with the county include, 2 National League, 1 Munster junior, one senior and one junior Gael Linn interprovincial medals.

**LIZ DUNPHY** (Sarsfields). Occupation, Clerical Officer, Southern Health Board. Honours won with club include intermediate county medal, senior county, and senior All-Ireland colleges medals. Honours won with county include, junior All-Ireland, 4 National League, one Gael Linn, medals and captained Munster in 1990.

**FIONA O'DRISCOLL** (Fr. O'Neills). Occupation, PE student. Honours won with club include junior and intermediate county medals, Munster senior colleges with St. Mary's (Midleton). Honours won with the county include 3 Munster minor medals, Junior Gael, Linn medal, one

Munster junior and one National League senior medals.

**COLETTE O'MAHONY** (St. Finbarrs). Occupation, Hospital worker. Won numerous under age awards with the club, while with the county has won 3 Munster minor, 3 Under 18, 6 Munster senior, 3 National League, 2 All-Ireland minor medals as well as junior and senior interprovincial medals.

**IRENE O'KEEFE** (Inniscarra). Occupation, AIB Bank Official. Won junior league honours with the club. Won Munster medals with the county at under 18, minor, junior and senior level as well as two senior National League medals.

**LIZ O'NEILL** (Bishopstown). Occupation, Sales Rep. James Daly & Co.. Won junior and intermediate championship medals with her club. Won junior and senior Munster medals with Cork, as well as 2 national League medals and junior and senior Gael Linn awards.

**MARGARET FINN** (Fr. O'Neills). Occupation, electrician. Honours won with the club include

junior and intermediate championship medals. Has won Munster junior, Senior national League, junior and senior Gael Linn medals with Cork.

**LIZ TOWLER** (Bishopstown). Occupation, Development Officer. Community Games. Honours won with club include junior and intermediate championship medals. Has won minor All-Ireland and Senior National League medals with the county.

**MARY CURRID** (Glen Rovers). Occupation, Clerical Officer. Honours won with the club include six senior county medals, four Munster club and two All-Ireland club medals, and an All-Ireland colleges' medal with St. Patrick's. On the inter-county front, she has won Munster minor and junior, and All-Ireland junior medals.

**BRID KELLEHER** (St. Finbarr's). Occupation, National School Teacher. Has won under 16 and intermediate championship medals with the club, while with the county she has won 2 Munster under 18 and minor All-Ireland medals.

**PAULA GOGGIN** (Na Piaras). Occupation,

Computer Operator. Holder of minor and junior All-Ireland medals, 2 senior National League and one Gael Linn medals.

**JEAN PAUL-KENT** (Na Piaras). Occupation, Clerical Officer, Co. Council. Honours won with club include All-Ireland Feile na nGael medals. Honours won with the county include 3 Munster and All-Ireland minor medals; 2 junior, 2 under 18, 2 senior Munster medals, as well as 2 senior National League and 2 Gael Linn junior medals.

**CLAIRE MACCARTHY** (Glen Rovers). Occupation, Production Supervisor. Honours won with the club include, 5 senior county, 3 senior Munster club and one All-Ireland club medals. Honours won with the county include 2 minor All-Ireland, one junior and one senior All-Ireland medals.

**ROSE DESMOND** (Bishopstown). Occupation, Teacher. Honours won with the club include junior and intermediate championship medals, while with the county she has won 2 junior and one senior Munster medals, Ashbourne Cup medals with UCC.

**SHEENAGH LEY** (Bishopstown). Occupation, Fast Food Assistant. Honours won with the club include junior intermediate championship medals. With the county she has won All-Ireland minor, Munster under 18 and one senior Munster championship medals.

**LINDA MELLER** (Glen Rovers). Occupation, General Operator. Bourns Electronics. Honours won with the county include 1 intermediate county senior, 2 Munster and 1 All-Ireland senior club medals. Honours won with the county include minor, 1 junior, 3 National League and 1 interprovincial medals.

**DENIS CRONIN** (Glen Rovers). Occupation, Operator. Honours won with the club include county senior, 5 Munster Club, 2 All-Ireland senior club and 2 under 18 All-Ireland medals, while with the county she has won Munster and junior under 16 and 2 National League senior medals.

**IRENE O'LEARY** (Na Piaras). Occupation, accountant. Honours won with the club include county under 18 championship medals with the county and captained the junior team to All-Ireland victory in 1984 and has also won National League and Gael Linn medals.



Cork camogie team players (from left): Kathleen Costin, Colette O'Mahony and Liz Towler.



Cork camogie players for the All-Ireland final against Wexford (left): Jean Paula Kent, Irene O'Keefe and Irene O'Leary.



In training for Croke Park.

## The team behind the team

**ELSIE COADY**: was a super-star as a defender, winning an All-Ireland title in 1975 and only retiring from club and county at the end of 1991.

Now in her first year as manager she has taken Wexford back to Croke Park. She lives and works in Kilkenny but has steadfastly refused to change her allegiances, a decision which has cost her a great deal of petrol.

**RAY QUIGLEY**: was manager in 1990, only to suffer the disappointment of defeat. However, the inspirational Oylegate Garda has maintained his enthusiasm and attachment to the team, continuing his involvement as a selector.

**TEDDY O'CONNOR**: is the quiet man of the management trio, but he has shown with the Rathnure club that he has a great knowledge of the game and how to win matches.



# No Croker canter!

## Cork must not start nervously

BY TOM HIGGINS

THE headline on the "Cork Examiner" on June 14 last, after Cork had defeated Wexford in the National League final in Enniscorthy, read "Cork retain title in a canter" but it will be far from a canter at Croke Park on Sunday when the Leesiders oppose the Wexford girls in the All-Ireland senior camogie final.

Twelve months ago Cork travelled to Croke Park with quite a deal of confidence to face Kilkenny, who were seeking their seventh All-Ireland title in a row, but in the decider nothing went right for the Cork side and they were beaten 3-8 to 0-10.

Cork had beaten the "Cats" in the League decider previously but they found, to their cost, that the championship is a totally different competition and a more determined Kilkenny outfit put paid to their aspirations.

There is no doubt that Kilkenny deserved their win on the day as they were the better side while Cork never played to their full potential and with quite a few players off form were always fighting a losing battle.

There is no doubt that Cork have the talent to go one better this time as they proved in recent games that they are quite a good side. They overcame their "bogey" side Kilkenny 2-11 to 1-8 in a thrill packed semi-final at Ballinlough last month and if they can reproduce that form on Sunday they should take the title.

Although they beat Wexford in the League final, 2-17 to 0-11, they must remember that the Slaneysiders had beaten them earlier in the competition in Killeagh.

Wexford got off to a dream start in that game, scoring four goals in the opening 14 minutes which left the home side struggling afterwards. Cork made a determined effort to get back into it in the second-half, when they played much better, but they found goalkeeper Terry Butler in brilliant form and had to give best in the end, 1-9 to 4-8.

For the League final Cork made a number of changes, bringing back a few players who were on the injured list. This seemed to settle the team and in a very physical game, in which six players were booked and one put off, Cork retained their title.

At the moment Cork have no injury worries and will be able to field their strongest side. However, they would not want to make a nervous start, as they did 12 months ago, if they are to win.

Wexford are no strangers to Croke Park as they failed to Kilkenny in the final in 1990 and they will be hoping to make amends. They have some top class players in their captain, Catherine Murphy, Ann Reddy, Geraldine Codd and Paula Rankin, and will also be in determined mood and will not give up the fight too easily.

It has the makings of a great final.



Cork camogie players for the All-Ireland final against Wexford at Croke Park on Sunday, Paula Goggins and Liz Dunphy. (Examiner)



On the Cork Camogie panel for the All-Ireland final against Wexford at Croke Park on Sunday, from left, Rose Desmond, Linda Mellerick and Denise Cronin. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)



Cork camogie player Brid Kenny arrives for training.



## MEET THE WEXFORD PANEL

### (1) Catherine Murphy



**Defender: Rathnure**  
**Age: 23**

Has been on Wexford teams since she was 13 yrs of age. Captained her club, Rathnure to Senior C'ship success last year, and into the Leinster Club C'ship final. She has Co. Senior League, and C'ship medals, and was on Gael Linn teams in '85, '87, '89 and '91. Catherine also picked up her first Leinster C'ship medal last year.

Her hobbies include music and most sports. Insurance Clerk.

### (2) Terrie Butler



**Goalkeeper: Buffers Alley**  
**Age: 28**

Terrie holds all club honours it is possible to win, from u-14 through junior, intermediate and senior, right up to all Ireland Club c'ship medals. She also has won All-Ireland 7-a-side

# Wexford can triumph

## *A will to win can bring glory to the Purple and Gold*

A hunger borne of seventeen years in the wilderness will drive the Wexford Camogie team on Sunday next. If they can match that hunger with spirit then Wexford can go on to shock hot favourites Cork in the All-Ireland Camogie final.

An appetite for victory however will not be sufficient. Cork who ended the nine year reign of Kilkenny are everyone's fancy to take the title, having also lost last year's title to Kilkenny. They

will be fiercely determined. But Wexford too will be stung by the bitter memory of defeat at the hands of Kilkenny in the final of two years ago.

Thus, with no lack of

determination on both sides, the contest will be decided by class, courage and resilience.

The mood of frustration at Wexford's long wait could be sensed at their training sessions as the players put the final touches to their prepara-

## BIG MATCH PREVIEW by Brendan Furlong

tions. And with an injury free squad available one could also sense the determination of the players to bring back the O'Duffy Cup for the first time since 1975.

Wexford have already confronted Cork in the league,

and while coming out on the wrong side of the result, they clearly see Sunday's game as a far different occasion, with the determination prevalent right through the squad to lay that Cork bogey.

Since that league outing,

Wexford have shown immense improvement with each outing, while Cork will be cock-o-hoop following their sensational victory over Kilkenny, a victory which has installed them as firm favourites to lift the All-Ireland crown.

Despite the immense disappointment at their long lapse since their last All-Ireland victory, Wexford are determined to set the record straight. While realising all

the pressures which come with the All-Ireland occasion, the Wexford players have the experience to cope with the occasion, and they do not fear the Cork challenge. For those camogie supporters who have been around for a little longer than the present players, they will be living on the memories of the great '68 and '75 teams, but the present crop of players have the ability to create their own piece of history and set their own record.

## The girls will have to play to their full potential

Wexford in their path to the final dismissed the challenge of Dublin in the opening round, and then proved too good for a fancied Galway side in the All-Ireland semi-final, a game which demonstrated that this side has the skill and ability to take an All-Ireland title.

Many felt that Galway could have proved a stumbling block, but such was the play of the Wexford girls that they have shaped a whole new era for Wexford camogie.

Wexford produced fluent, non-stop action in that semi-final victory. But they will also be well aware of the manner in which Cork dethroned the defending All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny. There was a passion in their play which suggests that they will be a mighty difficult side to beat.

Wexford have suffered the heartbreak of an All-Ireland defeat. This time they are determined not to stand alone, and it is this determination which could see

them defy all the odds and anything Cork can put up to them.

Terry Butler will provide an experienced last line of defence for Wexford, and she will be fronted by a backline which contains the superb Catherine Murphy at centre-back, who will be flanked by the skillful Jean O'Leary and Deirdre Hearne, while Tina Fitzhenry is one of the best full-backs in the game at present.

The magic and experience of Stella Sinnott will be crucial to the midfield exchanges where she will be partnered by the youthful Maura Codd and Paula Rankins.

Without doubt Ann Reddy and Geraldine Codd carry the scoring threat up front. Much will depend on the performances of the Rathnure pair, who will be joined by Ann Marie O'Connor and Angie Hearne, two players with proven ability who if given the opportunity will avail of every half chance.

## Manager Elsie Cody tasted glory in '75

## 1975 CONNECTION

Present day connections with the last All-Ireland winning 1975 side include Eileen Dillon, who is sister of Gretta Quigley who captained that successful side of '75. Gretta's husband Ray is a selector on the present team.

Yet another 1975 connection is midfielder Maire Codd, daughter of Kit Codd (nee Kehoe). Maire is a niece of Eileen Dillon.

## MEET THE WEXFORD PANEL

### (20) Mary Hayden



**Defender: Rathnure**  
**Age: 33**

Mary had not played competitive camogie for around eight years, until she rejoined Rathnure club in 1988. Before her long holidays from the games she had won numerous u-age honours with the club, and since returning has collected Junior c'ship and three senior c'ship medals. She was called into the panel for the All-Ireland League Final earlier this year.

Her hobbies include swimming, reading and all sports. Housewife and part-time nurse.

### (14) Maire Codd



**Midfield: St. Martin's**  
**Age: 21**

Eight years ago, when she was only 13, Maire came on as a sub for St. Martin's in the junior c'ship final and was instrumental in their victory. She also collected junior league medals and helped



**(3) Tina Fitzhenry**



**Defender: Duffry Rovers**  
Age: 27

One of the famous Fitzhenrys of Corrduff. Like her brother Seamus she holds a Powers Sport Star Award. She captained Leinster to Gael Linn success in 1985 and also won Gael Linn medals in '84 and '86.

Her hobbies include most sports.  
Secretary.

**(16) GERALDINE WYNNE**

**Buffers Alley**  
Age: 36

Geraldine is a multi-talented sportsperson, for instance this year she won the Wicklow tennis club singles c'ship for the 17th year in a row, and she won the County Wexford c'ship four times running in the 1980's. She has one Junior c'ship medal and 14 senior c'ship medals. She won Leinster Junior c'ship medals in '72, '73, '76 and '77, and was on the Wexford Junior teams which lost the All-Ireland junior c'ship finals of '72 and '77.

Last year she collected her first Leinster Senior C'ship medal, and she won two Leinster colleges medals, one in '72 with Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy who defeated St.



Mary's, Mountmellick in the final. The following year she was on the Mountmellick team and they went through from Leinster to win out the All-Ireland colleges c'ship.

She also has two inter-provincial medals, a senior and a Junior gael Linn.

Her hobbies include tennis and squash.  
Telecom Eireann employee.

**(8) Eileen Dillon**



**Midfield: Rathnure** Age: 33

One of the famous Keogh clan of Clonleigh. Eileen, who got married since her last All-Ireland appearance in 1990, will now have the added spur of baby, Amy, and husband Billy cheering her on to success hoping that she can join five of her sisters who already hold All Ireland senior c'ship honours. She captained the Wexford Junior team that were defeated in the All Ireland in '77, but had the consolation of collecting a Power's Sport Star Award the same year. She holds six senior c'ship medals, three with Cloughbawn, and three with Rathnure. She also holds Gael Linn medals, and county Senior League Medals. - Secretary.

**(9) Deirdre Hearne**



**Defender: St. Ibar's**  
Age: 22

Deirdre captained Wexford's u-16s to Leinster glory in 1986, and was among the players who collected a Leinster Senior c'ship medal last year.

She holds too many u-age medals to mention, and has also been selected to The Gael Linn Panel which won the title last year. Her commitment to camogie in Wexford is such that she was a selector for County u-14 panel which won the Leinster c'ship earlier this year, their first title in eleven years.

Her hobbies include swimming, reading and going to parties. - Accounts clerk.

**(12) Ann Marie O'Connor**



**Forward: Buffers Alley**  
Age: 22

Ann Marie was a member of the Wexford u-16 team that won the Leinster c'ship but lost the All Ireland to Galway in 1986. Another F.C.J past pupil, she has six county senior medals with Buffers Alley, and three Leinster senior colleges ('87, '88, '89) awards. Ann Marie was on the Wexford senior C'ship team which beat Kilkenny in the Leinster final last year.

Her hobbies include Squash and wate sports, especially canoeing.

Fourth year student of Computer Applications in D.C.U.

**(19) MARION O'LEARY**

**Defender: Oylegate**  
Age: 22

Marion's under age medals include primary schools honours for 1983 and u-14 c'ship the following year. She won a Junior c'ship medal with Oylegate in '87 and added a Junior League medal last year. She collected Leinster senior c'ship medal last year, and was also on the Gael Linn panel.

At college level, she captained Waterford Regional College to the freshers All Ireland success in 1988, and won two Purcell cup medals, one in '90 and the other this year. She picked up a Purcell shield medal in '91 and an All Ireland league medal in 1992. Marion was also



picked for the combined colleges team this year, and she also holds All Ireland colleges medals for ladies Football, playing football with Shelmaliers the champions in the Wexford c'ship this year.

Her hobbies include most sports, including Gaelic Football and soccer.

Student in Waterford Regional Technical College.

**Forward: Rathnure**  
A niece of Marion who collected Hurling medals in '55 and '56, and a cousin of Ann Reddy. Geraldine captained Waterford Regional Technical College to a famous All-Ireland Senior Colleges C'ship and League double this year, and was on the team which won the Colleges C'ship on 1990.

She was on the County u-16 team which collected Leinster medals in '85 and '86, losing out to Galway in the All-Ireland final of '86, and took home a Leinster Senior C'ship medal last year. Earlier this month she scored 2-6 for her club Rathnure in their 4-9 to 0-8 defeat of a much fancied Marino in the Leinster Club C'ship semi-final.

Her hobbies include Ladies Football, squash, swimming and dancing.

Student in Waterford Regional Technical College.

**(4) Ann Reddy**



**Midfield: Rathnure**  
Age: 27

Ann holds four Gael Linn awards, and on the club scene she holds honours from Primary school through u-14 and u-16 to Senior League and c'ship honours with Rathnure. She has numerous u-age awards both at club and county level including a Leinster c'ship U-16 award. Ann was on the team which beat Kilkenny in the Leinster C'ship final last year, and holds five Gael Linn awards.  
Shop Assistant.

**(5) Angie Hearne**



**Forward: St. Ibar's**  
Age: 25

Angie holds almost every possible u-age medal. She made her Senior County debut in 1990. She also plays Gaelic Football for which she holds two All star Awards, and was once a member of the Irish National soccer panel. She collected her first Leinster Senior c'ship medal last year.

Her hobbies include most sports naturally.  
Sales Assistant.

**(10) Jean O'Leary**



**Defender: Buffers Alley**  
Age: 30

Jean holds numerous Senior C'ship and League medals with Buffers Alley, as well as Leinster and All Ireland club c'ship medals. She was awarded the Golden Goal award in the All-Ireland seven a sides in 1988.

Her hobbies include Squash, Badminton, and soccer.  
Barmaid.

**(11) Claire Cullen**



**Midfield: St. Ibar's**  
Age: 22

Claire made her Senior County debut in 1990, and holds u-16 Leinster medals for '85 and '86 and was on the Wexford u-16 team beaten by Galway in the All Ireland of 1986. She was on the Wexford side that defeated Kilkenny in the Leinster c'ship last year.

Her hobbies include football, hockey and soccer.  
Computer operator.

**(17) Ursula O'Connor**



**Defender: Oylegate.**  
Age: 24.

Ursula was one of the Wexford players who collected a Leinster Senior Championship medal by defeating Kilkenny last year.

At club level, she holds many Under-age awards plus a Junior Championship medal for 1987 and a Junior League medal for 1991.

She was on the victorious Leinster Gael Linn panel last year.

Ursula works at home on a stud farm.

**(18) Tina Farrell**



**Goalkeeper: Oylegate**  
Age: 21

Tina like her club mates Ursula O'Connor and Marion O'Leary, holds many u-age honours including Primary Schools and u-14 c'ship medals.

She collected a Leinster u-16 medal in 1986 and was on the Wexford team that lost out to Galway in the All Ireland final of that year.

Tina holds a Junior c'ship medal for '87 and collected Junior league honours in '91.

Student, studying transport management in College of Commerce, Rathmines.

**(15) Paula Sinnott**



**Defender: Buffers Alley**  
Age: 23

Paula, younger sister of Stella, holds Primary school, u-14, u-16 and five senior c'ship medals with Buffer's Alley and has been on their senior team since she was 16. She has represented Wexford at u-14, and u-16 as well as Senior Level, and represented Leinster in Hockey. She was also selected for the Irish schoolgirls' Hockey squad.

Her hobbies are camogie and hockey.  
Account clerk.

**(6) Paula Rankin**



**Midfield: Bunclody**  
Age: 23

Paula attended school in the famous F.C.J. Convent in Bunclody, and holds three Leinster Colleges medals ('85, '86, '87) as well as two Purcell cup medals ('88 and '91) with Thomond College. Paula has made four combined colleges appearances. At club level she holds Junior C'ship and League medals. She also collected a Leinster C'ship medal against Kilkenny last year.

Her hobbies include swimming, hockey, tennis, basketball and most other sports.

Student of sports and science.

**(7) Stella Sinnott**



**Midfield: Buffers Alley**  
Age: 27

Stella holds ten county senior medals, six Leinster Club medals, and four All Ireland Club medals and two interprovincial senior medals with the Leinster Gael Linn team. Stella, believe it or not played County Senior before Club senior. She was a team member of the first Buffer's Alley team to win All Ireland club championship glory, and has been on all their club c'ship teams since. Like her younger sister Paula, she has represented Leinster in hockey.

Her hobbies include hockey, tennis and squash.  
Staff Nurse.





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# KILKENNY'S STRANGLEHOLD ON THE O'DUFFY CUP IS FINALLY BROKEN BY THE LEESIDERS

WHEN referee Jane Beatty blew the final whistle at the finish of the All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final at Ballinlough last month, the Cork players could not contain the relief and joy. At last they had broken Kilkenny's stranglehold on the O'Duffy Cup. Roll on September 27, they were ready for all-comers.

As the news filtered through to



● Colette O'Mahony, Cork.

Wexford who had secured a final place at the expense of Galway, hopes of ultimate victory soared. They, too, had suffered from Kilkenny's dominance. The coveted prize loomed ahead. Now relieved of the fear of losing, both teams should express themselves in an exhibition of great camogie and make it an outstanding final.

Cork and Wexford have clashed in three All-Ireland Senior Championship finals. In 1968, Cork returned to Croke Park following an absence of twelve years. Aided by Anna Crotty had high hopes of bridging the long gap to the great Cork teams of the forties.

However, it was not to be. Wexford, in their first ever appearance in an All-Ireland Final, rose magnificently to the occasion and the late Mary Walsh carried the O'Duffy Cup to Slaneyside.

Three years later, these teams were matched once more. By now Cork were the reigning champions. A very competent display by the Cork team saw Betty Sugrue lift the O'Duffy Cup.

In 1975, Cork came to Croke Park with the tag of strong pre-match favourites. The majority of their team had made up Cork's four in-a-row winning outfit of 1970-73. But what a reception they received from a spirited Wexford side. With captain Brigid Doyle in devastating form, Wexford swept a tame Cork team aside.

This season's form has been topsy-turvy. Cork met Wexford in the National League at Killeagh with a fine win over Kilkenny already under their belt. Another Cork win was expected but before they had time to settle down they were sent reeling by a string of Wexford goals and did not recover.

The National League final at Ennis-corthy provided a second meeting. This time, Cork could do no wrong and picked off excellent scores from all angles. Real form must lie somewhere in between these displays.

While Cork have introduced newcomers in Kathleen Costine, Fiona O'

Driscoll, Denise Cronin and Irene O'Keeffe, they are the more experienced outfit. However, only captain, Sandie Fitzgibbon remains from the 1983 All-Ireland winning side.

Sandie is in great form this season as her display on Anne Downey in the semi-final proved. Breda Kenny has settled in extremely well at full-back. Therese O'Callaghan, Colette O'Mahony, Paula Goggins, Kathleen Costine and Fiona O'Driscoll are capable of rising to the occasion.

Wexford, too, have their stars. Catherine Murphy is a commanding figure at centre-back. Tina Fitzhenry, Anne Reddy, Jean O'Leary, Ann-Marie O'Connor and Geraldine Codd have the ability to make this an intriguing final.

Will it be third time lucky for Tipperary in the All-Ireland Junior Championship Final? Disappointed at the final hurdle in the past two seasons, they face a young Galway side with confidence.

The Connacht champions dispatched Armagh in the semi-final with something to spare. Despite their tender years, they are a very skilful bunch. Many of them have experience of the big occasion with St. Raphael's and Mullagh. It will be a game well worth watching.



● Anne Reddy, Wexford.

## Cork eye Camogie crown

### CONQUERORS OF KILKENNY FACE WEXFORD IN FINAL

CORK and Wexford meet in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final on Sunday at Croke Park.

The teams have met in the All-Ireland championship final of three occasions — in 1968 Wexford beat Cork 4-2 to 2-5 to take their first All-Ireland senior title, which they retained the following year. In 1971 Cork took the honours 4-6 to 1-2, and in 1975 the Slaneysiders gained victory on a score of 4-3 to 1-2.

This year Wexford recorded a 2-11 to 1-11 win over Galway in the semi-final. They have players of the highest calibre in Catherine Murphy, Tina Fitzhenry, Stella Synnott, Anne Reddy and Paula Rankin.

Earlier this year when

Sunday's finalists met in the preliminary round of the National Senior League, Wexford won 4-7 to 1-9. However, in the final the girls from Cork turned the tables with a convincing 2-17 to 0-11 victory over the Leinster side.

Since then Wexford's trainer Elsie Cody has worked hard with the panel and has moulded a formidable force.

Cork have won 14 All-Ireland senior titles, the last being in 1983. They brought to a halt the great

Kilkenny team's run of seven All-Irelands in a row by recording a 2-11 to 1-8 victory in the semi-final. This was Kilkenny's first defeat in a senior championship match since 1984.

There is a wealth of talent and experience on the Cork team, many of whom have come up through minor and junior ranks. Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Breda Kenny, Irene O'Keeffe, and Collette O'Mahony have performed efficiently throughout the campaign.

Cork are slightly fancied to take their 15th title.

The curtain-raiser on Sunday will be the All-Ireland junior final between Galway and Tipperary. They will be meeting for the first time in an All-Ireland championship final.

Galway, who have won four All-Ireland junior titles have a player to catch the eye in Madge Kennedy, one of the most experienced members of the team.

This will be Tipperary's third consecutive appearance in an All-Ireland junior final. Cora Ken-

nedy, Maeve S. Triona Bonner, Moloney, Sinéad N. and Deirdre Hughes all contributed greatly to their team's campaign. Tipperary should be on the edge.

**FIXTURES**  
Sunday  
All-Ireland Final at Croke Park  
Junior: Galway v Tipperary  
Senior: Cork v Wexford (3.30), A. Doreghan  
WEXFORD: T. Butler, J. O'Leary, C. Murphy, Hearn, M. Codd, S. Rankin, AM O'Connor, Codd, A. Hearn.  
CORK: K. Costine, B. Goggins, T. O'Callaghan, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Cronin, I. O'Keeffe, O'Mahony, F. O'Driscoll, Y. Larkin, B. Faly, D. Finnegan, C. Curley, Broderick, M. Kennedy, Hardiman.  
TIPPERARY: F. D. Fitzgerald, R. O'Meara, C. Madden, T. Bonner, Stokes, D. Hughes, Neilson, J. Delaney.



# ALL - IRELAND CAMOGIE FINAL COUNTDOWN WITH BRENDAN LARKIN

## CORK'S LAST HOPE RESTS WITH THE CAMOGIE PLAYERS

### League

Cork have already won this year's National League title at Wexford's expense but that won't count for anything on Sunday as both sides face up to each other for what promises to be a great final.

Team selector Miriam Murphy, herself no stranger to winning All-Irelands being the holder of two medals, reckons Sunday's final is make or break for Cork camogie.

"It's imperative we win for the future development of the game in Cork and to maintain our position as one of the leading counties.

"Our record against Wexford in All-Ireland finals hasn't been great. On our two previous final meetings, in 1968 and 1975 they were successful and we will be keen to put that record straight on Sunday.

### Boost

"Beating the defending champions Kilkenny recently has given us a great boost but it has also made us favourites to win on Sunday and that worries me. Have a look at what has happened to favourites already this year and you can appreciate my concern."

THE Cork camogie team are the last chance of an All-Ireland title coming to the county this season. On Sunday next they play Wexford in the final for the O'Duffy Cup at Croke Park, and will be keen to add to the 14 titles they have already won.

Cork are without a senior camogie All-Ireland title since 1983 when they defeated Dublin with a team that included next Sunday's captain Sandy Fitzgibbon and if the effort that has been put in by the girls in training in recent weeks is any guide, then the title should come south again.

### Difficult

However, they face a very difficult obstacle in the Wexford girls and the fact that both sides have already met twice this season and shared the results, only adds to the glamour of Sunday's final.

Both counties have lost the final in recent years, both to Kilkenny, but the fact that Cork have beaten the defending champions in this year's semi-final, will make them favourites to win.



*The Cork camogie panel going through its paces*

## Captain Fantastic!

GLEN ROVERS' victory in the camogie championship last year gave the captaincy of the county senior team to Sandy Fitzgibbon and it's an honour that rests lightly on the shoulders of this highly talented sportsperson.

Sunday next will see Sandy taking part in her eighth All-Ireland final and she has just two medals to show for her efforts, one as a sub in 1982 and the second as a player in 1983.

She has suffered the disappointment of losing five finals to Kilkenny, consequently the recent victory over the reigning champions in Ballinlough gave her a great deal of personal satisfaction.

Since making her debut

in 1983 she has been ever-present on the team and nothing would give her more pleasure than to carry the O'Duffy Cup through the streets of Cork and out to Blackpool on Monday night.

"Obviously being captain puts added pressure on me but I try to put that out of my mind. The most important thing is that we win, but I am very conscious of how good Wexford are.

"The league final against them was much closer than the scoreline would suggest and we can expect another tough game from them on Sunday. Remember they know what it's like to lose a final the same as we do, and will be very determined to make up for that



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# 'Triona Keeps Flag Flying



Ann Gleeson, Holycross (left) and Ailish Delaney, Templemore, members of the Tipperary junior camogie panel which faces Galway in the All-Ireland final on Sunday.

**I**F there was acute disappointment in the famed Bonnar household in Cashel this summer with the defeat of Tipperary senior hurlers captained by Colm, there will be some rejoicing on Sunday evening if his sister Triona leads the Junior Camogie side to triumph.

There will be no lack of brotherly love on her part, but no doubt she will give Colm a bit of a "slagging" if she walks into their home at Camas Road in the town with the trophy tucked under her arm. With Cashel holding the honour of county champions in this grade, Triona

was given the role of captain, and there could not be a more fitting ambassador for the job, exuding as she does a great enthusiasm for the game.

Coming from a large family steeped in the Gaelic tradition, Triona has played in three All-Irelands to date, and has yet to taste success. She lined out in '84 when Tipperary lost, and in the past two deciders, so a victory on Sunday would be surely sweet in more ways than one.

Triona is not getting carried away in the run up to Sunday's game however. "The captain's role does not bother me all that much. There is a great atmosphere in the camp and every player has a big role in the lead up to the All-Ireland. It's really a team effort all the way", she said.

At the same time Triona is very proud to lead Tipperary

and she hopes that the performance will be good enough to take the laurels. "We ought to know what to expect now. They say you must lose one to win one. Well, we have lost two and the experience of playing in finals should not be lost on us" she said.

Triona, on the staff of Rafferty Travel in Cashel, suggests that Tipperary form has been good enough throughout the year to eventually make the All-Ireland breakthrough. "Certainly the preparation has been put into it. But of course it's all down to the day and anything can happen in an All-Ireland", said Triona. She feels that this is a make or break situation for the team, but the attitude is right, and with a bit of luck going their way she could well be slagging Colm on Sunday evening.

## Wexford out for revenge

WEXFORD will be all out for revenge when they face double-chasing Cork in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie championship final at Croke Park on Sunday.

Cork will be boosted by their convincing 2-17 to 0-11 victory over the Leinster champions in the National League decider earlier this year.

But over the past few months Wexford trainer Elsie Coady has worked hard with her dedicated panel and moulded a formidable and confident force.

Wexford will parade players of the highest calibre in Catherine Murphy, Tina Fitzhenry, Stella Synnott, Anne Reddy and Paula Rankin. But Cork, who won the last of their 14 All-Ireland titles in 1983, will prove formidable opposition.

Over the past decade the Leesiders have been in the wilderness as Kilkenny dominated the O'Duffy Cup.

And it was sweet revenge when they inflicted the first defeat since 1984 on the Noreiders in ending the Leinster side's fabulous run of seven All-Irelands in a row by recording a 2-11 to 1-8 victory in a thrilling semi-final.

### ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINAL SPECIAL

There is a wealth of talent and experience right through the Cork side, many of whom have come up through minor and junior ranks.

Sandy Fitzgibbons, Linda Melorick, Breda Kenny, Irene O'Keefe and Colette O'Mahony have performed with particular distinction throughout the campaign.

Cork and Wexford have met in the final on three occasions in the past. In 1968 Wexford won by 4-2 to 2-5; it was Cork's turn in 1971 by 4-6 to 1-2 and Wexford triumphed in 1975 by 4-3 to 1-2.

This time Cork are slightly fancied to take their 15th title and complete a marvellous season. But it promises to be a thriller.

In the curtain raiser, Galway and Tipperary juniors will create a slice of history when they meet for the first time in an All-Ireland championship final.

Galway have won four All-Ireland junior titles ('72, '79, '85 and '88) and in this year's Connacht final they had a runaway victory over Roscommon.

In the semi-final they recorded a decisive 3-6 to 1-8 win over Armagh and they will be looking to Madge Kennedy, one of the most experienced members of the team, to backbone another triumph.

Madge holds nine county senior championship medals with her club Mullagh and she is certain to receive great support from Dymphna Maher, Cora Curley, Olivia Broderick and Eimear Hardiman.

### BREAKTHROUGH

Tipperary made the big breakthrough in 1990 when they collected All-Ireland minor title.

Twelve months later they were runners-up and this they won it again.

This will be Tipp's third consecutive appearance in an All-Ireland Junior decider. In 1990 they lost to Kildare and last year they went under to Down by two points.

In the semi-final Tipperary demolished Leinster champions Kilkenny by 4-7 to 1-7. Cora Kennedy, Maeve Stokes, Terena Bonner, Kaiffe Moloney, Sinead Neilon and Deirdre Hughes have all contributed greatly to their teams campaign.

It should be third time lucky for Tipperary but Galway will be battle all the way.

**CORK** — K. Costine, B. Kenny, P. Goggins, T. O'Callaghan, L. Toller, L. Melorick, S. Fitzgibbons, Capt. D. Cronin, J. O'Keefe, L. O'Neill, C. O'Mahony, F. O'Driscoll.

**WEXFORD** — T. Butler, T. Fitzhenry, G. O'Leary, C. Murphy, D. Ahern, M. Codd, S. Synnott, P. Rankin, A. M. O'Connor, A. Reddy, G. Codd, A. Hearn.

**TIPPERARY** — A. Delaney, A. M. Fitzgerald, R. O'Mara, C. Kennedy, C. Madgen, T. Bonner, K. Moloney, M. Stokes, D. Hughes, J. Tobin, S. Neilon, S. Delaney.

**GALWAY** — C. Callaghan, U. Hannori, Y. Larkin, B. Fahy, D. Hardiman, C. Finnegan, C. Curley, D. Maher, O. Broderick, M. Kennedy, T. Fallon, E. Hardiman.

### FIXTURES

#### SUNDAY

All-Ireland finals at Croke Park — Junior: Galway v Tipperary 1.45; Ref. M. Pollock, Ummack. Senior: Cork v Wexford 3.30. Ref. A. Derham, Dublin.

●THERE are a record number of clubs taking part in the Kilmacud Crokes Sevens. This year's competition goes on throughout the day on Saturday at Glenshyn Grounds and 44 clubs, four more than last year are confirmed.

## Camogie takes centre stage

Camogie takes centre stage at Croke Park tomorrow as Cork take on Wexford (Senior) and Tipperary tackle Galway (Junior) for All-Ireland titles.

Ironically, it is first time since 1984, Kilkenny will not be present in a final.

This great team which has given so much pleasure to camogie followers all over Ireland were beaten by Cork, who will be hoping to erase the memory of last year's final defeat by Kilkenny.

Tomorrow they will be up against a Wexford team who themselves have something to prove.

They inflicted on Cork one of their heaviest defeats in the early stages of this year's National League but Cork took their revenge, when they easily overcame the Slaneysiders in a one sided and stormy League final.

On current form Cork must be favourites to lift camogie's most coveted prize, the O'Duffy Cup.

Wexford will be all out to make amends for their failure in the League and they will be encouraged by the recent performances of the Rathnure players, who helped their club defeat Dublin champions Marino in the semi-final of the club championship.

### Caused problems

On the way to the final, Cork brushed aside the challenge of Antrim, but Kilkenny, caused them problems in the semi-final. Indeed it wasn't until the second half that they managed to shake off the shackles of the All-Ireland title holders.

Cork's inspirational captain, Sandie Fitzgibbon, will be hoping to lead this

Cork side to All-Ireland honours just as she led her Blarney team to a similar triumph in basketball two years ago.

Cork also have the former Galway and Dublin inter-county star Breda Kenny turning in some tremendous displays at full back along with Kathleen Costine, Theresa O'Callaghan, Irene O'Leary, Fiona O'Driscoll and Liz O'Neill.

Wexford, who were pushed all the way by Dublin in their first round match, were fortunate to escape defeat.

They lifted their performance in the semi-final against Galway, and so will be making their second appearance in the senior final in three years tomorrow.

Wexford have star players in Catherine Murphy, Anne Reddy, Jean O'Leary, Paula Rankin, Jackie Codd and Tina Fitzhenry.

### Better luck

This game has all the hallmarks of a classic but Cork must remain firm favourites for the title.

The junior game Munster champions Tipperary will be hoping for better luck than last year's final when a late late goal from Down brought defeat.

This will be Tipperary's third successive appearance in Croke Park and they will be anxious to put the last two year's experiences behind them when they face Connacht champions Galway.

The experience of recent years should stand to Tipperary, but Galway have some very exciting and talented All-Ireland colleges players in their ranks, and Tipperary will have to be on their toes for the full hour.



# CORK



**1 KATHLEEN COSTINE**  
(Killeagh), Age 27, Ht 5'4", Wt 9st.  
Occupation Assembly Operative.  
SHE broke onto the team during the league and looked shaky against Wexford, but was absolutely competent against Kilkenny. Her puck outs could be better.



**2 BRED KENNY**  
(Sarsfields), Age 27, Ht 5'9", Wt 10st.  
Occupation Physiotherapist.  
CONVERTED this year from centre back to full back and has made the transition well. She is extremely strong, very aggressive and good under a dropping ball. Very one sided.



**3 PAULA GOGGINS**  
(Na Piarigh), Age 26, Ht 5'6", Wt 9-7.  
Occupation Computer Operator.  
GOGGINS is a courageous and tight marker, but not very quick. Her best game for Cork was against Angela Downey two years ago. She has the ability to impose herself on opponents.



**4 THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**  
(Glen Rovers), Age 26, Ht 5'5", Wt 9st.  
Occupation Civil Servant.  
HER performance against Kilkenny in the semi-final showed how much she has matured this year. A very quick and good hurler, she has a tendency to pick the ball too much.



**5 LIZ TOWLER**  
(Bishopstown), Age 25, Ht 5'2", Wt 9st.  
Occupation Community Games Development Officer.  
TOWLER is a no-nonsense kind of player who gets rid of the ball first time. She's a hard player with excellent pace and fitness.



**6 LINDA MELLERICK**  
(Glen Rovers), Age 24, Ht 5'5", Wt 9st.  
Occupation Electronics Operative.  
HER only play seems to be to carry the ball, though she does this at great pace. Her shooting can be erratic but she was unlucky to be taken off in last year's final.



**7 SANDY FITZGIBBON**  
(Glen Rovers), Age 26, Ht 5'2", Wt 8-7.  
Occupation Assistant Food Analyst.  
CORK's most important player. Dynamic and quick, she is a good hurler with a good head for the game. Likely to score. Cork will need and expect her to dictate the play.



**8 DENISE CRONIN**  
(Glen Rovers), Age 21, Ht 5'4", Wt 8-7.  
Occupation Factory Employee.  
ANOTHER one of Cork's quicker players. She plays corner back for her club, but her hard work and good ground hurling seems to have eased the move to centre field.



**9 IRENE O'KEEFFE**  
(Inniscearra), Age 21, Ht 5'2", Wt 8-7.  
Occupation Bank official.  
A VERY intelligent player with a high degree of skill, she made a big impression in the semi-final when she came on as a sub. Another one of Cork's speedy players.



**10 LIZ O'NEILL**  
(Bishopstown), Ht 5'2", Wt 9st.  
Occupation: Sales Representative.  
A STRONG player, but not noted for her finishing. She struggled in the semi final at full forward, but centre forward will suit her better today.



**11 COLETTE O'MAHONY**  
(St Finbarr's), Ht 5'2", 9st.  
Occupation Secretary.  
ON her day she is a very good free taker; her goal in the semi-final showed the power in her striking. A very clever player with a good touch.



**12 FIONA O'DRISCOLL**  
(Fr O'Neills), Ht 5' Wt 8st.  
Occupation PE Student.  
CORK's best forward in the semi final, she is very strong and has a good quick pick up. A good finisher, Cork will need a reasonable scoring return from her today.

# WEXFORD



**1 TERRIE BUTLER**  
(Buffers Alley), Age 28, Ht 5'9", Wt 13st, Occupation Hospital domestic.  
WEXFORD's best goalkeeper for a while even though only in her second season. A tall girl with a good puck out, she could come off her line a little bit more.



**2 TINA FITZHENRY**  
(Rathnure), Age 27, Ht 5'6", Wt 9-9.  
Occupation Shop Assistant.  
A GIFTED hurler, extremely skilful, she is perhaps lacking a little aggression for the position. Her form is not as good as when they reached the final two years ago.



**3 JEAN O'LEARY**  
(Buffers Alley), Age 30, Ht 5'3", Wt 9st.  
Occupation: Barmaid.  
REASONABLY unaccustomed to this position, she would probably prefer centre field. Very tough and very fit, she has good ball work to complement those attributes.



**4 CATHERINE MURPHY**  
(Rathnure), Age 23, Ht 5'9", Wt 10-6.  
Occupation Insurance Clerk.  
ONE of the outstanding players in the modern game. She has the ability to read the play and deal with high balls to complement her stick-work. She is a natural centre back.



**5 DEIRDRE AHERN**  
(St Ibar's), Age 22, Ht 5'4", Wt 8-7.  
Occupation Accounts Clerk.  
AHERN was a sub for the final two years ago and is one of the team's most inexperienced players. She is not very strong, but is a quick and intelligent player.



**6 MAIRE CODD**  
(St Martin's), Age 21, Ht 5'9", Wt 10-7.  
Occupation Secretary.  
ANOTHER one of Wexford's new players. Tall, strong and athletic, sometimes her immaturity betrays her. She fouls a little too much. Her mother played on victorious '75 team.



**7 STELLA SINNOTT**  
(Buffers Alley), Age 27, Ht 5'6", Wt 9st.  
Occupation Staff Nurse.  
BRILLIANT in the 1990 final, she has been very disappointing this year and would probably be more comfortable at corner back. Her concentration seems to lapse too easily.



**8 PAULA RANKIN**  
(Bundoddy), Age 23, Ht 5'9", Wt 11st.  
Occupation Student.  
RANKIN is a very powerful player and is very hard to beat in clash situations. A good runner with the ball, she is not a great finisher and needs to get rid of ball faster.



**9 ANNE MARIE O'CONNOR**  
(Buffers Alley), Age 22, Ht 5'2", Wt 9st.  
Occupation Student.  
SHE has yet to fulfil her under-age promise. Liable to score from any angle, she scores in every game. However, she loses her footing too easily and needs to be more aggressive.



**10 ANNE REDDY**  
(Rathnure), Age 27, Ht 5'6", Wt 9-9.  
Occupation Shop assistant.  
UNSTOPPABLE when she gets the ball in her hand but doesn't finish well. Reddy makes good use of her strength, works hard and can move ball well when she chooses.

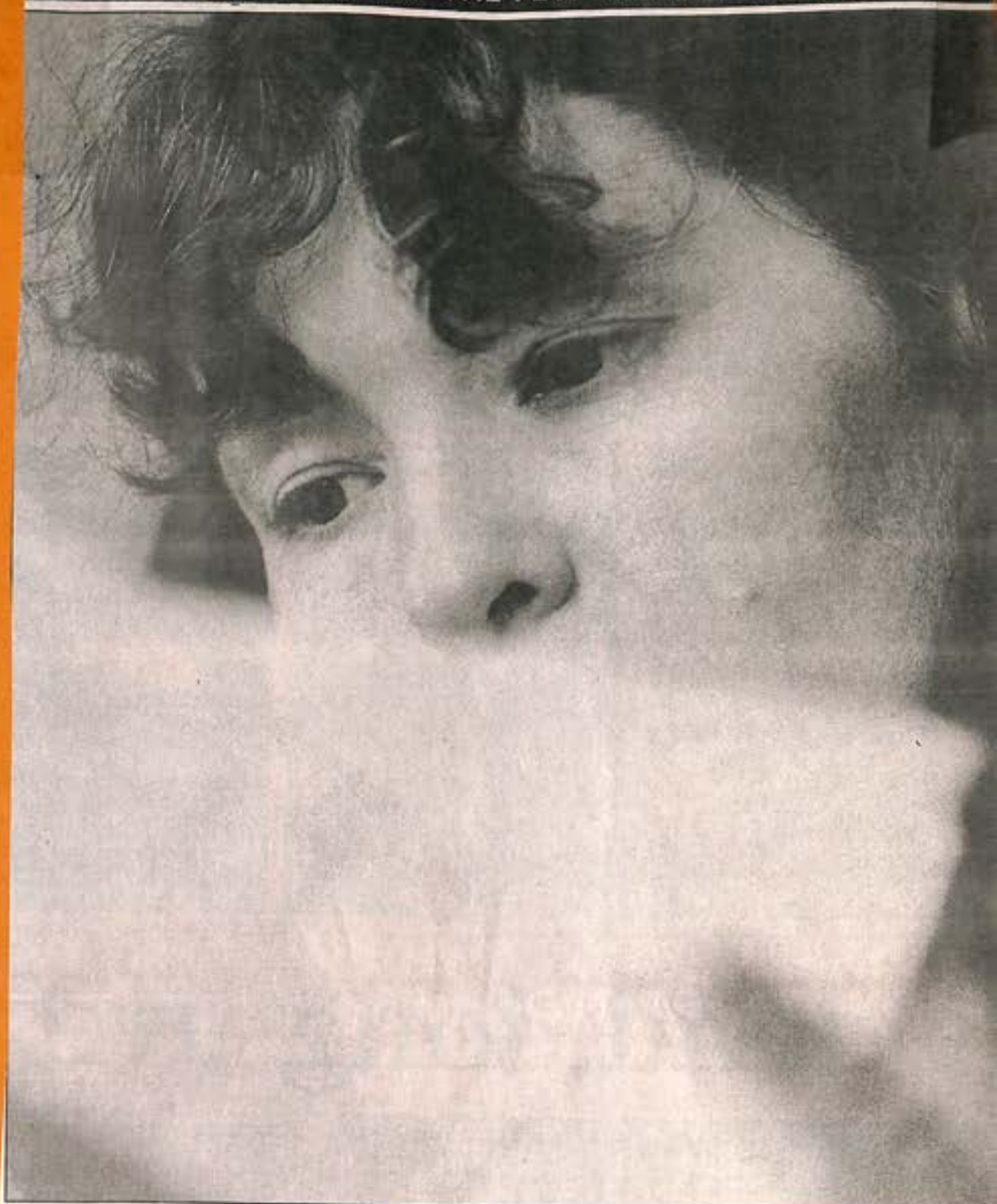


**11 GERALDINE CODD**  
(Rathnure), Age 22, Ht 5'7", Wt 10st, Occupation Student.  
A VERY skilful player, she tends to disappear from games and appears to be lazy. Takes the frees. Achievement has yet to meet expectation.



**12 ANGIE HEARNE**  
(St Ibar's), Age 25, Ht 5'5", Wt 9st.  
Occupation Sales Assistant.  
A FIERY player her season has been disrupted by injury. Always looks to be on her toes, but lacks a little poise in possession.





Elsie Cody: after twenty years playing for Wexford she was offered the post of manager

INPHO/JAMES MEEHAN

## The woman behind the women

By Denis Walsh

THERE was no announcement that Elsie Cody was retiring. It had long reached that time in her career when every game might be her last, but nobody really believed it would be. Nobody could imagine a Wexford camogie team without her. There had always been a comeback, somebody to twist her arm. Self renewal never seemed to be a problem. Here today, here tomorrow.

Elsie thought she'd never retire. "I always thought I'd die the day I retired." She finished her last match telling herself that maybe there was another season left, but deep down she knew there wasn't. She spent the winter suppressing every urge to come back again, not even going to watch her club play league games for fear of being coaxed to tog off. Twenty years in a Wexford jersey had not prepared her for the end.

Then they asked her to be the coach; salvation. A new beginning. "I don't know if I would have held out. I probably would have been coaxed to come back with the club. Being involved with the county meant that I couldn't do both."

In a woman's game she took on a man's job. All of Wexford's closest rivals are coached by men. The coach she succeeded was a man. Not since the 70s have any All Ireland champions been coached by a woman. It was just the way things had evolved. In camogie's new era of more professional preparation the job had been given to men. Players stopped playing and left the game behind them.

"It's a problem in the game that there's a real lack of players going back into coaching or administration. The problem with women is that if they do have families it's the fellas who will always bring the young ones to matches, and women find it very hard to get back and involved. Of the Wexford team of the late 70s that played in a couple of All Irelands only about three or four are still

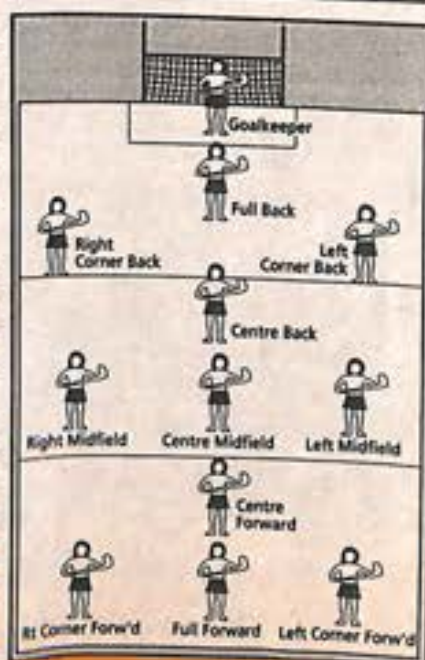
involved now. That's an awful waste. I really all has to do with the family set up. Somebody has to mind the kids, and normally it's the woman.

"More than that, it also goes back to the time when players were kids. If one of their matches clashed with one of their brother's matches it was more likely that the family would go to the boys match. That's changing but only slowly. I know in my own club a lot of camogie players are married to hurlers and some of them would nearly miss a league match to go and watch the men playing."

There is no glamour in her position. The coach has to see that the team is transported to matches, has to book pitches for training, has to mind the gear. There was talk that she would have to wash it as well, but here she drew the line. One night a week in February became three sessions at the height of the season. From her home in Kilkenny none of their training venues are less than 40 miles away. Nobody indulges themselves in fanciful speculation about mileage rates, because there is none. Cody worries about the team and allows it to annoy her because her commitment is just as whole now as it was when she pulled on the shirt herself.

It's 20 years since she played in her first final. Sixteen years since she won her only medal. Two years since she held Angela Downey in Croke Park until a few minutes from the end. All those years and now back in Croke Park again. Who could want it to end?

### HOW THEY LINE OUT





## STING OF LEAGUE FINAL DEFEAT WILL MOTIVATE THE WEXFORD GIRLS

By Kevin Cashman

WHAT was that French saw about "le difference"? Whatever it was, the womenfolk of Wexford should be profoundly grateful for "le difference," and even inserting a "toujours" in there somewhere. For, while they have been enjoying, in the past quarter century or so, the upper hand on Cork in intercounty and club championship finals, their menfolk have been most grievously tyrannised by the Leesiders.

It would be too easy to forget the advances made by Galway since Cyril Farrell's St Raphael's began to

monopolise colleges' championships, and thence to belittle Wexford's three point victory in the semi-final by comparison with Cork's very large margin over Galway, a year since. But the fact is that Galway will win a Championship in this decade.

Clearly, today's game will be heavily influenced by the events of that turbulent League final, won handily enough in the end by Cork, earlier in the season; and by the lessons — and grudges — drawn by each side from it. Refereeing will, therefore, be absolutely of the essence today.

And, sadly, the presages do not encourage optimism, and that's no reflection on today's ref in particular. The simple fact is that, over the past two years or so, we've been witnessing a movement — concerted or otherwise — to turn camogie into a non-contact sport; something it was never intended to be, and something for which the rules do not provide. The phenomenon seems to emanate — or ooze — from that distraught puritanism which saw a whole club suspended, three years ago, for publishing pen pictures drawn in dizzy, innocuous smut.

If the refereeing does conform with this fetishistic trend, it will militate against Wexford, the physically stronger side, and the side more inclined to interpose the body between the ball and the challenger.

Cork have come a long way since the days, towards the end of the '80s, when their selectors could just about remember the correct number of players to pick; but couldn't, for the life of them, remember where to put them. But, for all the freshness of the renaissance against Kilkenny, glaring

defects of organisation were apparent: most notably a uniform drifting of forwards outfield, thus allowing a profusion of ball, hard won at midfield and half back, to trickle wide or into the 'keeper's hand.

They are sprightly throughout the field, though Linda Mellerick is not now the scintillating player she was on her All Ireland final debut day, when she played Kilkenny more or less by herself. The acquisition of Breda Kenny probably compensates, and Sandy Fitzgibbon is having an exceptional season, even for her.

The great traditional Wexford names Tina Fitzhenry, Stella Synnott, Catherine Murphy and their chums were surely stung by that League final; certainly badly enough to significantly reduce the four goal margin, probably badly enough to overturn it against a Cork team which may not be adequately inoculated against its county's endemic complacency.

At their third attempt, Tipp's first team should surely collect the junior crown at the expense of Galway's second team.

## CORK TO TAKE CAMOGIE TITLE

CORK and Wexford do more than provide a novel All Ireland senior camogie final when they meet at this stage for the first time since 1975 today at Croke Park. They usher in a new era in a championship 'n which Kilkenny reigned supreme from 1985 until last month's semi-finals. The omens look good for Cork, who last held the title in 1983. They had a comfortable win over Wexford in the League at Wexford, and last time out gave a top class display when ending the long unbeaten Kilkenny run with six points to spare at Ballinlough.

Having lost the last two, Tipperary should make it a case of third time lucky when they meet Galway in the All Ireland junior final, which opens the Croke Park programme.

**CORK:** K. Gentry, B. Kenny, P. Gentry, T. O'Callaghan, L. Towler, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, D. Green, L. O'Keeffe, L. O'Neill, C. O'Mahony, F. O'Driscoll.

**WEXFORD:** T. Butler, T. Fitzhenry, J. O'Leary, C. Murphy, D. Heane, M. Codd, S. Synnott, P. Rankin, A. M. O'Connor, A. Reddy, G. Codd, A. Heane, C. Tippin, A. M. Fitzgerald, B. O'Meara, C. Kennedy, C. Madden, T. Borer, K. Maloney, M. Stokes, D. Hughes, J. Tobin, S. Neilson, S. Delany.

**GALWAY:** C. Callaghan, V. Hannan, Y. Larkin, B. Paby, D. Hardiman, C. Finnegan, C. Curney, D. Maher, O. Broderick, M. Kennedy, T. Fallon, E. Hardiman.

## Cork poised to break Leinster monopoly

WEXFORD and Cork face each other in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie championship final at Croke Park on Sunday, with the latter carrying the favourites' mantle.

For the past seven years it was a Leinster county who were favourites to take the title, and Kilkenny achieved the magnificent seven.

This year it was Cork that stopped Kilkenny in their tracks at the semi-final stages.

Wexford and Cork have met in All-Ireland senior finals on three occasions.

In 1968, Wexford took their first title, defeating the Leesiders 4-2 to 2-5; in '71 they met again, and Cork took the title 4-6 to 1-2.

When they clashed in '75, the Slaneiders came out on top 4-3 to 1-2.

The sides have met twice this year in the National Senior League: the Leinster county first had a convincing 4-7 to 1-9 victory, but when they met in the league final, Wexford were completely outclassed, losing 2-17 to 0-11.

They can only improve on that performance and their trainer,

### CAMOGIE

By PJ FULHAM

Elsie Coady, has been working hard to mould a formidable force.

The Croke Park sod will suit them, having put up a great performance against Kilkenny in the final there in 1990.

Cork are the fancied side but Wexford could pull it off if the squad knit on the day.

Wexford panel - C Murphy, T Butler, T Fitzhenry, A Reddy, A Hearn, P Rankin, S Synnott, E

Dillon, D Hearn, G O'Leary, C Cullen, A M O'Connor, G Codd, M Codd, P Synnott, G Wynne, U O'Connor, T Farrell, M O'Leary, M Hayden.

The referee for the big occasion is Aine Derham (Celtic, Dublin). This will be her first Senior All Ireland, having taken charge of the 89 Junior All-Ireland and the senior Colleges' final.

The curtain-raiser will be the All Ireland Junior final between Galway and Tipperary. The latter defeated the Leinster champions Kilkenny in the semi final.

There are a record number of clubs taking part in the Kilmacud Crokes Sevens. Marino (Dublin) will be defending their title of twelve months ago.

This year's competition will run throughout Saturday at Glenalbyn Grounds and, with 44 clubs entered, it adds up to four more than last year.

Among the starters are Buffers Alley Wexford, Tara London, St Brigid's Ballycallan Kilkenny.

Sunday - All Ireland Junior and Senior championship finals - At Croke Park - Junior Galway v Tipperary 1.45; Senior - Cork v Wexford, 3.30.





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Fearaim líonchaoi láile romhaibh uilig idir chléir agus tuath agus go háirithe cuirim láile ó chroí roimh Uachtarán na hÉireann, Máire Mhic Róibín, agus roimh a leir chéile, Nioclás Uasal Mac Róibín, atá linn anís i mbliana. Is mór againn iad a bheith i láthair. Cuireann sé go mór leis an ócáid speisialta seo – lá ma mban.

All-Ireland honours have eluded Loch Garman for almost two decades, and, having defeated the gallant Galway team, their ambition to bring Corn Ua Dhubhthaigh back to the banks of the Slaney knows no bounds. Corcaigh lost to the mighty Kilkenny in the last few years but reaped revenge in the semi-final. Having already won the League this year, Corcaigh will now set their sights on winning the big double. Both finalists are extremely fit and neither will be lacking in determination!

An Ghaillimh agus Tiobraid Árann do battle in the Junior All-Ireland final. Those fans who remember last year's final will be very conscious of the manner in which An Dún snatched victory from Tiobraid Árann in the dying moments of the game. They too will try for the double, as the minor team has already taken the All-Ireland cup to the foot of Sliabh na mBan. An Ghaillimh last won the Junior in 1988 and with a youthful, vibrant and skillful team, will not be dismissed too readily.

The stage is set for what should be two very exciting and close fought finals involving four very accomplished and committed teams, each having the capacity to make a major impact on the games. To win an All-Ireland medal is the dream of every player. Fired by that ambition we can look forward, as always, to outstanding displays of our great game of camogie before the honours are safely in the hands of one or other of the contestants. With the memory of some marvellous encounters between the teams, during the hazy days of summer, the scene is set for a wonderful feast of Camogie.

Táim lior bhuíoch díbh uilig idir oiligigh, mhaoir, réiteoirí agus mhuintoirí as an obair dhiograiseach atá déanta agaibh i nith na bliana. Tá borradh agus lús tagtha ar ár gcluiche náisiúnta agus tá líon an lucht féachana imithe i méid ar lú na tíre. Tá caighdeán ard imeartha sroichte ag na himreoirí, idir óg agus fásta. Táim bródúil asaibh uilig. Bail ó Dhia ar an obair.

Gabhaim buíochas speisialta leis an lucht leanúna, le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as an tacaíocht bhuan atá á fáil ag muintir chamógaíochta. Míle buíochas chomh maith leis na hurraíthe ar lú na tíre agus leis na meáin chumarsáide. Táimid go mór faoi chomaoiín agaibh go léir. Nár laga Dia sibh!

Go n-eirí an t-ádh leis na foirme. Níl aon dabht ach go léireoidh sibh gaisce na gcamóg, os comhair an tsaoil!

Bíodh an-lá agaibh uilig!  
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### CLÁR AN LAE

**AN GHAILLIMH v. TIOBRAID ÁRANN**

Sóisear — 1.45 i.n. Réiteoir: MÁIRE UÍ PHOLÁIRD (Portlárge)

**CORCAIGH v. LOCH GARMAN**

Sinsear — 3.30 i.n. Réiteoir: ÁINE DERHAM (Áth Cliath)  
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# Na Réiteoirí

SINSEAR:

ÁINE DERHAM  
(Áth Cliath)



Is imreoir i Áine le Cumann Celtic, Áth Cliath.

Áine is an experienced Réiteoir and has officiated at all levels from Club matches, County Finals, Inter-County Championship and League and Inter-Provincial matches. Ní hé seo an chéad Chluiche Ceannais di, ná an chéad uair di i lár na páirce i bPáirc an Chrocaigh, ach oiread.

Áine was in charge of the 1989 All-Ireland Junior Championship Final and replay. She refereed her first All-Ireland Minor Championship Final earlier this year. She has also been appointed to referee All-Ireland Colleges Finals.

Deanann Áine a cuid ar son cúrsaí riaracháin leis. Sí an Cisteoir ag Coiste Contae Átha Cliath, agus is Iar-Rúnal den Choiste ceanna í.

SOISEAR:

MÁIRE UÍ PHOLÁIRD  
(Portlárige)



Is ball í Máire den Chlub Mícheál MacCraith, An Trá Mhór. Imríonn sí le foireann na sinsear. Is múinteoir bunscoile í gClochar na Trócaire, Portlárige, L.

Tá an-taithí ar an réiteoireacht aici. Maria has refereed County Finals in all grades, and has been refereeing at Inter-County level for several years. She officiated at the All-Ireland Club Championship and All-Ireland Minor Championship Semi-Finals in 1991. She was in charge of the Intermediate Championship Semi-Final and the Junior National League Final earlier this year. Is ball í de Choiste na Réiteoirí, Cúige Mumhan.

Is riarthóir gnóthach í Máire, chomh maith. She is the Cathaoirleach of Coiste Contae Phortlárige, a position which she has held for six years, having been Rúnal prior to that. Is ball í Máire den Lár-Choiste Riaracháin de chuid na hArdchomhairle.

She is assured of support from her husband, Eamonn, and their children, Cian and Deirdre. Go n-éirí go geal leis na Réiteoirí inniu.

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**NA MAOIR CHUÍL:** Orla Ní Fhloinn, Brianín Uí Chatháin, Treasa Ní Mhuirí, Leán Dháibhis (Portlárige). Áine Mhic Colgan, Toni Ní Bhroin, Gráinne de Burca, Mairéad de Burca (Áth Cliath).

**NA MAOIR LINÉ:** Nollán Nelson, Léan Ní Bhroin (Áth Cliath), Pádraigin Ní Fhinnthim, Gráinne Ní Neill (Áth Cliath).

Si seo an chéad uair ariamh don Chaillimh agus do Thiobraid Árann a bheith in iomaíocht lena chéile i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann ag leibhéal ar bith.

It is not, however, the first occasion on which teams from these counties have graced All-Ireland Finals at several levels. An Gaillimh and Áth Cliath contested the historic first All-Ireland Senior Championship in 1932, with the first of the twenty-six titles going to Áth Cliath. An Gaillimh reached nine Senior finals in all.

Tiobraid Árann and Loch Garman contested the first Senior National League Final in 1977, with Tiobraid Árann winning its first ever All-Ireland title. Tiobraid Árann reached six Senior Championship finals.

Si seo an seachtú huair don Chaillimh Cluiche Ceannais na Soisear a bhaint amach. An Chaillimh won its first All-Ireland title on its first appearance in the Junior Final in 1972, and subsequently added three further Junior titles. It shares first place with Corcaigh in the Junior Roll of Honour. On its last appearance in the final, in 1989, An Chaillimh forced the talented Cill Dara team to a replay.

Tá Tiobraid Árann in iomaíocht sa Chluiche Ceannais don tríú huair as a chéile. They certainly hope that it will be a case of third time lucky. 1990 saw Tiobraid Árann in its first Junior Final, only, like An Chaillimh, to meet Cill Dara. A last-second goal by An Dún saw their dreams shattered in 1991.

# Na Sóisir - An Chaillimh v Tiobraid Árann

Bhain An Chaillimh Cluiche Ceannais na Mionúir amach naoi n-uair ar fad o cuireadh tús leis an gcomórtas sin i 1974. It has four Minor titles to its credit.

Tiobraid Árann won two Minor titles, both at the expense of neighbours and old rivals Cill Chainnigh, in 1990 and 1992. It was also the Noreiders who fell to them in this year's Junior semi-final. They had already defeated Junior National League winners, Luimneach, by 2-17 to 1-7, in the Munster Final, and London, by 1-11 to 2-2, in the quarter-final.

An Chaillimh became Connacht Champions by overcoming Roscomáin, and then defeated Ardmhacha in the semi-final. Five of the team won All-Ireland Club Championship medals with Mullagh in 1991.

Only one other team has contested three consecutive Junior finals. Corcaigh accomplished this on two occasions, 1978 to 1980, and 1982 to 1984. If this constitutes a pattern, no team has lost three-in-a-row or, indeed, won three-in-a-row.

Pé scéal é, ní hiad na sonraí seo a bheidh ar intinn ag na hiomaitheoirí inniu. Beimid uilig ag tnúth le sár-chluiche idir Thiobraid Árann agus An Chaillimh. Go n-éirí go geal leo.

**Cluichí Leath-Ceannais Na Sóisear**

An Chaillimh 3-6; Ardmhacha 1-8

Tiobraid Árann 4-7 Cill Chainnigh 1-7

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## AN GHAILLIMH

**AR CHÚL** (ó chlé): E. Nic Giolla Chainnigh, B. Nic Ruairí, E. Ní Riain, A. Ní Dhuibhiolla, D. Ní Mheachair, E. Ní Argadáin, B. Ní Fhathaigh, C. Calgaigh, M. Ní Chinnéide, A. Ní Bhruadair, N. Ní Ruairc. **CHUN TOSAIGH** (ó chlé): M. Ní Mheachair, C. Nic Airt, F. Ní Riain, A. Ní Lorcain, C. Nic Thoirealaigh, M. Ní Fhathaigh, C. Ní Fhionnagáin, D. Ní Argadáin, U. Ní Annáin.



## LOCH GARMAN

**AR CHÚL** (ó chlé): Á. Ní Roidigh, G. Uí Ghaoithín, T. de Buítléir, P. Nic Raing, C. Ní Mhurchú (Captaen). **I LÁR** (ó chlé): E. Uí Dhiolúin, D. Ní Eathirín, M. Ní Laoire, T. Nic Einrí, A. Ní Eathirín, G. Nic Oda. **CHUN TOSAIGH** (ó chlé): M. Ní Eideáin, C. Ní Chuilinn, S. Shionóid, S. Ní Laoire, Á. Ní Chonchubhair, T. Ní Fhearghail.



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## TIOBRAID ÁRANN

**AR CHÚL** (ó chlé): S. Ó Cinnéide (Traenálaí), R. Ní Mhéara, M. de Stoc, Á. Ní Glásáin, E. Ní Dhúláinne, C. Ní Mhadáin, S. Ní Thoibín, C. Ní Chinnéide, O. Ní Ogáin, S. Ní Chíosóg, M. Ní Thoibín, L. Ní Laoire, B. Mhic Philib (Roghnóir). **CHUN TOSAIGH** (ó chlé): M. Ó Cinnéide (Roghnóir), J. Ní Duláinne, C. Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh, T. Ní Chnaimhsaí (Captaen), D. Nic Aodha, M. Ní Chinnéide, Á. Ní Glásáin, N. Ní Chinnéide, Á. Nic Gearailt, A. Ní Riain, S. Ní Nialláin.



## CORCAIGH

**AR CHÚL** (ó chlé): T. Ní Cheallacháin, E. Towler, C. Nic Oistín, P. Ghógán, E. Ní Néill, L. Mhaolghéiric, C. Ní Mhathúna. **CHUN TOSAIGH** (ó chlé): I. Ní Laoire, D. Ní Chroínín, S. Nic Giobúin (Captaen), B. Nic Cionaoith.



# AN GHAILLIMH

Dathanna: MARÚN AGUS BÁN

(1)  
**COLLETTE CHALGAIGH**  
Collette Callaghy  
(Davitt's)

(2)  
**URSULA NÍ ANNÁIN**  
Ursula Hannon  
(Na Piarsaigh)

(3)  
**AOIBHEANN NÍ LORCÁIN**  
Yvonne Larkin  
(Eyrecourt)

(4)  
**BRÍD NÍ FHATHAIGH**  
Brigid Fahy  
(Mullagh)

(5)  
**DEIRDRE NÍ ARGADÁIN**  
Deirdre Hardiman  
(Mullagh)

(6)  
**CAITRÍONA NÍ FHIONNAGÁIN**  
Caitriona Finnegan  
(Davitt's)

(7)  
**CÓRA NÍ THOIREALAIGH**  
Cora Curley  
(Mullagh)

(8)  
**DAMHNAIT NÍ MHEACHAIR**  
Dympna Maher  
(Davitt's)

(9)  
**OILBHE NÍ BHRUADAIR**  
Olivia Broderick  
(Davitt's)

(10)  
**MUIREANN NÍ CHINNÉIDE**  
Madge Kennedy  
(Mullagh)

(11)  
**TREASA NÍ FHALLÚIN**  
Teresa Fallon  
(Leitrim)

(12)  
**EMER NÍ ARGADÁIN**  
Emer Hardiman  
(Mullagh)

IONADAITHE – (13) Máirín Ní Fhathalgh (Maureen Fahy) St. Mary's (Captaen); (14) Fiona Ní Riain (Fiona Ryan) Leitrim; (15) Máire Ní Mheachair (Mary Maher) Davitt's; (16) Caitriona Ní Airt (Catherine Harte) St. Mary's.

## Foireann na Gaillimhe

- COLLETTE CALLAGHY** (Davitt's). Collette learned the game at Portumna College and played in the Connacht Colleges competitions with her school. All-Ireland Junior title 1988. Bhuaidh sí leis na Mionúir i 1987. Ball den bhfoireann i 1989.
- URSULA HANNON** (Na Piarsaigh). Seo an triú bhliain di ag imirt ar an bhfoireann seo. Imríonn sí Peil agus Sacar i nGaillimh freisin.
- YVONNE LARKIN** (Eyrecourt). Yvonne won a County Junior medal with Esker Hills in 1989 and a County Intermediate medal in 1989.
- BRIGID FAHY** (Mullagh). Brigid holds 1 All-Ireland Club medal, 6 All-Ireland Colleges Medals, 1 All-Ireland Minor Medal and 2 Pan Celtic Medals. Ar fhoireann na Sóisear a bhain An Cluiche Ceannais amach in 1989.
- DEIDRE HARDIMAN** (Mullagh). Deirdre is the holder of 3 Senior and 2 Junior Colleges Medals, 2 Colleges 7-a-side National medals, 1 All-Ireland Senior Club Medal and 2 Féile na nGael Medals.
- CATHERINE FINNEGAN** (Davitt's). Bhuaidh Catherine bonn leis na mionúir i 1987. Boinn Sóisir agus Idirmheanach le Esker Hills. D'imir sí le RTC na Gaillimhe i 1991. d'imir sí i bPáirc an Chrócaigh in 1989.
- CORA CURLEY** (Mullagh). Cora has an All-Ireland Minor Medal and 2 National Senior Pan Celtic Medals. Ball eile den bhfoireann in 1989.
- DYMPNA MAHER** (Davitt's). She holds 1 Junior and 2 Senior All-Ireland Colleges Medals and 1 Minor Pan Celtic Medal.
- OLIVIA BRODERICK** (Davitt's). Olivia holds 4 Senior and 2 Junior Colleges Medals, 2 Seior 7-a-side and 1 Minor Pan Celtic Medal.
- MADGE KENNEDY** (Mullagh). The most experienced member of the Galway panel. She is a Galway Camogie All-Star winner. She holds numerous County and Connacht Awards and Medals. d'imir sí le foirean Chonnacht sa Ghael Linn.
- TERESA FALLON** (Leitrim). Teresa holds 1 All-Ireland Vocational Schools Medal, 1 All-Ireland U-14 medal and numerous Colleges Awards. She was Galway Sports Star of the Week during 1991.
- EMER HARDIMAN** (Mullagh). All-Ireland Senior Colleges, Club, Vocational Schools and National Féile medals. Galway Camogie All-Star 1991.
- MAUREEN FAHY** (St. Mary's). Captaen. Maureen holds 4 County Senior and 1 County Junior Championship titles and several League titles. A member of Galway Ladies' Gaelic Football panel in 1985.
- FIONA RYAN** (Leitrim). Craobhchomórtas na nCairmscoileanna 1991 agus Craobhchomórtas faoi 14. Tá boinn aici ag gach leibhéal.
- MARY MAHER** (Davitt's). Holds 3 Senior and 1 Junior All-Ireland Colleges titles, and 1 Colleges National Sevens and 1 Minor Pan Celtic medal.
- CATHERINE HARTE** (St. Mary's). An experienced player, she holds 3 County Senior Championship, 3 Senior League, 3 Junior League medals and 1 All-Ireland Football medal.



# TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Dathanna: GORM AGUS ÓRGA

(1)  
ÉILÍS NÍ DHÚLÁINNE  
Ailish Delaney  
(Templemore)

(2)  
ÁINE MÁIRE NÍ GEARAILT  
Ann Marie Fitzgerald  
(Cashel)

(3)  
RÍONACH NÍ MHEÁRA  
Regina O'Meara  
(Toomevara)

(4)  
CÓRA NÍ CHINNÉIDE  
Cora Kennedy  
(Toomevara)

(5)  
CLÁR NÍ MHADÁIN  
Clare Madden  
(Portroe)

(6)  
TRÍONA NÍ CHNAIMHSÍ  
Triona Bonnar (Captaen)  
(Cashel)

(7)  
KAIFFE NÍ MHAOLDOMHNAIGH  
Kaiffe Moloney  
(Cashel)

(8)  
MÉABH DE STÓC  
Maeve Stokes  
(Clonmel)

(9)  
DEIRDRE NÍ AODHA  
Deirdre Hughes  
(Toomevara)

(10)  
SIOBHÁN NÍ THOIBÍN  
Joan Tobin  
(St. Enda's, Derrymacash)

(11)  
SINÉAD NÍ NIALLAÍN  
Sinéad Nealon  
(Burgess)

(12)  
JOVITA NÍ DHÚLÁINNE  
Jovita Delaney  
(Cashel)

IONADAITHE – (13) Léan Ní Laoire (Helen O'Leary) Cashel; (14) Áine Ní Ghliásáin (Ann Gleeson) Thurles; (15) Noelle Ní Chinnéide (Noelle Kennedy) Toomevara; (16) Áine Ní Ghliásáin (Ann Gleeson) Toomevara.

## Foireann Thiobraid Árann

1. **AILISH DELANEY** (Templemore). Ailish was Tipperary's reserve goalie for the last two seasons but was promoted to No. 1 jersey during this year's campaign. Bhuaidh sí 3 boinn sóisear na Mumhan le foireann Thiobraid Árann agus bonn amháin le foireann Thiobraid Árann faoi 18.
2. **ANN MARIE FITZGERALD** (Cashel). Ann Marie was on the Tipperary panel in 1990 but due to work commitment had to opt out of last year's training. Bhí sí ina captaen ar Fhoireann Scoil Mhuire a bhuaidh Craobhchomórtas na Mumhan i 1989. Ann Marie also holds U-16, U-18 and six Senior County Championship medals with her club.
3. **REGINA O'MEARA** (Toomevara-Temple-derry). Regina holds U-18, Intermediate Medals and one Senior Championship medal. This is Regina's second season with Tipperary juniors.
4. **CORA KENNEDY** (Toomevara-Temple-derry). Tá Córa pósta le hoiúnaí na foirne, John Kennedy. She has won County League medals with her Club and inter-county intermediate medals with Tiobraid Árann. Ar fhoireann na Mumhan.
5. **CLAIRE MADDEN** (Portroe). D'imir sí le foireann na Mionúr a bhain an Cluiche Ceannais amach i 1989. Has represented Tiobraid Árann at every level and has 1 Minor Munster medal and 3 Junior Munster titles to her credit.
6. **TRIONA BONNAR** (Cashel). Captaen. A member of the famous Bonnar family. She has 5 County Championship medals. She played for Tiobraid Árann in the 1984 All-Ireland Senior Final.
7. **KAIFFE MOLONEY** (Cashel). D'imir sí le Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal, agus bhuaidh sí Craobhchomórtas na Mumhan leis an scoil i 1989. She holds three Munster Junior Medals.
8. **MEADHBH STOKES** (Clonmel). Meadhb has represented Tipperary at U-16 and U-18. She plays Intermediate Camogie with her club and holds a Junior County Championship medal. She also holds three Munster Junior titles.
9. **DEIRDRE HUGHES** (Toomevara-Temple-derry). Tá Deirdre ar an bhfoireann seo le trí bhliain anuas. She has won titles at all grades of under-age but her greatest moment so far in camogie was accepting the Senior Cup on behalf of her club this year – their first senior championship title.
10. **JOAN TOBIN** (Naomh Eanna, Ardmiha-chal). Comórtas Mhic Giolla Bhríde buaite le UCD agus le QUB aici. A former player with Scoil Mhuire, Cashel; several county titles with Cashel club.
11. **SINÉAD NEALON** (Burgess). Iníon le Donie, iar-imreoir. Captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúr, 1990. All-Ireland Minor, Munster Minor and Junior, Féile na nGael medals.
12. **JOVITA DELANEY** (Cashel). Jovita won two All-Ireland medals in 1990, one with Tipperary Minors and the other with Scoil Mhuire in the 7-a-side. D'imir sí le foireann Tiobraid Árann, mionúr le cuig bhliain agus le trí bhliain leis na sóisear.
13. **HELEN O'LEARY** (Cashel). Helen holds 6 Munster Colleges medals, an All-Ireland seven-a-side medal with Scoil Mhuire and under-16, under-18 and Senior County Championship medals with her club. Bhí sí ina Captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúr a bhain Cluiche Ceannais na nÉireann amach i 1989.
14. **ANN GLEESON** (Thurles). Ann hails from Holycross but plays her camogie with Thurles. This is her second year with this team and is presently a member of the U-18 team who have reached the Munster Final. Boinn na Mumhan aici.
15. **NOELLE KENNEDY** (Toomevara). Noelle's first year with Tipperary Juniors. A senior club player. In the county final Noelle scored six points. Sár-chluiche a bhí aici. She has one Junior Munster medal, one senior county medal.
16. **ANN GLEESON** (Toomevara). She has played for Tiobraid Árann at all levels. She has won a Purcell Cup Medal, two Munster Junior medals and one Senior Club Championship medal. An-imreoir go deo í.

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# CORCAIGH

Dathanna: DEARG AGUS BÁN

(1)  
**CAITLÍN NIC OISTÍN**  
Kathleen Costin  
(Killeagh)

(2)  
**BRÍD NIC CIONAITH**  
Breda Kenny  
(Sarsfields)

(3)  
**PÓILÍN GHÓGÁN**  
Paula Goggins  
(Na Píarsaigh)

(4)  
**TREASA NÍ CHEALLACHÁIN**  
Therese O'Callaghan  
(Glen Rovers)

(5)  
**ÉILÍS TOWLER**  
Liz Towler  
(Bishopstown)

(6)  
**LINDA NÍ MHAOILGHEIRIC**  
Linda Mellerick  
(Glen Rovers)

(7)  
**SANDRA NIC GIOBÚIN**  
Sandra Fitzgibbon (Captaen)  
(Glen Rovers)

(8)  
**DENISE NÍ CHRÓINÍN**  
Denise Cronin  
(Glen Rovers)

(9)  
**IRENE NÍ CHAOIMH**  
Irene O'Keefe  
(Inniscarra)

(10)  
**ÉILÍS NÍ NÉILL**  
Liz O'Neill  
(Bishopstown)

(11)  
**COLETTE NÍ MHATHÚNA**  
Colette O'Mahony  
(St. Finbarr's)

(12)  
**FIONA NÍ DHRISCEOIL**  
Fiona O'Driscoll  
(Fr. O'Neill's)

IONADAITHE - (13) Róis Ní Dheasúnaigh (Rose Desmond) Bishopstown; (14) Éilis Nic Dhonechaidh (Liz Dunphy) Sarsfields; (15) Irene Ní Laoire (Irene O'Leary) Na Píarsaigh; (16) Clár Nic Cárthailh (Claire McCarthy) Glen Rovers.

# LOCH GARMAN

Dathanna: CORCRA AGUS ÓRGA

(1)  
**TERRI DE BUITLÉIR**  
Terri Butler  
(Buffers Alley)

(2)  
**TINA NIC EINRÍ**  
Tina Fitzhenry  
(Duffry Rovers)

(3)  
**SIOBHÁN NÍ LAOIRE**  
Jean O'Leary  
(Buffers Alley)

(4)  
**CAITRÍONA NÍ MHURCHÚ**  
Catherine Murphy (Captaen)  
(Rathnure)

(5)  
**DEIRDRE NÍ EATHÍRN**  
Deirdre Hearne  
(St. Ibar's)

(6)  
**MÁIRE NIC ÓDA**  
Maura Codd  
(St. Martin's)

(7)  
**STELLA SHIONÓID**  
Stella Sinnott  
(Buffers Alley)

(8)  
**PAULA NIC RAING**  
Paula Rankin  
(Buncloody)

(9)  
**ÁINE MÁIRE NÍ CHONCHUBHAIR**  
Anne Marie O'Connor  
(Buffers Alley)

(10)  
**ÁINE NÍ RODAIGH**  
Anne Reddy  
(Rathnure)

(11)  
**GEARÓDÍN NIC ÓDA**  
Geraldine Codd  
(Rathnure)

(12)  
**AINGEAL NÍ EATHÍRN**  
Angie Hearne  
(St. Ibar's)

IONADAITHE - (13) Clár Ní Chullinn (Claire Cullen) St. Ibar's; (14) Eibhlín Uí Dhlolúin (Eileen Dillon) Rathnure; (15) Máire Ní Éideáin (Mary Hayden) Rathnure; (16) Gearóidín Uí Ghaolthí (Geraldine Wynne) Buffers Alley.

Gabhtar buíochas le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a chuir Páirc an Chrócaigh ar fáil dúinn

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## Foireann Chorcaí

- KATHLEEN COSTINE** (Killeagh). An chéad bhliain di ar fhoireann na Sinsear. A member of a family of famous camogie players, she holds All-Ireland Junior and Minor, and National League medals.
- BREDA KENNY** (Sarsfields). d'imir sí i dtrí Chúige, leis An nGaillimh, Áth Cliath agus Corcaigh. Ashbourne medals with U.C.D., Junior and Senior Gael Linn and Senior National League medals.
- PAULA GOGGINS** (Na Píarsaigh). An triú bliain leis na sinsir di. All-Ireland Colleges medal with North Presentation, 1980. All-Ireland Minor, Junior, Senior Gael Linn and National League medals.
- THERESE O'CALLAGHAN** (Glen Rovers). Captaen na foirne i 1991 nuair a bhuaigh Corcaigh Sraithchomórtas na hÉireann. Ina captaen ar a Club a bhuaigh Craobh Idir-Chlub na hÉireann i 1990. All-Ireland Club, Senior National League and Gael Linn medals.
- LIZ TOWLER** (Bishopstown). An tama bliain ar fhoireann na Sinsear di. Bhuaigh sí Craobh na hÉireann le Mionúir Chorcaí i 1983. Féile na nGael and Senior National League medals.
- LINDA MELLERICK** (Glen Rovers). Neart bonn aici lena Club agus lena Contae. All-Ireland Junior, Minor, Club, Senior Gael Linn and National League medals. Represented the Rest of Ireland team against Áth Cliath i 1988.
- SANDIE FITZGIBBON** (Glen Rovers). Captaen. Ina captaen ar Chorcaigh cheana nuair a bhuaigh Sraithchomórtas na hÉireann faoi dhó. Ar an gcéad imreoir a bhuaigh boinn Uile-Éireann ag leibhéal na Mionúir. All-Ireland Senior, Minor, Colleges, Club and Senior National League medals. The only member of the team to hold Senior All-Ireland Championship medal. An International Basketball player.
- DENISE CRONIN** (Glen Rovers). An chéad bhliain di ar fhoireann na Sinsear, cé gur imir sí leis na Sóisir agus na Mionúir. All-Ireland Club, Senior National League and Gael Linn medals.
- IRENE O'KEEFE** (Inniscarra). Ar fhoireann na Sinsear anuraidh, agus ar fhoireann na Mionúir agus na Sóisear roimhe sin. Junior Gael Linn and Senior National League medals. Iar-imreoir le Naomh Aloysius i.
- LIZ O'NEILL** (Bishopstown). Boinn na Mumhan faoi 18 agus ag leibhéal na Sinsear agus na Sóisear aici; Sraithchomórtas na Sinsear agus Gael Linn. This is her fifth year on the Senior team.
- COLETTE O'MAHONY** (St. Finbarr's). Ina captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúir a bhuaigh Craobhchomórtas na hÉireann i 1983. Represented Corcaigh in Féile na nGael Skills competition in 1981. This is her fourth Senior Final. All-Ireland Minor, Senior National League and Gael Linn medals.
- FIONA O'DRISCOLL** (Fr. O'Neill's). An chéad bhliain ar fhoireann na Sinsear di, ach d'imir sí leis na Mionúir agus na Sóisir. Holds C.C.I.A. Purcell Cup and Senior National League medals.
- ROSE DESMOND** (Bishopstown). Iar-Rúnaí de chuid Choiste Contae Corcaí, d'imir sí le Mionúir agus Sóisir Chorcaí. Ashbourne Cup medal with U.C.C. Gael Linn and Senior National League medals.
- LIZ DUNPHY** (Sarsfields). Ina captaen ar fhoireann i 1990. Bhuaigh sí bonn Uile-Éireann le Coláiste Phádraig, 1980. All-Ireland Junior Championship, Gael Linn and Senior National League medals.
- IRENE O'LEARY** (Na Píarsaigh). Ina captaen ar fhoireann na Sóisear a bhuaigh Craobh na hÉireann i 1984, bliain inar bhain a coláiste, North Presentation, Cluiche Ceannais na gColáistí amach. Holds Gael Linn and Senior National League medals.
- CLAIRE MCCARTHY** (Glen Rovers). Iar-scoláire eile de chuid North Presentation lena ar bhuaigh sí bonn na gColáistí i 1980. Ina hionadaí ar fhoireann shinsir-each Chorcaí a bhuaigh Craobh na hÉireann sa bhliain chéanna. To add to her collection in 1980, she won an All-Ireland Junior medal. All-Ireland Club and Gael Linn medals.

## Foireann Loch Garman

- TERRI BUTLER** (Buffers Alley). Is deirfiúr i Terri le Ann, Henry, Mick agus Pierie a bhfuil cáil ortha i leith na Camógaloichta agus na hIománaíochta faoi seach. All-Ireland 7-a-side, All-Ireland Club and Gael Linn medals. Trains her club's juvenile teams.
- TINA FITZHENRY** (Duffry Rovers). Is deirfiúr le Séamas agus Martin i. Séamas and Tina won Wexford Sports Stars Awards in 1984. Ina Captaen ar fhoireann Laighean a bhuaigh Comórtas Gael Linn i 1984. 3 Senior Gael Linn medals.
- JEAN O'LEARY** (Buffers Alley). Awarded the Golden Goal Award in the All-Ireland 7-a-side in 1988. Bonn Idir-Chlub na hÉireann aici, maille le gabháil eile ag leibhéal an Chontae agus na Cúige.
- CATHERINE MURPHY** (Rathnure). Captaen. Thosaigh sí ag imirt lena Contae in aois a 13 di. Ina captaen ar fhoireann a Club i 1991 nuair a bhaineadar Craobh Laighean amach. Was on the Rest of Ireland team which played Áth Cliath in its Millennium, 1988. Gael Linn and Leinster Championship medals.
- DEIRDRE HEARNE** (St. Ibar's). Ina captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúir a bhain Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach i 1986. Having won numerous under-age medals, she used that experience as a selector for the Loch Garman under-14 team which won Craobh Laighean earlier this year. Gael Linn medal.
- MAIRE CODD** (St. Martin's). Tá traidisiún na camógíochta go smior inti agus cam bonn buaite aici féin. Daughter of Kitt Codd (nee Kehoe) who holds 3 All-Ireland Senior medals and who was on the last Loch Garman winning team in 1975. Niece of team-mate Eileen Dillon.
- STELLA SINNOTT** (Buffers Alley). Ar fhoireann a Club nuair a bhuaigh Craobhchomórtas Idir-Chlub na hÉireann ceithre huaire as a chéile ó 1981 i leith. She has represented Cúige Laighean in both Camógaloicht and hockey. All-Ireland Club and Gael Linn medals.
- PAULA RANKIN** (Buncloyd). Ina captaen ar F.C.J., Bun Clóid, a bhain Cluiche Ceannais na gColáistí amach i 1986. A great asset to Thomond College as a third-level student, and has represented the Combined Colleges. C.C.I.A. Purcell Cup and Leinster Championship medals.
- ANN MARIE O'CONNOR** (Buffers Alley). Iar-scoláire eile de chuid F.C.J., Bun Clóid, agus i ina scoláire anois i D.C.U. On the Loch Garman team which reached the All-Ireland Minor Final in 1986. Gabháil bhonn aici lena Club agus lena Contae i gCúige Laighean.
- ANN REDDY** (Rathnure). Ina captaen ar fhoireann na Sinsear i 1990. Boinn buaite aici ag gach leibhéal - na Bunscoileanna, agus faoi 14, faoi 16, agus Sinsear lena Club. Leinster Championship and Gael Linn medals.
- GERALDINE CODD** (Rathnure). Cousin of Ann Reddy and niece of All-Ireland hurling medal winner, Martin Codd. Ar fhoireann na Mionúir a bhain Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach i 1986. Captained Waterford R.T.C. to C.C.I.A. Championship and League double in 1992. C.C.I.A. and Leinster medals.
- ANGIE HEARNE** (St. Ibar's). Ag imirt leis na Sinsir ó 1990 i leith. Neart bonn i gcomórtais na n-aosánach aici. Two All-Star Awards for Gaelic Football. Former member of the Irish Ladies' Soccer panel. Leinster Senior Championship medal.
- CLAIRE CULLEN** (St. Ibar's). Ar fhoireann na Sinsear ó 1990 i leith. Ball eile de fhoireann na Mionúir, 1985, 1986. Holds Leinster Minor and Senior Championship medals with Loch Garman.
- EILEEN DILLON** (Rathnure). Ina captaen ar fhoireann a bhain Cluiche Ceannais na Sóisear amach i 1977, bliain inar bhuaigh sí Powers Sports Star Award. Would like to add an All-Ireland Senior medal to those of her five famous Kehoe sisters. Holds Leinster Club and Gael Linn medals.
- MARY HAYDEN** (Rathnure). d'Fhíll sí ar an gClub i 1988 tar éis di sos a ghlacadh ón gcluiche, agus tá sé bhonn buaite lena club ó choin aici. Joined the senior panel during the 1992 National League campaign.
- GERALDINE WYNNE** (Buffers Alley). Bhuaigh sí boinn Choláistí Laighean le Naomh Bríd. Inis Chóirthe, agus le Naomh Mhuire, Móinteach Míic, a bhuaigh Craobh na hÉireann i 1973. Represented the Loch Garman Junior team in the All-Ireland Finals of 1972 and 1977. 1992 saw her win the Cill Mhantáin Ladies' Singles Tennis Championship for the 17th time in a row. She also won the Loch Garman Championship on several occasions. Gael Linn Senior and Junior medals.



# Na Sinsir – Corcaigh v. Loch Garman

**S**i seo an ceathrú huair do Chorcaigh agus Loch Garman casadh ar a chéile i gCluiche Ceannais na Sinsir. Loch Garman atá chun tosaigh sa choimhlint go dtí seo.

1968 saw the first encounter between the sides, with Loch Garman taking its first title by 4-2 to 2-5. This was also the first time in twenty-six years that Áth Cliath did not contest the Final.

Corcaigh a bhí chun tosaigh i 1971. The Leesiders took their eighth title with a score of 4-6 to Loch Garman's 1-2. A similar score was the outcome of their third meeting in 1975, but with the roles reversed . . . Loch Garman 4-3, Corcaigh 1-2.

Corcaigh lead Loch Garman in the Roll of Honour with fourteen titles to three. Corcaigh's previous win was in 1983, a year of some significance for this year's hurling and football finalists. Cill Chainnigh and Áth Cliath last won the hurling

and football titles respectively in 1983, as did An Ghaillimh the Minor hurling title.

The fortunes of Loch Garman and Corcaigh have differed since that last meeting in 1975. Corcaigh has contested ten Finals during that time, winning on four occasions, while Loch Garman contested and lost two. The combined eight defeats were at the hands of an exceptional Cill Chainnigh team.

Bionn lá eile ag an bPaorach, áfach. Corcaigh defeated Cill Chainnigh in the National League Final of 1991, a year in which Loch Garman also defeated their old rivals in the Leinster Final. 1992 saw Corcaigh inflict its first Championship defeat in eight years on the Noresiders with a score of 2-11 to 1-8 in the semi-final.

Thuas seal agus thíos seal a bhí Loch Garman agus Corcaigh i mbliana. The Slaneysiders recorded a 4-9 to 1-9 victory over Corcaigh

in the earlier round of the National League, but the tables were turned in the Final with a score of Corcaigh 2-17, Loch Garman 0-11.

Níl ach imreoir amháin ar fhoireann Chorcaigh a bhfuil bonn Uile-Éireann aici. Si sin Sandie Nic Giobúin, an captaen, a bhí ag imirt i 1983. Elsie Cody (nee Walsh), the Loch Garman trainer, is the only member of that party to hold an All-Ireland Senior medal.

Gan amhras, beidh an-fhonn ar an dá fhoireann Corn Ua Dubhthaigh agus na boinn a bhreith abhaile leo. Go raibh sár-chluiche eatarthu.

## NA CLUICHÍ LEATH-CHEANNAIS, 1992

Corcaigh . . . . . 2-11  
Cill Chainnigh . . . . . 1-8

Loch Garman . . . . . 2-11  
An Ghaillimh. . . . . 1-11

## MAR A BHUADAR NA CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS GO DTÍ SEO

Corcaigh (14): 1934, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 70, 71, 72, 73, 78, 80, 82, 83.

Loch Garman (3): 1968, 69, 75.



AINMNIGH AN BHLIAIN AGUS NA FOIRNE . . . léach leathanach 25.

# Mar Eolas Duit

- Eileen Dillon, Loch Garman, is sister of Brigid, Kit, Josie, Annie and Gretta Kehoe, Clonleigh, who between them have nine All-Ireland Senior medals. Brigid and Gretta are former captains. Kit was the first player to win Senior medals with two Counties, Áth Cliath agus Loch Garman. Brigid was the first recipient of the B + I Award in 1975.
- Elsie Cody, Loch Garman trainer, and her husband, Brian, former Cill Chainnigh hurler, belong to a small group of husband and wife combinations who hold Senior All-Ireland Championship medals. They are joined by Paddy and Eileen Hogan (Cronin), Laois agus Áth Cliath; Tomás and Ann Ryan (McAuliffe), both Corcaigh, Jack and Orla Ryan (Ni Shiocháin), Tiobraid Árann agus Áth Cliath.
- Corcaigh has given four Uachtaráin to Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael – Eilis Ni Chiarbha, Eilis Uí Ghrádaigh, Máire Ni Mhóráin, agus Máire Ni Cheallacháin. Eilis Ni Chiarbha agus Máire Ni Mhóráin are holders of Senior All-Ireland medals.
- Eleven of the An Ghaillimh Junior panel have a total of 38 All-Ireland medals at post-primary level . . . 4 Vocational, 29 Senior and 5 Junior Colleges medals.
- Deirdre Ni Liatháin, who captained the senior Tiobraid Árann team on its last appearance in the Final in 1984, is the first woman to become Clerk of Seanad Éireann.

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Cluiche ceannais Sinsear na hÉireann, 1975 – Pádraigin Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh (Corcaigh), ar chlé, in iomaíocht Je Kit Mhic Oda (Loch Garman).



Irene Ní Laoire (Corcaigh), ar chlé, ag iarraidh ealo ó Stella Shionóid (Loch Garman) i gCluiche Leath-Cheannais na Sinsear, 1987.



Siobhán Aighleart (Cill Chainnigh), Ar chlé: Ag iarraidh cosc a chur le Deirdre Ní Aodha (Tisbraid Árann), i gCluiche Leath-Cheannais na Sísear.



Emer Ní Argadáin (An Ghaillimh), ar chlé, in iomaíocht le Mairéad Ní Mhuircheartaigh (Ardmhacha), i gCluiche Leath-Cheannais na Sísear.

1971

#### Cluiche Ceannais na Sinsear

##### (chun tosaigh): Loch Garman

A. Kehoe (captaen), M. O'Leary, M. Hearne, M. Sheil, M. Shannon, M. Walsh, E. Walsh, J. Kehoe, P. Doyle, B. O'Dwyer, J. Murphy B. Jacob, T. Shannon, T. Sheil, B. Murphy, P. Moore.

##### (Ar chúil) Corcaigh:

B. Sugrue (captaen), M. Whelton, M. Costin, A. McAuliffe, L. Garvan, M. McCarthy, E. Cummins, P. Moloney, N. Guilly, H. Dineen, R. Hennessy, A. Comerford, D. Sutton, M. Ryan, S. Dunne, M. Coleman.



# CORK'S CROKER CHEER

## Ladies in red dazzle Wexford

BY TOM HIGGINS

Cork 1-20 Wexford 2-6

CORK are All-Ireland senior camogie champions at last! After year's of frustration, they took the title for the first time since 1983 at Croke Park yesterday when they had a comprehensive victory over Wexford, a repeat of their League success over the Slaneysides earlier this year.

The Leesiders have now won the coveted title for the 15th time. Despite a shaky start, they regained their composure midway through the opening half and took control to turn over leading 1-10 to 1-6.

In the second-half they were completely on top and ran out worthy winners.

Wexford dominated in the opening 11 minutes of the game and thanks to an opportunist goal

from Maura Codd in the eighth minute they led 1-4 to 0-3.

Two minutes later Cork should have had a goal when Linda Mellerick's piledriver came back off the upright and Fiona O'Driscoll shot the rebound narrowly wide. But this setback was the spur which Cork needed and with Irene O'Keefe in tremendous form on the right wing, Cork began to get back into the game and a succession of points put



Cork forward Liz O'Neill tries a shot as the Wexford backs close in during the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. —(Picture: Billy Higgins)

the Leesiders in front for the first time, Fiona O'Driscoll's point in the 22nd minute giving them the lead.

But a minute later Ann Reddy put the sides level.

Then came the turning point of the game when Cork captain, Sandie Fitzgibbon, raced upfield to find Fiona O'Driscoll loose on the edge of the square and the Fr. O'Neill's player blasted the ball to the net.

Cork proved that they were much the fitter side in the opening minutes of the second-half and although Wexford made a number of positional switches to try and get back into the game nothing worked for them as Cork were completely dominant.

Although both sides tired after a tremendous first-half Cork were faster to the ball and ran at the Wexford defence, who tended foul continuously and from these frees Colette O'Mahony punished them each time with her accuracy.

In fact Wexford had to rely on a close in free from Geraldine Codd in the 47th minute for their only score of the second-half when the ball went in off the upright for a goal to cut the deficit to five points, 1-14 to 2-6, but a rampant Cork side

scored at will afterwards for a deserved victory.

For Cork Breda Kenny, after a quite first-half, had a tremendous second period while Liz Towler and Therese O'Callaghan always had the measure of their opponents.

The midfield of Linda Mellerick, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Denise Cronin gave the forwards a good supply of ball and with Irene O'Keefe and Colette O'Mahony in scoring form Cork never looked like losing, particularly in the second-half.

For Wexford, Tina Fitzhenry, at full-back, Catherine Murphy, who moved from centre-back to centre-field in the second-half, impressed in defence, while Paula Rankin tried hard at midfield and Anne Reddy and Geraldine Codd were the pick of the forwards.

Scorers for Cork: C O'Mahony 6-10 (0-7 frees, 0-1 "30"); F O'Driscoll 1-3; I O'Keefe 0-4; L Mellerick 0-2; L O'Neill 0-1.

Wexford: G Codd 2-3 (1-3 frees); A Reddy 0-2; C Murphy 0-1 (free).

CORK: K Costine; B Kenny; P Gaggins; T O'Callaghan; L Towler; I Mellerick; S Fitzgibbon (Capt); D Cronin; I O'Keefe; L O'Neill; C O'Mahony; F O'Driscoll.

WEXFORD: T Butler; T Fitzhenry; J O'Leary; C Murphy; D Hearn; M Codd; S Sinnott; P Rankin; A M O'Connor; A Reddy; G Codd; A Hearn. Subs: E Dillon for A Hearn (34th minute); M Hayden for A M O'Connor (34th minute).

Referee: A Derham (Dublin).



# Cork superiority ensures comfortable and impressive win

ONE week on, Clonliffe Road was eerily quiet before yesterday's All-Ireland senior camogie final between Cork and Wexford. Some optimistic hawkers were taking advantage of the last opportunity of the year to sell some colours, but there were none of last Sunday's noisy crowds or mercenary ticket touts. This, however, is not to detract from what went on inside Croke Park. Cork and Wexford served up an entertaining, and at times, highly skilled final that deserved a larger crowd.

It was Cork's superior skills that gave them a winning margin of 11 points, 1-20 to 2-6. That margin is an accurate reflection of Cork's superiority, as is their total of 21 scores over the hour as opposed to Wexford's eight.

The performances of three Cork players provided the backbone of their success. Captain, Sandra Fitzgibbon controlled the midfield area, while Irene O'Keefe ran constantly and effectively at the Wexford defence. But it was Colette O'Mahony who proved the true difference between the teams. Her total of ten points included nine frees, and her accuracy echoed that of another left-sided player last Sunday, Donegal's Manus Boyle.

It had all started so brightly for Wexford. The teams exchanged points for the first ten minutes, and with the score tied at 0-3 apiece, Paula Rankin took advantage of an error by Cork goalkeeper, Kathleen Costin, to pull on the ground to the net. A

**CORK..... 1-20**  
**WEXFORD..... 2-6**

**Desmond Fahy**

pointed free by Catherine Murphy a minute later stretched the Wexford lead to four points.

The only effect of this, however, was to induce a fit of Cork pique. They pushed on the pace of the game, and when they began to run at Wexford, found ample space in which to fashion scores. Wexford's only response was to foul and enter O'Mahony for the resulting frees.

Linda Mellerick hit the post in the 13th minute, but made amends with a beautiful backhand score in the 18th. Mellerick and Irene O'Keefe were running as they pleased down the right side by this stage, and when Fiona Driscoll got Cork's only goal of the game in the 24th minute, you feared the worst for Wexford.

At half time, Cork led by four points, 1-10 to 1-6. When O'Mahony scored yet another free within a minute of the restart, they seemed to relax and revel in the room they were being given. Irene O'Keefe ended a wonderful, flowing move from defence with a point, and a few scores later, Cork, almost imperceptibly, had opened up an eight point lead.

The opening 15 minutes of the second half was their best period. They scored four points without reply and put the game irretrievably beyond Wexford. A favoured play was a run by Mellerick or Fitzgibbon through the defence, drawing out two defenders in the

process, and then a quick handpass back inside to an unmarked forward.

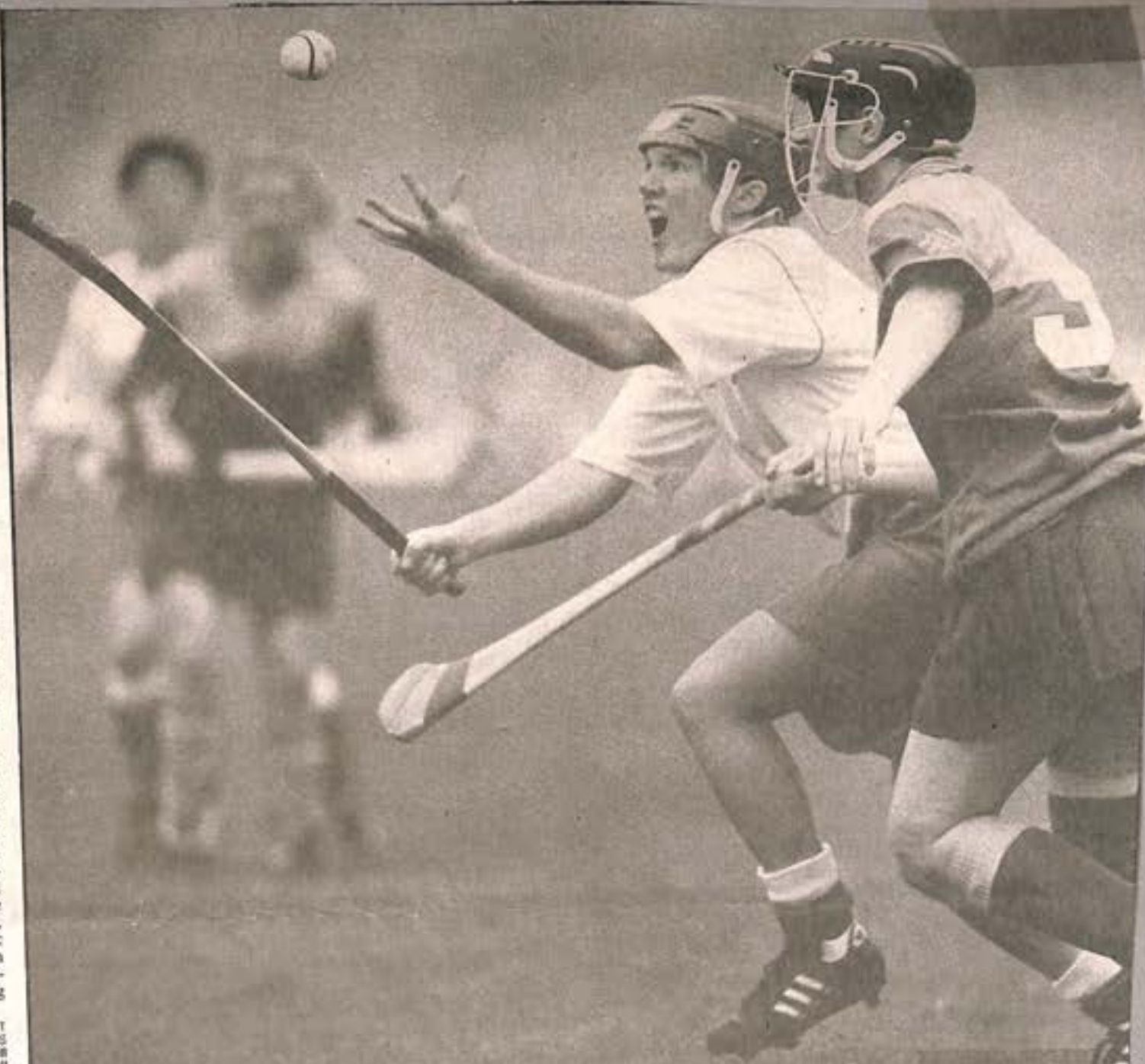
Geraldine Codd, Wexford's most dangerous forward, got a goal in the 48th minute, but even with 12 minutes to go, it was still little more than a consolation score. It was to prove Wexford's last score of the game. Cork added six further points, and when Colette O'Mahony got one of those from play her punch in the air suggested she was as shocked as the rest of us that it hadn't come from a free.

Cork's win was a very sweet one for the captain, Sandra Fitzgibbon. She was the only survivor from the team that won an All-Ireland title in 1983, before Kilkenny got their seven year stranglehold up and running. Her play at midfield was an indication that she wasn't going to let this chance slip.

So what did yesterday's game say about the game of camogie? It's not as physical as hurling, but this in itself is no sin. There is a very high level of fitness, as Cork's running throughout the hour proved. But most significantly, there was a very high level of skill on display. Some of the basics, like hooking and blocking, that tend to get lost in frenetic games of hurling, were very much in evidence. And, of course, Colette O'Mahony's free-taking prowess was a joy to behold.

**CORK:** K. Costin, B. Kenny, P. Goggins, T. O'Callaghan, L. Towler, L. Mellerick 0-2, S. Fitzgibbon, D. Cronin, I. O'Keefe 0-4, L. O'Neill 0-2, C. O'Mahony 0-10 (0-9 frees), F. O'Driscoll 1-2.

**WEXFORD:** T. Butler, T. Fitzhenry, J. O'Leary, C. Murphy 0-1 free, D. Heame, M. Codd, S. Smith, P. Rankin 1-0, A. M. O'Connor, A. Reddy 0-2, G. Codd 1-3 (0-3 frees), A. Heame. Subs: L. Dillon for Heame, M. Hayden for O'Connor.



IT'S MINE: Cork's Paula Goggins, with Wexford's Jean O'Leary in close attendance, lunges for possession in yesterday's All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park. Cork emerged comfortable winners. —(Photograph: Eric Luke).

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# Glory at last for Leesiders

CORK.....1-20  
WEXFORD.....2-6  
IN the script for yesterday's All-Ireland senior camogie final in Croke Park, Wexford were supposed to be the sacrificial lambs.

The real final, it maintained, had already taken place when Cork broke Kilkenny's seven year streak in the semi-finals.

Wexford clearly hadn't read the script. The first quarter of an hour of this match was played at a pace which demanded total concentration. Drop your eyes for a second and you were sure to miss a vital point or a crucial pass.

Geraldine Codd took first blood for Wexford as the battle of the free takers began. Her counterpart on the Cork side, Colette O'Mahoney immediately responded.

## TIT FOR TAT

The game of tit for tat continued until at three points apiece. Maura Codd slipped through a disorganised Cork defence to take a brilliant goal. The Wexford women had thrown the script away and were decisively in the lead.

As the first half progressed, Cork started to stem the onslaught on their goal and after 20 minutes a brilliant piece of play which started from a Paula Goggins pass deep in their own territory resulted in full forward Fiona O'Driscoll putting Cork ahead for the first time.

The Leesiders rolled up their sleeves and worked patiently. They picked off one point after another as the Wexford fury abated and a 1-10 to 1-6 lead in their favour was just reward.

As the second half began, Wexford were again on the attack, but by now the Cork defence,

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especially full back Breda Kenny were managing to smother any dangerous moves. In midfield, Linda Mellerick was having a superb match, managing to be everywhere at once, a trick also perfected by captain Sandy Fitzgibbon in centre and Denise Cronin on the right wing.

Even when Geraldine Codd scored another goal for Wexford, Cork didn't panic. The Wexford attack caused a number of goalfrost scrambles but all too often, the finishing stroke wasn't there.

Then with a flash of a caman, Cork would regain the advantage, most memorably when Kathleen Costin opted to take a sweeper role behind her back line.

Cork made 10 scores in the second half while Wexford could only manage one goal. Again and again, their pucks went wide of the goal posts. Indeed, the last shot of the match was yet another Wexford wide.

"I'm just speechless," said captain Catherine Murphy. "We never really got into the match. But we'll be back next year — definitely."

**SCORERS** — Cork: C O'Mahoney 0-10, F O'Driscoll 1-3, I O'Keefe 0-7, L O'Neill 0-3, L Mellerick 0-2. Wexford: G Codd 3-3, M Codd 1-0, A Reddy 0-2, C Murphy 0-1.

**CORK** — K Costin, B Kenny, P Goggins, T O'Callaghan, L Towler, L Mellerick, S Fitzgibbon (capt), D Cronin, I O'Keefe, L O'Neill, C O'Mahoney, F O'Driscoll.

**WEXFORD** — T Butler, T Fitzhenry, J O'Leary, C Murphy (capt), D Heane, M Codd, S Sinnott, P Rankin, A M O'Connor, A Reddy, G Codd, A Heane. Sub: E Dillon for Heane.



UP WITH THE CUP. Cork captain Sandy Fitzgibbon holds the cup aloft at Croke Park yesterday.  
Pic: Jim O'Kelly



## Camogie's clout

Camogie is acquiring political clout — both the President and Taoiseach attended yesterday's Croke Park final.

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# GLORY GIRLS

BY TOM HIGGINS

IT was a great weekend for the two Munster counties at Croke Park yesterday with Cork taking the All-Ireland Senior Camogie title and Tipperary annexing the Junior crown.

For Cork nine years of frustration had come to an end as they had not won the title since 1983 and for Tipperary it was a red letter day as this was their first junior title, having been beaten in two final, including last year desider when they were beaten by a point by Kildare who scored a goal in the last minute to deprive them of the title.

There is little doubt but that Cork deserved their win over Wexford, which was a repeat of this year's League

final, as once they settled down they were totally dominant.

So Sandie Fitzgibbon, one of only two players on the panel to have previously won a senior medal, made her own bit of history as she became the first captain to lead her side to All-Ireland honour in two sports as the 46 times capped for Ireland basketball player had previously captained Blarney to take the I.C.S. Cup. She is also the first member of the Glen Rovers Club to lead an All-Ireland winning senior winning side to victory.

"A deserved win. They worked hard for it all year and we are absolutely thrilled to bits at the outcome, and, as the scoreline suggested how committed the girls were all year and they proved it on the day when we needed it" was how selector Mary Mackey summed up the success. Fellow selector Mary Murphy said it was a wonderful

day having waited nine year's for the success. "It show you when you have good defences and forwards, that get good scores, you can win. We treat to watch and it was a lovely to watch us scores".

Clare McCarthy who fought back from a serious injury to gain a place on the subs bench and was only other player besides Sandie Fitzgibbon to senior medal summed up her feeling saying "fantastic win, absolutely brilliant. It was a everybody concerned".

Trainer Joe McGrath was high in praise of his girls. "The work that we have done over the past year showed to-day. Cork had to reach their full potential some time and they did it to-day and they did it superbly. Three years of hard work."



# Leeside ladies turn in powerful display

**CORK** ..... 1-20  
**WEXFORD** ..... 2-6  
 was the skilful Cork team who took the honours in yesterday afternoon's Senior Camogie final at Croke Park and deservedly brought Cornelia Dhubhthaigh back to the banks of the Lee.

The win of nine points completely reflected the run play in which a rampant Cork midfield and forward dominated throughout, beating any attempted comeback by Wexford. Cork's forward Colette O'Mahony put in an outstanding performance, scoring ten points of her side's tally. The match — played before a crowd of about 3,000 spectators — started evenly enough, with prolific scoring on both sides. Geraldine Codd led the account for Wexford and Colette O'Mahony followed up with the first of her many accurate shots.

At three points apiece, Wexford threatened to cause upset when Maura Codd scored a goal and team captain Christine Murphy followed up with another point, but the lead was shortlived as Cork kept off point after point to bring Wexford back into their sights. Points from Linda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll, O'Neill and another two from O'Mahony made it 0-8 to Wexford's Anne Reddy gained the lead with a point that could well have been a goal, but it was Cork who immediately took their goal opportunity when Fiona O'Driscoll scored a cracker.

Wexford were now up against it and despite more prayers on the Cork goal mouth, Cathleen Costin defended her

REPORT BY:  
**Yvonne Judge**



net bravely and brilliantly, feeding the ball out to midfield. Irene O'Keeffe played splendidly on the right wing, making many solo runs up the field before laying the ball off to O'Mahony and O'Neill. At half time the score was 1-10 to Cork and 1-6 to Wexford.

The second half was a more scrappy affair and both teams appeared to have played their best in the first thirty minutes. O'Mahony and O'Keeffe struck early with points for Cork however, while Wexford brought on Eileen Dillon for Angie Hearne at full forward. After a number of wides from both sides O'Mahony and O'Keeffe stretched the Cork lead to eight points and they seemed unassailable.

Wexford's Geraldine Coad had other ideas however when she struck a free low and after a deflection it bobbed into the back of the Cork net. 1-14 to 2-6 and all to play for.

Full credit must go to Cork at this point for knuckling down and scoring the points to increase their lead. Fiona O'Driscoll made it 1-15 for Cork and of course Colette O'Mahony added two more points to her team's total. Liz O'Neill scored another for Cork with only five minutes to go and O'Mahony's well struck free was saved off the line by a crammed Wexford defence.

Wexford still pushed for a goal but it was Irene O'Keeffe who put the icing on the cake with a point in the last minute.

**CORK** — K Costin, B Kenny, P Goggins, T O'Callaghan, L Towler, L Mellerick, S Fitzgibbon (capt), D Cronin, I O'Keeffe, L O'Neill, C O'Mahony, F O'Driscoll. Subs: R Desmond, L Dunphy, I O'Leary, C McCarthy.  
**WEXFORD** — T Butler, T Fitzhenry, J O'Leary, C Murphy (capt), D Hearne, M Codd, S Sinnott, P Rankin, A-M O'Connor, A Reddy, G Codd, A Hearne. Subs: C Cullen, E Dillon, M Hayden, G Wynne.



● Cork fans show their colours in true Leeside fashion during yesterday's all-Ireland Camogie clash in Croke Park.

## CORK'S ONLY CHAMPS ARE HOMEWARD BOUND

THE Cork Co. Camogie Board has appealed to the public to turn out in force tonight to welcome home the county's victorious All-Ireland winning side.

By EAMON TIMMINS

"We are appealing to people to come out and show their appreciation for the girls — the only team to bring an All-Ireland to Cork this year," Co. Board PRO Mary Newman-McCarthy said.

### Reception

The team is due in at Cork's Kent Station at 7.50 pm tonight and will then be taken on an open-top bus to the Cork Examiner offices in Academy Street where a reception has been organised in their honour. The bus is expected to pass over Clontarf Bridge, along Merchants Quay and up Patrick Street en route to Academy Street. Later tonight the champs are

expected to continue on to the Glen Rovers club in Blackpool for more celebrations. Cork captain Sandie Fitzgibbon plays with Rovers and she is the first club player to lead a senior county camogie side to All-Ireland victory.

### High spirits

The team were reported to be on a high this morning following yesterday's crushing win over Wexford. The result also completes a double for the team who beat the Slaneysiders in the National League final earlier this year. The Croke Park victory is also their first All-Ireland title since 1983.

Cork celebrations got underway from the final whistle yesterday, and continued late into the night at the Royal Marine Hotel where they attended a dinner for the junior and senior finalists.



# Singing in the rain after camogie win



**CHASING GOALWARDS:** Cork's Irene O'Keeffe on a solo run at Croke Park yesterday



**CORK DELIGHT:** Camogie star Linda Mellerick is hugged by a delighted supporter following Cork's win over Wexford while, above, President Robinson watches as Cork captain Sandra Fitzgibbon holds aloft the trophy

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## CAMOGIE STARS END 'FAMINE'



*Cork camogie captain Sandy Fitzgibbon raises the cup in triumph watched by President Mary Robinson*

*Picture: BILLY HIGGINS*

# A title at last!

**Report: DECLAN KELLY**

CORK'S camogie players were the toast of Leaside last night after upstaging their male counterparts by defeating Wexford in Croke Park to win the county's only All Ireland title this year.

The Cork girls had a comfortable 1-20 to 2-6 victory over the Slaneysiders, bringing home their first senior title since 1983.

The team is arriving back in Cork tonight on the 7.50 pm train, and will be paraded through the city on an open-topped bus before being toasted at a special *Cork Examiner* reception at our offices in Academy Street.

It was an historic day for the camogie players

from Tipperary also. They won the junior All Ireland, inflicting a heavy defeat over Galway in the process.

Elsewhere Waterford recorded their first All Ireland title in any grade in 33 years when they defeated Offaly in the U-21 Final, at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

There were celebrations for Cork City's soccer players as well, with their 2-0 victory over Drogheda putting them on top of the League of Ireland with joint-leaders Bohemians.

The Nissan Classic also drew to a close with Australian cyclist, Phil Anderson, taking the yellow jersey on final classification after yesterday's final stage into Dublin.

## Munster's day in Camogie finals

IT was Munster's day in the All-Ireland Camogie finals yesterday when Cork won the senior title and Tipperary took the junior, writes Yvonne Judge.

Hot favourites Cork lived up to their billing when they beat outsiders Wexford by 1-20 to 2-6. A crowd of around 3,000, in stark contrast to last Sunday's match, were treated to a fine exhibition of camogie in both matches.

After a fairly close beginning it was Cork who dominated the play, despite two goals from Wexford. Excellent performances by Cork's Colette O'Mahony, Irene O'Keeffe, Fiona O'Driscoll and Linda Mellerick ensured that Cork captain Sandra Fitzgibbon got to hold *Corn Ua Dhubhthaigh* aloft. "We've waited long enough for this cup" said the Cork captain in deserved triumph.





● Action from the camogie final.



● SHOOT-OUT ... Cork's Linda Mellerick wins possession (inset) and then gets in her shot at goal (main picture) during the All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Pictures by Anis P.

## Tipperary take first title with ease

**TIPPERARY**..... 6-13  
**GALWAY**..... 2-7  
**TIPPERARY** took their first junior camogie all-Ireland title when they proved too strong for Galway in this all-Ireland junior camogie championship final played as the curtain raiser to the senior final at Croke Park yesterday. Tipperary were much sharper up front their full forward Deirdre Hughes had a hat-trick with the first one coming almost from the throw in. Their lead was

never headed Galway were still in the game up to half time. They trailed by 0-4 points. Half time score Tipperary 2-6 Galway 1-5. Deirdre Hughes had her third goal in the first minute of the second half and within four minutes Joan Tobin goaled and Seanad Neilan pointed from a free. Galway never recovered from this blow as Tipperary finished worthy champions they were best served by Triona Bonner, Seanad Neilan, Deirdre Hughes and Cora Kennedy.

Galway had good performers in Cora Curley, Dympha Maher, Olivia Broderick and Brigid Fahy.  
**Tipperary:** E. Delaney, A. Fitzgerald, B. O'Sullivan, Kennedy, C. Madden, T. Bonner (c), K. Maloney, Stokes, D. Hughes (3-4), J. Tobin (1-0), S. Neilan (9), J. Delaney, Subs A. Gleeson (1 goal) for K. Maloney, H. O'Leary (1 goal) for J. Delaney.  
**Galway:** C. Callaghy, U. Hannon, Y. Larkin, B. Broderick (1-4), M. Kennedy, T. Fahy, D. Hardiman (0-1), Subs F. Ryan for E. Hardiman, Harte for M. Kennedy.  
 Referee: Marie Pollock, Waterford.



# THEIR FINEST HOUR



*The victorious Cork camogie team, All-Ireland champions 1992, after defeating Wexford.*

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Michael O'Mahony, Director, Cork Examiner Publications Ltd, making a presentation to the captain of the victorious Cork camogie team, Sandy Fitzgibbon, at a reception in their honour in the Cork Examiner offices which was attended by the Lord Mayor, Deputy Micheál Martin.

THE homecoming celebrations of the victorious Cork senior camogie squad was soured last night by their disappointment over RTE's failure to screen even the highlights of the game on Sunday.

As the All Ireland champions returned to Cork to a jubilant reception, team captain Sandy Fitzgibbon lashed the station for its decision not to show any of the game on television until next Friday night.

And selector Marie Mackey said the squad was most disappointed with RTE's attitude.

"We feel we should have got more exposure. Why did we not get the same treatment as the men."

And Ms Mackey added: "I do not condone RTE's attitude and it leaves an awful lot to be desired."

RTE said last night that because of demands elsewhere, it was unable to get two of its own cameras to Croke Park. It was therefore forced to avail of the service of an independent crew and it proved im-

possible to screen the game on Sunday night.

A spokesman said the game would be screened on Friday night's *Sportsworld* presented by Michael Lester.

Meanwhile, huge crowds turned out at Kent Station last night to welcome the team home after their victory over Wexford.

Captain, Sandy Fitz-

gibbon, with the O'Duffey Cup held aloft, was lifted shoulder high from the train as cheering supporters frantically waved red and white flags and threw teddy bears of the same hue into the air.

Cork Lord Mayor Deputy Micheál Martin said it was a great night for Cork and Minister of State Danny Wallace

and Deputy Mairin Quill looked on in admiration of the match heroes.

A lone piper stood on the station platform playing the Cork anthem, *Beautiful City*, and the team was paraded into the city centre in an open-top bus to the strains of St Josephs pipe band from Togher.

They attended a reception in the Cork Examiner offices and then headed for the Glen club hall for a night of celebrations.

Earlier, the team had a customary stop at Malinbeg where up to 200 supporters led by Urban Council chairman David Willis greeted the players.

## Captain lashes RTE's absence

Report: Peter Gleeson



The victorious Cork camogie team, winners of the All-Ireland, seen here making their way through the city on an open top bus. (Picture: Dan Linehan)



# Rampant Rebels made gallant Wexford wobble

WEXFORD were not good enough for Cork in the All-Ireland Senior Final played at Croke Park last Sunday with the South-erners winning by 1-20 to 2-6.

The Leinster side came up against a rampant Cork team who were more hungry for victory. Their fitness and skill had to be admired and they were very worthy winners of the O'Duffy Cup which last resided by the Lee in '83.

In fairness to Wexford they battled gamely, especially in the first half during which the teams were level on five occasions.

Wexford were first to score and after ten minutes of play the

sides were level at three points each.

Wexford's golden moment came in the 11th minute when Paula Rankin shot to the net. Almost immediately Catherine Murphy pointed from a free and the Model County looked good with a lead of four points.

Wexford were four points in front and looked very good at this stage. However Cork replied with two points from frees and by the 21st minute they had levelled matters.

Then four minutes later came a Cork goal which left the Rebel County 1-10 to 1-6 ahead at the break.

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In the second half Wexford brought outstanding defender Catherine Murphy from centre back to centre field, but the move failed to have the desired effect as the game gradually began to swing away from them.

Cork notched a further four points before Geraldine Codd crashed home a Wexford goal. It was to be the losers only score of the half, however, as Cork comfortably weathered the storm.

Scorers: Cork: C.O'Mahony 0-10 (eight from frees), F. O'Driscoll 1-2, I. M O'Keeffe 0-4, L. Mellerick and L. O'Neill 0-2

each. Wexford: G. Codd 1-3 (three points from frees), P. Rankin 1-0, A. Reddy 0-2, C. Murphy 0-1.

Referee: A. Derham (Dublin).

In the Junior final Tipperary had a convincing win over Galway, 6-13 to 2-7, to take their first ever title at this grade.

On Sunday next the National Junior League gets underway and will be played under the test series rules as passed at Congress. That is fifteen players aside to be played on a pitch of GAA dimensions.

Leinster counties involved on Sunday included Kilkenny, who take on Offaly. This should be an

entertaining game with Kilkenny, on home soil, fancied to repeat their three point Championship victory over the Faithful County.

Meanwhile near neighbours Wexford and Carlow will vie for their first brace of points. Wexford have home advantage here, but Carlow may just shade it.

Also on Sunday the Leinster Junior B League commences with two games down for decision. Westmeath are at home to Wicklow and the visitors may prove too strong for the Midlanders, who are team building.

Louth travel to old rivals Meath and cannot be optimistic about the outcome.



LEFT: Cork camogie captain Sandy Fitzgibbon holding the All-Ireland trophy aloft at Kent Station last night. RIGHT: Teammates Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick and Breda Kenny, along with coach Joe McGrath and supporters.

—(Picture: Dan Linehan)

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# THE DAY ANOTHER DREAM DIED IN CROKE PARK

## Footsteps echo loudly under the Hogan Stand



Her Excellency, the President of Ireland, Mrs. Mary Robinson, is introduced to team member Tina Fitzhenry as her playing colleagues await their turn prior to the start of last Sunday's All-Ireland Camogie Final.

Losers footsteps echo loudly under the Hogan stand when a game is over. The only people who remain behind are the security men, and they are tacitful enough to remain discretely quiet. The winners Cork had long gone, accompanied by hordes of joyful fans, before most of the Wexford team headed off in twos and threes. The Wexford girls went to Quinn's pub without the throng of fans who had made the journey to Croke. Most of their fans had left, disappointed no doubt, leaving Croke park virtually empty and with an unnerving echo. But the fans were not nearly as disappointed as the Wexford team.

In the dressing room after the game, Angie Hearne stood inside the door drying her hair, one or two others moved quietly about gathering their gear. Most of the players sat quietly on the benches moving economically, wrapped up in their own thoughts, unwilling to break the silence. The cheers, screams and joyful yells emanating from the Cork dressing room, audible whenever the door was opened, only served to highlight the gloom.

Just when the silence was becoming almost too painful, Catherine Murphy spoke up to thank all the girls for their dedication and to urge Elsie, Teddy and Ray to remain on. Elsie replied, and Chairperson John Furlong added a few

words. No one fudged or made excuses. They knew that they did not deserve to win, but as Kilkenny's Biddu O'Sullivan said after the game, they did not deserve the humiliation handed out to them. Biddu had said that it did no justice to Wexford and very little to Cork. It made it seem as if Wexford were not worthy opponents, and they were.

The Sunday Independent had been right, Wexford's style had not found favour with a Dublin referee, and 15 of Cork's 20 points came from frees. All knew that Cork deserved their victory but they all felt that the margin was very distorted.

But now the silence and gloom had been tackled, and Terrie Butler launched an all out attack on it. She shouted that the batchelor competition had been fixed and her brother Mick had been deprived of his rightful title by vote rigging. Chris Forrestal was only trotting after him as regards batchelorhood she claimed, making everyone laugh, and starting the process of healing. Conversations began. The gloom was cracking, even if the pain was still there. The girls were now ready to face the echo under the Hogan stand.

BY AODAGAN SWORDS



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# Glorious Victory



Tipperary celebrate winning the All Ireland junior camogie title by beating Galway at Croke Park.

(photo: Adrian Melia)

## President sees Cork triumph over Wexford

By Orla Bourke

SKIRTS replaced shorts at Croke Park yesterday, as Wexford met Cork in the Senior All-Ireland Camogie Final and Tipperary met Galway in the Junior decider.

Unlike the football final last week, there was no shortage of spare tickets for the camogie match, but the 5,000 supporters occupying the Hogan and Cusack stands yesterday still shouted loud enough to raise the roofs off both.

But it was the girls from the banks of the Lee who marched triumphant from the game to carry home the camogie equivalent of the Sam Maguire, the Corn Ua Dhubhthaigh silver cup, after beating Wexford's score of 2-6 by an impressive 1-20.

President Mary Robinson, dressed in an ankle-length, pleated brown suit, lent full support to her female comrades by making

this her second year to attend the finals. And the Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds, along with Minister for Transport and Communications, Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, also looked on from the VIP section of the Hogan Stand.

The overcast skies that threatened rain throughout the match didn't dampen the teams' fighting spirit, however, as players tumbled, fell and received whacks of the stick and kicked the ball over the bar.

And some spectators' jaws needed raising from the ground after witnessing the players' amazing solo runs, as the ball perched precariously on the ends of their sticks.

Though Cork qualified for their last All-Ireland Final in 1983, it was Wexford's first senior game

for almost two decades. Then the players were rigidly uniformed in long, one-piece gym slips over a shirt, black tights and white ankle socks.

But an impressive list of 13 All-Ireland appearances for Cork, compared with Wexford's modest three, gave the former team the confidence to become the camogie All-Ireland champions of 1992.

Supporters who travelled from all parts of the country yesterday were delighted to see President Robinson and the Taoiseach present.

According to Bunny MacGreevy (31), who scored the winning goal for Down in last year's camogie All-Ireland finals, but was shouting for Cork yesterday, the game is far more skilled than football and deserves all the support it can get.

"I thought the match

today was great, I just love watching camogie, especially the solo runs down the pitch. But it's very sad that RTE won't be showing it on television tonight — they're waiting until later in the week instead.

"I suppose Croke Park just looks too empty for the camogie finals to be screened on the day, but the Camogie Association does have its headquarters here and it is the home of Irish culture. It'd be great if we got more coverage."

Mary Murphy (26), from

Cloughbawn, Wexford, travelled all the way from Westport, Co Mayo, where she works.

"It was great just watching all that skill. Though Wexford lost in the end, the team did put great dedication into training for the game today," she said.

And she added: "Most of them trained every night for the past two years and one girl even gave up her job, but in the end Cork were more balanced, they were faster and fitter than our team."



# No shame in defeat

Cork.....1-20  
Wexford.....2-6

## Team much better than score implies

Wexford's brave bid to win their first All-Ireland senior camogie title for seventeen years ended at Croke Park on Sunday last, but only after they had given hot favourites Cork the fright of their lives in the opening half.

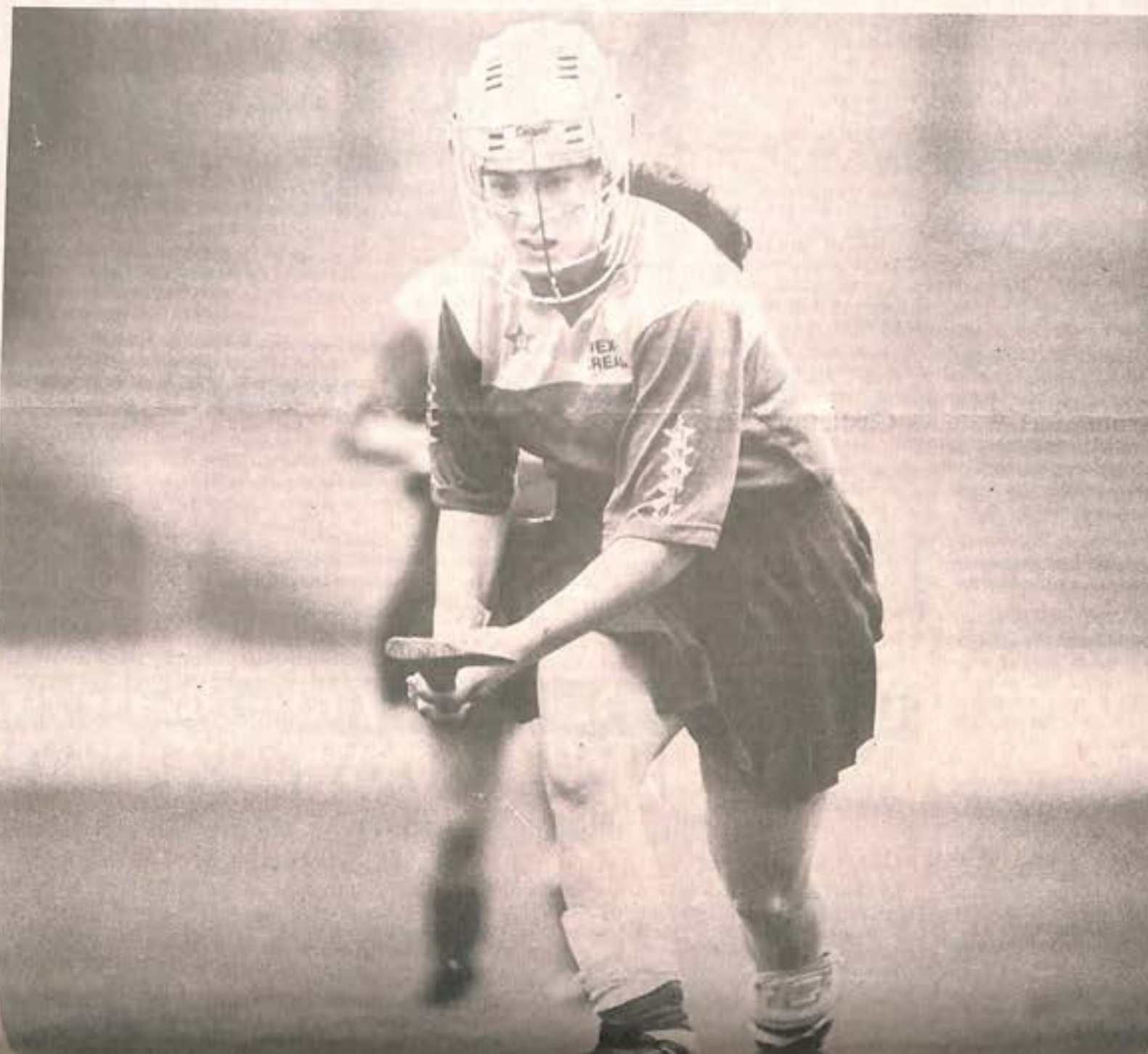
From the moment referee Aine Derham threw in the ball, Wexford were full of dash and skill and in no way seemed intimidated by their more highly vaunted opponents.

Corner-forward Colette O'Mahoney, however, single-handedly tamed the Wexford challenge with a brilliant exhibition of work-  
ing. She produced a master-

manner in which they took the challenge to Cork. They had not the experience to capitalise on a dream start, and once Cork were allowed back into the game their dominance was total particularly with a splendid second-half display.

In the opening quarter, Wexford more than matched Cork step for step while even outplaying them in some areas. Defence looked strong with midfield driving the side forward and when a splendid Paula Rankin goal on eleven minutes sent them three points clear, one began to think of the underdogs coming through at Croke Park for the second successive Sunday.

That, however was not to be. Cork through the splendid hurling of Linda Maher, who took Colette O'Mahoney



## The best team won

"The better team won". This was the verdict of Wexford Team Manager and former inter-county star, Elsie Cody at the end of Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final against Cork.

She continued "Cork got the breaks, but then a good team always makes its own breaks". Wexford she feels can only learn from the experience, vowing that they will be back.

The players tried hard, but it just did not happen for some of them. They got a splendid start in the opening twenty minutes but she was quick to stress the game is decided over sixty minutes.

Once Colette O'Mahoney, Linda Mell-erick, Sandra Fitzgibbon and Irene O'Keefe cut loose for the Rebel County Wexford faced a challenge they were unable to surmount. They fought with pride and passion, but the skillful stickwork of those players was what really separated the sides and was the gulf between the teams.

Wexford selector, Ray Quigley spoke of the side being able to build on a dream start. Cork's tactical play took Wexford central stars out of the game and 'though they tried to rectify this at the interval, Wexford were unable to match Cork through the second period.

Although defeat was their lot in the end Wexford can feel reasonably happy, 'though Manager, Elsie Cody, stated she is never happy when losing. Despite this they have

enthusiasm which tried to gather everything into its current, yet Wexford still made a major contribution to what was an extremely enjoyable All-Ireland final.



Former Wexford All-Ireland Camogie star goalie Theresa Kehoe at Sunday's final.





# Hughes Stars



Tipperary..... 6-13  
Galway ..... 2-7

**S**UNDAY September 27th 1992 will be remembered as a red letter day for Tipperary with the beatification of four Diocesan martyrs in Rome. In a sporting sphere it will also command a special niche in history as the day Tipperary Camogie reached the promised land with the Junior side strolling nonchalantly to the first all Ireland title with a thoroughly comprehensive eighteen point victory over luckless Galway, at Croke Park.

The martyrs triumphed in their perservance during the penal days and so it was with Tipperary girls whose steadfast determination to make amends for successive defeats in the '90 and '91 finals reaped a just reward. Years of broken dreams and unfulfilled promises mattered little anymore to camogie purists as team captain Triona Bonnar, from that famed Cashel family, led her colleagues to the victory rostrum shortly before 3 p.m. for that coveted prize.

And as they undertook a lap of honour, minutes after being greeted individually on the podium by Taoiseach Albert Reynolds T.D., there were wild scenes of jubilation among the fervently loyal band of followers who have

## Hughes and Nealon star

It would be a travesty of justice not to acknowledge that every player of the starting twelve and substitutes Ann Gleeson, Helen O'Leary and Noelle Kennedy contributed in a major way to this triumph that gives the game in the county a real shot in the arm. Its scarcely unfair, however to any member of the team if the name Deirdre Hughes receives pride of place in the list of accolades. Her personal tally of 3-3 from play says it all. She was the class player of the final, Tippi's target woman from the very start, and her name is bound to send a shiver up the collective spine of the Galway defence, whenever they see it in the future. Long before now she had accomplished herself, but Sunday's performance really embellished her career as a top class forward, and the Tipp selectors must take a bow for playing their trump card in switching her to full forward at the start in a swap of positions with Jovita Delaney, who also did well. Aside of her 3-3 scoring achievement, Hughes, from the Toomevara Club, was involved in almost every score of the huge margin, and when you consider that she had a goal disallowed and narrowly missed scoring another, it is easy to put her role into perspective.

It is only fitting also to specially acknowledge the part played by seventeen year old Sinead Nealon from Burgrass, daughter of former Tipperary hurling great Donie. Apart from her general play she was largely unerring in her free taking demonstrating a coolness that belied her tender years, and she took the major scoring honours

after Tipp dictated the game as they pleased.

## Lucky breaks

If they experienced cruel fate last year Tipp certainly had a sizeable dollop of luck

trainer John Kennedy from Toomevara and selectors Bidy Phillips (Thurles) and Martin Kennedy (St. Mary's Clonmel). Lets not forget players who had figured in the previous two finals but for one reason, or another, were not available this year. They contributed also to the development of the side in the run up to this major breakthrough. And the victory will also be cherished by Bernie Dowd, from Thurles, who had been a selector on the side in '90 and '91 and was there on Sunday to witness a dream come true.

As we have already said every player deserves praise, and apart from Hughes and Nealon for their scoring exploits, Triona Bonnar played a real captains part and I also thought Clare

## County S.H. Semi-finals

The pairings for the county senior hurling semi-finals on Sunday, 11th October are - Nenagh Eire Og v. Thurles Sarsfields; Loughmore-Castleiney v. Toomevara.

supported them through thick and thin. Strains of "Slievenamon" bellowed out in the Autumn air of a calm pleasant Sunday in tribute to an overwhelming victory that they could hardly have visualised in their wildest expectations. A new era had dawned for Tipperary camogie and how the moment was savoured!

## Quality display

It hardly mattered that the victory somewhat flattered Tipperary - in fairness Gal-



Tipperary captain, Triona Bonnar celebrates with the cup after beating Galway in the All Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park. (photo: Adrian Melia)

going their way this time, and they were fully intent on availing of the breaks. In the early stages their defence led a charmed life as Galway pilled on the pressure, but failed to goal from at least two glorious efforts. Certainly had the Westerners trained by Cyril Farrell, managed to raise a green flag they would have made it extremely difficult on the Tipp girls. As it transpired Hughes got Tipp off to a glorious beginning when she struck for her first goal in the third minute from a Triona Bonnar centre. Olivia Broderick who got most of Galway's scores replied with a point from a free, but Sinead Nealon gave Tipp a decisive edge with three scores in succession. Indeed, when Hughes hit for her second goal in the 13th minute leaving Tipp ahead 2-3 to 0-2 it looked at that stage as if a cakewalk was on the cards.

Madden and Maeve Stokes did a lot of work when the game was at a delicate stage in the first half.

Spare a thought for the vanquished Galway. Quite clearly they are a young side, and as Tipperary can well confirm on the basis of their two defeats, the Westerners will have learned a lot from an all Ireland appearance. When the effects of this defeat wear off, and confidence is restored there's no reason why they cannot fight back considering that they have some talented players in their ranks. Cora Curley did some great work for the side, as did Emer Hardiman up to her injury. Cathriona Finnegan, Olivia Broderick and Madge Kennedy also impressed.





Triona Bonnar on the run with the ball for Tipperary from Deirdre Hardiman, Galway in the All Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park. (photo: Adrian Melia)

way deserved better for their efforts for their performance, nevertheless, bore all the hallmarks of quality and excellent teamwork. The statistics tell the complete story, they shot 6-6 of their total from play, with Galway managing only 1-3 even though as indicated, the Westerners were worth considerably more on the evidence of their first half performance that left them trailing by only four points 2-6 to 1-5 at the interval. There's no substitute for experience, however, and if Tipperary slumped to Kildare in '90 and had victory snatched from them in painful fashion by Down last year, their display on Sunday highlighted their coming of age, in terms of maturity, and it would have taken a mammoth effort to topple them. Even when they struggled at times during the closely contested first half Tipp still managed to hold a firm grip and they always looked the more likely to succeed.

with Hughes, finishing with an impressive ten point tally 0-9 from frees. She is another player with a great future in the game.

### Crucial incident

Not surprising it was Deirdre Hughes who turned this game firmly in Tipps direction with a great goal thirty seconds into the second half. Ailish Delaney had made a first class save from Teresa Fallon minutes before the interval, an incident that was crucial to Tipps hopes at a delicate stage, and once Hughes followed up on the resumption with a piledriver that gave Collette Callaghy no chance she had ignited the Tipperary victory flame. The score was the second puck of the latter half after the ball had broken from Triona Bonnar from the throw in. The Cashel player had swapped positions with clubmate Kaiffe Moloney. Sinead Nealon followed quickly with a point, before Galway had time to recover and there-

Credit to Galway they put up a great fight, albeit temporarily, after Olivia Broderick slammed home a goal from a close-in free in the 14th minute. She followed up with a point from a free and Emer Hardiman had a great score to cut the margin back to two points. Tipps experience stood them in good stead, however, in such pressure situations, and they came back with four points in a row, to Galways one in return, to move clear at the interval 2-6 to 1-5. Emer Hardiman who had to retire with a head injury after being struck by the ball was a huge loss to Galway as this point.

### Floodgates open

The issue was still wide open, however, turning over for the second half but Hughes goal opened the floodgates, and when Joan Tobin dispossessed a defender to score Tipps third goal in the third minute, she left the scoreline 4-7 to 1-5. The rest is history. Tipp took full control in almost every sector of the field, with sub Ann Gleeson hitting their fifth goal five minutes from the end.

The honour of scoring goal number six fell to another sub Helen O'Leary right on the call of time, and shortly after Catriona Finnegan had put a somewhat better complexion on the scoresheet with a Galway goal. The latter stages were a mere formality as Tipp could afford to rest players, and, as already stated, their substitutes certainly took full advantage of their opportunities.

### Tribute

The victory is a fitting tribute to all those involved in the promotion of the game in the county, especially team

**Tipperary:** A. Delaney (Templemore); Ann Marie Fitzgerald (Cashel); R. O'Meara (Toomevara); C. Kennedy (do); C. Madden (Portroe); S. Nealon (Burgess) 0-10; K. Moloney (Cashel); M. Stokes (Clonmel); J. Delaney (Cashel); J. Tobin (St. Endas Derrymacash) 1-0; T. Bonnar (Cashel) Capt.; D. Hughes (Toomevara) 3-3. Subs: A. Gleeson (Toomevara) 1-0, for Moloney, H. O'Leary (Cashel) 1-0 for Tobin, N. Kennedy (Toomevara) for Delaney.

**Galway:** C. Callaghy, U. Hannon, Y. Larkin, B. Fahy, D. Hardiman, C. Finnegan 1-0, C. Curley, D. Maher, O. Broderick 1-6, M. Kennedy, T. Fallon, E. Hardiman 0-1. Subs F. Ryan for E. Hardiman, C. Harte for M. Kennedy.

Referee M. Pollard (Waterford).